

# **Visual ADE 1.0c**

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# Examples

## Hello World:

```
ApplicationDemo1
{
  Window
  {
    Panel
    {
      Translation
      {
        create      AddPushButton(Hello World)
        "Hello World"  Quit
      }
    }
  }
}
```

## Better Hello World:

```
MenuBar Demo2MenuBar
{
  Definition
  {
    Files
    {
      Quit      quit
    }
    Help
    {
      "On Help"  postMsgBox(This is a sample help message.);
    }
  }
}
```

```
ApplicationDemo2
{
  Window Demo2Window
  {
    Demo2MenuBar
    Panel
    {
      Translation
      {
        create      Demo2Window::setTitle(Visual ADE- Demo2);
        Create      AddPushButton(Hello World / Goodbye World)
        "Hello World / Goodbye World"Quit
      }
    }
  }
}
```

```
    }
  }
}

```

## Another Demo:

```
Panel MyPanel
{
  Panel
  {
    Translation
    {
      create      catchErrors(error);
      create      setLayout(Current, Vertical, 3)
      create      addLabel(Label)
      create      addLabelIcon(terminal)
      create      AddPushButton(Push Button);
      create      addPushIcon(terminal)
      create      AddToggleButton(Toggle Button);
      create      AddToggleIcon(terminal);
      create      AddOptionsMenu(&MyOptionsMenu)
    }
  }
  Panel
  {
    Translation
    {
      create      addSeparator()
    }
  }
  Panel
  {
    Translation
    {
      create      setLayout(Current, Vertical, 3)
      create      AddPushButton(MsgBox);
      MsgBox      postMsgBox(Sample MsgBox)
      create      AddPushButton(TextEntry);
      TextEntry   postTextEntryBox(Sample TextEntryBox)
      create      AddPushButton(SelBox);
      SelBox      BlockingExecInShell(ls *.dsc > tmp),
postSelectionBox(tmp);
    }
  }
}
Menu MyOptionsMenu
{
  Definition
  {
    Option1
    {
      Option1      PostMsgBox(The option "%1" is NOT
supported, InfoMsg);
    }
  }
}

```

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```

        Quit          quit
        }
    Help
    {
        "On Help"    postMsgBox(There is no help here, InfoMsg);
        "On Version"postMsgBox(Version 0.10, InfoMsg);
    }
}
MenuBar MyMenuBar
{
    Definition
    {
        Files
        {
            About...    about
            _____
            _____
            Quit          quit
        }
        Help
        {
            "On Help"    postMsgBox(This is a panel of just some of the
widgets available with VisualADE, InfoMsg);
            "On Version"postMsgBox(Version 1.00, InfoMsg);
        }
    }
}
Window MyMainWindow
{
    Translation
    {
        create          setTitle(Panel Widgets Demo);
    }
    MyPanel
    MyMenuBar
}
ApplicationDemo3
{
    MyMainWindow
}

```

## Demo #4

```

TreeGraph MyTree
{
    Translation TreeXLate
    {
        Create          loadGraphicsFile(grdata1),
updateViewToIncludeAllGraphics();
        loadfilepostTextEntryBox("Enter name of graphics file to load:",
grdata, loadit);
    }
}

```

```

        loadit      deleteContents(), loadGraphicsFile(%1),
updateViewToIncludeAllGraphics(), MyEditor::draw();
        savefilepostTextEntryBox("Enter name of file to save graphics
to:", grdata, saveit);
        saveit      saveGraphicsFile(%1);
    }
}

```

Translation MyPanelXLate

```

{
create      AddPushButton(Pink);// comments here
create      AddPushButton(Orange);
create      AddToggleButton(Black & White);
Pink        MYEDITOR::setBackgroundcolor(pink);
Orange      MYEDITOR::setBackgroundcolor(orange);
"Black & White"MYEDITOR::setBackgroundcolor(white);
"~Black & White" MYEDITOR::setBackgroundcolor(black);
create      AddToggleButton(2 More Views);
"2 More Views" MyView1::hide(False), MyView2::hide(False);
"~2 More Views" MyView1::hide(True), MyView2::hide(True);

create      AddToggleButton(Locator & Scope);
"~Locator & Scope" MyLocator::hide(True), MyScope::hide(True);
"Locator & Scope" MyLocator::hide(False), MyScope::hide(False);

create      AddPushButton(Zoom in Area);
"Zoom in Area" MyEditor::centerCursor(), MyEditor::zoomThruArea(In,
start);

create      AddPushButton(Import Rectangle);
"Import Rectangle" MyTree::addGraphics(Writemode Replace)
"Import Rectangle" MyTree::addGraphics(Rectangle 0 0 1000 1000)
"Import Rectangle" MyEditor::centerCursor()
"Import Rectangle" MyEditor::centerLast()
"Import Rectangle" MyEditor::drawLast()
"Import Rectangle" MyEditor::simpleDrag(start)

create      AddPushButton(Import Graphics);
"Import Graphics" MyTree::loadGraphicsFile(grdatafile)
"Import Graphics" MyEditor::centerCursor()
"Import Graphics" MyEditor::centerLast()
"Import Graphics" MyEditor::drawLast()
"Import Graphics" MyEditor::simpleDrag(start)

doSomething printf("Timer\n");
}
Panel MyPanel
{
    MyPanelXLate
}
Translation MyTranslation
{
    <Defaults>setBackgroundColor(black);
    <Defaults>jumpPan

```

```

<Defaults>selectArea();
<Defaults>deselectAll();
<Defaults>cumulativeSelect();
<Defaults>zoomAroundCursor();
<Defaults>zoomThruArea();
<Defaults>treeNodeDrag();

<Btn1Click>simpleDrag(end);
<motion>simpleDrag(move);

<Defaults>iCreateRect();

<btn3Drag>MyPanel::sendTimerMsg(readtimer, Disable, readRouter2),
smoothPan();
<btn3Up>MyPanel::sendTimerMsg(readtimer, Enable, readRouter2);
<Motion>zoomThruArea(In, Move);
<Btn1Click>zoomThruArea(In, End);
Create      setBackgroundColor(gray);
Create      setGraph(MyTree);
^<key>g     setBackgroundColor(gray);
Ctrl<key>w setBackgroundColor(white);
<WinMap>hideTextIfTooSmall();
Ctrl<key>m printAllMessages();
^<key>d     dumpTranslations();
<key>o     onePointPan();
<key>r     MyTree::placeTopDown();
<key>n     showNodes(Toggle), draw
^<key>s     MyTree::saveGraphicsFile(data2)
Ctrl<key>n MyScope::locatorToolOptions(attachBoxToMouse, Toggle)
Ctrl<key>a MyScope::locatorToolOptions(locatorHasBox, Toggle)
Ctrl<key>e MyScope::locatorToolOptions(MaintainMagnification, Toggle)
^<key>g     MyLocator::locatorToolOptions(anotherGraphicsView, Toggle)
^<key>h     MyLocator::dumpTranslations()
^<key>i     MyScope::dumpTranslations()
<Defaults>expandCursorFootprint();

setbackcolorblockingExecInShell(cut -c14- /usr/lib/X11/rgb.txt | sed 's/
//g' > rgb), postSelectionBox(rgb, Select Color, setcolor)
setcolorsetBackgroundColor(%1);
}

Scope MyScope
{
  Translation
  {
    Create      setSourceEditor(MyEditor);
  }
}

Editor MyEditor
{
  MyTranslation
}

```

```

Locator MyLocator
{
    Translation
    {
        Create      setSourceEditor(MyEditor);
    }
}

View MyView1
{
    Translation
    {
        Create      setSourceEditor(MyEditor);
    }
}
View MyView2
{
    Translation
    {
        Create      setSourceEditor(MyEditor);
    }
}

Layout MyLayout
{
    row(col(MyEditor, row(MyLocator, MyScope), row(MyView1, MyView2)),
MyPanel)

# Other possibilities...
#   col(MyEditor)
#   col(MyEditor, row(MyLocator, MyScope))
#   col(MyEditor, row(MyLocator, MyScope), row(View(MyEditor),
View(MyEditor)))
#   col(row(MyEditor, MyPanel), row(MyLocator, MyScope), row(View(MyEditor),
View(MyEditor)))
#   row(col(MyEditor, row(MyLocator, MyScope), row(View(MyEditor),
View(MyEditor))), MyPanel)
#   col(MyEditor, row(MyLocator, Scope(MyEditor)), row(View(MyEditor),
View(MyEditor)))
#   col(MyEditor, row(locator(MyEditor), scope(MyEditor)),
row(View(MyEditor), View(MyEditor)))
}

MenuBar MyMenuBar
{
    Definition
    {
        Files
        {
            Open      MyTree::sendMsg(loadfile);
        }
    }
}

```

```

        Print...
        About...          about
    _____
        Save              MyTree::saveGraphicsFile(data2);
        "Save As"        MyTree::sendMsg(savefile);
        !Close
        !New
    _____
        Quit              quitWithChangesVerified
    }
    Edit
    {
        !Copy
        !Paste
        !Cut
        !Delete
    }
    Options
    {
        "Set Background Color..."MyEditor::sendMsg(setbackcolor);
        "Set Editor Size Small"MyEditor::setSize(300, 300)
        "Set Editor Size Medium"MyEditor::setSize(500, 500)
        "Set Editor Size Large"MyEditor::setSize(800, 800)
    }
    Help
    {
        "On Help"          postMsgBox(Click middle mouse button to
zoom in.\nClick right button to zoom out.\nMove mouse with right button down
to pan., InfoMsg);
        "On Version"      postMsgBox(Version 1.00, InfoMsg);
    }
    }
}

Translation MyWindowXlate
{
    create      setTitle(Sample VisualADE Rectangle Editor);
}

Window MyMainWindow
{
    MyWindowXlate
    MyLayout
    MyMenuBar
}

ApplicationDemo4
{
    MyMainWindow
}

```



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# Application

NAME:

Application

SYNOPSIS:

Application [appname]

DESCRIPTION:

Specifies the contents and name of the application that the description file describes.

FEATURES:

The name (appname) of the application description can be referenced from the standard X Window System resource files.

MAY CONTAIN:

Translation  
Window

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

Panel, Translation, Menubar, Window, Editor

PRIVATE MESSAGE HANDLERS:

None.

FURTHER DESCRIPTION:

The Application description must contain a window.

For example:

```
Application      Demo
{
  MyWindow
}
```

# Component

NAME:

Component

SYNOPSIS:

Components in Description Text Files

DESCRIPTION:

Description file Components correspond to large data and/or graphical objects that contain (sometimes lots of) smaller objects. A components description usually includes the description of its Translation which specifies actions (called Messages) and responses to actions (called Message Handlers) for the component.

FEATURES:

- Object Oriented
- Message Handlers (i.e. methods) can be added and removed from Components easily in the description file.
- Message Handlers are type checked against the component to assure that the Message Handler can do its job in the component you assign it to.

MAY CONTAIN:

Translation  
(others are component type specific)

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

(depends on the type of component).

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

Description, Application, Translation, Variable

EXPLANATION:

The description file consists of the description of some components. Components correspond to large data and/or graphical objects that contain (sometimes lots of) smaller objects. A components description usually includes the description of its Translation which specifies actions (called Messages) and responses to actions (called Message Handlers) for the component.

Components contain an arbitrarily large number of static data variables that can be used in the description file.



# DbLinkedList

NAME:

DbLinkedList

SYNOPSIS:

DbLinkedList [listname]

DESCRIPTION:

Specifies the contents and name of a graph that can be used in a Editor description.

FEATURES:

MAY CONTAIN:

Translation

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Application

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

Translation, Editor, Application

PRIVATE MESSAGE HANDLERS:

None.

FURTHER DESCRIPTION:

# Definition

NAME:

Definition

SYNOPSIS:

Definition

DESCRIPTION:

Defines the contents of it's parent component. For example when in a menubar description, this specifies the menubar contents and layout.

FEATURES:

MAY CONTAIN:

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Menubar

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

Window, Translation, Menubar

PRIVATE MESSAGE HANDLERS:

None.

# Description

NAME:

Description

SYNOPSIS:

Description Text Files

DESCRIPTION:

These files, in standard, editable ASCII, allow a person with a text editor to describe/modify/customize an application's appearance and behavior. Modifications may include changing what functionality is available in which editor, what events invoke the functionality, the number, type and layout of 'editing' areas, when and why dialog boxes are presented to the user, what to do when the user interacts with a dialog box, and more.

These modifications take effect as soon as the application is run again.

FEATURES:

Simplicity

MAY CONTAIN:

Application  
Translation  
Panel  
Layout  
MenuBar  
Editor  
Scope  
Locator  
Magnifier  
View  
Window  
Menu  
TreeGraph  
DirectedGraph  
UnDirectedGraph  
DbllinkList

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

none.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

runVade, runVadeHandler, registerVadeHandler, Application  
Translation, Component

#### EXPLANATION:

The description file consists of the description of some components. Components correspond to large data and/or graphical objects that contain (sometimes lots of) smaller objects. A components description usually includes the description of its Translation which specifies actions (called Messages) and responses to actions (called Message Handlers) for the component.

At the minimum, the description file must contain the description of an Application component.

In the description file:

#	In a line specifies that the rest of the line is a comment.
//	In a line specifies that the rest of the line is a comment.
{	Is the start of a description of a higher level object.
}	Is the end of a description of a higher level object.
aBc	All Messages and Message Handlers ignore the case of their names.
<empty lines>	Are Ignored.



# DirectedGraph

NAME:

DirectedGraph

SYNOPSIS:

DirectedGraph [listname]

DESCRIPTION:

Specifies the contents and name of a graph that can be used in a Editor description.

FEATURES:

MAY CONTAIN:

Translation

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Application

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

Translation, Editor, Application

PRIVATE MESSAGE HANDLERS:

None.

FURTHER DESCRIPTION:

# Editor

NAME:

Editor

SYNOPSIS:

Editor [editorname]

DESCRIPTION:

Creates an area into which graphics objects can be placed and operated on.

FEATURES:

MAY CONTAIN:

Translation

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Window

Layout

Application

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

Scope, Locator, View, Translation, Window, Layout, Application

PRIVATE MESSAGE HANDLERS:

# Layout

NAME:

Layout

SYNOPSIS:

Layout [layoutname]

DESCRIPTION:

Specifies the arrangement of the components contained within the layout definition.

For example:

```
row(component1, component2, col(component3, component4))
```

FEATURES:

MAY CONTAIN:

Editor  
Locator  
Scope  
View  
Panel

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Window  
Panel

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

Window, Translation, Panel

PRIVATE MESSAGE HANDLERS:

# Locator

NAME:

Locator

SYNOPSIS:

Locator [locatorname]

DESCRIPTION:

Creates an area which provides a birds-eye-view of the source editor graphics (see `setSourceEditor Message Handler`).

FEATURES:

Displays the relative position of the source editor viewport with respect to the entire graphics world by displaying a rectangle in the locator of the corresponding size.

Allows positioning and resizing of the source editor viewport by manipulation of the rectangle.

MAY CONTAIN:

Translation

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Window

Layout

Application

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

Editor, Scope, View, Translation, Window, Layout, Application

PRIVATE MESSAGE HANDLERS:

# Menu

NAME:

Menu

SYNOPSIS:

Menu [menuname]

DESCRIPTION:

Specifies the contents and behavior (translations) a menu.

FEATURES:

MAY CONTAIN:

Translation  
Definition

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

None (referenced by addOptionsMenu, addPopupMenu, ...).

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

Panel, Translation, Menubar

PRIVATE MESSAGE HANDLERS:

FURTHER DESCRIPTION:

see Menubar.

# Menu

NAME:

Menu

SYNOPSIS:

Menu [menuname]

DESCRIPTION:

Specifies the contents and behavior (translations) a menu.

FEATURES:

MAY CONTAIN:

Translation  
Definition

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

None (referenced by addOptionsMenu, addPopupMenu, ...).

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

Panel, Translation, Menubar

PRIVATE MESSAGE HANDLERS:

FURTHER DESCRIPTION:

see Menubar.

# Menubar

NAME:

Menubar

SYNOPSIS:

Menubar [menubarname]

DESCRIPTION:

Creates a menubar and adds it to the containing window.

FEATURES:

MAY CONTAIN:

Translation  
Definition

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Window

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

Window, Translation, Definition

PRIVATE MESSAGE HANDLERS:

setSensitivity()

FURTHER DESCRIPTION:

Menubars are specified in the VisualADE description file in the following manner:

```
Menubar [yourMenuBarName]
{
  # Optional translations
  Translation
  {
    ...
    # Here a handler is specified to respond to the message
    # generated when the user selects a menubar item label
    MenuItemName.subMenuItemName.Label    MsgHandler
    ...
    # Menubar labels may be specified by their label name (if
    # unique) or their entire menu path name.
    externalEvent    setSensitivity(Label, False)
    externalEvent    setSensitivity(MenuItemName.subMenuItemName.Label2,
True)
    ...
  }
}
```

```

aNameOfATranslation
...

# The specification of the menubar contents
Definition
{
# This name is displayed to the user as a
# pull-down menu option in the menubar.
MenuName
{
# Walking (cascading) menus may be specified.
subMenuName
{
# Labels may specify their corresponding
# translation here as a convenience.

Label          MsgHandler

...

# The exclamation point is used to initialize
# the label to the desensitized state.

!Label2        MsgHandler

...

# Labels following the togglebutton keyword
# denote toggle buttons.

togglebutton

...

# This 2nd label, following immediately after
# another togglebutton label and having
# the same name (label)
# specifies the MsgHandler for the toggle
# button 'unset' or 'out' position. If the
# first label of the duo has a '~' (tilde)
# then the button is initially not pressed,
# otherwise it initially appears pressed.

label3         MsgHandler
~label3        MsgHandler

...

# Labels following the pushbutton keyword
# denote push buttons.

pushbutton

```



```

...

# The solid line of all underscores specifies
# that a separator line is to appear in the menu.

_____

...
}
...
}
# This name is also displayed as a pulldown
# menu option in the menubar.
Menu2Name
...
}
}

```

EXAMPLE:

```

Menubar MyMenubar
{
  Definition
  {
    Files
    {
      Print
      {
        Postscript      printPS()
        HPPCL            printPCL()
      }
      _____
      _____
      Quit              quit()
    }
    !Edit
    !View
    !Options
    !Help
  }
}

```

# Panel

NAME:

Panel

SYNOPSIS:

Panel [panelname]

DESCRIPTION:

Creates an area into which user interface objects (widgets) can be placed.

MAY CONTAIN:

Translation  
Panel  
Layout

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Panel  
Window

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

Translation, Window, Layout

PRIVATE MESSAGE HANDLERS:

# Scope

NAME:

Scope

SYNOPSIS:

Scope [scopename]

DESCRIPTION:

Creates an area which provides a magnified view of the source editor graphics (see `setSourceEditor Message Handler`).

FEATURES:

MAY CONTAIN:

Translation

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Window  
Layout  
Application

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

Editor, Locator, View, Translation, Window,  
Layout, Application

PRIVATE MESSAGE HANDLERS:

# Translation

NAME:

Translation

SYNOPSIS:

Translation [translationname]

DESCRIPTION:

Specifies the assignment of Message Handlers to Messages.

FEATURES:

MAY CONTAIN:

Editor  
Locator  
Scope  
View  
Panel

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Window  
Panel

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

Window, Translation, Panel

EXPLANATION:

A Translation is a sequence of lines of the form:

```
event | "msgname" | <defaults> [Destination::]MsgHandler([parml, ...]),  
...
```

The left-hand-side specifies an event or message and the right-hand-side specifies what is to be done when the event occurs or the message is received.

The optional destination specifier must be a component which is capable of having a Translation. The specified MsgHandler must be valid for the destination (if one is specified) or valid for the containing component (if one is not). If it is not valid, a warning will be issued and the line will be ignored.

Multiple Message Handlers may be specified on one line if separated by commas. The Handlers are executed from left to right. Multiple Message Handlers may also be specified for a given Message by adding more lines, all with the same Message name on the left and the desired Message Handlers on the right.

Each Message causes the execution of from 0 to any number of an ordered list of Message Handlers. Each Message Handler, when executing, has the option of returning and not executing any of the following Message Handlers in the ordered list. Usually this only happens when an Exception is generated (see catchErrors).

Note that events must have a specifier within '<' and '>' (i.e. <key>a or <Btn1Drag>). Otherwise the 'event' will be interpreted as the name of a message.

An 'event' is generated by the user by using the keyboard or mouse.

A 'message' is generated either internally by the system or indirectly by the user (i.e. the menubar generates messages when a user selects an item).

'<Defaults>' indicates that the default translation, provided by the system, is to be used. The default translations provided are intended to be useful and coexist well so this option is often a quick way to add functionality. For example, specifying:

```
<Defaults>          jumpPan
```

automatically sets up to 16 different translations, which otherwise would have to be done manually by specifying each and every translation as in:

```
<LeftCursor>       jumpPan(quarterLeft)
<RightCursor>      jumpPan(quarterRight)
...                 ...
...                 ...
```

ASCII key events are supported as in:

```
<key>a
```

Event modifiers supported are

```
Shift
CapsLock
Ctrl
^
Alt
Meta
Btn1HeldDown
Btn2HeldDown
Btn3HeldDown
```

for example:

```
Ctrl<key>c          which is the same as ^<key>c
```

Special keys supported are:

LeftArrow  
RightArrow  
UpArrow  
DownArrow  
Home  
End  
PgDn  
PgUp  
Delete  
Esc

for example:

<key>PgDn

Other events supported are:

<Btn1Down>	<Btn2Down>	<Btn3Down>
<Btn1Up>	<Btn2Up>	<Btn3Up>
<Btn1Click>	<Btn2Click>	<Btn3Down>
<Btn1Drag>	<Btn2Drag>	<Btn3Drag>
<Btn1StartDrag>	<Btn2StartDrag>	<Btn3StartDrag>
<Btn1DblClick>	<Btn2DblClick>	<Btn3DblClick>

<Motion>  
<Repaint>  
<WinExit>  
<WinEnter>  
<WinResize>  
<WinMap>

for example:

<Motion>	cursorArm(Motion)
quitmsg	Quit()
<Btn2Click>	myEditor::zoom(In)

Special events:

Create	The name of the message sent to each component after it has been created.
--------	---

# TreeGraph

NAME:

TreeGraph

SYNOPSIS:

TreeGraph [treename]

DESCRIPTION:

Specifies the contents and name of a graph that can be used in a Editor description.

FEATURES:

MAY CONTAIN:

Translation

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Application

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

Translation, Editor, Application

PRIVATE MESSAGE HANDLERS:

None.

FURTHER DESCRIPTION:

# UnDirectedGraph

NAME:

UnDirectedGraph

SYNOPSIS:

UnDirectedGraph [listname]

DESCRIPTION:

Specifies the contents and name of a graph that can be used in a Editor description.

FEATURES:

MAY CONTAIN:

Translation

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Application

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

Translation, Editor, Application

PRIVATE MESSAGE HANDLERS:

None.

FURTHER DESCRIPTION:



# Variable

NAME:

Variable

SYNOPSIS:

Variables in Components in Description Text Files

DESCRIPTION:

Description file Components contain a number of static variables that can be assigned to and read in the description file.

FEATURES:

MAY CONTAIN:

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Any.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

Description, Application, Translation

EXPLANATION:

These variables may be assigned values thus:

```
setValue(%12, /usr/lib/X11/rgb.txt)
```

this assigns the text "/usr/lib/X11/rgb.txt" to the variable %12.

Variables may be accessed thus:

```
exec(xterm -e vi %12)
```

this 'dereferences' the %12 variable back into "/usr/lib/X11/rgb.txt" which is the passed to vi. At this time only numeric variable names are supported, all others are ignored.

These variables, once assigned are kept around for the life of the executing program.

Special Variables:

- %0 Is used to store the immediate history of the messages and message handlers (i.e. a call stack).
- %1 Is used by some of the Dialog boxes in FormADE to pass back a return value.

## View

### NAME:

View

### SYNOPSIS:

View [viewname]

### DESCRIPTION:

Creates an area which provides a another editable view of the source editor graphics (see `setSourceEditor Message Handler`).

### FEATURES:

### MAY CONTAIN:

Translation

### CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Window

Layout

Application

### CAVEATS:

### SEE ALSO:

Editor, Locator, Scope, Translation, Window, Layout, Application

### PRIVATE MESSAGE HANDLERS:

# Window

NAME:

Window

SYNOPSIS:

Window [windowname]

DESCRIPTION:

Creates an window using the resident window system into which user interface objects (widgets) and graphics editors may be placed.

Window translations are sent a 'winClose' message when the closes (exits) the window by using the resident window manager system (i.e. selecting 'Close' from the menu in the window's border). This message may then be acted on like any other message. For example:

```
winClose      absorbMsg()
```

in a window's translation section causes the user's selection of the close option in this window to be ignored.

FEATURES:

MAY CONTAIN:

Translation  
Panel  
Layout  
MenuBar  
Editor

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Application

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

Editor, Translation, Layout, Application, MenuBar

PRIVATE MESSAGE HANDLERS:

# centerCursor

NAME:

centerCursor

SYNOPSIS:

centerCursor()

DESCRIPTION:

Sets the mouse cursor position to the center of the editor.

PARAMETERS (Required):

None.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Editor

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

<key>a centerCursor()

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

setCursor, setCursorAppearance, cursorArm, centerLast,  
centerLastUnderCursor

# centerLast

NAME:

centerLast

SYNOPSIS:

centerLast()

DESCRIPTION:

Sets the position of the last graphics primitive created to the center of the editor.

PARAMETERS (Required):

None.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Editor

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

centerLastUnderCursor, centerCursor, setCursor, setCursorAppearance, cursorArm

# centerLastUnderCursor

NAME:

centerLastUnderCursor

SYNOPSIS:

centerLastUnderCursor()

DESCRIPTION:

Sets the position of the last graphics primitive created to the position of the mouse cursor.

PARAMETERS (Required):

None.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Editor

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

centerLast, centerCursor, setCursor, setCursorAppearance, cursorArm

# cumulativeSelect

**NAME:**

cumulativeSelect

**SYNOPSIS:**

cumulativeSelect()

**DESCRIPTION:**

The user selects a group of objects by repeatedly selecting (by generating the event as specified in the translation) each object in turn. If a selected object is selected again, it is deselected.

**PARAMETERS (Required):**

None.

**PARAMETERS (Optional):**

None.

**CONTAINER COMPONENT:**

Editor

**DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:**

<Btn1Click> cumulativeSelect()

**MESSAGES GENERATED:**

None.

**VARIABLES SET:**

None.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

None.

**CAVEATS:**

**SEE ALSO:**

deselectAll, selectArea

# cursorArm

NAME:

cursorArm

SYNOPSIS:

cursorArm(Motion | WinExit)

DESCRIPTION:

'Arms' the graphics object underneath of the mouse cursor (if the graphics object is armable). This consists of a visual highlighting of the graphics object, indicating the fact that the mouse cursor is within the graphics object's selectable area.

PARAMETERS (Required):

Motion	The event that updates the currently armed object, if it has changed.
WinExit	The event that assures there is no currently armed object.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Editor

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

<Motion>	cursorArm(Motion)
<WinExit>	cursorArm(WinExit)

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

setCursor, setCursorAppearance, centerCursor



# deSelectAll

NAME:

deSelectAll

SYNOPSIS:

deSelectAll()

DESCRIPTION:

Deselect (Un select) all objects currently selected.

PARAMETERS (Required):

None.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Editor

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

<Esc>                               deselectAll()

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

cumulativeSelect, selectArea

# draw

NAME:

draw

SYNOPSIS:

draw()

DESCRIPTION:

Draw the graphics in the editing area, and all views, locator, scopes and magnifiers of the graphics.

PARAMETERS (Required):

None.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Editor

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

<key>d draw()

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

drawLast, showNodes, showOnlyRelatives

# drawLast

NAME:

drawLast

SYNOPSIS:

drawLast()

DESCRIPTION:

Draw the last graphics primitive created.

PARAMETERS (Required):

None.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Editor

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

draw, showNodes, showOnlyRelatives

# expandCursorFootprint

NAME:

expandCursorFootprint

SYNOPSIS:

expandCursorFootprint()

DESCRIPTION:

Expands the apparent size of the cursor from a single pixel into a 2 by 2 pixel square. This allows the user's cursor work (picks) that are close to work as well as those that are exact.

PARAMETERS (Required):

None.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Editor

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

<All> expandCursorFootprint().

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

# hide

NAME:

hide

SYNOPSIS:

hide(True | False)

DESCRIPTION:

Hides or displays the entire editor.

PARAMETERS (Required):

True

The editor is hidden, the containing window is resized to compensate.

False

The editor is displayed, the containing window is resized to compensate.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Editor

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

setSize, setBackgroundColor

# hideTextIfTooSmall

NAME:

hideTextIfTooSmall

SYNOPSIS:

hideTextIfTooSmall()

DESCRIPTION:

Tells all text graphics to draw only if bigger than or the same size as the text at the current zoom level. This is usually invoked when the window is first mapped. It allows the nodes in a graph, for example, to shrink when zoomed way out by not drawing the fixed-size-font text.

PARAMETERS (Required):

None.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Editor

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

<WinMap> hideTextIfTooSmall()

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

draw

# iCreateRect

NAME:

iCreateRect

SYNOPSIS:

iCreateRect(Start | Move | End)

DESCRIPTION:

Interactively creates a rectangle by rubberbanding.

PARAMETERS (Required):

Start	The events that starts the interactive creation of the rectangle.
Move	The events that interactively changes the size of the rectangle.
End	The event that terminates the interactive creation of the rectangle.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Editor

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

Shift<Btn1StartDrag>	iCreateRect(Start)
Shift<Btn1Drag>	iCreateRect(Move)
Shift<Btn1Up>	iCreateRect(End)

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

# jumpPan

NAME:

jumpPan

SYNOPSIS:

```
jumpPan( Left | Right | Up | Down | LeftSide | RightSide
         | Top | Bottom | LowerLeft | LowerRight | UpperLeft
         | UpperRight | QuarterLeft | QuarterRight | QuarterUp
         | QuarterDown)
```

DESCRIPTION:

The editing area is panned by one of a number of fixed increments in one of a number of fixed directions.

PARAMETERS (Required):

Left	Pans one whole area left.
Right	Pans one whole area right.
Up	Pans one whole area up.
Down	Pans one whole area down.
LeftSide	Pans all the way to the left edge.
RightSide	Pans all the way to the right edge.
Top	Pans all the way to the top edge.
Bottom	Pans all the way to the bottom edge.
LowerLeft	Pans one whole area to the lower left.
LowerRight	Pans one whole area to the lower right.
UpperLeft	Pans one whole area to the upper left.
UpperRight	Pans one whole area to the upper right.
QuarterLeft	Pans one quarter area left.
QuarterRight	Pans one quarter area right.
QuarterUp	Pans one quarter area up.
QuarterDown	Pans one quarter area down.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Editor

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

	jumpPan(Left)
	jumpPan(Right)
	jumpPan(Up)
	jumpPan(Down)
Ctrl<LeftArrow>	jumpPan(LeftSide)
Ctrl<RightArrow>	jumpPan(RightSide)
Ctrl<UpArrow>	jumpPan(Top)
Ctrl<DownArrow>	jumpPan(Bottom)



<End>	jumpPan(LowerLeft)
<PgDn>	jumpPan(LowerRight)
<Home>	jumpPan(UpperLeft)
<PgUp>	jumpPan(UpperRight)

<LeftArrow>	QuarterLeft"
<RightArrow>	QuarterRight"
<UpArrow>	QuarterUp"
<DownArrow>	QuarterDown"

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

smoothPan, smoothPan2, onePointPan

# locatorToolOptions

NAME:

locatorToolOptions

SYNOPSIS:

locatorToolOptions(optionname [, True | False | Toggle])

DESCRIPTION:

Modifies the behavior of Locators and Scopes and Views.

PARAMETERS (Required):

optionname      Name of an option. The following are currently supported:

attachBoxToMouse  
locatorHasBox  
maintainMagnification  
anotherGraphicsView

attachBoxToMouse:

Specifically for editors with a Scope. Causes the scope to be continuously updated to display the graphics in the area of the current mouse pointer position.

locatorHasBox:

Specifically for editors with a Scope. Causes the scope to be represented by a visible box (rectangle) in the source editor.

maintainMagnification:

Specifically for editors with a Scope. Causes the scope to be automatically adjusted after zooms in the source editor so that a constant magnification factor is applied.

anotherGraphicsView:

Specifically for editors with a Locator. Causes the locator to have a copy of the source editor graphics as a background.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

True              The option is applied to the editor(s).

False	The option is not applied to the editor(s).
Toggle	The option is toggled from True to False and back again each time Toggle is invoked.  (when not specified is set to Toggle).

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

- Editor
- Locator
- Scope
- Magnifier
- View

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: PANEL,	Error: Missing Parameter
Class: PANEL,	Error: Bad Parameter.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

# onePointPan

NAME:

onePointPan

SYNOPSIS:

onePointPan()

DESCRIPTION:

The window is panned such that the graphics that were underneath the mouse cursor position before the pan is now in the center of the editing area.

PARAMETERS (Required):

None.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Editor

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

<key>g                                   onePointPan()

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

smoothPan, smoothPan2, jumpPan

# selectArea

NAME:

selectArea

SYNOPSIS:

selectArea(Start | Move | End)

DESCRIPTION:

The user rubberbands a rectangle. All the graphics inside the rectangle is selected.

PARAMETERS (Required):

Start	The event that starts the interactive creation of the rectangle.
Move	The events that interactively changes the size of the rectangle.
End	The event that terminates the interactive creation of the rectangle.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Editor

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

Ctrl<Btn1StartDrag>	selectArea(Start)
Ctrl<Btn1Drag>	selectArea(Move)
Ctrl<Btn1Up>	selectArea(End)

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

cumulativeSelect, deselectAll

# setBackgroundColor

NAME:

setBackgroundColor

SYNOPSIS:

setBackgroundColor(color name)

DESCRIPTION:

Sets the background color of the editing area to the color specified by the color name.

PARAMETERS (Required):

color name                      The name of the color to use.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Editor

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

^<key>b                      setBackgroundColor(black)

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

setSize, hide

# setSize

NAME:

setSize

SYNOPSIS:

setSize(width, height)

DESCRIPTION:

Sets the size (width and height) of the editor in device coordinates.

PARAMETERS (Required):

width                                   The width of editor in pixels.

height                                 The height of editor in pixels.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Editor

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: EDITOR,   Error: Missing Parameter

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

hide, setBackgroundColor

# setSize

NAME:

setSize

SYNOPSIS:

setSize(width, height)

DESCRIPTION:

Sets the size (width and height) of the editor in device coordinates.

PARAMETERS (Required):

width                                   The width of editor in pixels.

height                                 The height of editor in pixels.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Editor

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: EDITOR,   Error: Missing Parameter

Class: EDITOR,   Error: Bad Parameter

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

hide, setBackgroundColor



# setSourceEditor

NAME:

setSourceEditor

SYNOPSIS:

setSourceEditor(name of editor)

DESCRIPTION:

Tells a Locator, Scope, View or Magnifier where the editor is whose graphics it is viewing. I.e. Specifies the editor which contains the graphics which is to have another 'view'.

PARAMETERS (Required):

name	The name of an Editor (as specified in the description file).
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PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Locator  
Scope  
Magnifier  
View

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

# showNodes

NAME:

showNodes

SYNOPSIS:

showNodes(True, False, Toggle)

DESCRIPTION:

To display or not to display the nodes of a graph. If not displayed, then only the connections between the nodes will be visible.

PARAMETERS (Required):

None.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

True	The nodes are displayed.
False	The nodes are not displayed.
Toggle	If the nodes are not displayed then they are drawn, if they are displayed then they are hidden.  (when not specified Toggle is chosen).

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Editor

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

<key>n showNodes(Toggle)

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

draw, showOnlyRelatives

# showOnlyRelatives

**NAME:**

showOnlyRelatives

**SYNOPSIS:**

showOnlyRelatives(Children | Parents | All)

**DESCRIPTION:**

For graphics composed of Graphs, this will hide all but the specified relatives of any selected graphic objects. Invoking this twice will display all the graphics again (i.e. this toggles the display automatically upon repeated invocation).

**PARAMETERS (Required):**

None.

**PARAMETERS (Optional):**

Children	The nodes that are not children of the selected nodes are hidden.
Parents	The nodes that are not parents of the selected nodes are hidden.
All	The nodes that are not parents of or children of the selected nodes are hidden. T  (when not specified All is chosen).

**CONTAINER COMPONENT:**

Editor

**DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:**

<key>k	showOnlyRelatives(Children)
<key>p	showOnlyRelatives(Parents)
<key>h	showOnlyRelatives(All)

**MESSAGES GENERATED:**

None.

**VARIABLES SET:**

None.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

None.

**CAVEATS:**

**SEE ALSO:**

draw, showNodes



# simpleDrag

NAME:

simpleDrag

SYNOPSIS:

simpleDrag(Start | Move | End)

DESCRIPTION:

Moves the graphics object underneath the mouse cursor interactively in response to the mouse. It assumes there are no connections to the graphics object and if there are, the connections are not automatically rubberbanded to maintain connectivity.

PARAMETERS (Required):

Start	The event that starts the move.
Move	The event that actual causes the movement.
End	The event that terminates the drag operation.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Editor

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

<Btn1StartDrag>	simpleDrag(Start)
<Btn1Drag>	simpleDrag(Move)
<Btn1Up>	simpleDrag(End)

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

treeNodeDrag

# smoothPan

NAME:

smoothPan

SYNOPSIS:

smoothPan()

DESCRIPTION:

The window is panned interactively in the direction opposite mouse cursor movement as if one was dragging around the viewport which was looking down on a section of the graphics.

PARAMETERS (Required):

None.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Editor

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

<Btn3Drag> smoothPan()

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

smoothPan2, onePointPan, jumpPan

# smoothPan2

NAME:

smoothPan2

SYNOPSIS:

smoothPan2()

DESCRIPTION:

The window is panned interactively in the direction opposite mouse cursor movement as if one was dragging around the viewport which was looking down on a area of the graphics. The area of the graphics that is displayed is proportional to the distance the mouse cursor is from the edge of the editor viewport (i.e. the scrollbar 'buttons' are continuously updated such that they center on the mouse cursor position).

PARAMETERS (Required):

None.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Editor

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

<Btn3Drag> smoothPan()

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

smoothPan, onePointPan, jumpPan

# treeNodeDrag

NAME:

treeNodeDrag

SYNOPSIS:

treeNodeDrag(Start | Move | End)

DESCRIPTION:

Moves the graphics object underneath the mouse cursor interactively in response to the mouse. It takes account of the possibility that there are connections to the graphics object and 'rubberbands' the connections as the move occurs, keeping the object connected at all times.

PARAMETERS (Required):

Start	The event that starts the move.
Move	The event that actual causes the movement.
End	The event that terminates the drag operation.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Editor

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

<Btn1StartDrag>	treeNodeDrag(Start)
<Btn1Drag>	treeNodeDrag(Move)
<Btn1Up>	treeNodeDrag(End)

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

simpleDrag



## zoom

NAME:

zoom

SYNOPSIS:

zoom(In | Out)

DESCRIPTION:

Zoom (in: magnify, out: demagnify) graphics, centering the result around the graphics that was underneath the mouse cursor position before the zoom.

PARAMETERS (Required):

In	The event that causes magnification.
Out	The event that causes demagnification.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Editor

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

<Btn2Click>	zoom(In)
<Btn3Click>	zoom(Out)

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

zoomAroundCursor, zoomThruArea

# zoomAroundCursor

NAME:

zoomAroundCursor

SYNOPSIS:

zoomAroundCursor(In | Out)

DESCRIPTION:

Zoom, preserving the current mouse cursor position with respect to the underlying graphics. I.E. the graphics object(s) underneath the cursor before the zoom is underneath the cursor after the zoom.

PARAMETERS (Required):

In	The event that causes magnification.
Out	The event that causes demagnification.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Editor

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

<Btn2Click>	zoom(In)
<Btn3Click>	zoom(Out)

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

zoom, zoomThruArea

# zoomThruArea

NAME:

zoomThruArea

SYNOPSIS:

zoomThruArea(In | Out, Start | Move | End)

DESCRIPTION:

The user rubberbands a rectangle. If it is a zoom in, then the window is zoomed such that the graphics in the rectangle fills the editing area. If it is a zoom out, the current window is zoomed such that the previous window contents now fill only the area of the rectangle.

PARAMETERS (Required):

In	The event that causes magnification.
Out	The event that causes demagnification.
Start	The events that starts the interactive creation of the rectangle that is to be used.
Move	The events that interactively changes the size of the rectangle.
End	The event that terminates the interactive creation of the rectangle that is to be used. This the triggers the actual zooming operation.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Editor

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

<Btn2StartDrag>	zoomThruArea(In, Start)
<Btn2Drag>	zoomThruArea(In, Move)
<Btn2Up>	zoomThruArea(In, End)
<Btn3StartDrag>	zoomThruArea(Out, Start)
<Btn3Drag>	zoomThruArea(Out, Move)
<Btn3Up>	zoomThruArea(Out, End)

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

`zoomAroundCursor`, `zoomThruArea`

# addEditor

NAME:

addEditor

SYNOPSIS:

addEditor(&editorname)

DESCRIPTION:

Creates the referenced editor and inserts it using the current layout template into the panel.

PARAMETERS (Required):

editorname      Reference name of Editor.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Panel

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: PANEL,      Error: Missing Parameter

Class: PANEL,      Error: Bad Parameter

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

Editor, Panel

# addLabel

**NAME:**

addLabel

**SYNOPSIS:**

addLabel(name [, label [, value]])

**DESCRIPTION:**

Creates a textual label and inserts it using the current layout template into the panel.

**PARAMETERS (Required):**

name                   Reference name of label.

**PARAMETERS (Optional):**

label                   Text to display.  
(when not specified is set equal to the name parameter).

value                   Text that is placed to the right of the label.  
This can be modified by using 'setValue'.  
(when not specified is set equal to nothing).

**CONTAINER COMPONENT:**

Panel

**DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:**

None.

**MESSAGES GENERATED:**

None.

**VARIABLES SET:**

None.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

Class: PANEL,    Error: Missing Parameter

**CAVEATS:**

**SEE ALSO:**

setLabel, addLabelIcon

# addLabelIcon

NAME:

addLabelIcon

SYNOPSIS:

addLabelIcon(name[, filename])

DESCRIPTION:

Creates a bitmap and inserts it using the current layout template into the panel.

PARAMETERS (Required):

name                   Reference name of Icon label.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

filename               Path and filename where icon bitmap is defined.  
(when not specified is set equal to the name parameter).

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Panel

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: PANEL,    Error: Missing Parameter  
Class: PANEL,    Error: File Not Found.

CAVEATS:

The bitmap pointed to by filename is in a format specified by the low level window system. For the X Window System, it is in the .xbm format.

SEE ALSO:

addLabel, setLabel

# addLayout

NAME:

addLayout

SYNOPSIS:

```
addLayout(name, container layout, Vertical | Horizontal | LabelValue,  
          [, number of columns | number of rows[, justification]])
```

DESCRIPTION:

Creates a imaginary template into which user interface objects (like push buttons and labels) can be inserted.

PARAMETERS (Required):

name	Name of the layout.
container	Name of the layout into which this is inserted. Special names are:  Panel - The main panel layout.  Current - The current layout created by the last 'addLayout' (if there was one) or the Panel's layout (if there was not).

PARAMETERS (Optional):

orientation	How objects in this layout are to be laid out. Can be set to:  Vertical - Objects are arranged into columns. Horizontal - Objects are arranged into rows. LabelValue - Objects are arranged into rows like:  label : value longlabel : value label2 : value button optionmenu  with the labels right justified in their column and values left justified in theirs. Many objects, such as AddLabel, AddTextField, have a value and an optional value part which fit well into this scheme. (when not specified is set equal to Vertical).
number	Number of columns (if orientation is Vertical) or number of rows (if orientation is Horizontal). (when not specified is set equal to 1).
justification	Alignment to be applied to items inserted into the panel layout. Possible values are:  LeftJustified RightJustified



CenterJustified  
NotJustified

(when not specified is set equal to CenterJustified).

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Panel

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: PANEL, Error: Bad Parameter

Class: PANEL, Error: Missing Parameter

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

setLayout, addPanel, addRadioLayout..

# addOkCancelHelp

## NAME:

addOkCancelHelp

## SYNOPSIS:

```
addOkCancelHelp( 1 | 0 | okBtnName, 1 | 0 | applyBtnName, 1 | 0  
                 | cancelBtnName, 1 | 0 | helpBtnName [,helpMsgName] )
```

## DESCRIPTION:

Creates variations of the standard OK, Cancel, Apply, and Help push buttons in a row. Changes made to widgets in the enclosing window (including all panels) are not broadcast until a 'OK' or 'Apply' button is pressed. The 'Cancel' button causes the changes to be ignored and the window to be dismissed.

If a BtnName is a '1' then the standard name is used for the button (i.e. 'OK'). If it is a '0' then the button is not displayed. Otherwise the name overrides the standard name with the specified name.

## PARAMETERS (Required):

okBtnName	'0' to disable, '1' for standard, name to override standard.
applyBtnName	'0' to disable, '1' for standard, name to override standard.
cancelBtnName	'0' to disable, '1' for standard, name to override standard.
helpBtnName	'0' to disable, '1' for standard, name to override standard.

## PARAMETERS (Optional):

helpMsgName	The message to send when the helpBtn is pressed by the user. (when not specified is set equal to 'Help')
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## CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Panel

## DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

## MESSAGES GENERATED:

Help or helpMsgName	When the presses the 'Help' button.
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## VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: PANEL, Error: Missing Parameter

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

addManualOkCancelHelp, addPushButton, sendMsg

# addOptionsMenu

NAME:

addOptionsMenu

SYNOPSIS:

addOptionsMenu(name, numoptions, options[, msgname [, label]])

DESCRIPTION:

Creates an Option Menu and inserts it in the current layout structure into the panel.

PARAMETERS (Required):

name                   Reference name of Option Menu.  
  
numoptions            Number of names to put in the option menu.  
  
options                A list of names to put in the option menu.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

msgname               Name of message to send when user selects an item in the option menu.  
(when not specified is set equal to nothing).  
  
label                 Textual label to place to the left of this option menu.  
(when not specified is set equal to nothing).

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Panel

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

msgname               If a msgname was specified it is sent when the user changes the option menu.  
  
<selection>           If no msgname was specified, the name of the user's selection is sent as the message.

VARIABLES SET:

%1                    Set equal to the user's selection in the option menu when a message is generated.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: PANEL,        Error: Missing Parameter  
Class: PANEL,        Error: Bad Parameter.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

addOptionsMenu, addPopupMenu, addScrolledList, postSelectionBox,  
postMultiSelectionBox

# addOptionsMenu

NAME:

addOptionsMenu

SYNOPSIS:

addOptionsMenu(name, &menuname[, msgname [, label]])

DESCRIPTION:

Creates an Option Menu and inserts it in the current layout structure into the panel.

PARAMETERS (Required):

name                   Reference name of Option Menu.  
menuname               Name of a MENU description.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

msgname                Name of message to send when user selects an item in the option menu.  
(when not specified is set equal to nothing).  
label                   Textual label to place to the left of this option menu.  
(when not specified is set equal to nothing).

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Panel

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

msgname                If a msgname was specified it is sent when the user changes the option menu.  
<selection>            If no msgname was specified, the name of the user's selection is sent as the message.

VARIABLES SET:

%1                      Set equal to the user's selection in the option menu when a message is generated.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: PANEL,        Error: Missing Parameter  
Class: PANEL,        Error: Bad Parameter.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

addOptionsMenu, addPopupMenu, addScrolledList, postSelectionBox, postMultiSelectionBox



# addPanel

NAME:

addPanel

SYNOPSIS:

addPanel(&panelName)

DESCRIPTION:

Creates a panel from the referenced panel description and inserts it using the current layout template into the panel.

PARAMETERS (Required):

name                      Name of Panel description.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Panel

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: PANEL,      Error: Missing Parameter

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

addScrollPanel, addLayout, setLayout



# addPopupMenu

NAME:

addPopupMenu

SYNOPSIS:

addPopupMenu(name, numoptions, options[, msgname])

DESCRIPTION:

Creates an Popup Menu and inserts it in the current layout structure into the panel.

PARAMETERS (Required):

name                   Reference name of Popup Menu.  
  
numoptions            Number of names to put in the option menu.  
  
options                A list of names to put in the option menu.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

msgname               Name of message to send when user selects an item in the option menu.  
(when not specified is set equal to nothing).

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Panel

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

msgname               If a msgname was specified it is sent when the user changes the option menu.  
  
<selection>           If no msgname was specified, the name of the user's selection is sent as the message.

VARIABLES SET:

%1                    Set equal to the user's selection in the option menu when a message is generated.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: PANEL,        Error: Missing Parameter  
Class: PANEL,        Error: Bad Parameter.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

addOptionsMenu, addPopupMenu, addScrolledList, postSelectionBox, postMultiSelectionBox



# addPopupMenu

NAME:

addPopupMenu

SYNOPSIS:

addPopupMenu(name, &menuname[, msgname])

DESCRIPTION:

Creates an Popup Menu and inserts it in the current layout structure into the panel.

PARAMETERS (Required):

name                   Reference name of Popup Menu.  
menuname               Name of a MENU description.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

msgname                Name of message to send when user selects an item in the option menu.  
(when not specified is set equal to nothing).

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Panel

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

msgname                If a msgname was specified it is sent when the user changes the option menu.  
  
<selection>            If no msgname was specified, the name of the user's selection is sent as the message.

VARIABLES SET:

%1                      Set equal to the user's selection in the option menu when a message is generated.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: PANEL,        Error: Missing Parameter  
Class: PANEL,        Error: Bad Parameter.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

addOptionsMenu, addPopupMenu, addScrolledList, postSelectionBox, postMultiSelectionBox

# addPushButton

NAME:

addPushButton

SYNOPSIS:

addPushButton(name [[, label], msgname])

DESCRIPTION:

Creates a push button annotated with the given text label inserts it using the current layout template into the panel.

PARAMETERS (Required):

name                   Reference name of Button.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

label                   Path and filename where icon bitmap is defined.  
(when not specified is set equal to the name parameter).

msgname                 Name of message to send when this is selected by user. (when not specified is set equal to the name parameter).

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Panel

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

msgname                 When user selects button.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: PANEL,    Error: Missing Parameter

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

addToggleButton, addPushIcon, addLabel, setLabel

# addPushIcon

NAME:

addPushIcon

SYNOPSIS:

addPushIcon(name [[, filename], msgname])

PARAMETERS (Required):

name                   Reference name of Icon.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

filename               Path and filename where icon bitmap is defined.  
                          (when not specified is set equal to the name  
                          parameter).

msgname                Name of message to send when this is selected  
                          by user. (when not specified is set equal to  
                          the name parameter).

DESCRIPTION:

Creates a push button annotated with a bitmap instead of a textual description and inserts it using the current layout template into the panel.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Panel

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

msgname                When user selects button.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: PANEL,        Error: Missing Parameter  
Class: PANEL,        Error: File Not Found.

CAVEATS:

The bitmap pointed to by filename is in a format specified by the low level window system. For the X Window System, it is in the .xbm format.

SEE ALSO:

addPushButton, addToggleButton, addToggleIcon, addIcon, setLabel

# addRadioLayout

NAME:

addRadioLayout

SYNOPSIS:

```
setRadioLayout(name, container layout, Vertical | Horizontal |
LabelValue,
               [, number of columns | number of rows[, justification]])
```

DESCRIPTION:

Creates a imaginary template into which toggle buttons can be inserted. The toggle buttons exhibit radio button behavior so that one and only one button is selected at any time.

PARAMETERS (Required):

name	Name of the layout.
container	Name of the layout into which this is inserted. Special names are:  Panel - The main panel layout.  Current - The current layout created by the last 'addLayout' (if there was one) or the Panel's layout (if there was not).

PARAMETERS (Optional):

orientation	How objects in this layout are to be laid out. Can be set to:  Vertical - Objects are arranged into columns. Horizontal - Objects are arranged into rows.
number	Number of columns (if orientation is Vertical) or number of rows (if orientation is Horizontal). (when not specified is set equal to 1).
justification	Alignment to be applied to items inserted into the panel layout. Possible values are:  LeftJustified RightJustified CenterJustified NotJustified  (when not specified is set equal to CenterJustified).

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Panel

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: PANEL, Error: Bad Parameter

Class: PANEL, Error: Missing Parameter

CAVEATS:

Any other objects inserted into this layout cause an error message. The user is not prohibited from creating the radio layout with multiple toggle buttons 'set', however the behavior is then undefined.

SEE ALSO:

setLayout, addPanel.





# addScrolledList

NAME:

addScrolledList

SYNOPSIS:

addScrolledList(filename, [number of rows [, msgname [, label]]])

DESCRIPTION:

Creates an Scrolled List and inserts it in the current layout structure into the panel.

PARAMETERS (Required):

filename           The path and name of a file where the list of text to put in the scrolled list is to be found.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

numrows           The number of rows of text to display in the list.  
(when not specified is set equal to eight(8)).

msgname           Name of message to send when user selects an item in the option menu.  
(when not specified is set equal to nothing).

label             Textual label to place to the left of this scrolled list.  
(when not specified is set equal to nothing).

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Panel

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

msgname           If a msgname was specified it is sent when the user changes the selection in the list.

<selection>       If no msgname was specified, the name of the user's selection is sent as the message.

VARIABLES SET:

%1                Set equal to the user's selection in the list when a message is generated.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: PANEL,     Error: Missing Parameter.  
Class: PANEL,     Error: File Not Found.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

postSelectionBox, postMultiSelectionBox

# addSeparator

NAME:

addSeparator

SYNOPSIS:

addSeparator()

DESCRIPTION:

Creates a horizontal line and inserts it using the current layout template into the panel.

PARAMETERS (Required):

PARAMETERS (Optional):

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Panel

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

setLabel, addLabelIcon

# addTextEditor

NAME:

addTextEditor

SYNOPSIS:

```
addTextEditor(name [, contents[, msgname[, label[, number columns[,  
number rows]]]]])
```

DESCRIPTION:

Creates a scrolled area for the user to enter a line of text and inserts it using the current layout template into the panel.

Note that for this Handler the following syntax is supported:

```
addTextEditor(name,,,,,5)
```

which specifies a text editor without contents, msgname is the same as the name, no label, number of columns dynamically determined and having 5 rows of text.

PARAMETERS (Required):

name Reference name of text field.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

contents Text to display in the text entry area.  
(when not specified is set equal to no text).

msgname Name of message to send when this is exited  
by user. (when not specified is set equal to  
the name parameter).

label Name of a label to place at left of text field.  
(when not specified is set equal to nothing).

num columns Number of characters of text to display.  
(when not specified is dynamically determined).

num rows Number of rows of text to display.  
(when not specified is set equal to 1).

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Panel

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

msgname When user presses <Enter> or <Return>.

VARIABLES SET:

%1 Set equal to contents of text editor when message

is generated.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

Class: PANEL, Error: Missing Parameter

**CAVEATS:**

Messages should be sent when user exits text field.

**SEE ALSO:**

setLabel, addLabelIcon, addTextField

# addTextField

NAME:

addTextField

SYNOPSIS:

```
addTextField(name [, contents[, msgname[, label[, number columns[,  
number rows]]]]])
```

DESCRIPTION:

Creates an area for the user to enter a line of text and inserts it using the current layout template into the panel.

Note that for this Handler the following syntax is supported:

```
addTextField(name,,,,,5)
```

which specifies a text field without contents, msgname is the same as the name, no label, number of columns dynamically determined and having 5 rows of text.

PARAMETERS (Required):

name                   Reference name of text field.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

contents               Text to display in the text entry area.  
(when not specified is set equal to no text).

msgname                Name of message to send when this is exited  
by user. (when not specified is set equal to  
the name parameter).

label                  Name of a label to place at left of text field.  
(when not specified is set equal to nothing).

num columns            Number of characters of text to display.  
(when not specified is dynamically determined).

num rows               Number of rows of text to display.  
(when not specified is set equal to 1).

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Panel

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

msgname                When user presses <Enter> or <Return>.

VARIABLES SET:

%1                     Set equal to contents of text field when message

is generated.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

Class: PANEL, Error: Missing Parameter

**CAVEATS:**

Messages should be sent when user exits text field.

**SEE ALSO:**

setLabel, addLabelIcon, addTextEditor

# addToggleIcon

NAME:

addToggleIcon

SYNOPSIS:

addToggleIcon(name [[, filename], msgname])

DESCRIPTION:

Creates a toggle button annotated with a bitmap instead of a textual description and inserts it using the current layout template into the panel.

PARAMETERS (Required):

name                   Reference name of Icon.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

filename               Path and filename where icon bitmap is defined.  
(when not specified is set equal to the name parameter).

msgname                Name of message to send when this is selected by user. (when not specified is set equal to the name parameter).

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Panel

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

msgname                When user selects button.  
~msgname               When user de-selects button.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: PANEL,        Error: Missing Parameter  
Class: PANEL,        Error: File Not Found.

CAVEATS:

The bitmap pointed to by filename is in a format specified by the low level window system. For the X Window System, it is in the .xbm format.

SEE ALSO:

addToggleButton, addPushButton, addToggleIcon, addIcon, setLabel



# dismissWindow

NAME:

dismissWindow

SYNOPSIS:

dismissWindow(&windowname)

DESCRIPTION:

Closes up the specified window. The window must have been previously posted.

PARAMETERS (Required):

windowname                      Name of a window or mainwindow as defined in the description file.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Any

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: GENERAL, Error: Missing Parameter

Class: GENERAL, Error: Bad Parameter

Class: GENERAL, Error: Bad State

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

postWindow.

# getValue

NAME:

getValue

SYNOPSIS:

getValue(name)

DESCRIPTION:

Gets the value of an object (widget) in the panel and assigns it to %1.

PARAMETERS (Required):

name                   Reference name of an Object in the Panel.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Panel

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: PANEL,    Error: Missing Parameter

Class: PANEL,    Error: Bad Parameter.

CAVEATS:

None.

SEE ALSO:

setLabel, setValue

# manualAddOkCancelHelp

NAME:

manualAddOkCancelHelp

SYNOPSIS:

manualAddOkCancelHelp()

DESCRIPTION:

Creates 3 push buttons in a row with the labels OK, Cancel, and Help, as per the OSF/Motif standard.

PARAMETERS (Required):

PARAMETERS (Optional):

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Panel

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

Ok	When the presses the 'OK' button.
Cancel	When the presses the 'Cancel' button.
Help	When the presses the 'Help' button.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

This does NOT prohibit the sending of any message from user interface objects (widgets) in the panel before the 'OK' button acknowledgment is received from the user.

SEE ALSO:

addOkCancelHelp, addPushButton, sendMsg

# modifyFrame

NAME:

modifyFrame

SYNOPSIS:

modifyFrame(frameName, [frame width [, frame type]])

DESCRIPTION:

Modifies the appearance of a Panel Layout's frame (visible rectangle surrounding the Panel).

PARAMETERS (Required):

frameName            Name of the frame. Supported names are:

                      Current  
                      Panel

PARAMETERS (Optional):

width                The width, in pixels, of the frame.  
                      (when not specified is set equal to zero(0)).

type                 The appearance of the frame. Can be one of:  
                      ShadowIn  
                      ShadowOut  
                      ShadowEtchedIn  
                      ShadowEtchedOut  
                      (when not specified is set equal to ShadowIn).

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Panel

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: PANEL,        Error: Bad Parameter.  
Class: PANEL,        Error: Missing Parameter.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

setColor, setBackgroundColor

# postMsgBox

NAME:

postMsgBox

SYNOPSIS:

postMsgBox(text message[, message box type])

DESCRIPTION:

Pops up (displays) a Message Dialog containing the specified text. The dialog displays an OK button and an Cancel button.

When the user selects a button, the dialog disappears and if it is the Cancel button then this terminates the current thread of execution. In effect, this prohibits the execution of any handlers after this one from responding to the current message(the message that caused this Message Handler to execute).

PARAMETERS (Required):

text                    Message to display to user.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

type                    Kind of message box dialog to display. Possible types are:

ErrorMsg  
InfoMsg  
JustAMsg  
QueryMsg  
WarningMsg  
WorkingMsg

(when not specified is set equal to JustAMsg).

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Any

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: GENERAL, Error: Missing Parameter

Class: GENERAL, Error: Bad Parameter.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

postTextEntryBox

# postMultiSelectionBox

## NAME:

postMultiSelectionBox

## SYNOPSIS:

```
postMultiSelectionBox(filename, [text prompt [, msgname]])
```

## DESCRIPTION:

Pops up (displays) a Dialog Box containing a scrolled list of items found in the specified filename, the specified text prompt and an area for the user to respond. The user may use the mouse to select multiple items from the list.

When the user selects a button, the dialog disappears and if it is the Cancel button then this terminates the current thread of execution. In effect, this prohibits the execution of any handlers after this one from responding to the current message (the message that caused this Message Handler to execute).

## PARAMETERS (Required):

filename	The path and name of a file where the list of text to put in the scrolled list is to be found.
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## PARAMETERS (Optional):

text	Message to display to user in the window border title. (when not specified is set equal to "Select An Item:").
msgname	Name of message to send when user OKs the dialog box. (when not specified is set equal to nothing).

## CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Any

## DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

## MESSAGES GENERATED:

(For each selected item in the list)

msgname	If a msgname was specified it is sent when the user changes the option menu.
<selection> user's	If msgname was specified as '%1', the name of the selection is sent as the message.

Help                    When the user selects the Help button.

VARIABLES SET:

  %1                    Set equal to the user's selection in the list  
                         when a message is generated and when the user exits  
                         the dialog box.

EXCEPTIONS:

  Class: GENERAL, Error: Missing Parameter

  Class: GENERAL, Error: File Not Found

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

  postMsgBox, postTextEntryBox, postSelectionBox



# postSelectionBox

## NAME:

postSelectionBox

## SYNOPSIS:

```
postSelectionBox(filename, [text prompt [, msgname]])
```

## DESCRIPTION:

Pops up (displays) a Dialog Box containing a scrolled list of items found in the specified filename, the specified text prompt and an area for the user to respond. The user may use the mouse to select a single item from the list.

When the user selects a button, the dialog disappears and if it is the Cancel button then this terminates the current thread of execution. In effect, this prohibits the execution of any handlers after this one from responding to the current message (the message that caused this Message Handler to execute).

## PARAMETERS (Required):

filename	The path and name of a file where the list of text to put in the scrolled list is to be found.
----------	--

## PARAMETERS (Optional):

text	Message to display to user in the window border title. (when not specified is set equal to "Select An Item:").
msgname	Name of message to send when user OKs the dialog box. (when not specified is set equal to nothing).

## CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Any

## DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

## MESSAGES GENERATED:

msgname	If a msgname was specified it is sent when the user changes the option menu.
<selection> user's	If msgname was specified as '%1', the name of the selection is sent as the message.
Help	When the user selects the Help button.

## VARIABLES SET:

%1                   Set equal to the user's selection in the list  
when a message is generated and when the user exits  
the dialog box.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: GENERAL, Error: Missing Parameter

Class: GENERAL, Error: File Not Found

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

postMsgBox, postTextEntryBox, postMultiSelectionBox

# postTextEntryBox

NAME:

postTextEntryBox

SYNOPSIS:

```
postTextEntryBox([text prompt [, textfield contents [, msgname]])
```

DESCRIPTION:

Pops up (displays) a Dialog Box containing the specified text prompt and an area for the user to respond.

When the user selects a button, the dialog disappears and if it is the Cancel button then this terminates the current thread of execution. In effect, this prohibits the execution of any handlers after this one from responding to the current message (the message that caused this Message Handler to execute).

PARAMETERS (Required):

None.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

text	Message to display to user. (when not specified is set equal to "Enter Text:").
contents	Default contents of the text entry field. (when not specified is set equal to nothing).
msgname	Name of message to send when user OKs the dialog box. (when not specified is set equal to nothing).

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Any

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

msgname	If a msgname was specified it is sent when the user changes the option menu.
<selection> user's	If msgname was specified as '%1', the name of the selection is sent as the message.

VARIABLES SET:

%1	Set equal to the user's textual response in the textfield when a message is generated and when the user exits the dialog box.
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EXCEPTIONS:

CAVEATS:

This is a blocking (modal) only Dialog.

SEE ALSO:

postMsgBox, postSelectionBox, postMultiSelectionBox

# postWindow

NAME:

postWindow

SYNOPSIS:

postWindow(&windowname)

DESCRIPTION:

Pops up the specified window. If already displayed then pops the window to the front of any others currently displayed.

PARAMETERS (Required):

windowname	Name of a window or mainwindow as defined in the description file.
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PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Any

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: GENERAL, Error: Missing Parameter

Class: GENERAL, Error: Bad Parameter

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

closeWindow.

# setBackgroundColor

NAME:

setBackgroundColor

SYNOPSIS:

setBackgroundColor(name of an object, name of color)

DESCRIPTION:

Assigns the background color of the named object (widget) in the Panel to the specified color. If no object is named then the background of the current layout is set to the given color.

PARAMETERS (Required):

color                      Name of a color.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

name                      Reference name of an Object in the Panel.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Panel

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: PANEL,      Error: Missing Parameter  
Class: PANEL,      Error: Bad Parameter.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

setColor, modifyFrame

# setColor

NAME:

setColor

SYNOPSIS:

setColor(name of an object, name of color)

DESCRIPTION:

Assigns the color of the named object (widget) in the Panel to the specified color. If no object is named then the current layout itself is set to the given color.

PARAMETERS (Required):

color                    Name of a color.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

name                    Reference name of an Object in the Panel.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Panel

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: PANEL,    Error: Missing Parameter

Class: PANEL,    Error: Bad Parameter.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

setBackgroundcolor, modifyFrame

# setCursorAppearance

NAME:

setCursorAppearance

SYNOPSIS:

setCursorAppearance(cursor name)

DESCRIPTION:

Sets the cursor appearance to be the specified image.

PARAMETERS (Required):

None.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

cursor name      Name of cursor bitmap to replace the current one. Possible names are system dependant. For example, X Windows allows 'hand', 'watch', etc. (when not specified is set equal to the previous cursor image before the last change).

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Any

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:



# setFont

NAME:

setFont

SYNOPSIS:

setFont([name of an object], [fontname])

DESCRIPTION:

Sets the font of the named object (widget) in the Panel to the specified font. If no object is named then all widgets in the current layout are set to have the given font.

PARAMETERS (Required):

PARAMETERS (Optional):

name	Reference name of an Object in the Panel. (when not specified is set to be all objects subsequently created).
fontname	Name of a font. (when not specified is set equal to the default system font).

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Panel

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: PANEL, Error: Missing Parameter  
Class: PANEL, Error: Bad Parameter.

CAVEATS:

Font names are system dependent. For X11/Motif systems a font name can be a system alias, an alias defined in a resource file (as the example below) or an actual font name (like the names that xlsfonts generates).

For example a resource file for an application called Demo4 might have:

```
*Demo4*FontList:      -adobe-helvetica-medium-r-normal--14-140-75-75-p-77-iso8859-1, \
```

```
p-82-iso8859-1=demo4italic, \ -adobe-helvetica-bold-o-normal--14-140-75-75-  
p-82-iso8859-1=demo4bold -adobe-helvetica-bold-r-normal--14-140-75-75-
```

and the description file could then have:

```
setFont(demo4bold)
```

NOTE: specifying an actual font name does not work for certain versions of Motif widgets but does always work for text in VisualADE graphics editors.

SEE ALSO:

setColor, setBackgroundColor, modifyFrame

# setLabel

NAME:

setLabel

SYNOPSIS:

setLabel(name, newlabel)

DESCRIPTION:

Changes the label of an object (widget) in the panel.

PARAMETERS (Required):

name                   Reference name of an Object in the Panel.

newlabel               Text of new label to assign to the named object.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Panel

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: PANEL,    Error: Missing Parameter

Class: PANEL,    Error: Bad Parameter.

CAVEATS:

Does not work for iconic labels yet.

SEE ALSO:

addLabel, setValue

# setLayout

NAME:

setLayout

SYNOPSIS:

```
setLayout(name, Vertical | Horizontal | LabelValue,  
          [, number of columns | number of rows[, justification]])
```

DESCRIPTION:

Creates a imaginary template into which user interface objects (like push buttons and labels) can be inserted.

Every Panel has a default layout. This default is the 'Current' layout until a 'addLayout' Message Handler is executed. At that time the new layout becomes the 'Current'.

PARAMETERS (Required):

name                    Name of the layout to modify. Special names are:

                          Current - The name of the current layout in effect at the position of the 'setLayout' in the translation.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

orientation            How objects in this layout are to be laid out. Can be set to:

                          Vertical - Objects are arranged into columns.  
                          Horizontal - Objects are arranged into rows.  
                          LabelValue - Objects are arranged into rows like:

```
                          label : value  
                          longlabel : value  
                          label2 : value button optionmenu
```

with the labels right justified in their column and values left justified in theirs. Many objects, such as AddLabel, AddTextField, optionally have a value and an label part which fit well into this scheme.

(when not specified is set equal to Vertical).

number                 Number of columns (if orientation is Vertical) or number of rows (if orientation is Horizontal). (when not specified is set equal to 1).

justification         Alignment to be applied to items inserted into the panel layout. Possible values are:

                          LeftJustified

RightJustified  
CenterJustified  
NotJustified

(when not specified is set equal to CenterJustified).

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Panel

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: PANEL, Error: Bad Parameter

Class: PANEL, Error: Missing Parameter

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

addLayout, addPanel, addRadioLayout.

# setMsgName

NAME:

setMsgName

SYNOPSIS:

setMsgName(name, new msgname)

DESCRIPTION:

Changes the message that an object (widget) in the panel is to send when the user changes its state in some way.

PARAMETERS (Required):

name	Reference name of an Object in the Panel.
msgname	Name of new message to send when user interacts with the object.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Panel

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: PANEL,	Error: Missing Parameter
Class: PANEL,	Error: Bad Parameter.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

sendMsg, setLabel

# setSensitivity

NAME:

setSensitivity

SYNOPSIS:

setSensitivity(name[, True | False])

DESCRIPTION:

Permits or prohibits an object (widget) in the panel from interacting with the user. The object is usually 'grayed out' or in some way changes when interaction is prohibited.

PARAMETERS (Required):

name                    Reference name of an Object in the Panel.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

True | False        True allows interaction with the object, False disallows interaction with the object.  
(when not specified is set equal to True).

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Panel

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: PANEL,        Error: Missing Parameter  
Class: PANEL,        Error: Bad Parameter.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

# setValue

NAME:

setValue

SYNOPSIS:

setValue(name, newvalue)

DESCRIPTION:

Changes the value of an object (widget) in the panel.

PARAMETERS (Required):

name                   Reference name of an Object in the Panel.

newvalue               Text of new value to assign to the named object.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Panel

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: PANEL,    Error: Missing Parameter

Class: PANEL,    Error: Bad Parameter.

CAVEATS:

None.

SEE ALSO:

getValue, setLabel, addLabel



# about

NAME:

about

SYNOPSIS:

about([text description])

DESCRIPTION:

Posts an Information Dialog Box.

PARAMETERS (Required):

None.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

text                   The text to display in the dialog box.  
                          (when not specified is set equal to a  
                          message about VisualADE).

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Any

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

postMsgBox.

# absorbMsg

NAME:

absorbMsg

SYNOPSIS:

absorbMsg()

DESCRIPTION:

Terminates the current thread of execution. In effect, this prohibits the execution of any handlers after this one from responding to the current message(the message that caused this Message Handler to execute).

PARAMETERS (Required):

None.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Any

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: GENERAL, Error: Missing Parameter

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

absorbMsg

# blockingExec

NAME:

blockingExec

SYNOPSIS:

blockingExec(command line)

DESCRIPTION:

Spawns a process and executes the specified command on the resident Operating System and waits for the finish of the execution before returning to VisualADE.

PARAMETERS (Required):

command            Command to execute.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Any

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: GENERAL, Error: Missing Parameter

Class: GENERAL, Error: Bad Parameter

Class: GENERAL, Error: System Error

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

exec, execInShell, blockingExecInShell

# blockingExecInShell

NAME:

blockingExecInShell

SYNOPSIS:

blockingExecInShell(command line)

DESCRIPTION:

Spawns a process and executes the specified command on the resident Operating System and waits for the finish of the execution before returning to VisualADE. The command is executed in a bourne ('sh') shell. This allows redirection and other shell features to be accessed directly from the handler command line.

PARAMETERS (Required):

command            Command to execute.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Any

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: GENERAL, Error: Missing Parameter

Class: GENERAL, Error: Bad Parameter

Class: GENERAL, Error: System Error

CAVEATS:

Creates a temporary file called 'vadetmp' where the specified command line is stored. Then the command 'sh vadetmp' is executed where 'vadetmp' is then treated as a script file. This file is not automatically removed when this handler returns.

SEE ALSO:

exec, execInShell, blockingExec

# catchErrors

## NAME:

catchErrors

## SYNOPSIS:

```
catchErrors(msgname [[[, msgparm], msgparm]...])
```

## DESCRIPTION:

Sends the specified named message if this handler detects an exception by one of the Message Handlers following it in the flow of control. This is similar to the 'C++' language's exception handling scheme where exception handlers (like this catchErrors handler) get 'pushed and popped' on and off a stack of exception handlers as the control flow enters and exits the domains the exception handlers handle.

## PARAMETERS (Required):

msgname            Name of message to send.

## PARAMETERS (Optional):

msgparms           Name of parameters to the message to send.  
(when not specified the message has no parameters).

## CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Any

## DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

## MESSAGES GENERATED:

msgname            As specified.

## VARIABLES SET:

%e0                General classname of type of component the handler that generated the error is in.

%e1                Name of the handler that generated the error.

%e2                Text describing the creator of the handler.

%e3                General description of the error.

%e4                Severity of the error on a scale from 0 to 100.

%e5                Detailed description of the error.

## EXCEPTIONS:

Class: GENERAL, Error: Not Initialized

## CAVEATS:

If an exception (i.e. error) is not 'caught' then a descriptive

message about the exception is printed to standard out.

**SEE ALSO:**

sendMsg, quitWithDeletesVerified, quitWithChangesVerified,  
absorbMsg, quit, Translation

# dumpTranslations

NAME:

dumpTranslations

SYNOPSIS:

dumpTranslations()

DESCRIPTION:

Prints to Standard Out in the window where VisualADE was started all translations that have been registered, internally and externally, with the containing component.

PARAMETERS (Required):

None.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

All

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

^<key>d dumpTranslations()

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

printAllMessages

# exec

NAME:

exec

SYNOPSIS:

exec(command line)

DESCRIPTION:

Spawns a process and executes the specified command on the resident Operating System.

PARAMETERS (Required):

command            Command to execute.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Any

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: GENERAL, Error: Missing Parameter

Class: GENERAL, Error: Bad Parameter

Class: GENERAL, Error: System Error

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

execInShell, blockingExec, blockingExecInShell



# execInShell

NAME:

execInShell

SYNOPSIS:

execInShell(command line)

DESCRIPTION:

Spawns a process and executes the specified command on the resident Operating System in a bourne ('sh') shell. This allows redirection and other shell features to be accessed directly from the handler command line.

PARAMETERS (Required):

command            Command to execute.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Any

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: GENERAL, Error: Missing Parameter

Class: GENERAL, Error: Bad Parameter

Class: GENERAL, Error: System Error

CAVEATS:

Creates a temporary file called 'vadetmp' where the specified command line is stored. Then the command 'sh vadetmp' is executed where 'vadetmp' is then treated as a script file. This file is not automatically removed when this handler returns.

SEE ALSO:

exec, blockingExec, blockingExecInShell

# printAllMessages

NAME:

printAllMessages

SYNOPSIS:

printAllMessages()

DESCRIPTION:

Toggles the printing to Standard Out in the window where VisualADE was started all messages routed through the containing component.

PARAMETERS (Required):

None.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

All

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

^<key>m printAllMessages()

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

dumpTranslations

# quit

NAME:

quit

SYNOPSIS:

quit()

DESCRIPTION:

Terminates and exits the VisualADE program.

PARAMETERS (Required):

None.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Any

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

quitWithChangesVerified, quitWithDeletesVerified.

# quitWithChangesVerified

NAME:

quitWithChangesVerified

SYNOPSIS:

quitWithChangesVerified()

DESCRIPTION:

Checks to see if any of the Components in the system have changed, and if so, posts a Warning Dialog to the user to confirm or cancel exit. Otherwise the application is simply exited.

PARAMETERS (Required):

None.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Any

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

sendMsg, sendMsgIfChanges, quitWithDeletesVerified, absorbMsg, quit

# quitWithDeletesVerified

NAME:

quitWithDeletesVerified

SYNOPSIS:

quitWithDeletesVerified()

DESCRIPTION:

Sends the message named delete ("Delete") to all Components in the system and returns without continuing the current thread if any of the Components return a negative response. If a negative response is not returned the thread continues. It is intended that this be used as a supplement to quitWithChangesVerified by assigning a handler for the Delete message in Components that, for example, can inquire if application specific data has changed, posting a confirmation dialog to the user if so, and letting the dialog's cancel button return the negative response terminating the quit operation.

PARAMETERS (Required):

None.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Any

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

Delete. Sent to all components in the system.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

sendMsg, sendMsgIfChanges, quitWithChangesVerified, absorbMsg, quit

# runCommand

NAME:

runCommand

SYNOPSIS:

runCommand(command)

DESCRIPTION:

Executes the specified VisualADE command. This is useful for executing VisualADE Message Handlers from a dialog box.

PARAMETERS (Required):

command            The command to execute. Allowable commands are any Message Handler that is valid for the containing component (i.e. anything that can put on the right-hand-side of a translation).

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Any

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: GENERAL, Error: Missing Parameter

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

runCommandFile

# runCommandFile

NAME:

runCommandFile

SYNOPSIS:

runCommandFile(filename)

DESCRIPTION:

Executes the VisualADE commands found in the specified file.

PARAMETERS (Required):

filename            The file containing the commands to execute.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Any

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: GENERAL, Error: Missing Parameter

Class: GENERAL, Error: File Not Found

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

runCommand

# sendMsg

NAME:

sendMsg

SYNOPSIS:

sendMsg(msgname)

DESCRIPTION:

Sends the specified message to a component.

PARAMETERS (Required):

msgname            The name of the message to send.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Any

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

As specified.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: GENERAL, Error: Missing Parameter

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

absorbMsg



# sendMsgIfChanges

**NAME:**

sendMsgIfChanges

**SYNOPSIS:**

sendMsgIfChanges(msgname [[[, msgparm], msgparm]...])

**DESCRIPTION:**

Sends the specified named message if this handler's container indicates that the user has made changes to it.

**PARAMETERS (Required):**

msgname            Name of message to send.

**PARAMETERS (Optional):**

msgparms           Name of parameters to the message to send.  
(when not specified the message has no parameters).

**CONTAINER COMPONENT:**

Any

**DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:**

None.

**MESSAGES GENERATED:**

msgname            As specified.

**VARIABLES SET:**

None.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

Class: GENERAL, Error: Missing Parameter

**CAVEATS:**

**SEE ALSO:**

sendMsg, quitWithDeletesVerified, quitWithChangesVerified,  
absorbMsg, quit

# sendTimerMsg

NAME:

sendTimerMsg

SYNOPSIS:

sendTimerMsg(name, time interval | Enable | Disable [, msgname])

DESCRIPTION:

Sends the specified named message every interval of time if not disabled. This Message Handler can create a timer, disable a timer, or modify a timers interval and/or msgname.

PARAMETERS (Required):

name	Name of the timer.
time	Number of seconds between sending of the message. This number is a real number (i.e. 0.1 causes the message to be sent 10 times a second).
Disable	The messages are not sent anymore.
Enable	Cancels a previous Disable.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

msgname	Name of the message to send. (when not specified is set equal to the timer name IF the timer has not been previously created, otherwise is the same as previously set during creation of the timer).
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CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Any

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

msgname	As specified.
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VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: GENERAL, Error: Missing Parameter  
Class: GENERAL, Error: Bad Parameter

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

sendMsg, quitWithDeletesVerified, quitWithChangesVerified, absorbMsg, quit

# setSensitivity

NAME:

setSensitivity

SYNOPSIS:

setSensitivity(name[, True | False])

DESCRIPTION:

Permits or prohibits an item (text) in the menubar from interacting with the user. The item is usually 'grayed out' or in some way changes when interaction is prohibited.

PARAMETERS (Required):

name	Reference name of an item in the Menubar. These names may be the same as the item text or be specified using the cascaded path to the item (i.e. Print.PostScript.Encapsulated)
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PARAMETERS (Optional):

True   False	True allows interaction with the item, False disallows interaction with the item. (when not specified is set equal to True).
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CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Menubar

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: MENUBAR, Error: Missing Parameter  
Class: MENUBAR, Error: Bad Parameter.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

# setVariable

NAME:

setVariable

SYNOPSIS:

setVariable(destination variable name, source value)

DESCRIPTION:

Assigns the specified value to the specified variable.

PARAMETERS (Required):

name                   The name of the variable. Allowable names are a percent followed by any number:

                          %1, ..., %9, ... %12, ...

value                   The new value of the variable.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

Any

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

As specified.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: GENERAL, Error: Missing Parameter

Class: GENERAL, Error: Bad Parameter

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

setVariableFromFile, saveVariableToFile

# setVariableFromFile

**NAME:**

setVariableFromFile

**SYNOPSIS:**

setVariableFromFile(destination variable name, filename)

**DESCRIPTION:**

Assigns the value from the specified file to the specified variable.

**PARAMETERS (Required):**

name                    The name of the variable. Allowable names are a percent followed by any number:

                          %1, ..., %9, ... %12, ...

filename                The filename where the value is found.

**PARAMETERS (Optional):**

None.

**CONTAINER COMPONENT:**

Any

**DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:**

None.

**MESSAGES GENERATED:**

None.

**VARIABLES SET:**

As specified.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

Class: GENERAL, Error: Missing Parameter

Class: GENERAL, Error: Bad Parameter

**CAVEATS:**

**SEE ALSO:**

setVariable, saveVariableToFile

# GraphicsFile

NAME:

GraphicsFile

SYNOPSIS:

The Textual Graphics File Format

DESCRIPTION:

A simple format for the storing of graphics data.

CAVEATS:

This is a flat file description at this time but will evolve into a hierarchical description in the future.

SEE ALSO:

loadGraphics, loadGraphicsFile, saveGraphicsFile

EXPLANATION:

The format of the file is one line per graphics primitive or attribute:

<Primitive Type> [<Applications Name for Primitive>] <primitive data>

for example:

```
namedRectangle    couch    0 0 100 100
```

the following variations in the format are also valid:

```
namedRectangle,couch,0,0,100,100
namedRectangle, couch, 0, 0, 100, 100
```

1. X and Y are coordinates which are integers -2147483648 to +2147483647.
2. Color names are common colors like "red", "blue", etc.
3. Named graphics primitives do not display the application's name for the primitive, the name is for use as an 'ID' or 'key' in order to find particular primitives in the text graphics file and in memory.
4. Grid orientation:
  - 1 = Horizontal steps (Vertical lines)
  - 2 = Vertical steps (Horizontal lines)
  - 3 = Horizontal and Vertical steps (crosshatch lines)

the following graphics primitives and attributes are supported:

AnnotatedRect, <Text Annotation, lowerleft X, lowerleft Y, upperright X, upperright Y>

namedAnnotatedRect, <Name of Rectangle, Text Annotation, lowerleft X, lowerleft Y, upperright X, upperright Y>

Rectangle, <lowerleft X, lowerleft Y, upperright X, upperright Y>

namedRectangle, <Name of Rectangle, lowerleft X, lowerleft Y, upperright X, upperright Y>

Text, <Text String, Center X, Center Y>

namedText, <Name of Text, Text String, Center X, Center Y>

Line, <Start X, Start Y, End X, End Y>

namedLine, <Name of Line, Start X, Start Y, End X, End Y>

Circle, <Center X, Center Y, Radius>

namedCircle, <Name of Circle, Center X, Center Y, Radius>

Grid, <Orientation, X Step Size, Y Step Size, lowerleft X, lowerleft Y, upperright X, upperright Y>

namedGrid, <Name of Grid, Orientation, X Step Size, Y Step Size, lowerleft X, lowerleft Y, upperright X, upperright Y>

Color, <Name of Color>

FillColor, <Name of Color>

BackgroundColor, <Name of Color>

LineStyle, Solid | Dashed | DoubleDashed

LineWidth, <Width in Coordinates>

DeviceLineWidth, <Width in Pixels>

Filled, True | False

Writemode, Replace | Xor

# addGraphics

NAME:

addGraphics

SYNOPSIS:

addGraphics(line describing graphics object or attribute)

DESCRIPTION:

Creates and places the specified graphics object in the containing Graph or the specified attributes as the current 'pen' color, linewidth, or whatever.

PARAMETERS (Required):

description                      A line of text based on the graphics file format detailed in GraphicsFile.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

UnDirectedGraph  
DirectedGraph  
TreeGraph  
DbllinkList

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: GRAPH,    Error: Missing Parameter

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

loadGraphicsFile, saveGraphicsFile, GraphicsFile



# assignGraphicsToGraph1

NAME:

assignGraphicsToGraph1

SYNOPSIS:

assignGraphicsToGraph1()

DESCRIPTION:

Assigns graphics to the graph data using a built in procedure for assigning shadow rectangles annotated with text to nodes in the graph and straight lines to the connections (edges).

PARAMETERS (Required):

None.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

UnDirectedGraph  
DirectedGraph  
TreeGraph  
DbllinkList

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

deleteContents, loadGraphicsFile, saveGraphicsFile

# deleteContents

NAME:

deleteContents

SYNOPSIS:

deleteContents()

DESCRIPTION:

Deletes all graphics which has been assigned to graph data.

PARAMETERS (Required):

None.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

UnDirectedGraph  
DirectedGraph  
TreeGraph  
DbllinkList

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

assignGraphicsToGraph1, loadGraphicsFile, saveGraphicsFile.

# loadDirGraph

NAME:

loadDirGraph

SYNOPSIS:

loadDirGraph(filename)

DESCRIPTION:

Reads the specified file and creates and directed graph (or tree) from the file data.

PARAMETERS (Required):

filename                      Name of the file with the data in  
the form:

child1   parent1   parent2  
child2   parent1   parent3   parent4  
child3   parent1   parent10

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

UnDirectedGraph  
DirectedGraph  
TreeGraph  
DbllinkList

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: GRAPH,    Error: Bad Parameter

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

loadDirGraph1, assignGraphicsToGraph1

# loadDirGraph1

NAME:

loadDirGraph1

SYNOPSIS:

loadDirGraph1(filename)

DESCRIPTION:

Reads the specified file and creates and directed graph (or tree) from the file data.

PARAMETERS (Required):

filename	Name of the file with the data in the form (similar to the 'du' utility):
attribute1	grandparent1/parent1/child1
attribute2	greatgrandparent2/grandparent2/parent2/child2
attribute3	parent3/child3
...	...

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

UnDirectedGraph  
DirectedGraph  
TreeGraph  
DbllinkList

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: GRAPH, Error: Bad Parameter

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

loadDirGraph, assignGraphicsToGraph1

# loadGraphicsFile

NAME:

loadGraphicsFile

SYNOPSIS:

loadGraphics(filename)

DESCRIPTION:

Creates and places the graphics primitives as read from the specified filename and appends them to the containing Graph.

PARAMETERS (Required):

filename	Name of the file with the data in the file format detailed in GraphicsFile. (when not specified is set equal to 'grdata').
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PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

UnDirectedGraph  
DirectedGraph  
TreeGraph  
DbllinkList

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: GRAPH, Error: File Not Found

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

loadGraphics, saveGraphicsFile, GraphicsFile

# placeLeftToRight

NAME:

placeLeftToRight

SYNOPSIS:

placeLeftToRight()

DESCRIPTION:

Places the contents of a directed graph or tree in a pleasant layout with the parents on the left and the children towards the right.

PARAMETERS (Required):

None.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

UnDirectedGraph  
DirectedGraph  
TreeGraph  
DbllinkList

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

placeTopDown

# placeTopDown

NAME:

placeTopDown

SYNOPSIS:

placeTopDown()

DESCRIPTION:

Places the contents of a directed graph or tree in a pleasant layout with the parents on the top and the children towards the bottom.

PARAMETERS (Required):

None.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

UnDirectedGraph  
DirectedGraph  
TreeGraph  
DbllinkList

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

placeLeftToRight

# saveGraphicsFile

NAME:

saveGraphicsFile

SYNOPSIS:

saveGraphics(filename)

DESCRIPTION:

Creates a textual representation of the graphics primitives found in the containing Graph writes it to the specified file. If the file already exists, the user is asked to confirm or cancel overwrite by a dialog box.

PARAMETERS (Required):

filename	Name of the file to store the data in the file format detailed in GraphicsFile. (when not specified is set equal to 'grdata').
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PARAMETERS (Optional):

None.

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

UnDirectedGraph  
DirectedGraph  
TreeGraph  
DbllinkList

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

Class: GRAPH, Error: System Error

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

loadGraphics, loadGraphicsFile, GraphicsFile



# updateViewToIncludeAllGraphics

NAME:

updateViewToIncludeAllGraphics

SYNOPSIS:

updateViewToIncludeAllGraphics()

DESCRIPTION:

Updates editor universe to assure inclusion all graphics which has been assigned to graph data.

PARAMETERS (Required):

None.

PARAMETERS (Optional):

CONTAINER COMPONENT:

UnDirectedGraph  
DirectedGraph  
TreeGraph  
DbllinkList

DEFAULT TRANSLATIONS:

None.

MESSAGES GENERATED:

None.

VARIABLES SET:

None.

EXCEPTIONS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

assignGraphicsToGraph1, loadGraphicsFile, saveGraphicsFile.

# VisualADE

NAME:

VisualADE - The Visual Application Development Engine

SYNOPSIS:

ade descriptionFilename

DESCRIPTION:

The VisualADE Engine is driven by an elegantly simple textual description file, that you use to describe the way you want your application to look and behave.

FEATURES:

SEE ALSO:

Description, Application, Translation

EXPLANATION:

## compile

NAME:

compile

SYNOPSIS:

compile descriptionFile [outputFile] [-encrypt] [-header "your text"]

DESCRIPTION:

Converts the given description file into the format used by the runtime VisualADE engine. The output file generated by this utility can be distributed to users who do not have the development VisualADE. The output file cannot be modified by the users (and, optionally, cannot be examined either).

INPUTS:

descriptionFilename	The name of a description file.
outputFilename	The name of the file to place the compiled output. (If not specified this is set to the descriptionFilename with a '.ade' extension).
-header	Includes the text following this option into the first line of the output file.
-encrypt	Causes the output compiled file to be encrypted (unreadable except for the optional header).

OUTPUTS:

A description file in the format suitable for use with the

runtime version of VisualADE.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

# registerVadeHandler

## NAME:

registerVadeHandler

## SYNOPSIS:

```
registerVadeHandler(EXTERNALFNPTR fn, char *name, char *client_data)
```

## DESCRIPTION:

Available through the VisualADE library interface.

Registers an application routine with the Visual ADE Engine. This routine can then be referenced by name in a description file. The routine is called whenever it is sent a message by VisualADE's Engine (the parameter passing is described below).

## INPUTS:

EXTERNALFNPTR	fn	The address of the function.
char *	name	The name that can be used in the description file.
char *	client_data	The pointer value to pass as a parameter

called.

to the external function when it is

## OUTPUTS:

None.

## CALLBACK FUNCTION:

```
<name>(char *client_data, int argc, char **argv)
```

char *	client_data	As specified when the external function is registered.
int	argc	Number of arguments contained in argv array.
char **	argv	Array of command line arguments. argv[0] is the name of the function as registered.

```
registerVadeHandler(name [[, label]], msgname))
```

## CAVEATS:

## SEE ALSO:

runVade, runVadeHandler

## EXAMPLE:

```
{  
...  
registerVadeHandler((EXTERNALFNPTR )&sample_external_fn, "printf",  
NULL);  
runVade(argc, argv);
```

```
    }  
  
Boolean sample_external_fn(char *client_data, int argc, char **argv)  
{  
    client_data = client_data;  
  
    printf(argv[1], argv[2], argv[3], argv[4], argv[5],  
           NULL, NULL, NULL, NULL);  
  
    return(True);  
}
```

# runVade

NAME:

runVade

SYNOPSIS:

```
runVade(int argc, char **argv)
```

DESCRIPTION:

Starts the Visual ADE Engine and does not return.

INPUTS:

int	argc	Number of arguments contained in argv array.
char **	argv	Array of command line arguments.

OUTPUTS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

registerVadeHandler, runVadeHandler

# runVade

NAME:

runVade

SYNOPSIS:

```
runVade(int argc, char **argv)
```

DESCRIPTION:

Starts the Visual ADE Engine and does not return.

INPUTS:

int	argc	Number of arguments contained in argv array.
char **	argv	Array of command line arguments.

OUTPUTS:

None.

CAVEATS:

SEE ALSO:

registerVadeHandler, runVadeHandler

# runVadeHandler

**NAME:**

runVadeHandler

**SYNOPSIS:**

runVadeHandler(char \*string)

**DESCRIPTION:**

Available through the VisualADE library interface.

Executes a Visual ADE Message Handler with the given name and parameters. Any text that would be valid on the right-hand-side of a translation can be used here.

**INPUTS:**

char \* string                    The Message Handler and parameters to execute.

**OUTPUTS:**

None.

**CAVEATS:**

The Component assigned the executed Handler is called ExternalInterface and so a destination component must be provided explicitly for all but the general Message Handlers (i.e. MyPanel::setValue ...).

**SEE ALSO:**

runVade, registerVadeHandler

**EXAMPLE:**

runVadeHandler("MyPanel::setValue(%1, myFileName)")