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# Preface: Why EiffelVision?

The EiffelVision library offers an object-oriented framework for graphical user interface (GUI) development. Using EiffelVision, developers can access all necessary GUI components — “widgets”, “dialogs” and “controls” as well as truly graphical elements such as figures, points, lines, arcs, polygons and the like — to develop a modern, functional and good-looking graphical interactive application.

EiffelVision has played a major role in ISE Eiffel and provided numerous Eiffel projects with a powerful, portable graphics development platform. To reflect the advances in graphical development toolkits, a “New EiffelVision” library development was undertaken in 1998 and the first version made available with ISE Eiffel 4.3 in March of 1999. This document serves as functional specification and user reference for the new EiffelVision library.

## **EiffelVision scope**

The EiffelVision library addresses all the major needs of developers of systems supporting modern graphical interfaces. EiffelVision runs on Microsoft Windows NT, Windows 95/98, all major Unix platforms (including Linux) and VMS. All versions are fully source-compatible; with only a recompile, applications will run on every supported platform with the native look-and-feel.

EiffelVision provides an effective way of building advanced graphical applications using user interface standards and toolkits (such as Microsoft Windows and GTK) without having to learn the details of the toolkits, their API and their C interfaces. Instead, you can use EiffelVision to work entirely in terms of high level abstractions representing windows, resources, graphical figures, menus, buttons etc., and apply clearly understandable operations to the corresponding objects.

EiffelVision supports both interface objects and graphical figures such as circles and polygons, as well as composite figures.

## EiffelVision architecture

EiffelVision relies on a two-tiered architecture illustrated by the following figure.



The two tiers play complementary roles:

- At the top level, EiffelVision provides fully portable graphics.
- At the lower level, platform-specific libraries cover the graphical mechanisms of graphics platforms such as Windows and X.

The lower tier serves for the implementation of the upper tier, but can also be used independently. For example WEL has had a resounding success with Windows developers who need an advanced mechanism for building Windows-specific graphical applications, taking advantage of every facility of the Windows API (Application Programming Interface) and of the Eiffel approach, but do not need portability on the client side.

This flexibility of the EiffelVision architecture, enabling users to work at their level of choice — EiffelVision level for portable graphics, lower tier for platform-specific development, and possibly a mix of the two — has proved to be a key attraction of the library.

### The new EiffelVision and its benefits

EiffelVision was originally built as an Eiffel wrapper around an early version of the Motif toolkit for X Windows. The introduction of a Windows version led to the two-tier architecture shown above, and to the development of the WEL library, which has proved on its own to be one of the most attractive components of the ISE Eiffel offering. The Motif part was covered by MEL (Motif Eiffel Library).

In 1998 ISE made the decision to update the design of EiffelVision to reflect advances in GUI technology on various platforms. The new EiffelVision retains the principles described above and follows the EiffelVision of powerful portable graphics; it develops and enhances these original ideas through a number of major advances.

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Thanks to the new EiffelVision developers of GUI applications can benefit from a number of improvements:

- The new EiffelVision gives developers full access to the **powerful widgets** (controls) available in modern graphical toolkits, such as tree views, multi-column lists (list views), notebooks, status bars, advanced dialogs and many others from both Windows and X toolkits.
- The library relies on a much simplified model of the relationships between the widgets, removing the notion of “attachment” and introducing a simple notion of “**container**” for defining the relative placement of widgets within a window.
- The new EiffelVision **optimizes memory usage** by avoiding the duplication of information. This enables developers to build “lean and mean” graphical applications.
- The command model, managing the relationship between an application’s user interface and its semantic model, has been greatly improved and simplified thanks to the use of Eiffel’s new **agent** mechanism.
- On the X side, EiffelVision now relies on the **GTK** toolkit, a high-quality library providing numerous widgets and many other useful facilities.
- Supporting the new EiffelVision, ISE is developing a new version of the **EiffelBuild** interactive application builder (not described further in this manual), providing powerful facilities for building the EiffelVision-based GUI component of an application directly from the application’s processing classes.

## Scope

Throughout this document, the terms “EiffelVision” and “the library” refer to the new library, while the term “old EiffelVision” refers to the old library. Although EiffelVision is a rewrite of old EiffelVision, parts of the old EiffelVision are used in the implementation of the library whenever appropriate.

## Definitions, acronyms and abbreviations

**Eiffel** — object-oriented language and method, based on Design by Contract principles and described in the book *Eiffel : The Language* [Meyer 1992].

**EiffelVision** — object oriented GUI and graphic library for application development. In this manual, denotes the new version of EiffelVision introduced with ISE Eiffel release 4.3.

**Old EiffelVision** — Older version of Eiffel Vision (still available under 4.3).

**GTK**— The General Image Manipulation Program (GIMP) toolkit. See [GTK 1998].

**Widget** — GUI component in EiffelVision. Also called “control” or “context”.

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[GTK 1998]

GTK Web page; <http://www.gtk.org>.

## Status of this document and of the library

**This manual is a draft** and you will notice that some sections are sketched or missing. The current version of the new EiffelVision library is still a beta version. Not all the functionalities described in this manual are implemented; conversely, not all implemented functionalities are documented.

We will be grateful for any problem report. Please use the EiffelVision Talkitover group at <http://talkitover.com/vision> to report problems and discuss future evolutions of EiffelVision.

## Prerequisites

The manual assumes that you have a reasonably good knowledge of Eiffel and object-oriented software development and a good understanding of the basic concepts of Graphical User Interfaces. Platform-specific knowledge of GUI programming is not necessary.

## Organisation of the manual

Chapter [1](#), “[The EiffelVision model](#)”, describes the general mechanisms and principles used by the library.

Chapter [2](#), “[EiffelVision basics](#)”, contains the detailed description of the EiffelVision kernel.

Chapter [3](#), “[Containers](#)”, Chapter [4](#), “[Primitives](#)”, Chapter [5](#), “[Items](#)”, Chapter [6](#), “[Components](#)” and Chapter [7](#), “[Standard Dialogs](#)” contain the detailed description of the containers, primitives, items, components and standard dialogs.

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## The EiffelVision model

EiffelVision is an abstract, multi-platform library that provides components for building the GUI for an application and drawing figures onto the screen.

Supported platforms include :

- Windows NT / 95 / 98.
- Unix, Linux and all other platforms supported by the GTK toolkit.

EiffelVision contains a set of GUI components and methods to associate actions with GUI events..

Most of the widgets in EiffelVision have events to which you can associate commands. For example, there is an action **Button\_press** for a button widget.

### 1.1 Events

An event is an external action, usually triggered by the user, which can affect the execution of the application.

Simple examples of events are mouse button clicks and keystrokes. Others include timer activation, mouse movement, auto-repeating keyboard, context resizing and changing of window resources.

In an application, not all events will be meaningful for each context. For example a keystroke is typically ignored if it occurs outside of any window. As a result part of which defines an application is the two-dimensional grid of what events are meaningful in what context — a **state domain**. The following diagram is a simple example of state domain.

	Event	Left click	Right click	Cursor out	Keyboard
Context					
<i>Window_1</i>				•	•
<i>Window_2</i>					•
<i>Button_1</i>		•	•	•	

The • mark denotes the entries for which the given event is meaningful. For example, the Cursor out event (which occurs when you move the cursor out of its current context) is meaningful for *Window\_1* and *Button\_1* but not for *Window\_2*.

As execution progresses, the state domain can change. Because a typical application can give you the choice between several possible events in several contexts, the state domain can be quite large. However a certain operation can trigger a confirmation panel in which the *application* only recognizes two events: clicking either the **OK** or **Cancel** button. In this case, the application enters a new, smaller state domain.

## 1.2 Commands

When an event occurs in a certain context and the context-event pair is part of the current state domain, the application executes a certain action. That action is represented in Eiffel by an *object* — an instance of the EiffelVision class *EV\_COMMAND*. More precisely, it is a direct instance of one of its proper descendants.

In X toolkits such as Xt, OpenLook and Motif, the closest notion is that of a *callback* — a reference to a certain C function. You can plant a callback in the toolkit to specify that the corresponding function must be called when a certain event occurs.

Callbacks also exist under Windows, allowing Windows components to call application-specific functions provided by you. This avoids the massive switch instruction that is traditionally found in Windows applications.

The EiffelVision notion of command is more abstract than the notion of callback. It conforms to the object-oriented model (where every command will be an object) and provides added power. In addition to the *execute* procedure, which describes the execution of the command and corresponds to the callback, command objects can have other features — in particular, a *cancel* procedure that deletes the effect of the command. This makes it possible to equip an application with an unlimited undo-redo mechanism, as described in chapter 12 of *Object-Oriented Software Construction* [Meyer 1997].

The following is a general model for a class describing undoable commands:

```

deferred class
  UNDOABLE_COMMAND

inherit

  COMMAND

feature
  undoable: BOOLEAN is True;
  execute is
    -- Execute the action of this command
    deferred
    ensure
      done: not undone
    end
  undo is
    -- Cancel the action of this command
    deferred
    ensure
      undoing_occured: undone
    end
  redo is
    -- Re-execute previously undone command
    require
      undone: undone
    deferred
    ensure
      executed: not undone
    end
feature {NONE}

  undone: BOOLEAN
    -- Has the command been undone?

end -- class COMMAND

```

The *redo* command is often identical to *execute*.

A list of objects of type *UNDOABLE\_COMMAND* is called a **history list**. Keeping a history list enables an application to support a multiple-level undo-redo mechanism. When a user requests an “undo”, the application can simply execute:

```

history_list.item.undo;
history_list.back

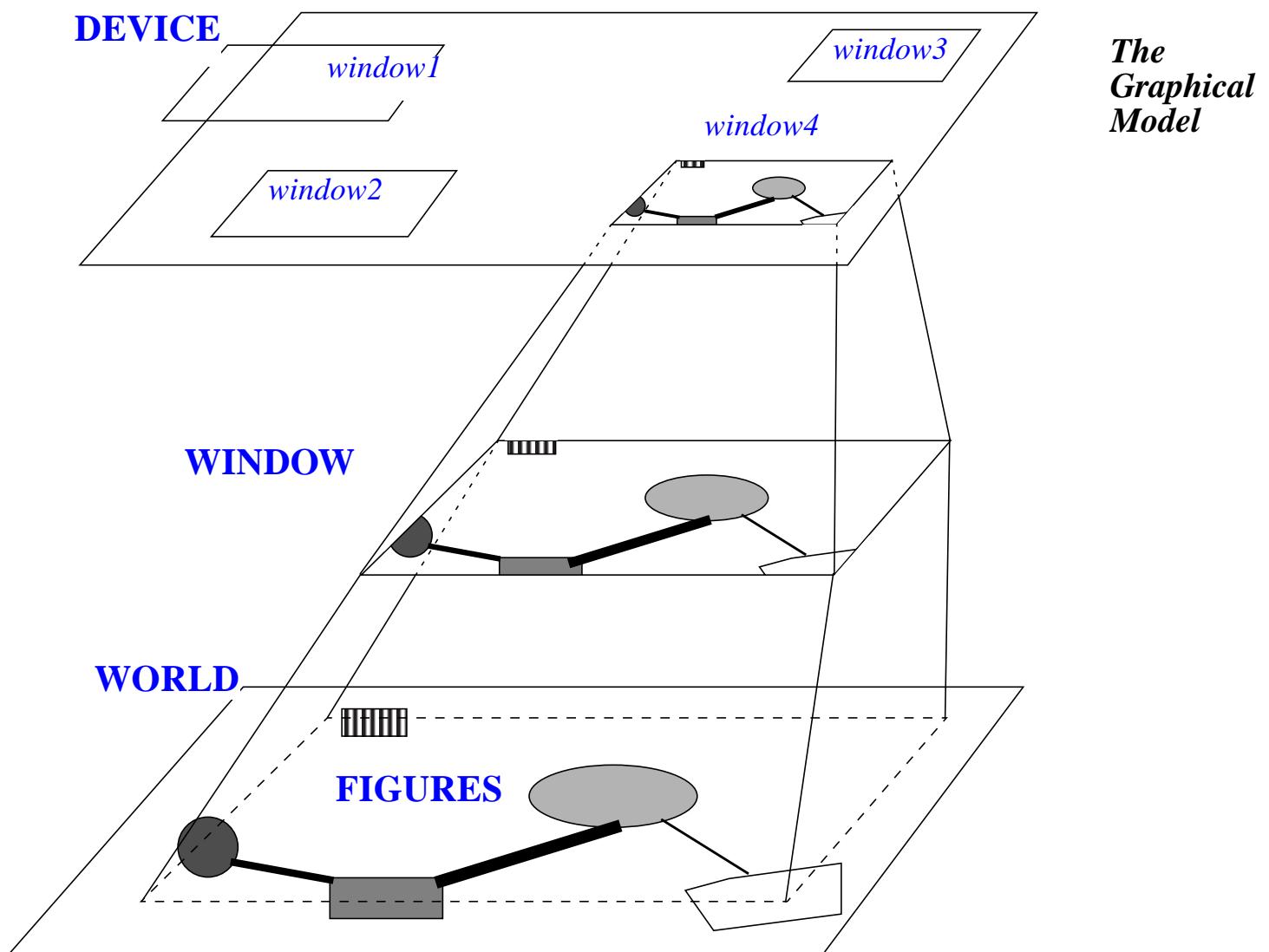
```

Dynamic binding ensures that the proper version of *undo* applies to each selected command (*history\_list.item*) in the list. A similar scheme is used when the user requests a “redo”.

### 1.3 Figures

The interface of an EiffelVision application can also include graphical figures.

The EiffelVision model figures are based on a familiar notion: geographical maps. The design of a map uses several levels of abstraction, illustrated on the following figure.



You can view the reality behind the model (in an already abstracted form) as a set of geometrical shapes or **figures**. On a map the figures represent rivers, roads, towns and other geographical objects. Using this schema, then:

- The **world** is a set of such figures.
- The **windows** are rectangular areas of the world.
- The map is a representation of a part of the world which can contain one or more windows. For example, a map can have one main window devoted to a country, and subsidiary windows devoted to large cities or outlying parts (as with Hawaii in maps of the USA).
- The **device** is a physical medium on which the map is displayed. The device is usually a sheet of paper, but we may also use a computer screen. Various parts of the device will be devoted to the various windows.

The four basic concepts — **world, figure, window, device** — transpose readily to general graphical applications, where the world may contain arbitrary figures of interest to a certain computer application, rather than just representations of geographical objects. Rectangular areas of the world (windows) will display on rectangular areas of the device (the computer screen).

The figure later in this section shows the three planes: world (bottom), window (middle) and device (top). The notion of window plays a central role, as each window is associated both with an area of the world and with an area of the device. Windows also cause the only significant extension to the basic map concepts: support for hierarchically nested windows. The windows can have subwindows, with no limit on the nesting level, although no nesting appears on the figure.

Note that two transformations are involved, both of which may include a translation and a scale factor: from world to window, and from window to device. This gives the necessary flexibility to a model:

- You can move a window with respect to the world (as in when drawing a map of a different part of a country) or with respect to the device (as when moving a map on your desk).
- You can change the scale of the window with respect to the world (as when changing the scale of a map, the map size remaining constant) or with respect to the device (as when deciding to use a smaller or bigger map).

## 1.4 Drag and Drop

To be completed

## 1.5 Pick and Drop

To be completed





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## EiffelVision basics

This chapter describes the kernel of the EiffelVision library and the basic mechanism to use its classes.

### 2.1 Widgets

As mentioned in the previous chapter, a widget is a basic graphical object. In Eiffel Vision, there are two kinds of widgets :

- Containers — widget that allows other widgets to be put inside itself.
- Primitives — widget that cannot accept any widget inside itself.

#### Creation

Creating a widget is simple and consistent. All the widgets except the multi-column list have the creation procedure *make*:

*make* (*par*: *EV\_CONTAINER*)

Procedure *make* has one argument, *par*, an EiffelVision container denoting the widget's parent. If *par* is void, the widget does not appear graphically at creation, but only when you give it a parent later on during execution using the *set\_parent* procedure. A widget without a parent will not be destroyed; to avoid memory leaks, you should destroy all unnecessary widgets without parents.

Procedure *make* creates the widget using default setting for the specific type of widget. Some widgets have additional creation procedures, which you can use when you need finer control over widget creation.

#### Management

There are two different types of behavior for a widget:

- Managed
- Unmanaged

This behavior depends on the parent's type.

An attribute *managed* determines which behavior type the widget follows. An unmanaged widget freely chooses its size, minimum size and position — the parent has no effect on these parameters. On the contrary, a managed widget can only set its minimum size — the size and position of the widget depends directly of those of the parent.

Most of the containers manage the behavior of their children. The only exceptions are the **EV\_FIXED** and **EV\_SCROLLABLE\_AREA**.

However, a managed widget can choose its behavior inside the parent.

A manager container actually manages cells. Each child widget is in one cell. These cells automatically take the size and position the container gives them, except if the widget inside has the option *expandable* set to *False*. In this case, neither the cell or widget resizes and the container reserves the resting space for the other cells.

Inside these cells, the widgets have a certain freedom set by two options : *horizontal\_resizable* and *vertical\_resizable*. These options determine if the widget will resize itself inside its cell or not. If the widget does not change size, then the widget moves into the center of the cell.

## class

### *indexing*

*description: "EiffelVision widget. Most general notion of widget (i.e. user interface object)."*

*status: "See notice at end of class"*

*names: widget*

*date: "\$Date: 1999/03/19 20:19:00 \$"*

*revision: "\$Revision: 1.36 \$"*

### *deferred class interface*

*EV\_WIDGET*

### *feature -- Access*

*parent: EV\_WIDGET*

*-- The parent of the Current widget*

*-- Can be void.*

#### *require*

*exists: **not** destroyed*

### *feature -- Measurement*

*height: INTEGER*

*-- Height of the widget*

#### *require*

*exists: **not** destroyed*

**ensure**

*positive\_height: Result >= 0*

*minimum\_height: INTEGER*

*-- Minimum height that application wishes widget*

*-- instance to have*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

**ensure**

*positive\_height: Result >= 0*

*minimum\_width: INTEGER*

*-- Minimum width that application wishes widget*

*-- instance to have*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

**ensure**

*positive\_height: Result >= 0*

*width: INTEGER*

*-- Width of the widget*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

**ensure**

*positive\_width: Result >= 0*

*x: INTEGER*

*-- Horizontal position relative to parent*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*y: INTEGER*

*-- Vertical position relative to parent*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

**feature** *-- Status report*

*background\_color: EV\_COLOR*

*-- Color used for the background of the widget*

**require**

*exists: not destroyed*

**ensure**

*valid\_result: Result /= void*

*expandable: BOOLEAN*

*-- Does the widget expand its cell to take the  
-- size the parent would like to give to it.*

**require**

*exists: not destroyed*

*foreground\_color: EV\_COLOR*

*-- Color used for the foreground of the widget  
-- usually the text.*

**require**

*exists: not destroyed*

**ensure**

*valid\_result: Result /= void*

*horizontal\_resizable: BOOLEAN*

*-- Does the widget change its width when the parent  
-- or the user want to resize the widget*

**require**

*exists: not destroyed*

*insensitive: BOOLEAN*

*-- Is current widget insensitive to  
-- user actions?  
-- (If it is, events will not be dispatched  
-- to Current widget or any of its children)*

**require**

*exists: not destroyed*

*managed: BOOLEAN*

*-- Is the geometry of current widget managed by its  
-- container? This is the case always unless  
-- parent.manager = False (Always true except  
-- when the container is EV\_FIXED). This is  
-- set in the procedure set\_default*

*shown: BOOLEAN*

*-- Is current widget visible?*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*vertical\_resizable: BOOLEAN*

*-- Does the widget change its width when the parent  
-- or the user want to resize the widget*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

**feature** -- Status setting

*hide*

*-- Make widget invisible on the screen.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

**ensure**

*not\_shown: **not** shown*

*set\_default\_colors*

*-- Initialize the colors of the widget*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*set\_default\_minimum\_size*

*-- Initialize the size of the widget.*

*-- Redefine by some widgets.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*set\_default\_options*

*-- Initialize the options of the widget.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*set\_expand (flag: BOOLEAN)*

*-- Make flag the new expand option.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*set\_focus*

*-- Set focus to Current*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

```

set_horizontal_resize (flag: BOOLEAN)
    -- Adapt resize_type to flag.
    require
        exists: not destroyed
    ensure
        horizontal_resize_set: horizontal_resizable = flag

```

```

set_insensitive (flag: BOOLEAN)
    -- Set current widget in insensitive mode.
    -- This means that any events with an
    -- event type of KeyPress, KeyRelease,
    -- ButtonPress, ButtonRelease, MotionNotify,
    -- EnterNotify, LeaveNotify, FocusIn or
    -- FocusOut will not be dispatched to current
    -- widget and to all its children.
    require
        exists: not destroyed
    ensure
        insensitive = flag

```

```

set_vertical_resize (flag: BOOLEAN)
    -- Adapt resize_type to flag.
    require
        exists: not destroyed
    ensure
        vertical_resize_set: vertical_resizable = flag

```

```

show
    -- Make widget visible on the screen. (default)
    -- Do nothing if the widget has no parent.
    require
        exists: not destroyed;
        has_parent: parent /= void
    ensure
        shown: (parent /= void) implies shown

```

**feature** -- Element change

```

set_background_color (color: EV_COLOR)
    -- Make color the new background_color
    require

```

*exists: **not** destroyed;*  
*valid\_color: is\_valid (color)*

**ensure**

*background\_color\_set: background\_color = color*

*set\_foreground\_color (color: EV\_COLOR)*

*-- Make color the new foreground\_color*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*  
*valid\_color: is\_valid (color)*

**ensure**

*foreground\_color\_set: foreground\_color = color*

*set\_parent (par: EV\_CONTAINER)*

*-- Make par the new parent of the widget.*

*-- par can be Void then the parent is the screen.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

**ensure**

*parent\_set: parent = par*

**feature** -- Resizing

*set\_height (value: INTEGER)*

*-- Make value the new height.*

*-- widget must be unmanaged.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*  
*unmanaged: **not** managed;*  
*positive\_height: value >= 0*

**ensure**

*dimensions\_set: implementation.dimensions\_set (width, value)*

*set\_minimum\_height (value: INTEGER)*

*-- Make value the new minimum\_height.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*  
*large\_enough: value >= 0*

**ensure**

*minimum\_height\_set: implementation.minimum\_height\_set (value)*

*set\_minimum\_size (min\_width, min\_height: INTEGER)*

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```

    -- Make min_width the new minimum_width
    -- and min_height the new minimum_height.

```

**require**

```

exists: not destroyed;
large_enough: min_height >= 0;
large_enough: min_width >= 0

```

**ensure**

```

minimum_dimension_set: implementation.minimum_dimensions_set (min_width,
min_height)

```

```

set_minimum_width (value: INTEGER)

```

```

    -- Make value the new minimum_width.

```

**require**

```

exists: not destroyed;
large_enough: value >= 0

```

**ensure**

```

minimum_width_set: implementation.minimum_width_set (value)

```

```

set_size (new_width: INTEGER; new_height: INTEGER)

```

```

    -- Make new_width the new width
    -- and new_height the new height.
    -- widget must be unmanaged.

```

**require**

```

exists: not destroyed;
unmanaged: not managed;
positive_width: new_width >= 0;
positive_height: new_height >= 0

```

**ensure**

```

dimensions_set: implementation.dimensions_set (new_width, new_height)

```

```

set_width (value: INTEGER)

```

```

    -- Make value the new width.
    -- widget must be unmanaged.

```

**require**

```

exists: not destroyed;
unmanaged: not managed;
positive_width: value >= 0

```

**ensure**

```

dimensions_set: implementation.dimensions_set (value, height)

```

```

set_x (value: INTEGER)

```

```

    -- Put at horizontal position value relative

```



*-- to parent.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*

*unmanaged: **not** managed*

**ensure**

*x\_set: implementation.x\_set (value)*

*set\_x\_y (new\_x: INTEGER; new\_y: INTEGER)*

*-- Put at horizontal position new\_x and at*

*-- vertical position new\_y relative to parent.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*

*unmanaged: **not** managed*

**ensure**

*x\_y\_set: implementation.position\_set (new\_x, new\_y)*

*set\_y (value: INTEGER)*

*-- Put at vertical position value relative*

*-- to parent.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*

*unmanaged: **not** managed*

**ensure**

*y\_set: implementation.y\_set (x)*

**feature** *-- Event - command association*

*add\_button\_press\_command (mouse\_button: INTEGER; cmd: EV\_COMMAND; arg: EV\_ARGUMENT)*

*-- Add cmd to the list of commands to be executed*

*-- when button number 'mouse\_button' is pressed.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*

*valid\_command: cmd /= void*

*add\_button\_release\_command (mouse\_button: INTEGER; cmd: EV\_COMMAND; arg: EV\_ARGUMENT)*

*-- Add cmd to the list of commands to be executed*

*-- when button number 'mouse\_button' is released.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*

*valid\_command: cmd /= void*

*add\_destroy\_command (cmd: EV\_COMMAND; arg: EV\_ARGUMENT)*

*-- Add cmd to the list of commands to be executed  
-- when the widget is destroyed.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;  
valid\_command: cmd /= void*

*add\_double\_click\_command (mouse\_button: INTEGER; cmd: EV\_COMMAND; arg:  
EV\_ARGUMENT)*

*-- Add cmd to the list of commands to be executed  
-- when button number mouse\_button is double  
-- clicked.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;  
valid\_command: cmd /= void*

*add\_enter\_notify\_command (cmd: EV\_COMMAND; arg: EV\_ARGUMENT)*

*-- Add cmd to the list of commands to be executed  
-- when the cursor of the mouse enter the widget.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;  
valid\_command: cmd /= void*

*add\_expose\_command (cmd: EV\_COMMAND; arg: EV\_ARGUMENT)*

*-- Add cmd to the list of commands to be executed  
-- when the widget has to be redrawn because it was  
-- exposed from behind another widget.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;  
valid\_command: cmd /= void*

*add\_get\_focus\_command (cmd: EV\_COMMAND; arg: EV\_ARGUMENT)*

*-- Add cmd to the list of commands to be executed  
-- when the widget get the focus.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;  
valid\_command: cmd /= void*

*add\_key\_press\_command (cmd: EV\_COMMAND; arg: EV\_ARGUMENT)*

*-- Add cmd to the list of commands to be executed when  
-- Add cmd to the list of commands to be executed*

*-- when a key is pressed on the keyboard while the  
-- widget has the focus.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;  
valid\_command: cmd /= void*

*add\_key\_release\_command (cmd: EV\_COMMAND; arg: EV\_ARGUMENT)*

*-- Add cmd to the list of commands to be executed  
-- when a key is released on the keyboard while the  
-- widget has the focus.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;  
valid\_command: cmd /= void*

*add\_leave\_notify\_command (cmd: EV\_COMMAND; arg: EV\_ARGUMENT)*

*-- Add cmd to the list of commands to be executed  
-- when the cursor of the mouse leave the widget.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;  
valid\_command: cmd /= void*

*add\_loose\_focus\_command (cmd: EV\_COMMAND; arg: EV\_ARGUMENT)*

*-- Add cmd to the list of commands to be executed  
-- when the widget loose the focus.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;  
valid\_command: cmd /= void*

*add\_motion\_notify\_command (cmd: EV\_COMMAND; arg: EV\_ARGUMENT)*

*-- Add cmd to the list of commands to be executed  
-- when mouse move.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;  
valid\_command: cmd /= void*

**feature** *-- Event -- removing command association*

*remove\_button\_press\_commands (mouse\_button: INTEGER)*

*-- Empty the list of commands to be executed when  
-- button number 'mouse\_button' is pressed.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*remove\_button\_release\_commands (mouse\_button: INTEGER)*

*-- Empty the list of commands to be executed when  
-- button number 'mouse\_button' is released.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*remove\_destroy\_commands*

*-- Empty the list of commands to be executed when  
-- the widget is destroyed.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*remove\_double\_click\_commands (mouse\_button: INTEGER)*

*-- Empty the list of commands to be executed when  
-- button number 'mouse\_button' is double clicked.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*remove\_enter\_notify\_commands*

*-- Empty the list of commands to be executed when  
-- the cursor of the mouse enter the widget.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*remove\_expose\_commands*

*-- Empty the list of commands to be executed when  
-- the widget has to be redrawn because it was exposed from  
-- behind another widget.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*remove\_get\_focus\_commands*

*-- Empty the list of commands to be executed when  
-- the widget get the focus.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*remove\_key\_press\_commands*

*-- Empty the list of commands to be executed when  
-- a key is pressed on the keyboard while the widget has the  
-- focus.*

***require****exists: **not** destroyed**remove\_key\_release\_commands**-- Empty the list of commands to be executed when  
-- a key is released on the keyboard while the widget has the  
-- focus.****require****exists: **not** destroyed**remove\_leave\_notify\_commands**-- Empty the list of commands to be executed when  
-- the cursor of the mouse leave the widget.****require****exists: **not** destroyed**remove\_loose\_focus\_commands**-- Empty the list of commands to be executed when  
-- the widget loose the focus.****require****exists: **not** destroyed**remove\_motion\_notify\_commands**-- Empty the list of commands to be executed when  
-- the mouse move.****require****exists: **not** destroyed**end -- class EV\_WIDGET*

## 2.2 Events

There are two different types of events in EiffelVision :

- general events — common to all widgets.
- widget-specific events.

### General Events

The following list describes the general events.

**button press** — a mouse button has been pressed over the widget.

**button released** — a mouse button has been released over the widget.

**double click** — a mouse button has been double clicked over the widget.

**motion notify** — mouse pointer has been moved over the widget.

**delete** — the widget has been deleted.

**expose** — a part of the widget has been redrawn because it was exposed.

**key press** — a key has been pressed over the widget.

**key release** — a key has been released over the widget.

**enter notify** — the mouse pointer has entered the area of the widget.

**leave notify** — the mouse pointer has left the area of the widget.

## Widget-specific events

As the name suggests, these events are specific to a given widget. For example, a button click event that occurs when the button widget is clicked.

## 2.3 Event Data

Event data is an object given as an argument of the *execute* procedure of a command. This information is specific to an event: for example, the location of the mouse pointer. Widget specific events do not contain any event data. You will find different types of event data:

### EV\_EVENT\_DATA

#### *indexing*

*description: "EiffelVision event data. Information given byEiffelVision when a callback is triggered.This is the base class for representing event data"*

*status: "See notice at end of class"*

*id: "\$Id: ev\_event\_data.e,v 1.9 1999/03/12 20:10:54 aitkaci Exp \$"*

*date: "\$Date: 1999/03/12 20:10:54 \$"*

*revision: "\$Revision: 1.9 \$"*

#### *class interface*

*EV\_EVENT\_DATA*

#### *creation*

*make*

#### *feature -- Access*

*widget: EV\_WIDGET*

*-- The mouse pointer was over this widget*

*-- when event happened*

#### *feature -- Debug*

```
print_contents
```

```
end -- class EV_EVENT_DATA
```

## **EV\_BUTTON\_EVENT\_DATA**

This class represents event data for button events: button press, button release and double click.

### ***indexing***

```
description: "EiffelVision button event data.Class for representing button event data"
```

```
status: "See notice at end of class"
```

```
id: "$Id: ev_button_event_data.e,v 1.7 1998/10/19 17:26:43 aitekaci Exp $"
```

```
date: "$Date: 1998/10/19 17:26:43 $"
```

```
revision: "$Revision: 1.7 $"
```

### ***class interface***

```
EV_BUTTON_EVENT_DATA
```

### ***creation***

```
make
```

### ***feature*** -- Access

```
button: INTEGER
```

```
keyval: INTEGER
```

```
state: INTEGER
```

```
x: DOUBLE
```

```
-- x coordinate of mouse pointer
```

```
y: DOUBLE
```

```
-- y coordinate of mouse pointer
```

### ***feature*** -- Debug

```
print_contents
```

```
-- print the contents of the object
```

```
end -- class EV_BUTTON_EVENT_DATA
```

## EV\_MOTION\_EVENT\_DATA

This class represents event data for the mouse motion event.

### *indexing*

*description: "EiffelVision motion event data. Class for representing motion event data"*

*status: "See notice at end of class"*

*id: "\$Id: ev\_motion\_event\_data.e,v 1.6 1998/10/19 17:26:45 aitkaci Exp \$"*

*date: "\$Date: 1998/10/19 17:26:45 \$"*

*revision: "\$Revision: 1.6 \$"*

### *class interface*

*EV\_MOTION\_EVENT\_DATA*

### *creation*

*make*

### *feature -- Initialization*

*make*

### *feature -- Access*

*state: INTEGER*

*x: DOUBLE*

*-- x coordinate of mouse pointer*

*y: DOUBLE*

*-- y coordinate of mouse pointer*

### *feature -- Debug*

*print\_contents*

*-- print the contents of the object*

*end -- class EV\_MOTION\_EVENT\_DATA*

## EV\_KEY\_EVENT\_DATA

This class represents event data for the keyboard events : key press or key release.

### *indexing*

*description: "EiffelVision key event data. Class for representing button event data"*



```

status: "See notice at end of class"
id: "$Id: ev_key_event_data.e,v 1.2 1998/10/19 17:26:44 aitkaci Exp $"
date: "$Date: 1998/10/19 17:26:44 $"
revision: "$Revision: 1.2 $"

```

**class interface**

```
EV_KEY_EVENT_DATA
```

**creation**

```
make
```

**feature -- Access**

```
keyval: INTEGER
```

```
length: INTEGER
```

```
state: INTEGER
```

```
string: STRING
```

**feature -- Debug**

```
print_contents
    -- print the contents of the object
```

```
end -- class EV_KEY_EVENT_DATA
```

## 2.4 Commands

You can add as many commands as necessary to an event — the commands execute in the same order than they were added. The feature *remove\_?\_commands* removes all commands attached to the given event. A feature *remove\_command* will be available to remove only one given command.

### Class

**indexing**

```
description: "General notion of command (semantic unity).To write an actual command inherit
from thisclass and implement the 'execute%' feature"
```

```
status: "See notice at end of class"
```

```
date: "$Date: 1999/03/04 19:12:02 $"
```

```
revision: "$Revision: 1.6 $"
```

*deferred class interface**EV\_COMMAND**feature -- Basic operations*

```
execute (args: EV_ARGUMENT; data: EV_EVENT_DATA)
  -- Execute Current command.
  -- args and data are automatically passed by
  -- EiffelVision when Current command is
  -- invoked as a callback.
```

*end -- class EV\_COMMAND*

## 2.5 Undoable Command

An undoable command is a command that include an undoable mechanism.

### Class

## 2.6 Routine Command

A routine command is a command created through an agent. This type of routines can have several *execute* functions in the same class. However, the procedure that creates the command must have the same signature that the *execute* function of a command :

```
execute (arg: EV_ARGUMENT; data: EV_EVENT_DATA)
```

### Class

*indexing*

*" Routine notion of command. To create this kind of command any procedure with the following signature : execute (arg: EV\_ARGUMENT; event\_data: EV\_EVENT\_DATA) can be used."*

```
status: "See notice at end of class"
date: "$Date: 1999/03/02 17:13:08 $"
revision: "$Revision: 1.1 $"
```

*class interface**EV\_ROUTINE\_COMMAND**creation**make**feature -- Access*

```
procedure: PROCEDURE [ANY, TUPLE [EV_ARGUMENT, EV_EVENT_DATA]]
```

*feature -- Basic operations*

```
execute (args: EV_ARGUMENT; data: EV_EVENT_DATA)
  -- Execute Current command.
  -- args and data are automatically passed by
  -- EiffelVision when Current command is
  -- invoked as a callback.
  -- Call the routine
```

*end -- class EV\_ROUTINE\_COMMAND*

## 2.7 Arguments

The *execute* procedure of a command class ask for an **EV\_ARGUMENT** in its arguments. There are 4 kind of arguments implemented in EiffelVision, but any class that inherits from **EV\_ARGUMENT** becomes an argument :

- One, two or three parameter arguments.
- Tuple arguments.

### One, two or three parameters

For an argument with only one, two or three parameters, you can use the **EV\_ARGUMENT1**, **EV\_ARGUMENT2** and **EV\_ARGUMENT3** types. You create this type of argument by giving the data to store to the creation routine *make*. You can then retrieve the data using the features *first*, *second* and *third*.

#### *indexing*

```
description: "EiffelVision EV_ARGUMENT2. To be used when passing two arguments to a command."
status: "See notice at end of class"
id: "$Id: ev_argument2.e,v 1.3 1999/03/02 17:50:38 aatkaci Exp $"
date: "$Date: 1999/03/02 17:50:38 $"
revision: "$Revision: 1.3 $"
```

#### *class interface*

```
EV_ARGUMENT2 [G, H]
```

#### *creation*

```
make
```

*feature -- Initialization*

```
make (first_element: G; second_element: H)  
    -- Create an argument with first_element and  
    -- second_element.
```

*feature -- Access*

```
second: H  
    -- Second element of the argument
```

*end -- class EV\_ARGUMENT2*

## **Tuple arguments**

The tuple argument type allows you to give more data. You can create an **EV\_TUPLE\_ARGUMENT** by giving a tuple to the argument.

## **2.8 Timers**

To be completed

## **2.9 Colors**

X Windows System provides color map handling, so that the closest color is return.

## **2.10 Fonts**

To be completed

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## Containers

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A *container* is a widget that allows other widgets, called its *children* to be put inside the container. Some of the containers allow only one child, however, because the child can also be a container, it is possible to put several widgets inside any container.

Usually container manages its children. This means that the size and position of a child is specified by the container. The child can only specify its size and location under the restrictions of the container. In a non-manager container, a widget freely sets its position, size and minimum size, while in a manager container, a widget can only set its minimum size. In this case, the container gives the position and size of the widge. The attributes *automatic\_position* and *automatic\_resize* of **EV\_WIDGET** control the behavior of the child inside the container.

### Class

#### *indexing*

*description: "EiffelVision container. Container is a widget that can hold children inside it"*

*status: "See notice at end of class"*

*id: "\$Id: ev\_container.e,v 1.9 1999/03/12 20:16:22 aitkaci Exp \$"*

*date: "\$Date: 1999/03/12 20:16:22 \$"*

*revision: "\$Revision: 1.9 \$"*

#### *deferred class interface*

*EV\_CONTAINER*

#### *feature -- Access*

*client\_height: INTEGER*

*-- Height of the client area (area of the  
-- widget excluding the borders etc) of  
-- container*

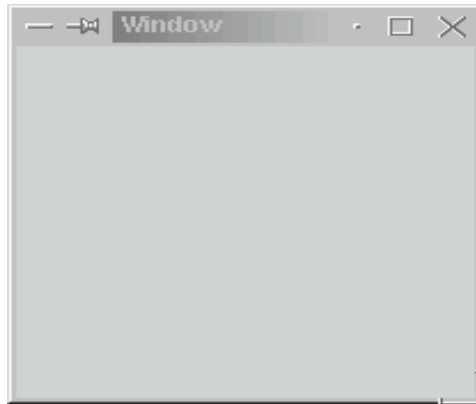
#### *require*

*exists: **not** destroyed*

**ensure***positive\_result: Result >= 0**client\_width: INTEGER**-- Width of the client area (area of the  
-- widget excluding the borders etc) of  
-- container***require***exists: **not** destroyed***ensure***positive\_result: Result >= 0**manager: BOOLEAN**-- Manager container manages the geometry of its  
-- child(ren). Default True.***feature** *-- Basic operations**propagate\_background\_color**-- Propagate the current background color of the container  
-- to the children.***require***exists: **not** destroyed**propagate\_foreground\_color**-- Propagate the current foreground color of the container  
-- to the children.***require***exists: **not** destroyed***feature** *-- Implementation**implementation: EV\_CONTAINER\_I***end** *-- class EV\_CONTAINER*

### 3.1 EV\_WINDOW

Basis for almost every application, the window is a basic GUI component that consists of a bordered rectangular area visible on the screen.



Any widget, except for a window, can be put inside this container. A window is a manager container that allows only one child.

## Class

### *indexing*

*description: "EiffelVision window. Window is a visible window on the screen."*

*status: "See notice at end of class"*

*id: "\$Id: ev\_window.e,v 1.28 1999/03/12 20:16:29 aitkaci Exp \$"*

*date: "\$Date: 1999/03/12 20:16:29 \$"*

*revision: "\$Revision: 1.28 \$"*

### *class interface*

*EV\_WINDOW*

### *creation*

*make\_top\_level,*

*make*

### *feature -- Access*

*icon\_mask: EV\_PIXMAP*

*-- Bitmap that could be used by window manager*

*-- to clip icon\_pixmap bitmap to make the*

*-- icon nonrectangular*

### *require*

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*icon\_name: STRING*

*-- Short form of application name to be*

*-- displayed by the window manager when*

*-- application is iconified*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*icon\_pixmap: EV\_PIXMAP*

*-- Bitmap that could be used by the window manager*

*-- as the application's icon*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

**ensure**

*valid\_result: Result /= void*

*maximum\_height: INTEGER*

*-- Maximum height that application wishes widget*

*-- instance to have*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

**ensure**

*Result >= 0*

*maximum\_width: INTEGER*

*-- Maximum width that application wishes widget*

*-- instance to have*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

**ensure**

*Result >= 0*

*parent: EV\_WINDOW*

*-- The parent of the Current window: a window*

*-- If the widget is an EV\_WINDOW without parent,*

*-- this attribute will be Void*

*title: STRING*

*-- Application name to be displayed by*

*-- the window manager*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*widget\_group: EV\_WIDGET*

*-- Widget with which current widget is associated.*

*-- By convention this widget is the "leader" of a group*

*-- widgets. Window manager will treat all widgets in*



*-- a group in some way; for example, it may move or  
-- iconify them together*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

**feature** -- Status report

*is\_iconic\_state: BOOLEAN*

*-- Does application start in iconic state?*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

**feature** -- Status setting

*allow\_resize*

*-- Allow the resize of the window.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*forbid\_resize*

*-- Forbid the resize of the window.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*set\_iconic\_state*

*-- Set start state of the application*

*-- to be iconic.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*set\_maximize\_state*

*-- Set start state of the application to be*

*-- maximized.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*set\_modal*

*-- Make the window modal*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*set\_normal\_state*

*-- Set start state of the application to be normal.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*show*

*-- Make the window visible on the screen*

**require else**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

**feature** *-- Element change*

*set\_icon\_mask (pixmap: EV\_PIXMAP)*

*-- Make pixmap the new icon mask.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*

*valid\_mask: is\_valid (pixmap)*

*set\_icon\_name (txt: STRING)*

*-- Make txt the new icon name.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*

*valid\_name: txt /= void*

*set\_icon\_pixmap (pixmap: EV\_PIXMAP)*

*-- Make pixmap the new icon pixmap.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*

*valid\_pixmap: is\_valid (pixmap)*

*set\_maximum\_height (value: INTEGER)*

*-- Make value the new maximum\_height.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*

*large\_enough: value >= 0*

**ensure**

*maximum\_height\_set: maximum\_height = value*

*set\_maximum\_width (value: INTEGER)*

*-- Make value the new maximum\_width.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*

*large\_enough: value >= 0*

**ensure**

*maximum\_width\_set: maximum\_width = value*

*set\_title (txt: STRING)*

*-- Make text the new title.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*

*valid\_title: txt /= void*

*set\_widget\_group (widget: EV\_WIDGET)*

*-- Make Current part of the group of widget.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*

*valid\_widget: is\_valid (widget)*

**feature** -- Implementation

*implementation: EV\_WINDOW\_I*

*-- Implementation of window*

*-- Depth\_is\_zero: depth = 0*

*-- Has\_no\_parent: parent = Void*

**feature** -- Event - command association

*add\_close\_command (cmd: EV\_COMMAND; arg: EV\_ARGUMENT)*

*-- Add cmd to the list of commands to be executed*

*-- when the window is closed.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*

*valid\_command: cmd /= void*

*add\_move\_command (cmd: EV\_COMMAND; arg: EV\_ARGUMENT)*

*-- Add cmd to the list of commands to be executed*

*-- when the widget is moved.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*

*valid\_command: cmd /= void*

*add\_resize\_command (cmd: EV\_COMMAND; arg: EV\_ARGUMENT)*

*-- Add cmd to the list of commands to be executed*

*-- when the window is resized.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*  
*valid\_command: cmd /= void*

*feature -- Event -- removing command association*

*remove\_close\_commands*  
*-- Empty the list of commands to be executed*  
*-- when the window is closed.*

***require***  
*exists: **not** destroyed*

*remove\_move\_commands*  
*-- Empty the list of commands to be executed*  
*-- when the widget is resized.*

***require***  
*exists: **not** destroyed*

*remove\_resize\_commands*  
*-- Empty the list of commands to be executed*  
*-- when the window is resized.*

***require***  
*exists: **not** destroyed*

*end -- class EV\_WINDOW*

## 3.2 EV\_DIALOG

Dialog is a special window that you can use for pop-up messages to the user and other similar tasks.

Dialog contains two areas to which you can add widgets:

- action area — at the bottom of the dialog. It is usually the area where the buttons are added.
- display area — on the top of the window, above the action area.

### Class

#### *indexing*

*description: "EiffelVision dialog. A dialog is a window with predefined containers and widgets : a vertical box inside and a panel of button in the action-area (horizontal\_box)."*

*status: "See notice at end of class"*

*id: "\$Id: ev\_dialog.e,v 1.8 1999/03/12 20:16:23 aitkaci Exp \$"*

*date: "\$Date: 1999/03/12 20:16:23 \$"*

*revision: "\$Revision: 1.8 \$"*

**class interface***EV\_DIALOG***creation***make***feature** -- Access*action\_area: EV\_HORIZONTAL\_BOX**-- The action area on the bottom of the window**display\_area: EV\_VERTICAL\_BOX**-- The display area on the top of the window***end** -- class *EV\_DIALOG***3.3 EV\_FIXED**

Fixed is an invisible, non-manager container that can contain an unlimited number of other widgets. The location of widgets inside a fixed widget is specified by the coordinates (widget attributes *x* and *y*) relative to the top left corner of the fixed widget.

**Class****indexing**

*description: "EiffelVision fixed. Invisible container that allows unlimited number of other widgets to be put inside it. The location of each widget inside is specified by the coordinates of the widget."*

*status: "See notice at end of class"**id: "\$Id: ev\_fixed.e,v 1.7 1999/03/12 20:16:24 aitkaci Exp \$"**date: "\$Date: 1999/03/12 20:16:24 \$"**revision: "\$Revision: 1.7 \$"***class interface***EV\_FIXED***creation***make***feature** -- Access*manager: BOOLEAN*

*end -- class EV\_FIXED*

### 3.4 EV\_BOX

A box is a manager that can receive an unlimited number of children, while class **EV\_BOX** is a deferred ancestor of both **EV\_VERTICAL\_BOX** and **EV\_HORIZONTAL\_BOX**.

By default a box is *homogeneous* which means that parent gives equal amount of space to each child. The actual value is determined by the size of the largest child in the container.

Box can be set to *non-homogeneous* by using the feature *set\_homogeneous* with a parameter *False*. If the box is *non-homogeneous*, each child has a space relative to the minimum size of itself.

If a child has attribute *expand* set to *False*, the container cannot allocate any extra space to the children. The remaining space is distributed among the other children.

You can add a space between each child. This space is called spacing. By default, the spacing is set to 0. You can change this value using the feature *set\_spacing*.

#### Class

##### *indexing*

*description: "EiffelVision box. Invisible container that allows unlimited number of other widgets to be packed inside it. Box controls the location the children%'s location and size automatically."*

*status: "See notice at end of class"*

*id: "\$Id: ev\_box.e,v 1.11 1999/02/09 01:09:00 aitkaci Exp \$"*

*date: "\$Date: 1999/02/09 01:09:00 \$"*

*revision: "\$Revision: 1.11 \$"*

##### *deferred class interface*

*EV\_BOX*

##### *feature -- Access*

*border\_width: INTEGER*

*-- Border width around container*

##### *require*

*exists: **not** destroyed*

##### *ensure*

*positive\_result: Result >= 0*

##### *feature -- Element change (box specific)*

```

set_border_width (value: INTEGER)
    -- Make value the new border width.
    require
        exist: not destroyed;
        positive_value: value >= 0
    ensure
        border_set: border_width = value

set_homogeneous (flag: BOOLEAN)
    -- Homogenous controls whether each object in
    -- the box has the same size.
    require
        exist: not destroyed

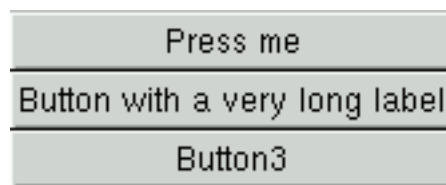
set_spacing (value: INTEGER)
    -- Spacing between the objects in the box
    require
        exist: not destroyed;
        positive_value: value >= 0

end -- class EV_BOX

```

### 3.5 EV\_VERTICAL\_BOX

A vertical box packs the children in one column.



#### Class

##### indexing

```

description: "EiffelVision vertical box."
status: "See notice at end of class"
id: "$Id: ev_vertical_box.e,v 1.5 1999/03/12 20:16:28 aitkaci Exp $"
date: "$Date: 1999/03/12 20:16:28 $"
revision: "$Revision: 1.5 $"

```

##### class interface

```

EV_VERTICAL_BOX

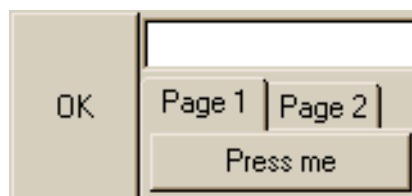
```

**creation***make**end -- class EV\_VERTICAL\_BOX***3.6 EV\_HORIZONTAL\_BOX**

An horizontal box packs the children in one row.

**Class****indexing***description: "EiffelVision horizontal box."**status: "See notice at end of class"**id: "\$Id: ev\_horizontal\_box.e,v 1.6 1999/03/12 20:16:25 aitkaci Exp \$"**date: "\$Date: 1999/03/12 20:16:25 \$"**revision: "\$Revision: 1.6 \$"***class interface***EV\_HORIZONTAL\_BOX***creation***make**end -- class EV\_HORIZONTAL\_BOX***3.7 EV\_TABLE**

A table is a manager container that can receive an unlimited number of children. A table contains a grid of rows and columns where you can place the widgets. The widgets can occupy as many spaces in the table as you want.

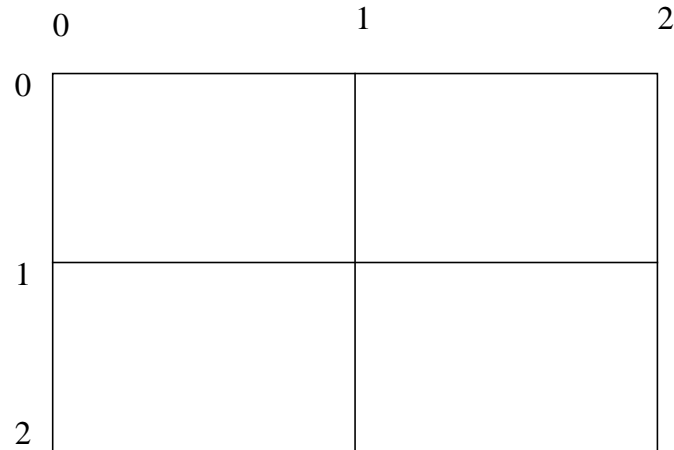


The *homogeneous* attribute of the table refers to the size of the individual grid square. If *homogeneous* is set to *True*, the grid square resize to the size of the largest



widget in the table. If *homogeneous* is set to *False*, the grid square size is determined by the tallest widget in the same row, and the widest widget in the same column.

Rows and columns are laid out from 0 to n, where n is the last row or column. A table layout with two rows and two columns is presented in Figure 3.7.1.



**Figure 3.7.1** Table layout with two rows and two columns

The coordinate system starts in the upper left hand corner.

## Class

### *indexing*

*description: "EiffelVision table. Invisible container that allows unlimited number of other widgets to be packed inside it. A table controls the children%'s location and size automatically."*

*status: "See notice at end of class"*

*id: "\$Id: ev\_table.e,v 1.4 1999/03/12 20:16:27 aitkaci Exp \$"*

*date: "\$Date: 1999/03/12 20:16:27 \$"*

*revision: "\$Revision: 1.4 \$"*

### *class interface*

*EV\_TABLE*

### *creation*

*make*

### *feature -- Status report*

*columns: INTEGER*

*-- Number of columns*

### *require*

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*rows: INTEGER*

*-- Number of rows*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

**feature** *-- Status settings*

*set\_child\_position (the\_child: EV\_WIDGET; top, left, bottom, right: INTEGER)*

*-- Set the position and the size of the given child in*

*-- the table. top, left, bottom and right give the*

*-- zero-based coordinates of the child in the grid.*

*--*

*-- 0 1 2*

*-- 0 +-----+-----+*

*-- | | |*

*-- 1 +-----+-----+*

*-- | | |*

*-- 2 +-----+-----+*

*--*

*-- This feature must be called after the creation of*

*-- the child, otherwise, the child won't appear in*

*-- the table.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*

*the\_child\_not\_void: the\_child /= void;*

*bottom\_larger\_than\_top: bottom > top;*

*right\_larger\_than\_left: right > left*

*set\_column\_spacing (value: INTEGER)*

*-- Spacing between two columns of the table*

**require**

*exist: **not** destroyed;*

*positive\_value: value >= 0*

*set\_homogeneous (flag: BOOLEAN)*

*-- Homogenous controls whether each object in*

*-- the box has the same size.*

**require**

*exist: **not** destroyed*

*set\_row\_spacing (value: INTEGER)*

```

-- Spacing between two rows of the table
require
  exist: not destroyed;
  positive_value: value >= 0

```

```
end -- class EV_TABLE
```

### 3.8 EV\_DYNAMIC\_TABLE

A dynamic table is a table where all the children occupied only one cell and where the placement of the children is done automatically. You can choose both the way the table positions the children (horizontally or vertically) and the width of the table. For example, in the following example, the table has a *row\_layout* with a *finite\_dimension* set to 2.

Element 1	Element 2
Element 3	Element 4
Element 5	Element 6

#### Class

##### *indexing*

*description:* " EiffelVision dynamic table. Invisible container that allows unlimited number of other widgets to be packed inside it. A dynamic table controls the children%'s location and size automatically."

*note:* " In this table, each child fill one cell. The user choose the way to lay the children out. If the children are laid in rows, the number of colums must be finite and the one of rows is infinite; if they area laid out in columns, it%'s the contrary."

*note2:* " By default, a dynamic table is the equivalent of an horizonatl box."

*status:* "See notice at end of class"

*id:* "\$Id: ev\_dynamic\_table.e,v 1.3 1999/03/12 20:16:23 aitkaci Exp \$"

*date:* "\$Date: 1999/03/12 20:16:23 \$"

*revision:* "\$Revision: 1.3 \$"

##### *class interface*

*EV\_DYNAMIC\_TABLE*

##### *creation*

*make*

##### *feature -- Status report*

```

is_row_layout: BOOLEAN
    -- Are children laid out in rows?
    -- False by default
require
    exists: not destroyed

```

*feature* -- Status setting

```

set_column_layout
    -- Lay the children out in columns.
require
    exists: not destroyed
ensure
    column_layout: not is_row_layout

```

```

set_finite_dimension (a_number: INTEGER)
    -- Set number of columns if row
    -- layout, or number of row if column
    -- layout.
require
    exists: not destroyed;
    positive_number: a_number > 0

```

```

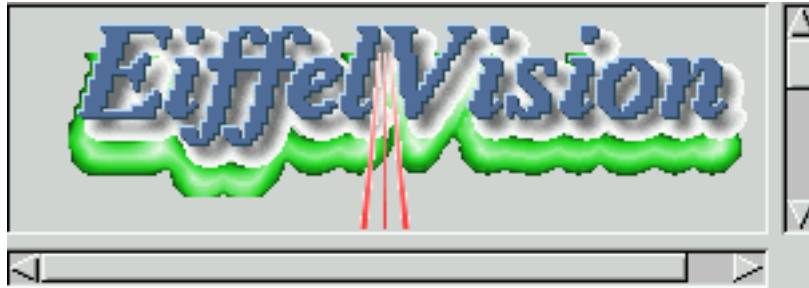
set_row_layout
    -- Lay the children out in rows.
require
    exists: not destroyed
ensure
    row_layout: is_row_layout

```

*end* -- class *EV\_DYNAMIC\_TABLE*

### 3.9 EV\_SCROLLABLE\_AREA

A scrollable area is a *non-manager* container that can receive only one child and displays as an area surrounded by horizontal and vertical scrollbars.



If the inside widget is bigger than the visible area, you can use the scrollbars to scroll through the widget. The size of the scroll arrow corresponds to the visible size of the widget (the size of the scrollable area), while the size of the scrollbar corresponds to the size of the whole widget.

## Class

### *indexing*

*description: "EiffelVision scrollable area. Scrollable area is a container with scrollbars. Scrollable area offers automatic scrolling for its child."*

*status: "See notice at end of class"*

*id: "\$Id: ev\_scrollable\_area.e,v 1.6 1999/03/12 20:16:27 aitkaci Exp \$"*

*date: "\$Date: 1999/03/12 20:16:27 \$"*

*revision: "\$Revision: 1.6 \$"*

### *class interface*

*EV\_SCROLLABLE\_AREA*

### *creation*

*make*

### *feature -- Access*

*manager: BOOLEAN*

*end -- class EV\_SCROLLABLE\_AREA*

## 3.10 EV\_FRAME

A frame is a *manager* container that can receive only one child and displays as an area surrounded by a rectangle. You can add a title to a frame which appears in the top left corner of the rectangle.



## Class

### *indexing*

*description: "EiffelVision frame. A frame is a container with a line around it. A label can be set on this line or not."*

*status: "See notice at end of class"*

*id: "\$Id: ev\_frame.e,v 1.3 1999/03/12 20:18:42 aitkaci Exp \$"*

*date: "\$Date: 1999/03/12 20:18:42 \$"*

*revision: "\$Revision: 1.3 \$"*

### *class interface*

*EV\_FRAME*

### *creation*

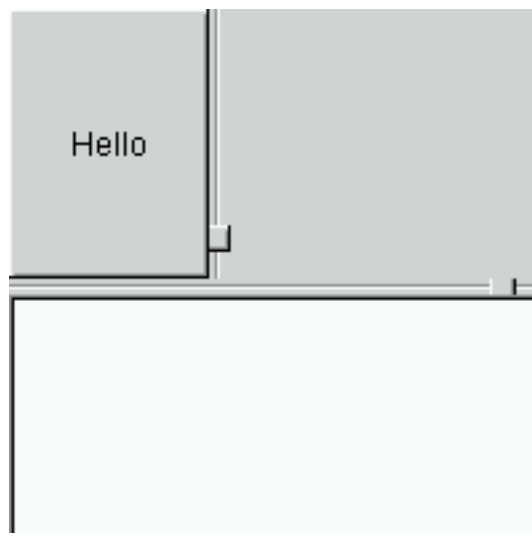
*make,*

*make\_with\_text*

*end -- class EV\_FRAME*

## 3.11 EV\_SPLIT\_AREA

A split area is a manager container that can receive only two children, which are separated by a groove.



You can control the relative size of the two children by physically moving the groove.

**EV\_SPLIT\_AREA** is a deferred ancestor of both **EV\_VERTICAL\_SPLIT\_AREA** and **EV\_HORIZONTAL\_SPLIT\_AREA**.

## Class

### *indexing*

*description: "EiffelVision split area. Split consists of two parts divided by a groove, which can be moved by the user to change the visible portion of the parts. Split is an abstract class with effective descendants horizontal and vertical split."*

*status: "See notice at end of class"*

*id: "\$Id: ev\_split\_area.e,v 1.4 1999/01/08 21:24:36 aitkaci Exp \$"*

*date: "\$Date: 1999/01/08 21:24:36 \$"*

*revision: "\$Revision: 1.4 \$"*

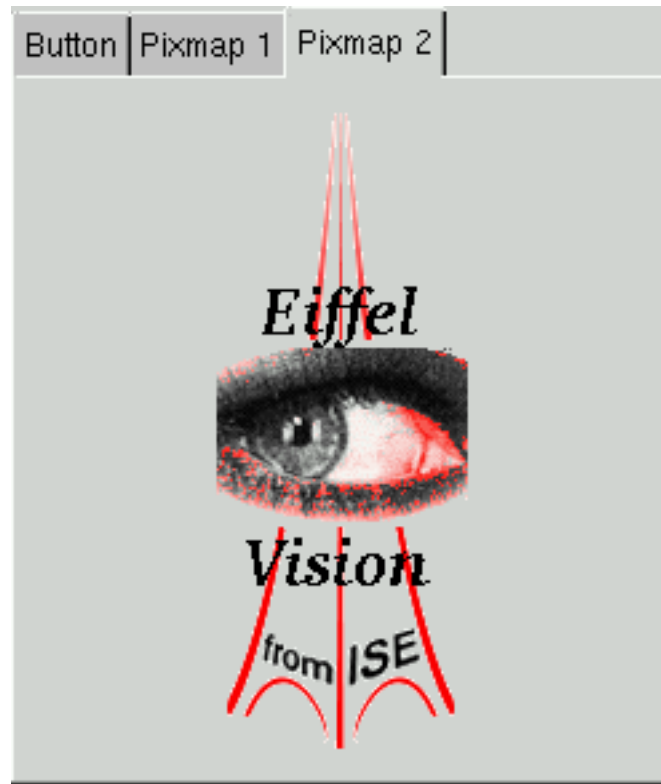
### *deferred class interface*

*EV\_SPLIT\_AREA*

*end -- class EV\_SPLIT\_AREA*

## 3.12 EV\_NOTEBOOK

A Notebook is a collection of pages that overlap each other, with a tab corresponding to each page although only one of the pages is visible.



The tabs display along the top, bottom, left or right edge of the page. When you click a tab, the corresponding page is made visible.

If there are a lot of tabs, it may not be possible to display all tabs. In this case, you can set the number of visible tabs. If there are more tabs than visible tabs, scroll buttons that you can use to control which of the tabs appear, display.

A notebook is a manager container that can receive an unlimited number of children. However each page can receive only one child. Pages can be added to and removed from the Notebook.

## Class

### *indexing*

*description: "EiffelVision notebook. Notebook is a collection of pages that overlap each other. For each page there is a tab corresponding to the page."*

*status: "See notice at end of class"*

*id: "\$Id: ev\_notebook.e,v 1.10 1999/03/12 20:16:26 aatkaci Exp \$"*

*date: "\$Date: 1999/03/12 20:16:26 \$"*

*revision: "\$Revision: 1.10 \$"*

### *class interface*

*EV\_NOTEBOOK*

### *creation*



*make*

*feature* -- Status report

*count: INTEGER*

*-- Number of pages in the notebook*

*current\_page: INTEGER*

*-- Index of the page currently opened*

*feature* -- Status setting

*set\_current\_page (index: INTEGER)*

*-- Make the index-th page the currently opened page.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*

*valid\_index: index >= 1 **and** index <= count*

*set\_tab\_bottom*

*-- Put the tabs at the bottom of the notebook.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*set\_tab\_left*

*-- Put the tabs at the left of the notebook.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*set\_tab\_right*

*-- Put the tabs at the right of the notebook.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*set\_tab\_top*

*-- Put the tabs at the top of the notebook.*

*-- default.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*feature* -- Element change

*append\_page (c: EV\_WIDGET; label: STRING)*

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```

-- New page for notebook containing child 'c' with tab
-- label 'label'

```

**require**

```

exists: not destroyed;
child_of_notebook: c.parent = Current

```

```

set_page_title (index: INTEGER; str: STRING)

```

```

-- Set the label of the index page of the notebook.
-- The first page is the page number 1.

```

**require**

```

exists: not destroyed;
good_index: index <= count

```

**feature** -- Event - command association

```

add_switch_command (cmd: EV_COMMAND; arg: EV_ARGUMENT)

```

```

-- Add 'cmd' to the list of commands to be executed
-- the a page is switch in the notebook.

```

**require**

```

exists: not destroyed;
valid_command: cmd /= void

```

**feature** -- Event -- removing command association

```

remove_switch_commands

```

```

-- Empty the list of commands to be executed
-- when a page is switch in the notebook.

```

**require**

```

exists: not destroyed

```

**end** -- class EV\_NOTEBOOK

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## Primitives

A primitive is a childless widget — other widgets cannot be placed inside it. Nevertheless, some primitives can contain specific items as the **EV\_LIST** or **EV\_TREE**.

### *indexing*

*description: "EiffelVision primitive. Deferred class, ancestor of many widgets"*

*status: "See notice at end of class"*

*id: "\$Id: ev\_primitive.e,v 1.4 1999/03/12 20:18:47 atkaci Exp \$"*

*date: "\$Date: 1999/03/12 20:18:47 \$"*

*revision: "\$Revision: 1.4 \$"*

### *deferred class interface*

*EV\_PRIMITIVE*

*end -- class EV\_PRIMITIVE*

## 4.1 EV\_BUTTON

Class **EV\_BUTTON** is one of the most useful primitive. It is also a common ancestor for different button classes.

A button acquires a 3D appearance as it is implemented by the underlying toolkit.



A button can contain a text, a pixmap, or both. When both are present, there are two different presentation methods:

- pixmap on the top, label on the bottom,
- pixmap on the left and label on the right.

## Class

### *indexing*

*description: "EiffelVision button. Basic GUI push button. This is also a base class for other buttons classes"*

*status: "See notice at end of class"*

*id: "\$Id: ev\_button.e,v 1.16 1999/03/04 00:35:15 aitkaci Exp \$"*

*date: "\$Date: 1999/03/04 00:35:15 \$"*

*revision: "\$Revision: 1.16 \$"*

### *class interface*

*EV\_BUTTON*

### *creation*

*make,*

*make\_with\_text*

### *feature -- Event - command association*

*add\_click\_command (cmd: EV\_COMMAND; arg: EV\_ARGUMENT)*

*-- Add 'cmd' to the list of commands to be executed*

*-- the button is pressed.*

#### *require*

*exists: **not** destroyed;*

*valid\_command: cmd /= void*

### *feature -- Event -- removing command association*

*remove\_click\_commands*

*-- Empty the list of commands to be executed when*

*-- the button is pressed.*

#### *require*

*exists: **not** destroyed*

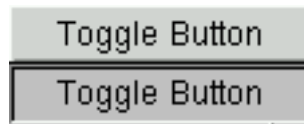
### *end -- class EV\_BUTTON*

## 4.2 EV\_TOGGLE\_BUTTON

**EV\_TOGGLE\_BUTTON** is a descendant of **EV\_BUTTON** and is very similar, except that it is always in one of two states, alternated by a click :

- *deselected* — then you can click on it and it will pop down,

- *selected* — then you can clicke on it again and it will pop back up.



Toggle buttons provide the basis for check buttons and radio buttons. Consequently, radio and check buttons inherit many of the calls used for toggle buttons.

The default state after creation is *deselected*.

## Class

### *indexing*

*description: "EiffelVision toggle button. It looks and acts like a button, but is always in one of two states, alternated by a click. Toggle button may bedepressed, and when clicked again, it will pop backup. Click again, and it will pop back down."*

*status: "See notice at end of class"*

*id: "\$Id: ev\_toggle\_button.e,v 1.14 1999/03/12 20:18:50 aitkaci Exp \$"*

*date: "\$Date: 1999/03/12 20:18:50 \$"*

*revision: "\$Revision: 1.14 \$"*

### *class interface*

*EV\_TOGGLE\_BUTTON*

### *creation*

*make,*

*make\_with\_text*

### *feature -- Status report*

*state: BOOLEAN*

*-- Is toggle pressed.*

#### *require*

*exists: **not** destroyed*

### *feature -- Status setting*

*set\_state (flag: BOOLEAN)*

*-- Set Current toggle on and set*

*-- pressed to True.*

#### *require*

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*ensure*

*correct\_state: state = flag*

*toggle*

*-- Change the state of the toggle button to*

*-- opposite*

*require*

*exists: not destroyed*

*ensure*

*state\_is\_true: state = not old state*

*feature -- Event - command association*

*add\_toggle\_command (cmd: EV\_COMMAND; arg: EV\_ARGUMENT)*

*-- Add 'cmd' to the list of commands to be executed*

*-- when the button is toggled.*

*require*

*exists: not destroyed;*

*valid\_command: cmd /= void*

*feature -- Event -- removing command association*

*remove\_toggle\_commands*

*-- Empty the list of commands to be executed*

*-- when the button is toggled.*

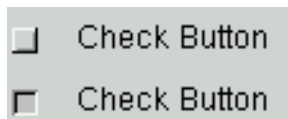
*require*

*exists: not destroyed*

*end -- class EV\_TOGGLE\_BUTTON*

## 4.3 EV\_CHECK\_BUTTON

Check buttons are similar to toggle buttons. Rather than being buttons with a label and/or a pixmap inside them, they look like check buttons on the underlying toolkit that contains usually a name preceded by a check mark or bullet that turns on or off each time the user click on it.



## Class

### *indexing*

*description: "EiffelVision Check button. Widget that has a check box and a text."*

*status: "See notice at end of class"*

*id: "\$Id: ev\_check\_button.e,v 1.8 1999/03/26 04:53:28 aitkaci Exp \$"*

*date: "\$Date: 1999/03/26 04:53:28 \$"*

*revision: "\$Revision: 1.8 \$"*

### *class interface*

*EV\_CHECK\_BUTTON*

### *creation*

*make,*

*make\_with\_text*

*end -- class EV\_CHECK\_BUTTON*

## 4.4 EV\_RADIO\_BUTTON

Radio buttons are similar to check buttons except that radio buttons are grouped and only one item can be selected at a time.



Radio buttons that have the same parent belong to the same group. However, it is possible to have several radio button groups inside the same parent : for example, a window. This is not a problem since you can use special containers to group radio buttons. For example, a vertical-box inside an **EV\_FRAME** is a good component to group radio buttons, because it also groups the buttons visually inside a border.

## Class

### *indexing*

*description: "EiffelVision radio button. Radio buttons are similar to check buttons except that radiobuttons are grouped so that only one may be selected at a time."*

*status: "See notice at end of class"*

*id: "\$Id: ev\_radio\_button.e,v 1.6 1999/03/26 04:53:50 aitkaci Exp \$"*

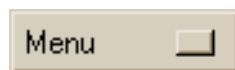
*date: "\$Date: 1999/03/26 04:53:50 \$"*

*revision: "\$Revision: 1.6 \$"*

*class interface**EV\_RADIO\_BUTTON**creation**make,*  
*make\_with\_text**feature -- Initialization**make (par: EV\_CONTAINER)*  
*-- radio button with par as parent.**make\_with\_text (par: EV\_CONTAINER; txt: STRING)*  
*-- radio button with par as parent and txt as*  
*-- text label**end -- class EV\_RADIO\_BUTTON*

## 4.5 EV\_OPTION\_BUTTON

**EV\_OPTION\_BUTTON** is a descendant of **EV\_BUTTON**. When you click an option button, a pop-op menu appears, and the item you select displays as the text of the button.



Only one menu can be added in an option button at a time.

### Class

*indexing**description: "EiffelVision option button is a button that displays a popup\_menu when we click on it."**id: "\$Id: ev\_option\_button.e,v 1.5 1999/03/26 01:35:35 aitkaci Exp \$"**date: "\$Date: 1999/03/26 01:35:35 \$"**revision: "\$Revision: 1.5 \$"**class interface**EV\_OPTION\_BUTTON**creation*



*make*

*end -- class EV\_OPTION\_BUTTON*

## 4.6 EV\_LABEL

A label is a static text that you can place anywhere in a window. For example, as an explanation next to a text field.



### Class

#### *indexing*

*description: "EiffelVision label"*

*status: "See notice at end of class"*

*id: "\$Id: ev\_label.e,v 1.13 1999/03/12 20:18:43 aitkaci Exp \$"*

*date: "\$Date: 1999/03/12 20:18:43 \$"*

*revision: "\$Revision: 1.13 \$"*

#### *class interface*

*EV\_LABEL*

#### *creation*

*make,*

*make\_with\_text*

*end -- class EV\_LABEL*

## 4.7 EV\_TEXT\_COMPONENT

**EV\_TEXT\_COMPONENT** is a deferred ancestor of the **EV\_TEXT\_AREA** and **EV\_TEXT\_FIELD**. It contains several text management tools, including cutting, copying or pasting text.

### Class

#### *indexing*

*description: "EiffelVision text component. Common ancestor for text classes liketext field and text area."*

*status: "See notice at end of class"*

*id: "\$Id: ev\_text\_component.e,v 1.8 1999/03/22 16:37:10 aitkaci Exp \$"*

*date: "\$Date: 1999/03/22 16:37:10 \$"*

*revision: "\$Revision: 1.8 \$"*

*deferred class interface*

*EV\_TEXT\_COMPONENT*

*feature -- Access*

*text: STRING*

*-- Text in component*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*text\_length: INTEGER*

*-- Length of the text in the widget*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*feature -- Status report*

*has\_selection: BOOLEAN*

*-- Is something selected?*

**require**

*exist: **not** destroyed*

*position: INTEGER*

*-- Current position of the caret.*

**require**

*exist: **not** destroyed*

*selection\_end: INTEGER*

*-- Index of the last character selected*

**require**

*exist: **not** destroyed;*

*has\_selection: has\_selection*

**ensure**

*result\_large\_enough: Result >= 0;*

*result\_small\_enough: Result <= text\_length*

*selection\_start: INTEGER*

*-- Index of the first character selected*

**require**

*exist: not destroyed;*  
*has\_selection: has\_selection*

**ensure**

*result\_large\_enough: Result >= 0;*  
*result\_small\_enough: Result <= text\_length*

**feature** -- Status setting

*set\_editable (flag: BOOLEAN)*

*-- flag true make the component read-write and*  
*-- flag false make the component read-only.*

**require**

*exists: not destroyed*

*set\_maximum\_text\_length (value: INTEGER)*

*-- Make value the new maximal length of the text*  
*-- in character number.*

**require**

*exist: not destroyed;*  
*valid\_length: value >= 0*

*set\_position (pos: INTEGER)*

*-- Set current insertion position.*

**require**

*exist: not destroyed;*  
*valid\_pos: pos > 0 and pos <= text\_length*

**feature** -- Element change

*append\_text (txt: STRING)*

*-- Append txt into component.*

**require**

*exist: not destroyed;*  
*not\_void: txt /= void*

*prepend\_text (txt: STRING)*

*-- Prepend txt into component.*

**require**

*exist: not destroyed;*  
*not\_void: txt /= void*

*set\_text (txt: STRING)*

*-- Make txt the new text.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*

*not\_void: txt /= void*

**ensure**

*text\_set: text.is\_equal (txt)*

**feature** -- Resizing

*set\_minimum\_width\_in\_characters (nb: INTEGER)*

*-- Make nb characters visible on one line.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*

*valid\_nb: nb > 0*

**feature** -- Basic operation

*copy\_selection*

*-- Copy the selected\_region in the Clipboard*

*-- to paste it later.*

*-- If the selected\_region is empty, it does*

*-- nothing.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*

*has\_selection: has\_selection*

*cut\_selection*

*-- Cut the selected\_region by erasing it from*

*-- the text and putting it in the Clipboard*

*-- to paste it later.*

*-- If the selected\_region is empty, it does*

*-- nothing.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*

*has\_selection: has\_selection*

*delete\_selection*

*-- Delete the current selection.*

**require**

*exist: **not** destroyed;*

*has\_selection: has\_selection*

**ensure**

*has\_no\_selection: **not** has\_selection*

*deselect\_all*

*-- Unselect the current selection.*

**require**

*exist: **not** destroyed;*

*has\_selection: has\_selection*

**ensure**

*has\_no\_selection: **not** has\_selection*

*paste (index: INTEGER)*

*-- Insert the string which is in the*

*-- Clipboard at the index position in the*

*-- text.*

*-- If the Clipboard is empty, it does nothing.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*select\_all*

*-- Select all the text.*

**require**

*exist: **not** destroyed;*

*positive\_length: text\_length > 0*

**ensure**

*has\_selection: has\_selection;*

*selection\_start\_set: selection\_start = 0;*

*selection\_end\_set: selection\_end <= text\_length + 2*

*select\_region (start\_pos, end\_pos: INTEGER)*

*-- Select (highlight) the text between*

*-- start\_pos and end\_pos*

**require**

*exist: **not** destroyed;*

*valid\_start: start\_pos > 0 **and** start\_pos <= text\_length;*

*valid\_end: end\_pos > 0 **and** end\_pos <= text\_length*

**ensure**

*has\_selection: has\_selection;*

*selection\_start\_set: selection\_start = start\_pos;*

*selection\_end\_set: selection\_end = end\_pos*

**feature** -- Event - command association

```

add_change_command (cmd: EV_COMMAND; arg: EV_ARGUMENT)
    -- Add 'cmd' to the list of commands to be executed
    -- when the text of the widget have changed.
    require
        exists: not destroyed;
        valid_command: cmd /= void

```

*feature -- Event -- removing command association*

```

remove_change_commands
    -- Empty the list of commands to be executed
    -- when the text of the widget have changed.
    require
        exists: not destroyed

```

*end -- class EV\_TEXT\_COMPONENT*

## 4.8 EV\_TEXT\_FIELD

A text field accepts a single line of entered text.



The text can contain alphanumeric and numeric characters as well as special characters (what? Unicode? iso8851-1?), but there is no formatting for the text. You can choose the maximum length of the text accepted.

Sometimes it is necessary to check the validity of entered text. The following is a suggestion for the validity checking:

Offer a class **EV\_TEXT\_FILTER** with a redefineable feature *filter* (*char: CHARACTER*): *BOOLEAN*. *filter* returns *True*, if the character is valid. Another creation procedure for **EV\_TEXT\_FIELD** also needs to be added: *make\_with\_filter* (*filter: EV\_TEXT\_FILTER*). This is not yet very effective. A more efficient solution is to create the filter object, using a regular expression to describe the validity of the input

### Class

#### *indexing*

```

description: "EiffelVision text field. To query single line of text from the user"
status: "See notice at end of class"
id: "$Id: ev_text_field.e,v 1.12 1999/03/22 16:55:45 aitkaci Exp $"
date: "$Date: 1999/03/22 16:55:45 $"
revision: "$Revision: 1.12 $"

```

**class interface***EV\_TEXT\_FIELD***creation***make,*  
*make\_with\_text***feature** -- Event - command association*add\_activate\_command (cmd: EV\_COMMAND; arg: EV\_ARGUMENT)**-- Add 'cmd' to the list of commands to be executed*  
*-- when the text field is activated, ie when the user*  
*-- press the enter key.***require***exists: **not** destroyed;*  
*valid\_command: cmd /= void***feature** -- Event -- removing command association*remove\_activate\_commands**-- Empty the list of commands to be executed*  
*-- when the text field is activated, ie when the user*  
*-- press the enter key.***require***exists: **not** destroyed***end** -- class *EV\_TEXT\_FIELD*

## 4.9 EV\_PASSWORD\_FIELD

A password field is a text field that ask for a password in an application. The text typed into the password entry does not display, rather a certain character substitutes for the typed character. An asterix (\*) is the substituted characher, by default.



### Class

**indexing***description: "EiffelVision password field. A text field That displays always the same character."*

```

status: "See notice at end of class"
date: "$Date: 1999/02/18 23:30:46 $"
revision: "$Revision: 1.2 $"

```

### ***class interface***

```
EV_PASSWORD_FIELD
```

### ***creation***

```
make
```

### ***feature -- Access***

```

character: CHARACTER
    -- Displayed character instead of the text.
    require
        exists: not destroyed

```

### ***feature -- Element change***

```

set_character (char: CHARACTER)
    -- Make char the new character displayed in the
    -- password field.
    require
        exists: not destroyed

```

```
end -- class EV_PASSWORD_FIELD
```

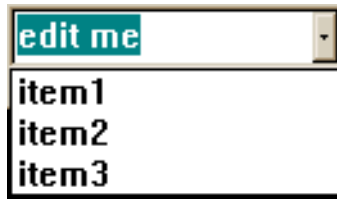
## **4.10 EV\_SPINBUTTON**

Spinbuttons are single line entries that have two small arrow buttons along the right edge of the text field. Spinbutton can only contain numeric values. When you click the arrow buttons, the value of the entry decreases or increases, depending on the button you click.

## **4.11 EV\_COMBO\_BOX**

A combo box contains a text field, a button and a list.





When you click the button, a list of choices displays. You can either type a value in the text field or select one from the list. A combo-box can be editable or not. When it is not editable, you can click any where in the combo-box to show the list.

## Class

### *indexing*

*description: "EiffelVision Combo-box. A combo-box contains a text field and a button. When the button is pressed, a list of possible choices is opened."*

*note: "The 'height%' of a combo-box is the one of the text field. To have the height of the text field plus the list, use extended\_height."*

*status: "See notice at end of class"*

*names: widget*

*date: "\$Date: 1999/01/27 00:44:26 \$"*

*revision: "\$Revision: 1.14 \$"*

### *class interface*

*EV\_COMBO\_BOX*

### *creation*

*make*

### *feature -- Measurement*

*extended\_height: INTEGER*

*-- height of the combo-box when the children are*

*-- visible.*

#### *require*

*exists: **not** destroyed*

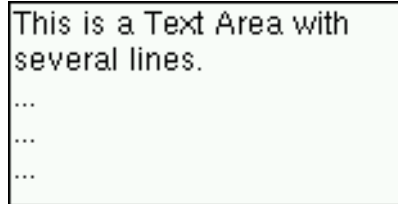
### *feature -- Implementation*

*implementation: EV\_COMBO\_BOX\_I*

*end -- class EV\_COMBO\_BOX*

## 4.12 EV\_TEXT\_AREA

A text area is a text field that accepts multiple lines. Therefore, all the words have the same font, size and color.



The property maximum length controls the number of characters in the entire text. A text area has two creation routines : with or without scrollbars.

### Class

#### *indexing*

*description: "EiffelVision text area. To query multiple lines of text from the user"*

*status: "See notice at end of class"*

*id: "\$Id: ev\_text\_area.e,v 1.2 1999/01/08 21:23:26 aitkaci Exp \$"*

*date: "\$Date: 1999/01/08 21:23:26 \$"*

*revision: "\$Revision: 1.2 \$"*

#### *class interface*

*EV\_TEXT\_AREA*

#### *creation*

*make*

*end -- class EV\_TEXT\_AREA*

## 4.13 EV\_TEXT\_EDITOR

A text editor is a complete multi-line text widget that contains editing features including multiple colors and fonts for the text.

## 4.14 EV\_SEPARATOR

Separators are simple widgets that display one or several lines. They are used to separate two areas on the screen. Separators are usually used in menus, but can be used in other widgets too. The relevant features are *set\_double\_dashed\_line*, *set\_double\_line*, *set\_no\_line*, *set\_single\_dashed\_line*, and *set\_single\_line*.

**EV\_SEPARATOR** is a deferred of both **EV\_VERTICAL\_SEPARATOR** and **EV\_HORIZONTAL\_SEPARATOR**.

## Class

### *indexing*

*description: "EiffelVision separator."*

*status: "See notice at end of class"*

*date: "\$Date: 1999/01/27 00:46:06 \$"*

*revision: "\$Revision: 1.3 \$"*

### *deferred class interface*

*EV\_SEPARATOR*

*end -- class EV\_SEPARATOR*

## 4.15 EV\_RANGE

**EV\_RANGE** is a deferred class and a common ancestor for **EV\_SCROLLBAR** and **EV\_SCALE**.

## 4.16 EV\_SCROLLBAR

A scrollbar is a simple concept. It contains a scroll box that indicates the relative position within the scrollable material (or position within the scrollbar) and scroll arrows at either end for movement. You can drag the scroll box to a new position, click a scroll arrow to move the scroll box on line unit or click in the scroll bar to move the scroll box one page unit. You can set the line and page unit.

Scrollbars can be used individually to specify relative values, such as sliders on a hi-fi system, but are usually attached to something else.

**EV\_SCROLLBAR** is a deferred ancestor of both **EV\_HORIZONTAL\_SCROLLBAR** and **EV\_VERTICAL\_SCROLLBAR**.

Events that can occur on a scrollbar include the movement of the scroll box and the position being changed.

Depending on the toolkit, it is possible to increase the scroll box speed. Speed is set by an *initial\_delay* and a *repeat\_delay* (*set\_initial\_delay* and *set\_repeat\_delay*). Also affecting movement is the *granularity*, which affects how much the scroll bar will move as well as the *maximum* and *minimum* values for the range of movement. The routines to set the movement values are *set\_granularity*, *set\_maximum* and *set\_minimum*.

## 4.17 EV\_SCALE

A scale can be considered as a scrollbar with a label. Unlike a scrollbar, the value of the label on the scale represents a numeric value you set.

**EV\_SCALE** is a deferred ancestor of both **EV\_HORIZONTAL\_SCALE** and **EV\_VERTICAL\_SCALE**.

Like a scrollbar, a scale has a *move* event and a *value\_changed* event. The *granularity*, *minimum*, *maximum*, *scroll box* and *orientation* values have the same meanings and associated routines as **EV\_SCROLLBAR**.

The major difference between a scrollbar and the scale is the output modes of the scale. You can set the scale to only output values (*set\_output\_only*) and then query (*is\_output\_only*). The label display using the *set\_text* feature and queried using the *text* feature. The numerical value of the scale displays by setting *is\_value\_shown* through the *show\_value* feature.

By default, the maximum of the scale is the lower-left corner for the vertical scales and the lower-right corner for the horizontal ones. However, you can change the default behavior by using *set\_maximum\_right\_bottom* and query the value using *is\_maximum\_right\_bottom*.

## 4.18 EV\_LIST

A list contains a selectable list of options. You can allow one or more selections. Inside the list, you can add some **EV\_LIST\_ITEM**.

### Class

#### *indexing*

*description: "EiffelVision list. Contains a list of items from which the user can select."*

*status: "See notice at end of class"*

*id: "\$\$"*

*date: "\$Date: 1999/03/04 00:35:16 \$"*

*revision: "\$Revision: 1.15 \$"*

#### *class interface*

*EV\_LIST*

#### *creation*

*make*

#### *feature -- Access*

*count: INTEGER*

*-- Number of rows*

#### *require*

*exists: not destroyed*

*get\_item (index: INTEGER): EV\_LIST\_ITEM*

*-- Give the item of the list at the zero-base*

*-- index.*

#### *require*

*exists: **not** destroyed;*  
*item\_exists: index <= count*

*selected\_item: EV\_LIST\_ITEM*  
*-- Item which is currently selected*  
*-- It needs to be in single selection mode*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*  
*single\_selection: **not** is\_multiple\_selection*

*selected\_items: LINKED\_LIST [EV\_LIST\_ITEM]*  
*-- List of all the selected items. For a single*  
*-- selection list, it gives a list with only one*  
*-- element which is selected\_item. Therefore, one*  
*-- should use selected\_item rather than*  
*-- selected\_items for a single selection list*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

**feature** -- Status report

*is\_multiple\_selection: BOOLEAN*  
*-- True if the user can choose several items*  
*-- False otherwise*

**require**

*exist: **not** destroyed*

*selected: BOOLEAN*  
*-- Is at least one item selected ?*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

**feature** -- Status setting

*select\_item (index: INTEGER)*  
*-- Select an item at the one-based index the list.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*  
*index\_large\_enough: index > 0;*  
*index\_small\_enough: index <= count*

*set\_multiple\_selection*

*-- Allow the user to do a multiple selection simply  
-- by clicking on several choices.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*set\_single\_selection*

*-- Allow the user to do only one selection. It is the  
-- default status of the list*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

**feature** *-- Element change*

*clear\_items*

*-- Clear all the items of the list.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

**feature** *-- Event -- removing command association*

*remove\_selection\_commands*

*-- Empty the list of commands to be executed  
-- when the selection has changed.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

**feature** *-- Event : command association*

*add\_selection\_command (cmd: EV\_COMMAND; arg: EV\_ARGUMENT)*

*-- Add cmd to the list of commands to be executed  
-- when the selection has changed.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*

*valid\_command: cmd /= void*

**end** *-- class EV\_LIST*

## 4.19 EV\_MULTI\_COLUMN\_LIST

A multi-column list contains the functionalities of a list with the difference that its components are of type **EV\_MULTI\_COLUMN\_LIST\_ROW**. A multi-column list row consists of several parts, with each part in the list represented by the item in one column. A multi-column list also has a title row, which displays above the list.

colonne 1	colonne 2	colonne 3	colonne 4	colonne 5
This	is	a	row	item
This	is	a	row	item

The title row controls which columns are visible and the size of the columns.

## Class

### *indexing*

*description: "EiffelVision multi-column-list. Contains a list of items from which the user can select."*

*note: "The list start at the index 1, the titles are not count amongthe rows. The columns start also at the index 1."*

*status: "See notice at end of class"*

*id: "\$\$"*

*date: "\$Date: 1999/03/04 00:35:16 \$"*

*revision: "\$Revision: 1.11 \$"*

### *class interface*

*EV\_MULTI\_COLUMN\_LIST*

### *creation*

*make\_with\_size*

### *feature -- Access*

*columns: INTEGER*

*-- Number of columns in the list.*

#### *require*

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*get\_item (index: INTEGER): EV\_MULTI\_COLUMN\_LIST\_ROW*

*-- Give the item of the list at the one-base*

*-- index.*

#### *require*

*exists: **not** destroyed;*

*item\_exists: index <= rows*

*rows: INTEGER*

*-- Number of rows*

#### *require*

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*selected\_item: EV\_MULTI\_COLUMN\_LIST\_ROW*

*-- Item which is currently selected, for a multiple  
-- selection, it gives the last selected item.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;  
single\_selection: **not** is\_multiple\_selection*

*selected\_items: LINKED\_LIST [EV\_MULTI\_COLUMN\_LIST\_ROW]*

*-- List of all the selected items. For a single  
-- selection list, it gives a list with only one  
-- element which is selected\_item. Therefore, one  
-- should use selected\_item rather than  
-- selected\_items for a single selection list*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

**feature** -- Status report

*is\_multiple\_selection: BOOLEAN*

*-- True if the user can choose several items  
-- False otherwise*

**require**

*exist: **not** destroyed*

*selected: BOOLEAN*

*-- Is at least one item selected ?*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

**feature** -- Status setting

*hide\_title\_row*

*-- Hide the row of the titles.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*set\_center\_alignment (column: INTEGER)*

*-- Align the text of the column at left.  
-- Cannot be used for the first column which is  
-- always left aligned.*



**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*  
*column\_exists: column > 1 **and** column <= columns*

*set\_left\_alignment (column: INTEGER)*

*-- Align the text of the column at left.*  
*-- Cannot be used for the first column which is*  
*-- always left aligned.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*  
*column\_exists: column > 1 **and** column <= columns*

*set\_multiple\_selection*

*-- Allow the user to do a multiple selection simply*  
*-- by clicking on several choices.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*set\_right\_alignment (column: INTEGER)*

*-- Align the text of the column at left.*  
*-- Cannot be used for the first column which is*  
*-- always left aligned.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*  
*column\_exists: column > 1 **and** column <= columns*

*set\_single\_selection*

*-- Allow the user to do only one selection. It is the*  
*-- default status of the list*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*show\_title\_row*

*-- Show the row of the titles.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

**feature** -- Element change

*clear\_items*

*-- Clear all the items of the list.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*set\_column\_title (txt: STRING; column: INTEGER)*

*-- Make txt the title of the one-based column.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*

*column\_exists: column >= 1 **and** column <= columns*

*set\_column\_width (value: INTEGER; column: INTEGER)*

*-- Make value the new width of the one-based column.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*

*column\_exists: column >= 1 **and** column <= columns*

*set\_rows\_height (value: INTEGER)*

*-- Makevalue the new height of all the rows.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

**feature** -- Event -- removing command association

*remove\_column\_click\_commands*

*-- Empty the list of commands to be executed*

*-- when a column is clicked.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*remove\_selection\_commands*

*-- Empty the list of commands to be executed*

*-- when the selection has changed.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

**feature** -- Event : command association

*add\_column\_click\_command (cmd: EV\_COMMAND; arg: EV\_ARGUMENT)*

*-- Add cmd to the list of commands to be executed*

*-- when a column is clicked.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*

*valid\_command: cmd /= void*

*add\_selection\_command* (*cmd*: EV\_COMMAND; *arg*: EV\_ARGUMENT)

-- Add *cmd* to the list of commands to be executed

-- when the selection has changed.

**require**

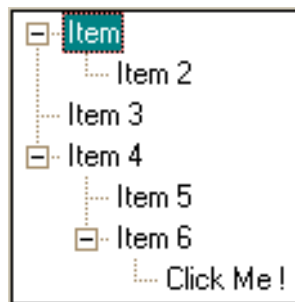
*exists*: **not** destroyed;

*valid\_command*: *cmd* /= void

*end* -- class EV\_MULTI\_COLUMN\_LIST

## 4.20 EV\_TREE

A tree is a structure that represents data hierarchically. Each data item in a tree is of type **EV\_TREE\_ITEM**.



You can add a tree item directly to the tree, making it a root item, or to another item, that becomes a sub-tree item. A tree will have options that control the display : with lines, dashes, nothing...

### Class

#### *indexing*

*description*: "EiffelVision tree. A tree show a hierarchy with several levels of items."

*status*: "See notice at end of class"

*id*: "\$\$"

*date*: "\$Date: 1999/03/04 19:14:17 \$"

*revision*: "\$Revision: 1.6 \$"

#### *class interface*

*EV\_TREE*

#### *creation*

*make*

#### *feature* -- Event -- removing command association

*remove\_selection\_commands*

*-- Empty the list of commands to be executed*

*-- when the selection has changed.*

***require***

*exists: **not** destroyed*

***feature*** -- *Event : command association*

*add\_selection\_command (a\_command: EV\_COMMAND; arguments: EV\_ARGUMENT)*

*-- Add cmd to the list of commands to be executed*

*-- when an item is selected.*

***require***

*exists: **not** destroyed*

***end*** -- *class EV\_TREE*

## 4.21 EV\_PROGRESS\_BAR

A progressbar is a control that displays the percentage of a particular process that has been completed, such as compilation. You can only set the level of the bar, you can not query the status.

**EV\_PROGRESS\_BAR** is a deferred ancestor of both **EV\_VERTICAL\_PROGRESS\_BAR** and **EV\_HORIZONTAL\_PROGRESS\_BAR**.

### Class

## 4.22 EV\_DRAWING\_AREA

A drawing area is a widget on which you can draw. However, the area does not automatically refresh itself. You must use an *expose* event to redraw the drawing area when necessary.

If you want the drawing area to redraw itself automatically, you must attach a pixmap to the drawing area and draw on this pixmap. The pixmap is then copied to the drawing area automatically, when necessary.

# 5

## Items

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Items are specific elements that you can add to certain widgets. To add an item to a widget, you must make the widget the parent of the item. An item can have a parent Void. Each type of item corresponds to a particular type of widget that accepts them, for example, you can add an **EV\_TREE\_ITEM** only to an **EV\_TREE**.

An Item contains usually a label and a pixmap. An item will also have a data attribute that you can set.

In the current implementation, it has no effect to attach a pixmap to an item.

### Class

#### *indexing*

*description: "EiffelVision item. Top class of menu\_item, list\_item and tree\_item. This item isn't a widget, because most of the features of the widgets are inapplicable here."*

*status: "See notice at end of class"*

*id: "\$\$"*

*date: "\$Date: 1999/03/15 22:54:04 \$"*

*revision: "\$Revision: 1.11 \$"*

#### *deferred class interface*

*EV\_ITEM*

#### *feature -- Access*

*parent\_widget: EV\_WIDGET*

*-- Parent widget of the current item*

*require*

*exists: not destroyed*

*text: STRING*

*-- Current label of the item*

*require*

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*feature -- Element change*

*set\_text (txt: STRING)*

*-- Make txt the new label of the item.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*

*valid\_text: txt /= void*

**ensure**

*text\_set: text.is\_equal (txt)*

*feature -- Implementation*

*implementation: EV\_ITEM\_I*

*feature -- Event -- removing command association*

*remove\_activate\_commands*

*-- Empty the list of commands to be executed when  
-- the item is activated.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*remove\_deactivate\_commands*

*-- Empty the list of commands to be executed when  
-- the item is deactivated.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*feature -- Event : command association*

*add\_activate\_command (cmd: EV\_COMMAND; arg: EV\_ARGUMENT)*

*-- Add cmd to the list of commands to be executed  
-- when the item is activated.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*

*valid\_command: cmd /= void*

*add\_deactivate\_command (cmd: EV\_COMMAND; arg: EV\_ARGUMENT)*

*-- Add cmd to the list of commands to be executed  
-- when the item is unactivated.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*  
*valid\_command: cmd /= void*

*end -- class EV\_ITEM*

## 5.1 EV\_LIST\_ITEM

The parent of a list item can be either an **EV\_LIST** or an **EV\_COMBO\_BOX**.

In the future implementation, the pixmap should be visible.

**indexing**

*description: "EiffelVision list item. This items are used in the lists."*  
*status: "See notice at end of class"*  
*id: "\$\$"*  
*date: "\$Date: 1999/03/15 22:55:23 \$"*  
*revision: "\$Revision: 1.11 \$"*

**class interface**

*EV\_LIST\_ITEM*

**creation**

*make,*  
*make\_with\_text,*  
*make\_with\_pixmap,*  
*make\_with\_all*

**feature -- Access**

*parent: EV\_LIST*  
*-- Parent of the current item.*  
**require**  
*exists: **not** destroyed*

**feature -- Status report**

*index: INTEGER*  
*-- Index of the current item.*  
**require**  
*exists: **not** destroyed*

*is\_first: BOOLEAN*

*-- Is the item first in the list ?*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*is\_last: BOOLEAN*

*-- Is the item last in the list ?*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*is\_selected: BOOLEAN*

*-- Is the item selected ?*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

**feature** *-- Status setting*

*set\_selected (flag: BOOLEAN)*

*-- Select the item if flag, unselect it otherwise.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*toggle*

*-- Change the state of selection of the item.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

**feature** *-- Element change*

*set\_parent (par: EV\_LIST)*

*-- Make par the new parent of the widget.*

*-- par can be Void then the parent is the screen.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

**ensure**

*parent\_set: parent = par*

**feature** *-- Implementation*

*implementation: EV\_LIST\_ITEM\_I*

**feature** *-- Event -- removing command association*



```

remove_double_click_commands
    -- Empty the list of commands to be executed when
    -- the item is double-clicked.

```

**require**

```
exists: not destroyed
```

**feature** -- Event : command association

```

add_double_click_command (cmd: EV_COMMAND; arg: EV_ARGUMENT)
    -- Add 'cmd' to the list of commands to be executed
    -- when the item is double clicked.

```

**require**

```
exists: not destroyed;
valid_command: cmd /= void
```

**end** -- class EV\_LIST\_ITEM

## 5.2 EV\_TREE\_ITEM

The parent of a tree item can be either an **EV\_TREE** or an **EV\_TREE\_ITEM**. If the parent of the item is a tree, then it is a root item of the tree. If it is created with an item as a parent, then the item becomes a sub-tree item.

### Class

**indexing**

```
description: "EiffelVision tree item. Item that can be put in a tree. A tree item is also a tree-item
container because if we create a tree-item with a tree-item as parent, the parent will become a subtree."
```

```
status: "See notice at end of class"
```

```
id: "$$"
```

```
date: "$Date: 1999/03/26 01:34:43 $"
```

```
revision: "$Revision: 1.10 $"
```

**class interface**

```
EV_TREE_ITEM
```

**creation**

```
make,
make_with_text,
make_with_pixmap,
make_with_all
```

**feature** -- Access

*parent: EV\_TREE\_ITEM HOLDER*  
*-- Parent of the current item.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

**feature** -- Status report

*is\_expanded: BOOLEAN*  
*-- is the item expanded?*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*is\_selected: BOOLEAN*  
*-- Is the item selected?*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

**feature** -- Element change

*set\_parent (par: EV\_TREE\_ITEM HOLDER)*  
*-- Make par the new parent of the widget.*  
*-- par can be Void then the parent is the screen.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

**ensure**

*parent\_set: parent = par*

**feature** -- Event -- removing command association

*remove\_subtree\_commands*  
*-- Empty the list of commands to be executed when*  
*-- the selection subtree is expanded or collapsed.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

**feature** -- Event : command association

*add\_subtree\_command (cmd: EV\_COMMAND; arg: EV\_ARGUMENT)*  
*-- Add cmd to the list of commands to be executed*  
*-- when the selection subtree is expanded or collapsed.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*

*valid\_command: cmd /= void*

*end -- class EV\_TREE\_ITEM*

## 5.3 EV\_MENU\_ITEM

The parent of a menu item can be either an **EV\_MENU** or an **EV\_MENU\_ITEM**. The parent of a menu-item should not be a check or a radio menu item, just a simple item. If you add a menu item to another menu item, the receiver item becomes a sub-menu.

### Class

#### *indexing*

*description: "EiffelVision menu item. Item that must be put in an EV\_MENU\_ITEM\_HOLDER."*

*status: "See notice at end of class"*

*id: "\$Id: ev\_menu\_item.e,v 1.16 1999/03/26 01:34:42 aitkaci Exp \$"*

*date: "\$Date: 1999/03/26 01:34:42 \$"*

*revision: "\$Revision: 1.16 \$"*

#### *class interface*

*EV\_MENU\_ITEM*

#### *creation*

*make,*

*make\_with\_text,*

*make\_with\_pixmap,*

*make\_with\_all*

#### *feature -- Access*

*parent: EV\_MENU\_ITEM\_HOLDER*

*-- Parent of the current item.*

#### *require*

*exists: **not** destroyed*

#### *feature -- Status report*

*insensitive: BOOLEAN*

*-- Is current item insensitive to*

*-- user actions?*

#### *require*

*exists: **not** destroyed*

#### *feature -- Status setting*

```

set_insensitive (flag: BOOLEAN)
    -- Set current item in insensitive mode if
    -- flag.
    require
        exists: not destroyed
    ensure
        flag = insensitive

```

*feature* -- Element change

```

set_parent (par: EV_MENU_ITEM HOLDER)
    -- Make par the new parent of the widget.
    -- par can be Void then the parent is the screen.
    require
        exists: not destroyed

```

*feature* -- Implementation

```

implementation: EV_MENU_ITEM_I

```

*end* -- class EV\_MENU\_ITEM

## 5.4 EV\_CHECK\_MENU\_ITEM

A check menu item is a menu item with two possible states :

- *selected*,
- *cleared*.

### Class

#### *indexing*

```

description: "EiffelVision check menu item. Item that must be put in an
EV_MENU_ITEM HOLDER. It has two states : check and unchecked."

```

```

status: "See notice at end of class"

```

```

id: "$Id: ev_check_menu_item.e,v 1.6 1999/03/26 01:34:40 aitkaci Exp $"

```

```

date: "$Date: 1999/03/26 01:34:40 $"

```

```

revision: "$Revision: 1.6 $"

```

#### *class interface*

```

EV_CHECK_MENU_ITEM

```

**creation**

*make,*  
*make\_with\_text*

**feature** -- Status report

*state: BOOLEAN*  
*-- Is current menu-item checked ?.*

**require**

*exists: not destroyed*

**feature** -- Status setting

*set\_state (flag: BOOLEAN)*  
*-- Make flag the new state of the menu-item.*

**require**

*exists: not destroyed*

**ensure**

*correct\_state: state = flag*

**toggle**

*-- Change the state of the menu-item to*  
*-- opposite*

**require**

*exists: not destroyed*

**ensure**

*state\_is\_true: state = not old state*

**feature** -- Implementation

*implementation: EV\_CHECK\_MENU\_ITEM\_I*

**end** -- class EV\_CHECK\_MENU\_ITEM

## 5.5 EV\_RADIO\_MENU\_ITEM

A radio item is a check item that belong to an exclusive group, only one item in the group can be selected at a time, the other items are cleared.

To have two items in the same group, you need to make one of the item the peer of the other one by using the feature *set\_peer* (*peer: EV\_RADIO\_MENU\_ITEM*).

## Class

### *indexing*

*description:* "EiffelVision radio menu item. Item that must be put in an EV\_MENU\_ITEM\_HOLDER. It has the same appearance than the check menu-item, yet, when a radio menu-item is checked, all the other radio menu-item of the container are unchecked."

*status:* "See notice at end of class"

*id:* "\$Id: ev\_radio\_menu\_item.e,v 1.6 1999/03/26 01:34:43 aitkaci Exp \$"

*date:* "\$Date: 1999/03/26 01:34:43 \$"

*revision:* "\$Revision: 1.6 \$"

### *class interface*

*EV\_RADIO\_MENU\_ITEM*

### *creation*

*make,*

*make\_with\_text,*

*make\_peer\_with\_text*

### *feature -- Implementation*

*implementation:* *EV\_RADIO\_MENU\_ITEM\_I*

### *feature -- Status Setting*

*set\_peer* (*peer:* *EV\_RADIO\_MENU\_ITEM*)

*-- Put in same group as peer*

#### *require*

*exists: not destroyed*

#### *ensure*

*implementation.is\_peer* (*peer*)

*end -- class EV\_RADIO\_MENU\_ITEM*

## 5.6 EV\_STATUS\_BAR\_ITEM

The parent of a status bar item can only be a status bar. You can set the width of this item. If you want the item to span the length of the status bar, set width to **-1**. By default the last item added has a width of **-1**.

**Class****5.7 EV\_MULTI\_COLUMN\_LIST\_ROW**

The parent of a multi-column list row can only be a multi-column list.

**Class***indexing*

*description: "EiffelVision multi-column list row. These rows are used in the multi-column lists."*

*status: "See notice at end of class"*

*note: "It is not an item because it doesn't have the same options."*

*date: "\$Date: 1999/03/12 20:10:12 \$"*

*revision: "\$Revision: 1.8 \$"*

*class interface*

*EV\_MULTI\_COLUMN\_LIST\_ROW*

*creation*

*make,*

*make\_with\_text*

*feature -- Access*

*columns: INTEGER*

*-- Number of columns in the row*

*require*

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*parent: EV\_MULTI\_COLUMN\_LIST*

*-- List that container this row*

*feature -- Status report*

*is\_selected: BOOLEAN*

*-- Is the item selected*

*require*

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*feature -- Status setting*

*set\_selected (flag: BOOLEAN)*

*-- Select the item if flag, unselect it otherwise.*

**require***exists: not destroyed***toggle***-- Change the state of selection of the item.***require***exists: not destroyed***feature** -- Element Change*set\_cell\_text (column: INTEGER; a\_text: STRING)**-- Make text the new label of the column-th  
-- cell of the row.***require***exists: not destroyed;**column\_exists: column >= 1 and column <= columns;**text\_not\_void: a\_text /= void**set\_text (a\_text: ARRAY [STRING])***require***exists: not destroyed;**text\_not\_void: a\_text /= void;**valid\_text\_length: a\_text.count <= columns***feature** -- Event -- removing command association*remove\_activate\_commands**-- Empty the list of commands to be executed  
-- when the item is activated.***require***exists: not destroyed**remove\_deactivate\_commands**-- Empty the list of commands to be executed  
-- when the item is deactivated.***require***exists: not destroyed***feature** -- Event : command association*add\_activate\_command (cmd: EV\_COMMAND; arg: EV\_ARGUMENT)**-- Add cmd to the list of commands to be executed*



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*-- when the item is activated.*

***require***

*exists: **not** destroyed;*

*valid\_command: cmd /= void*

*add\_deactivate\_command (cmd: EV\_COMMAND; arg: EV\_ARGUMENT)*

*-- Add cmd to the list of commands to be executed*

*-- when the item is deactivated.*

***require***

*exists: **not** destroyed;*

*valid\_command: cmd /= void*

***end*** -- class EV\_MULTI\_COLUMN\_LIST\_ROW



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## Components

Some graphical components are not widgets because they cannot be added to a container. In EiffelVision, we find some of these components which are described here.

### 6.1 EV\_PIXMAP

A pixmap is a picture that contains several pixels of possibly different colors (pixmap = pixel map). It can be either read from a file or created empty and then filled. You can draw on a pixmap — drawings are then stored on the pixmap.

A pixmap can be set in all the pixmapable widgets as either buttons or items.

#### Class

##### *indexing*

*description: "EiffelVision pixmap. Pixmap is a data structure that contains a picture."*

*status: "See notice at end of class"*

*id: "\$Id: ev\_pixmap.e,v 1.6 1999/02/02 01:20:44 aatkaci Exp \$"*

*date: "\$Date: 1999/02/02 01:20:44 \$"*

*revision: "\$Revision: 1.6 \$"*

##### *class interface*

*EV\_PIXMAP*

##### *creation*

*make,*

*make\_from\_file*

##### *feature -- Measurement*

*height: INTEGER*

*width: INTEGER*

*feature -- Element change*

```

read_from_file (file_name: STRING)
    -- Load the pixmap described in 'file_name'.
    -- If the file does not exist, an exception is
    -- raised.
    -- What about a file in wrong format?
require
    file_name_exists: file_name /= void

```

*feature -- Implementation*

```

implementation: EV_PIXMAP_I
    -- Implementation of pixmap

```

*end -- class EV\_PIXMAP*

## 6.2 EV\_SCREEN

A screen is a drawable and refers to the area outside the application windows. By using the class **EV\_SCREEN**, an application can draw figures and pixmaps anywhere on the screen, without having to open any windows.

## 6.3 EV\_MENU

A menu is a rectangular area that contains a vertical list of menu items. Each menu item is of type **EV\_MENU\_ITEM**. The parent of a menu can be an **OPTION\_BUTTON**, an **EV\_STATIC\_MENU\_BAR** or an **EV\_POPUP\_MENU**.

### Class

*indexing*

*description: "EiffelVision menu. Menu contains several menu items and shows them when the menu is opened."*

*status: "See notice at end of class"*

*id: "\$Id: ev\_menu.e,v 1.11 1999/03/26 01:35:49 aitkaci Exp \$"*

*date: "\$Date: 1999/03/26 01:35:49 \$"*

*revision: "\$Revision: 1.11 \$"*

*class interface*

*EV\_MENU*

*creation*

*make,*

*make\_with\_text*

**feature** -- Access

*text: STRING*

-- Label of the current menu

**require**

exists: **not** destroyed

**feature** -- Element change

*set\_parent (par: EV\_MENU HOLDER)*

-- Make par the new parent of the item.

**require**

exists: **not** destroyed

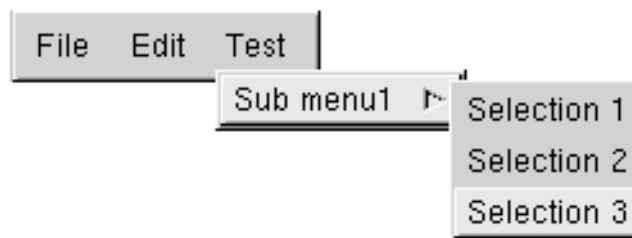
**feature** -- Implementation

*implementation: EV\_MENU\_I*

**end** -- class EV\_MENU

## 6.4 EV\_STATIC\_MENU\_BAR

A static menu bar displays accross the top of a window and can recive an unlimited number of menus.



**indexing**

*description: "EiffelVision static menu bar. A menu bar that alwaysstay on the top of the window."*

*status: "See notice at end of class"*

*id: "\$Id: ev\_static\_menu\_bar.e,v 1.6 1999/03/26 01:35:49 aitkaci Exp \$"*

*date: "\$Date: 1999/03/26 01:35:49 \$"*

*revision: "\$Revision: 1.6 \$"*

**class interface**

*EV\_STATIC\_MENU\_BAR*

*creation*

*make*

*feature -- Access*

*parent: EV\_WINDOW*

*-- The parent of the Current widget*

*-- If the widget is an EV\_WINDOW without parent,*

*-- this attribute will be Void*

*require*

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*end -- class EV\_STATIC\_MENU\_BAR*

## **6.5 EV\_STATUS\_BAR**

A status bar refers to the area at the bottom of a window that gives informatino. You can add items to the status bar. These items are of type **EV\_STATUS\_BAR\_ITEM**.

**Class**

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## Standard Dialogs

A common dialog is a dialog that contains children which perform a specific function as opening a file or choosing a printer. All of them are modal dialogs — the application loses focus until the dialog closes. At this point, the commands execute.

### 7.1 EV\_STANDARD\_DIALOG

All dialogs inherit from the deferred class **EV\_STANDARD\_DIALOG**. This class contains only one feature : *show*. When you create a dialog, the options of the dialog can be changed when the window does not display.

#### Class

### 7.2 EV\_MESSAGE\_DIALOG

**EV\_MESSAGE\_DIALOG** is a deferred class ancestor of the four classes : **EV\_QUESTION\_DIALOG**, **EV\_WARNING\_DIALOG**, **EV\_ERROR\_DIALOG** and **EV\_INFORMATION\_DIALOG**.

These dialogs send a graphical message to the user and contain a title, a message and a combination of buttons. You can choose any of combination among the following :

- **OK**,
- **OK** and **Cancel**,
- **Yes** and **No**,
- **Yes**, **No** and **Cancel**,
- **Abort**, **Retry** and **Ignore**
- **Retry** and **Cancel**

An **Help** button can also be added to any of those combinations.

Each dialog contains a default behavior. For example, if a dialog contains the **Cancel**, the ESC key closes the window and activates the *cancel* command. The ENTER key is equivalent to clicking the **Yes** or the **OK** button.

## Class

### *indexing*

*description: "EiffelVision message dialog. Deferred class, ancestor of the standard dialogs for warning, informations, error or question."*

*note: "Once the dialog is create with the procedure 'make\_default%' the status settings features have no effect. To use them, the dialog must be first created with 'make%' and then the user choose the buttons he wants in the dialog."*

*status: "See notice at end of class"*

*date: "\$Date: 1999/03/25 20:24:51 \$"*

*revision: "\$Revision: 1.10 \$"*

### *deferred class interface*

*EV\_MESSAGE\_DIALOG*

### *feature -- Status report*

*selected\_button: STRING*

*-- Return the label of the selected button.*

*-- Can be any string in :*

*-- "OK", "Cancel", "Yes", "No", "Abort",*

*-- "Retry", "Ignore", "Help".*

### *feature -- Status setting*

*add\_help\_button*

*-- Add an "Help" button to the other choosen buttons*

*-- in the dialog box.*

***require***

*exist: **not destroyed***

*show\_abort\_retry\_ignore\_buttons*

*-- Show three buttons in the dialog: "Abort", "Retry" and "Ignore".*

***require***

*exist: **not destroyed***

*show\_ok\_button*

*-- Show one button in the dialog : "OK".*

***require***



*exist: **not** destroyed*

*show\_ok\_cancel\_buttons*

*-- Show two buttons in the dilaog: "OK" and "Cancel".*

**require**

*exist: **not** destroyed*

*show\_retry\_cancel\_buttons*

*-- Show two buttons in the dialog: "Retry" and "Cancel".*

**require**

*exist: **not** destroyed*

*show\_yes\_no\_buttons*

*-- Show two buttons in the dialog: "Yes" and "No".*

**require**

*exist: **not** destroyed*

*show\_yes\_no\_cancel\_buttons*

*-- Show three buttons in the dialog: "Yes", "No" and "Cancel".*

**require**

*exist: **not** destroyed*

**feature** -- Element change

*set\_message (str: STRING)*

*-- Make str the new title of the dialog.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*

*valid\_message: str /= void*

*set\_title (str: STRING)*

*-- Make str the new title of the dialog.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;*

*valid\_title: str /= void*

**feature** -- Implementation

*implementation: EV\_MESSAGE\_DIALOG\_I*

**feature** -- Event - command association

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*add\_abort\_command (cmd: EV\_COMMAND; arg: EV\_ARGUMENT)*

- Add cmd to the list of commands to be executed when*
- the Abort button is pressed.*
- If there is no Abort button, the event never occurs.*

**require**

- exists: **not** destroyed;*
- valid\_command: cmd /= void*

*add\_cancel\_command (cmd: EV\_COMMAND; arg: EV\_ARGUMENT)*

- Add cmd to the list of commands to be executed when*
- the "Cancel" button is pressed.*
- If there is no "Cancel" button, the event never occurs.*

**require**

- exists: **not** destroyed;*
- valid\_command: cmd /= void*

*add\_help\_command (cmd: EV\_COMMAND; arg: EV\_ARGUMENT)*

- Add cmd to the list of commands to be executed when*
- the "Help" button is pressed.*
- If there is no "Help" button, the event never occurs.*

**require**

- exists: **not** destroyed;*
- valid\_command: cmd /= void*

*add\_ignore\_command (cmd: EV\_COMMAND; arg: EV\_ARGUMENT)*

- Add cmd to the list of commands to be executed when*
- the Ignore button is pressed.*
- If there is no Ignore button, the event never occurs.*

**require**

- exists: **not** destroyed;*
- valid\_command: cmd /= void*

*add\_no\_command (cmd: EV\_COMMAND; arg: EV\_ARGUMENT)*

- Add cmd to the list of commands to be executed when*
- the No button is pressed.*
- If there is no No button, the event never occurs.*

**require**

- exists: **not** destroyed;*
- valid\_command: cmd /= void*

*add\_ok\_command (cmd: EV\_COMMAND; arg: EV\_ARGUMENT)*

- Add cmd to the list of commands to be executed when*

*-- the "OK" button is pressed.  
-- If there is no "OK" button, the event never occurs.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;  
valid\_command: cmd /= void*

*add\_retry\_command (cmd: EV\_COMMAND; arg: EV\_ARGUMENT)*

*-- Add cmd to the list of commands to be executed when  
-- the Retry button is pressed.  
-- If there is no Retry button, the event never occurs.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;  
valid\_command: cmd /= void*

*add\_yes\_command (cmd: EV\_COMMAND; arg: EV\_ARGUMENT)*

*-- Add cmd to the list of commands to be executed when  
-- the Yes button is pressed.  
-- If there is no Yes button, the event never occurs.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed;  
valid\_command: cmd /= void*

**feature** *-- Event -- removing command association*

*remove\_abort\_commands*

*-- Empty the list of commands to be executed when  
-- "Abort" button is pressed.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*remove\_cancel\_commands*

*-- Empty the list of commands to be executed when  
-- "Cancel" button is pressed.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

*remove\_help\_commands*

*-- Empty the list of commands to be executed when  
-- "Help" button is pressed.*

**require**

*exists: **not** destroyed*

```
remove_ignore_commands  
    -- Empty the list of commands to be executed when  
    -- "Ignore" button is pressed.
```

***require***

*exists: not destroyed*

```
remove_no_commands  
    -- Empty the list of commands to be executed when  
    -- "No" button is pressed.
```

***require***

*exists: not destroyed*

```
remove_ok_commands  
    -- Empty the list of commands to be executed when  
    -- "OK" button is pressed.
```

***require***

*exists: not destroyed*

```
remove_retry_commands  
    -- Empty the list of commands to be executed when  
    -- "Retry" button is pressed.
```

***require***

*exists: not destroyed*

```
remove_yes_commands  
    -- Empty the list of commands to be executed when  
    -- "Yes" button is pressed.
```

***require***

*exists: not destroyed*

***end*** -- class *EV\_MESSAGE\_DIALOG*

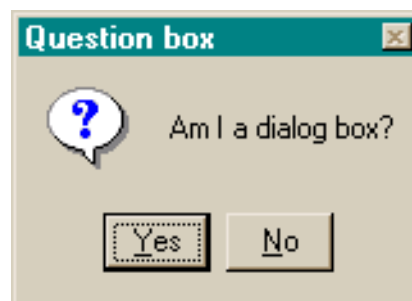
## 7.3 EV\_INFORMATION\_DIALOG

An information dialog is a message dialog that uses the common pixmap for information. A default information dialog only contains the **OK** button.



## 7.4 EV\_QUESTION\_DIALOG

A question dialog is a message dialog that uses the common pixmap for a question (a question mark). A default question dialog contains the **Yes** and **No** buttons.



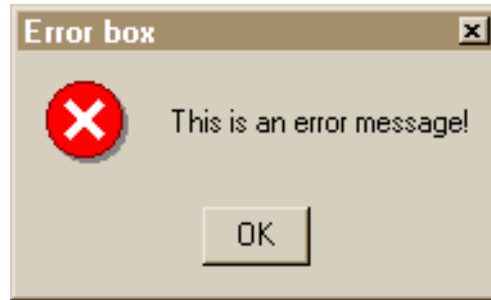
## 7.5 EV\_WARNING\_DIALOG

A warning dialog is a message dialog that uses the common pixmap for warning (a exclamation mark). A default warning dialog only contains the **OK** button.



## 7.6 EV\_ERROR\_DIALOG

An error dialog is a message dialog that uses the common pixmap for error (a red cross). A default error dialog only contains an **OK** button.



## 7.7 EV\_FILE\_SELECTION\_DIALOG

**EV\_FILE\_SELECTION\_DIALOG** is a deferred ancestor of both **EV\_FILE\_SAVE\_DIALOG** and **EV\_FILE\_OPEN\_DIALOG**.

You can use these dialogs to choose a file to save, or to retrieve some information to or from a file.

### Class

## 7.8 EV\_FILE\_SAVE\_DIALOG

A file save dialog is a file selection dialog that opens a file for editing.

## 7.9 EV\_FILE\_OPEN\_DIALOG

A file open dialog is a file selection dialog that opens a file for reading.

## 7.10 EV\_DIRECTORY\_SELECTION\_DIALOG

A directory selection dialog is a dialog that returns a directory chosen by the user.

### Class

## 7.11 EV\_FONT\_SELECTION\_DIALOG

A font selection dialog is a dialog used to retrieve the the choice of the user about a font and the different options of the font, as the size or the format.

### Class

## 7.12 EV\_COLOR\_SELECTION\_DIALOG

A color selection dialog is a dialog used to retrieve the choice of a user about a color.

### Class

## 7.13 EV\_PRINT\_DIALOG

A print dialogs is a dialogs used to retrieve the choice of the user about a printer and the different options of printing.

### Class