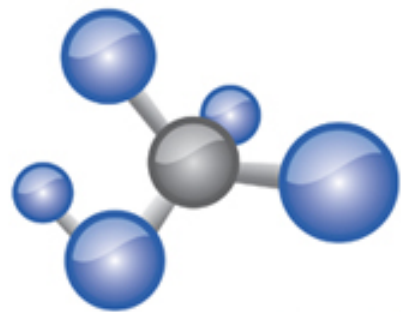




Cincom® ObjectStudio®
New Native GUI
Implementation Preview:
A Technical Overview





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Overview

- Intention and Goals
- Some Windows™ Definitions
- Architectural Overview
- Announcements
- Sample Code

Intention and Goals

- Modernize the UI Controls / Widgets
- Eliminate Primitives and use DLLCC
- Easy to Maintain and Extend

“A user interface is well-designed when the program behaves exactly how the user thought it would.”

Some Windows™ Definitions

- Window Classes
- Window Procedure
- Window Messages

Window Classes

A window class is a set of attributes that the system uses as a template to create a window. Every window is a member of a window class. All window classes are process specific.

Window Procedure

Every window class has an associated window procedure — a function that processes all messages sent or posted to all windows of the class.

All aspects of a window's appearance and behavior depend on the window procedure's response to these messages.

Window Messages

Each window has a function, called a window procedure, that the system calls whenever it has input for the window.

Windows do not make explicit function calls to obtain input. Instead, they wait for the system to pass input to them.

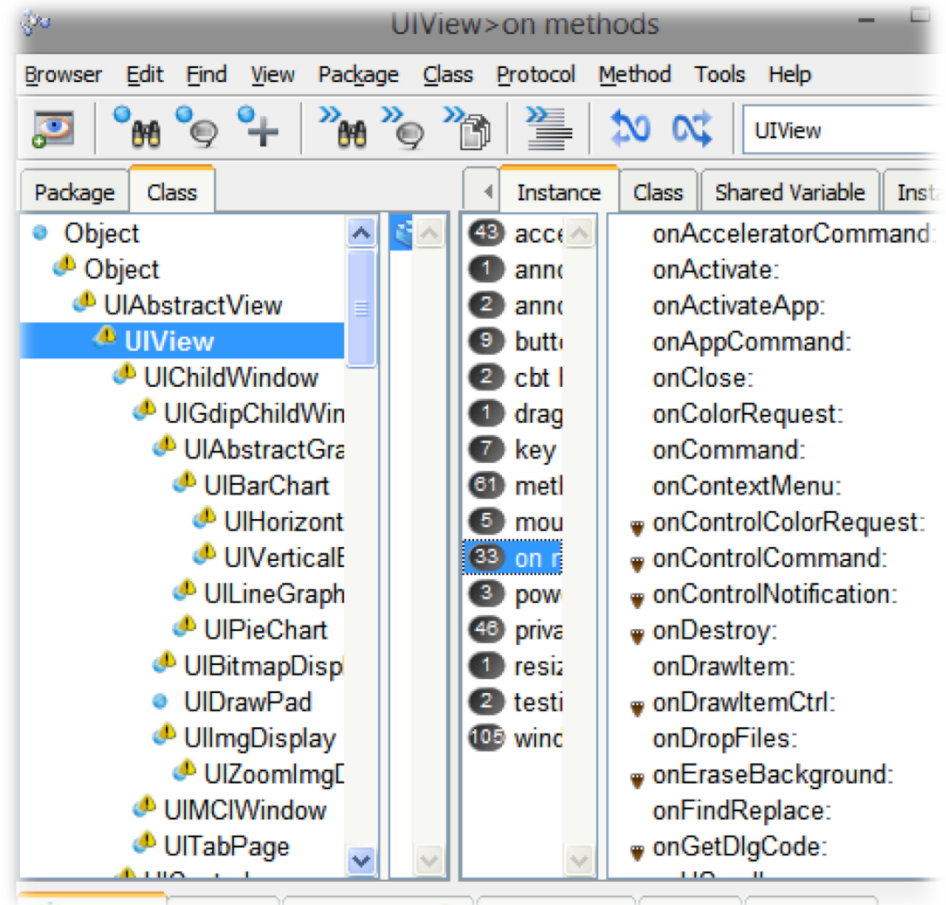
The system passes all input for an application to the various windows in the application.

Architectural Overview

- UIView
 - UITransparentWindow
 - UIChildWindow
 - UIControl
- Windows GDI
- GDI+

UIView

- UIView class
 - registerClass
 - WndProc
 - MessageMap
 - Message Handling
- UIView
 - privateCreate



UIView class>>registerClass

The screenshot shows the Xcode IDE with the 'UIView class>>registerClass' window open. The interface includes a menu bar (Browser, Edit, Find, View, Package, Class, Protocol, Method, Tools, Help), a toolbar, and a search field containing 'UIView'. The Package pane on the left shows the class hierarchy: UIAbstractView, UIView (selected), and UIWindow. The Class pane on the right shows the method list: accessing, cbt hook, class initialization, name.title.rect.menu:cont, registerClass (selected), and registerWindowMessages. The Source pane at the bottom displays the following Objective-C code:

```

registerClass
    "((( self registerClass )))"

| classStruct |
(atom isNil or: [atom = 0])
    ifFalse:
        [Class already registered out.
         ^atom].
classStruct := (self lib WNDCLASSEX gcCalloc)
    memberAt: #cbSize put: self lib WNDCLASSEX sizeof;
    memberAt: #pszClassName put: self wndClassName gcCopyToHeapUnicode;
    memberAt: #style put: self wndRegisterClassStyle;
    memberAt: #pfnWndProc put: self WndProc;
    memberAt: #hbrBackground put: self wndBackgroundBrush hBrushHandle;
    memberAt: #hIcon put: (Icon loadNamed: #ObjectStudio) handle handle;
    yourself.
atom := self lib RegisterClassEx: classStruct.
atom = 0 ifTrue: [System getLastOSError out].
^atom

```

Method: #registerClass (methods) Package: OST New UI

UIView class >> WndProc

The screenshot shows an IDE window titled "UIView class >> WndProc". The interface includes a menu bar (Browser, Edit, Find, View, Package, Class, Protocol, Method, Tools, Help), a toolbar, and a class browser on the left. The class browser shows a hierarchy: UIView > UIView. The main editor displays the source code for the WndProc method, which is an external callback. The code includes logic for finding a window, handling messages, and performing actions based on the message type.

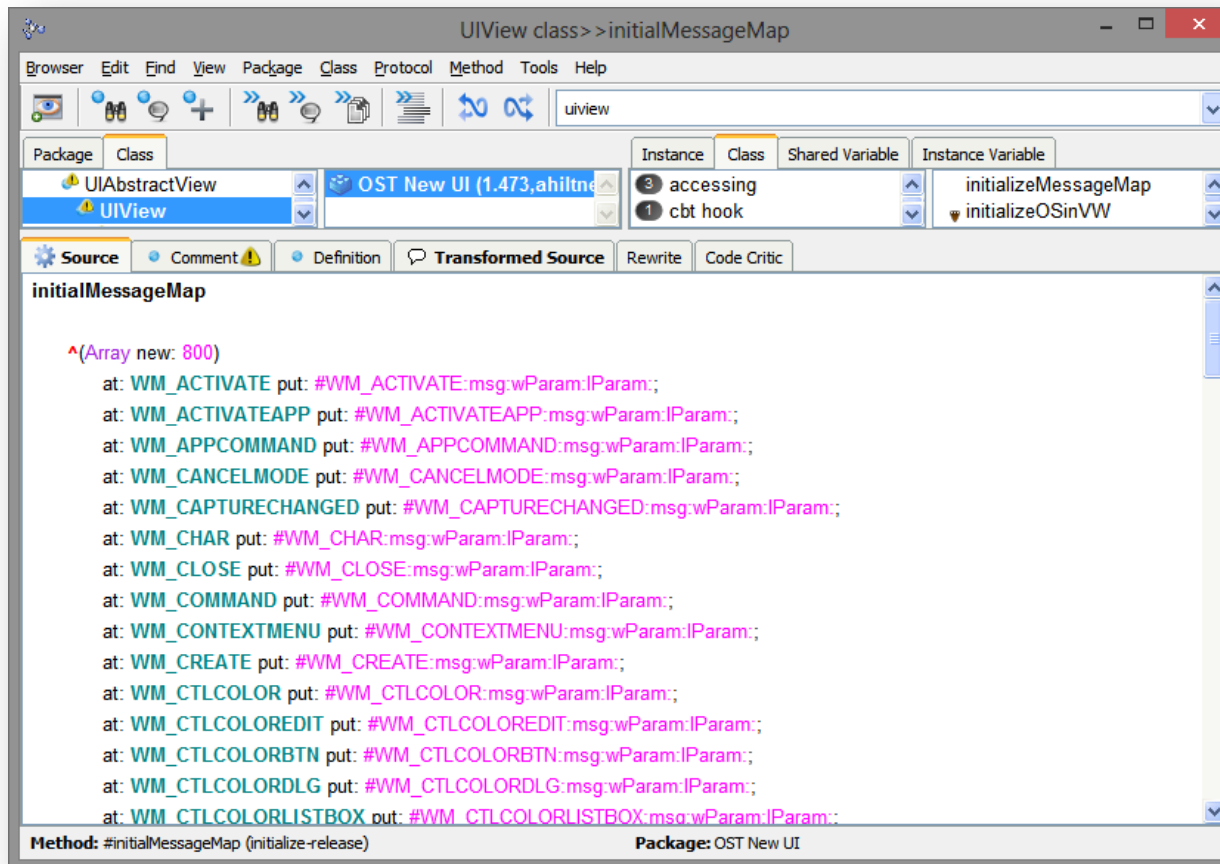
```

[WndProc := External.CCallback do:
  [:aHwnd :msg :wParam :lParam |
   | wnd sym |
   (wnd := self findWindow: aHwnd datum) notNil
   ifTrue:
     [sym := wnd localMessageMap at: msg
      ifAbsent: [ObjectStudio.UIView.MessageMap at: msg ifAbsent: [nil]].
      sym isNil
      ifTrue:
        [OutputTranscript
          ifTrue: [(default processing for msg ' , msg printString) out].
          wnd defaultWindowProcessing: (WindowsEvent
            hwnd: aHwnd datum
            message: msg
            wParam: wParam
            lParam: lParam)]
        ifFalse:
          [OutputTranscript ifTrue: [sym out].
           wnd perform: sym
            withArguments: (Array
              with: aHwnd datum
              with: msg
              with: wParam
              with: lParam)]]]

```

Method: #WndProc (methods) Package: OST New UI

UIView class>>MessageMap



The screenshot shows the Xcode IDE interface for the UIView class. The title bar reads "UIView class>>initialMessageMap". The menu bar includes "Browser", "Edit", "Find", "View", "Package", "Class", "Protocol", "Method", "Tools", and "Help". The toolbar contains various icons for navigation and editing. The "Package" pane on the left shows "UIAbstractView" and "UIView". The "Class" pane on the right shows "OST New UI (1.473.ahiltne)", "accessing", and "cbt hook". The "Instance Variable" pane shows "initializeMessageMap" and "initializeOSinVW". The "Method" pane shows "Source", "Comment", "Definition", "Transformed Source", "Rewrite", and "Code Critic". The main editor area displays the "initialMessageMap" for the UIView class, which is a list of messages to be sent to the superclass. The messages are listed as follows:

```
^(Array new: 800)
  at: WM_ACTIVATE put: #WM_ACTIVATE:msg:wParam:IParam;;
  at: WM_ACTIVATEAPP put: #WM_ACTIVATEAPP:msg:wParam:IParam;;
  at: WM_APPCOMMAND put: #WM_APPCOMMAND:msg:wParam:IParam;;
  at: WM_CANCELMODE put: #WM_CANCELMODE:msg:wParam:IParam;;
  at: WM_CAPTURECHANGED put: #WM_CAPTURECHANGED:msg:wParam:IParam;;
  at: WM_CHAR put: #WM_CHAR:msg:wParam:IParam;;
  at: WM_CLOSE put: #WM_CLOSE:msg:wParam:IParam;;
  at: WM_COMMAND put: #WM_COMMAND:msg:wParam:IParam;;
  at: WM_CONTEXTMENU put: #WM_CONTEXTMENU:msg:wParam:IParam;;
  at: WM_CREATE put: #WM_CREATE:msg:wParam:IParam;;
  at: WM_CTLCOLOR put: #WM_CTLCOLOR:msg:wParam:IParam;;
  at: WM_CTLCOLOREDIT put: #WM_CTLCOLOREDIT:msg:wParam:IParam;;
  at: WM_CTLCOLORBTN put: #WM_CTLCOLORBTN:msg:wParam:IParam;;
  at: WM_CTLCOLORDLG put: #WM_CTLCOLORDLG:msg:wParam:IParam;;
  at: WM_CTLCOLORLISTBOX put: #WM_CTLCOLORLISTBOX:msg:wParam:IParam;;
```

Method: #initialMessageMap (initialize-release) Package: OST New UI

UIView>>WM_CHAR:msg:wParam:LPARAM

The screenshot displays a software development environment window titled "UIView>>WM_CHAR:msg:wParam:LPARAM". The interface includes a menu bar (Browser, Edit, Find, View, Package, Class, Protocol, Method, Tools, Help) and a toolbar with various icons. The main area is divided into several panes:

- Package/Class Browser:** Shows a tree view of classes. The "UIView" class is selected and highlighted in blue. Its subclasses, including "UIChildWindow", "UIGdipChildWindow", "UIAbstractGraph", "UIBarChart", and "UIHorizontalBarCh", are listed below it.
- Instance/Class/Shared Variable/Instance Variable:** A list of methods and variables. The method "window pro" is selected and highlighted in blue. Other methods listed include "methods", "mouse met", "on method:", "power man", "private", "resizing", and "testing".
- Method Definition:** The source code for the selected method is displayed. The signature is:


```
WM_CHAR: aHwnd msg: message wParam: wParam lParam: LPARAM
```

 The implementation is:


```
^self onChar: (CharacterEvent
    hwnd: aHwnd
    message: message
    wParam: wParam
    lParam: LPARAM)
```
- Source/Tools:** A row of buttons for "Source", "NuSauce", "Comment", "Definition", "Transformed Source", "Rewrite", and "Code Critic".
- Footer:** Shows "Method: #WM_CHAR:msg:wParam:LPARAM: (window processing)" and "Package: OST New UI".

UIView>>privateCreate

The screenshot shows an IDE window titled "UIView>>privateCreate". The interface includes a menu bar (Browser, Edit, Find, View, Package, Class, Protocol, Method, Tools, Help), a toolbar, and a breadcrumb trail "UIView". The Package pane shows "UIAbstractView" and "UIView". The Class pane shows "accessing" and "announcements". The Instance Variable pane shows "privateClose" and "privateCreate". The Source pane displays the following code:

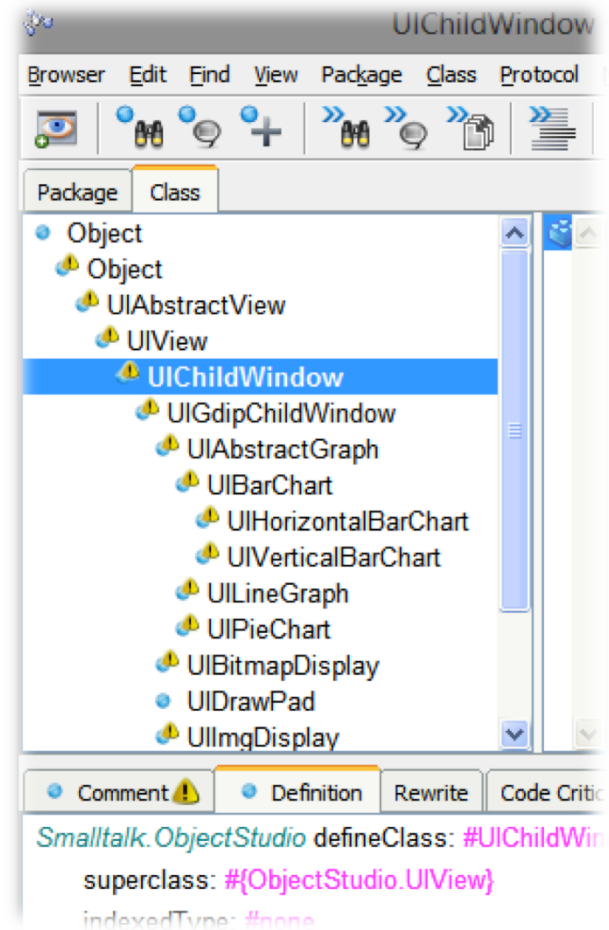
```
privateCreate

| aHwnd |
aHwnd := self lib
    CreateWindowEx: self wndExStyle
    class: (self class wndClassName isString
        ifTrue: [self class wndClassName gcCopyToHeapUnicode]
        ifFalse: [self class wndClassName])
    window: self windowName gcCopyToHeapUnicode
    style: self wndStyle
    x: self position x
    y: self position y
    width: self extent x
    height: self extent y
    parent: (self parent isNil ifTrue: [0] ifFalse: [self parent windowHandle])
    menu: 0
    hInst: 0
    IParam: 0.
```

Method: #privateCreate (private) Package: OST New UI

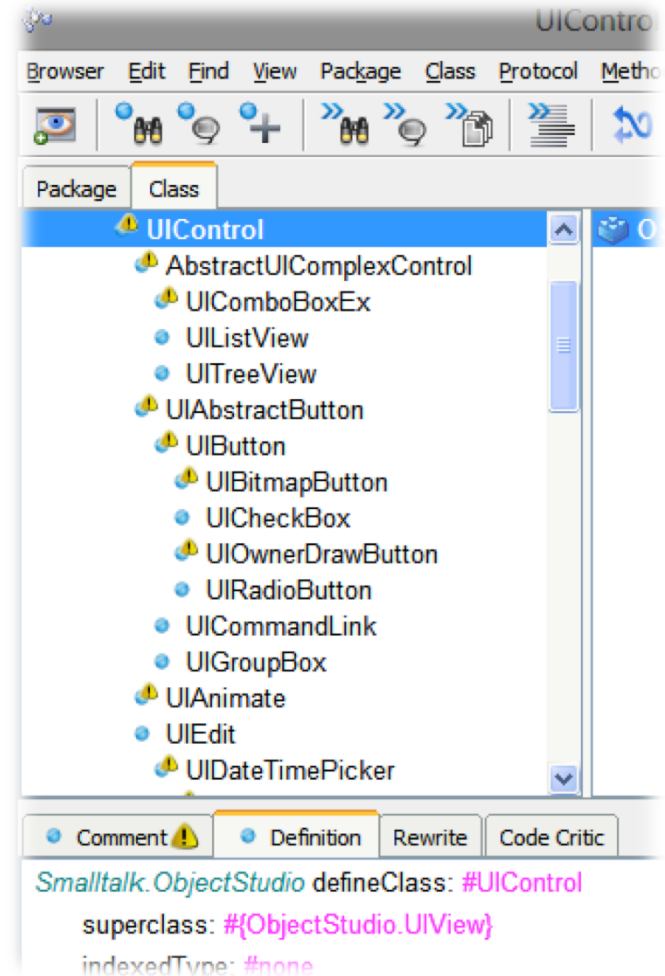
UChildWindow

- Superclass for all child windows
- Subclasses are window classes like
 - UITabPage
 - UIDrawPad
 - UIImgDisplay
 - (...)



UIControl

- Superclass for all Controls / Widgets
- Subclasses are Controls / Widgets like
 - UITreeView
 - UICollection
 - UIEdit
 - UIMultilineEdit
 - UIRichEdit
 - (...)



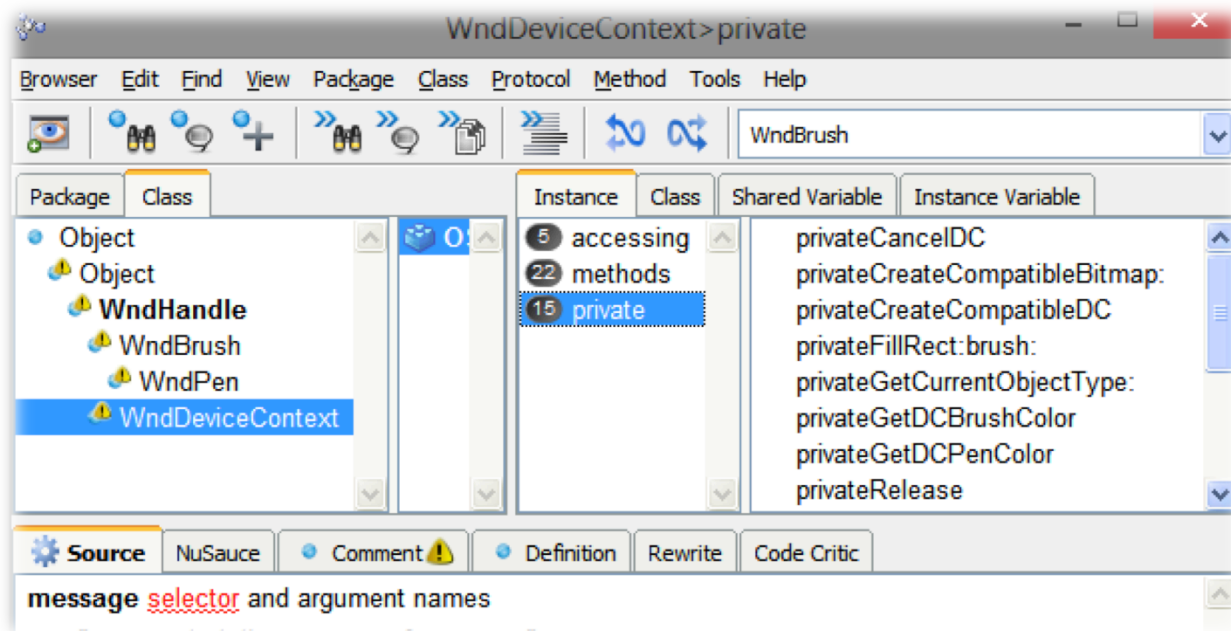
Windows GDI

The Microsoft Windows graphics device interface (GDI) enables applications to use graphics and formatted text on both the video display and the printer.

- Negatives
 - No support for modern image formats (JPG/PNG)
 - No anti-aliasing
- Positive
 - fast

Windows GDI

With the introduction of Windows XP, GDI was deprecated in favor of its successor, the C++ based GDI+ subsystem.



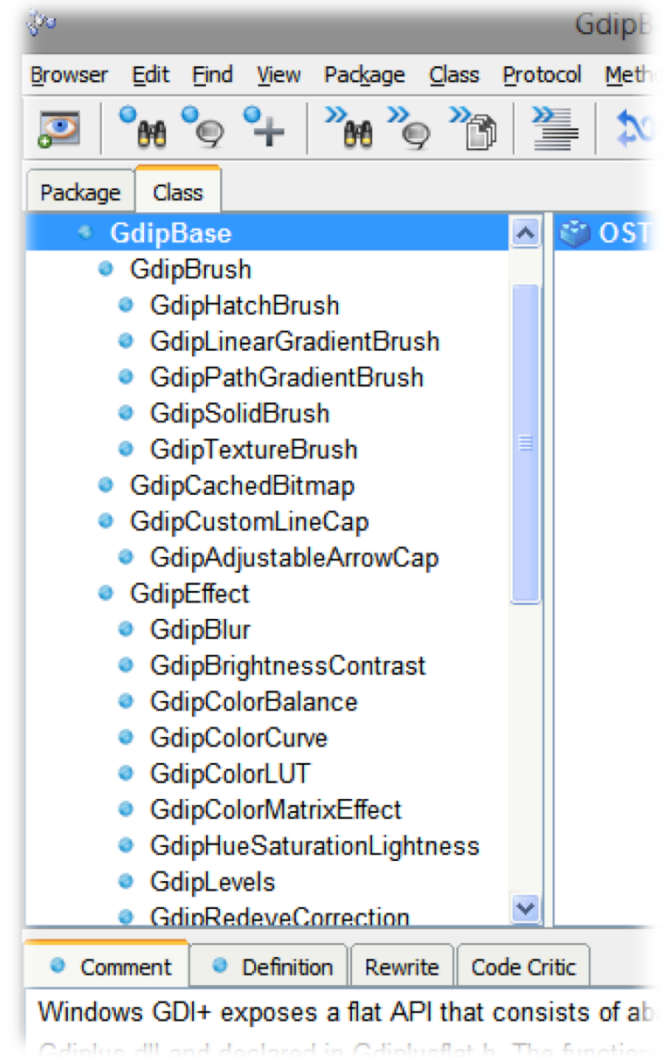
GDI+

“GDI+ adds anti-aliased 2D graphics, floating point coordinates, gradient shading, more complex path management, intrinsic support for modern graphics-file formats like JPEG and PNG, and support for composition of affine transformations in the 2D view pipeline.”

GDI+

Windows GDI+ exposes a flat API that consists of about 600 functions

The functions are mapped into Smalltalk classes, that reflect the C++ hierarchy



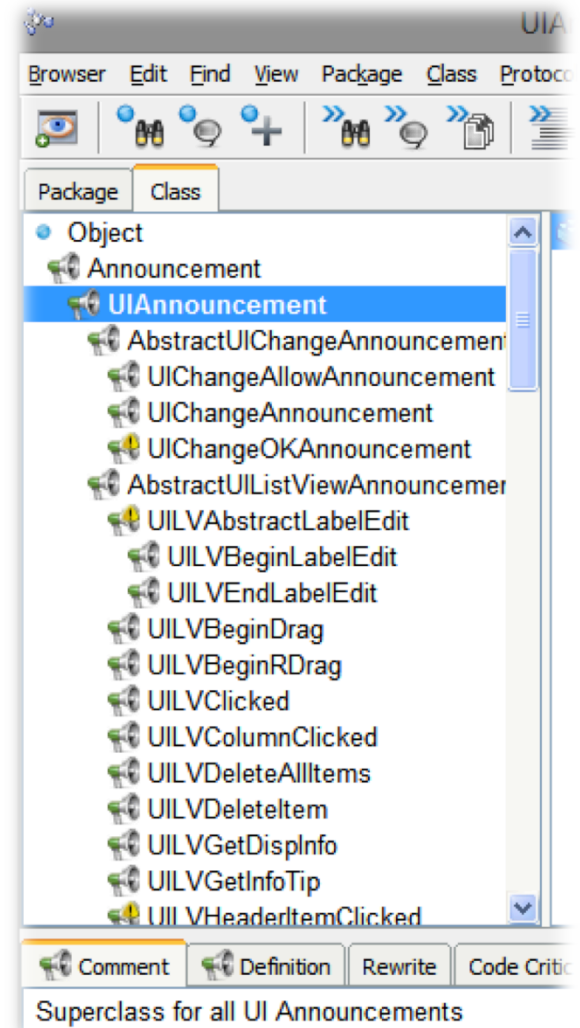
Used In

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- UIImageView
- UIDrawPad
- UICChart
 - UILineGraph
 - UIBarChart
 - UIPieChart



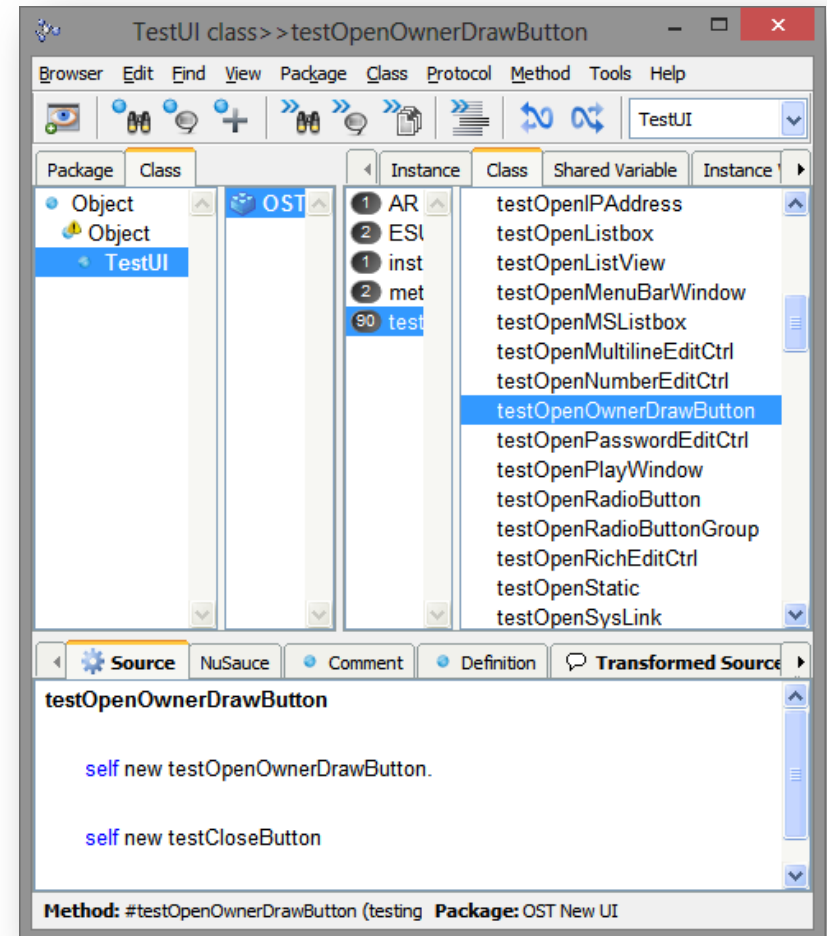
Announcements

Announcement is the core of class-based event notification framework superseding the older symbol-based trigger-event framework and the changed/update mechanism.



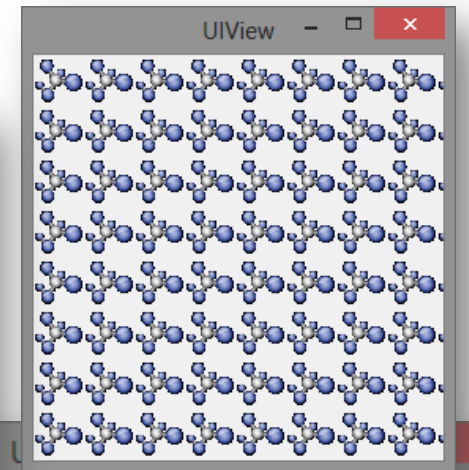
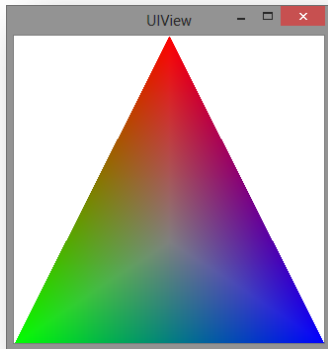
Class TestUI

- Singleton
- Implements a test for every UI class implemented
- Controlled by class side methods
 - Each line in the class method contain a single operation
 - Execute line by line to see the effect



Sample Code

- TestUI
- TestGdipClock
- TestPathGradient
- (...)



Some Controls / Widgets

If you want to know more, get your hands on the code and tell us what you think, please register for our OST-DEV program.

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