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Subject: Why SetCtrl() places controls in first row of ArrayCtrl?

Posted by [Imonda](#) on Tue, 29 Jul 2025 04:31:57 GMT

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If I am adding controls to the ArrayCtrl to multiple rows, I was hoping for them to be visible in multiple rows.

But I find them all placed in first row (index 0) on top of each other. Why ? Not understanding. See code below and picture attached.

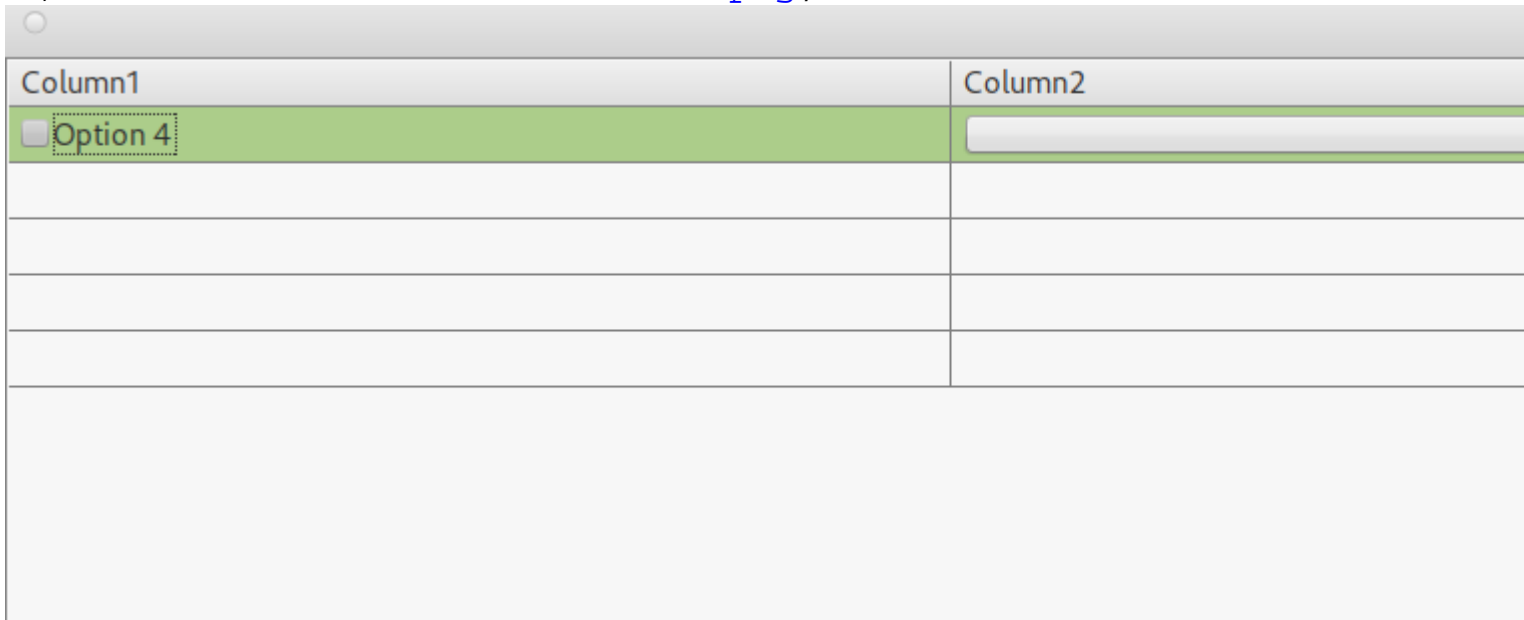
UPP version - 17490.

```
ArrayCtrl a;
a.AddColumn("column1");
a.AddColumn("column2");
for(int i=0;i<5;i++)
{
    a.Insert(i);
    a.SetCtrl(i,0,option.Add(),True);
    a.CreateCtrl<Button>(i,1);
}
```

## File Attachments

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1) [Screenshot 2025-07-28 232053.png](#), downloaded 407 times



2) [Screenshot 2025-07-28 233033.png](#), downloaded 400 times

```

App
  ▲ App : TopWindow
  ■ option → Array<class Option>
  ■ a → ArrayCtrl
  ● Do(int ii) → void
  ⊕ App()
ArrayCtrlSetCtrl/main.cpp
  ● GuiMainFn_() → void
  ● main(int argc, char **argv, co
  ● GuiMainFn_() → void

```

```

App() {
    a.AddColumn("Column1");
    a.AddColumn("Column2");
    for(int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
        // a.Add(bool(i & 4));
        a.Insert(i);
        a.SetCtrl(i, 0, option.Add().SetLabel
        a.CreateCtrl<Button>(i, 1);
    }
    a.SetLineCy(Draw::GetStdFontCy() + 8);
    Add(a.SizePos());
    Sizeable();
}
};

GUI_APP_MAIN
{
    App().Run();
}

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Subject: Re: Why SetCtrl() places controls in first row of ArrayCtrl?

Posted by [Oblivion](#) on Tue, 29 Jul 2025 08:04:45 GMT

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Hello Imonda,

Welcome to U++ forums!

Is there a specific reason why you use SetCtrl? The traditional way in U++ is as follows:

```
#include <CtrlLib/CtrlLib.h>
```

```
using namespace Upp;
```

```
struct MyApp : TopWindow {
```

```

ArrayCtrl list;
MyApp()
{
    Sizeable().Zoomable().CenterScreen().SetRect(0, 0, 800, 600);
    Add(list.SizePos());
    list.AddColumn("Column1").Ctrls([this](int i, One<Ctrl>& ctrl) {
        ctrl.Create<Option>().SetLabel("Option " + AsString(i));
    });

    list.AddColumn("Column2").Ctrls([this](int i, One<Ctrl>& ctrl) {
        ctrl.Create<Button>().SetLabel("Button " + AsString(i));
    });

    for(int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
        list.Add();
}

};

GUI_APP_MAIN
{
    MyApp().Run();
}

```

Note that this is more flexible and simple because:

- 1) You don't need to manage options separately. They are handled by the ArrayCtrl.
- 2) You can create any type of Ctrl per column AND row index.

Above code will result in this:

I also suggest you play with the reference examples and read the API doc of ArrayCtrl. It is comprehensive.

Best regards,  
Oblivion

## File Attachments

1) [Ekran Görüntüsü 2025-07-29 11-02-49.png](#) , downloaded 366 times

Column1	Column2
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 0	Button 0
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 1	Button 1
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 2	Button 2
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 3	Button 3
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 4	Button 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 5	Button 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 6	Button 6
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 7	Button 7
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 8	Button 8
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 9	Button 9

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Subject: Re: Why SetCtrl() places controls in first row of ArrayCtrl?

Posted by [Imonda](#) on Thu, 31 Jul 2025 03:32:50 GMT

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Hi Oblivion,

Thank you. I am migrating an older application that was started with Upp2007. This application uses Several Array ctrl to place custom widgets using SetCtrl() and later uses GetCtrl() to access the widgets. This application was previously migrated back in 2015, at that time we did not see any issue.

But now with latest UPP I have all the screens that uses setctrl() crashes.

Let me try adding the controls like you did and see if it fixes. I would still use GetCtrl() to access the individual controls though.

Thanks n Appreciate.

LMonda

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Subject: Re: Why SetCtrl() places controls in first row of ArrayCtrl?

Posted by [Oblivion](#) on Thu, 31 Jul 2025 16:04:45 GMT

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Hello LMonda,

Your code above also works here (on U++ nightly):

If you provide a minimal but complete example which replicates the problem, I can examine and test it here.

Best regards,

Oblivion

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1) [Ekran Görüntüsü 2025-07-31 19-02-14.png](#) , downloaded 339 times

column1	column2
<input type="checkbox"/> Option0	
<input type="checkbox"/> Option1	
<input type="checkbox"/> Option2	
<input type="checkbox"/> Option3	
<input type="checkbox"/> Option4	

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Subject: Re: Why SetCtrl() places controls in first row of ArrayCtrl?

Posted by [Imonda](#) on Fri, 01 Aug 2025 04:27:43 GMT

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Hi Oblivion,

I am not using nightly build, but version 17490 built on jan 20 2025.

I used one of the reference project, made simple changes. Attached the project here  
ArrayCtrlSetCtrl.zip

When i run this project attached, i see this screen attached.

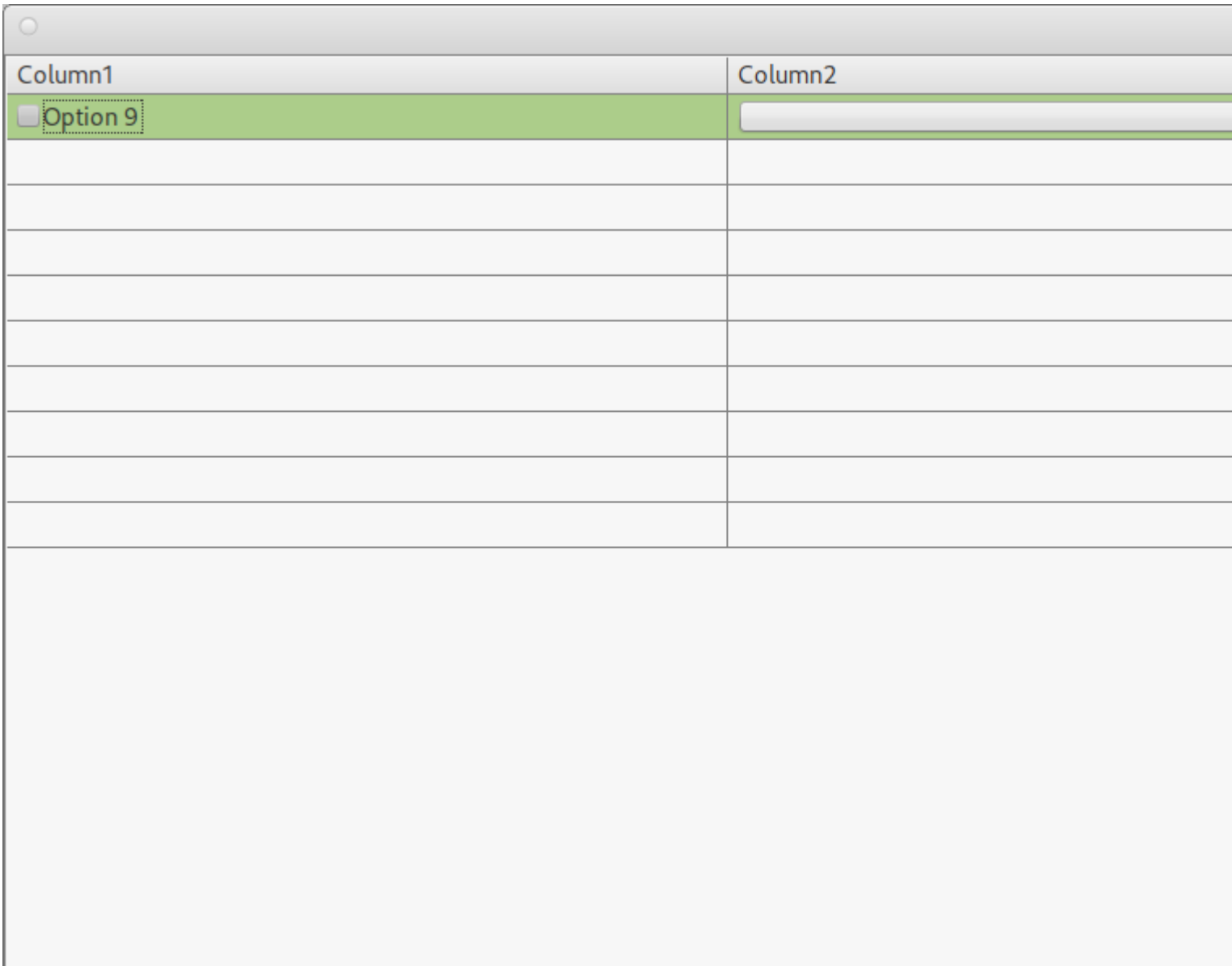
Can you run and check this attached project.

Thanks

LMonda

### File Attachments

1) [Screenshot from 2025-07-31 23-18-33.png](#), downloaded 334 times



2) [ArrayCtrlSetCtrl.zip](#), downloaded 102 times

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Subject: Re: Why SetCtrl() places controls in first row of ArrayCtrl?

Posted by [lmonda](#) on Tue, 05 Aug 2025 04:42:50 GMT

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Hi Oblivion,

Thanks for your help so far.

I did more debugging in my migration project where it was crashing, i think it has do with editstring control that is part of the array ctrl.

I have a array ctrl with 7 columns that has various controls,like editstrig, droplist, doubleedit and options etc.

I have a error msg in the array ctrl second column that i am not sure what it means.

Please help me identify the error? Also row 0 is missing controls and it it empty. why? how to fix.

P.S this similar code works great in older upp versions.

I have put together a simple example of what error i am seeing at the moment and it is attached.

Thanks

Lmonda

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1) [Screenshot from 2025-08-04 23-24-02.png](#), downloaded 312 times

#	<b><u>ERROR: Expected number: cription</u></b>	
0		
1	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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26	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
27	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2) [ArrayCtrlSetCtrl.zip](#), downloaded 101 times

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Subject: Re: Why SetCtrl() places controls in first row of ArrayCtrl?

Posted by [Oblivion](#) on Tue, 05 Aug 2025 05:33:55 GMT

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Hello LMonda,

This code works well (other parts seem redundant here, but feel free to re-add):

```
App() {
    // Since you are using qtf in headers, '=' means center aligned text

    a.AddColumn(t_("\1[@W=* #]"));
    a.AddColumn(t_("\1[@W=* Step Description]").Ctrls<EditString>()); // <- Was missing a space,
hence the error...
    a.AddColumn(t_("\1[@W=* Timed]").Ctrls<Option >());
    a.AddColumn(t_("\1[@W=* Time(sec)").Ctrls<EditDoubleSpin>());
    a.AddColumn(t_("\1[@W=* Step Type]").Ctrls<DropList>());
    a.AddColumn(t_("\1[@W=* Leak]").Ctrls<DropList>());
    a.AddColumn(t_("\1[@W=* Filter(sec)").Ctrls<EditDoubleSpin>());

    for(int row =0; row< 63; row++)
        a.Add(row, "test", true, 1.234);

    a.SetLineCy(Draw::GetStdFontCy() + 8);
    Add(a.SizePos());
    Sizeable();
}
```

Best regards,  
Oblivion

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Subject: Re: Why SetCtrl() places controls in first row of ArrayCtrl?

Posted by [lmonda](#) on Thu, 07 Aug 2025 00:36:21 GMT

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Hi Oblivion

Thank you for pointing out the space.

I think the setctrl() calls are causing the first row to be blank. and that leads to the crash eventually.

I am trying to see if i can avoid doing setctrl() after adding the row.

But i still need to use getctrl() to access the controls. Will try to implement this and see if that fixes the issues.

Thanks  
Lmonda

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Subject: Re: Why SetCtrl() places controls in first row of ArrayCtrl?  
Posted by [Oblivion](#) on Thu, 07 Aug 2025 07:41:49 GMT  
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Quote:

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Interestingly, I don't get any blank first row. Even with the example you provided. (Tested on Win10/11, Linux/Gnome)

Best regards,  
Oblivion

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Subject: Re: Why SetCtrl() places controls in first row of ArrayCtrl?  
Posted by [lmonda](#) on Fri, 15 Aug 2025 03:57:07 GMT  
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Hi Oblivion,

First row being empty issue is solved now.

I did rebuild for the ArrayCtrl and that fixed it, some how.

I don't use setctrl any more, just Add() row and access the control using GetCtrl().

I am able to move forward on the migration.

All of your responses helped me solving the issues I was having.

Thanks  
lmonda

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Subject: Re: Why SetCtrl() places controls in first row of ArrayCtrl?  
Posted by [Oblivion](#) on Fri, 15 Aug 2025 07:19:47 GMT  
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Hello lmonda,

Imonda wrote on Fri, 15 August 2025 06:57Hi Oblivion,  
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All of your responses helped me solving the issues I was having.  
Thanks  
Imonda

Glad to hear you're moving forward with your project.

As for the ArrayCtrl glitches, TheIDE usually caches the object files of the first build of your project and related U++ packages. So sometimes, especially if you update your sources or the sources of U++ but don't "rebuild all", some weird behavior can happen due to the cached object files. So it is a good practice to clear the cache ("rebuild all") after some time you update your project or U++ source code.

Best regards,  
Oblivion

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