

Windows Programming

Events

- One loop checking events
 - When catch event, sent to event-processing function
- Callback function
 - Triggered when some conditions are met, such as certain time passed
 - When windows receive event, we send it to the callback function

Events (cont.)

- In windows, only the main loop can receive events
 - We cannot call another function and have that function waiting for events

Standard naming prefix

- sz – character array
- s – string without a null terminator
- c – character
- b – boolean (0 or 1)
- i – integer 32 bit
- l – long
- ul – unsigned long

Standard naming prefix (cont.)

- dw – double word
- lp, lptr – long pointer
- g , g_ – global variable
- fn – function pointer
- h – handle
- v - void

Standard naming prefix example

```
int    iBytesReceived = 0; // # of Bytes Received
int    iBytesSent = 0;    // # of Bytes Sent
char   szCommand[128];   // Chat Buffer
vServerConnection()
```

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MFC library

- MFC app wizard in Visual c++
- Bad points
 - library not written by Microsoft will not work
 - MFC programs are huge
 - Statically linked – huge size
 - Dynamically linked – read MFC dll in Windows directory, but dll changes easily
 - So MFC is not for game programming

Creating a Window

- First function
 - Defining + creating window
- Second function
 - Process all events and messages

First function

• `int WINAPI WinMain(HINSTANCE, HINSTANCE, PSTR, INT)`

handle for instance of current app

Previous instance of the program, this is NULL for 32 bit operations

Pointer to command line string passed to the program

SW_SHOWMAXIMIZED
SW_SHOWMINIMIZED
SW_SHOWNORMAL

How window will first appear

Steps in the first function

- Set up window attributes
- Register the window
- Create window
- Display window
- Process messages (send the messages to be processed)

```

// Standard windows include
#include <windows.h>  → ทุกวินโดวส์ต้องมี

// Message Loop CallBack Function prototype ( REQUIRED FOR ALL
//WINDOWS PROGRAMS )
LRESULT CALLBACK fnMessageProcessor (HWND, UINT,
WPARAM, LPARAM);

// Function to Create the Window and Display it ( REQUIRED FOR ALL
//WINDOWS PROGRAMS )

int WINAPI WinMain (HINSTANCE hInstance, HINSTANCE
hPrevInstance, PSTR szCmdLine, int iCmdShow)
{
    HWND          hWnd;
    MSG           msg;
    WNDCLASSEX   wndclass;

```

```

// Set up window attributes
wndclass.cbSize           = sizeof(wndclass);
wndclass.style            = CS_HREDRAW | CS_VREDRAW;
wndclass.lpfnWndProc      = fnMessageProcessor; //the message get sent here
wndclass.cbClsExtra       = 0;
wndclass.cbWndExtra       = 0;
wndclass.hInstance        = hInstance;
wndclass.hIcon            = LoadIcon( NULL, IDI_APPLICATION );
wndclass.hCursor          = LoadCursor( NULL, IDC_ARROW );
wndclass.hbrBackground    = (HBRUSH) GetStockObject (WHITE_BRUSH);
wndclass.lpszMenuName     = NULL;
wndclass.lpszClassName    = "Simple Window Class";//Registered Class Name
wndclass.hIconSm          = LoadIcon( NULL, IDI_APPLICATION );

if( RegisterClassEx( &wndclass ) == 0 ) // tell windows so we can use class by name
{
    // Do error logic here
    exit(1);
}

```

Pointer to our class object
 Register allows- calling class name, creating window

- cbSize - size of WNDCLASSEX data structure
- style - various styles can be combined with |
- lpfnWndProc - pointer to message-processing function (function name)
- cbClsExtra – number of bytes following the class structure (always 0)
- cbWndExtra – number of bytes following the Windows instance (always 0)
- hInstance – handle to the instance of the window where class will run
- hIcon – handle to the icon (if null, the application must draw its own icon)
- hCursor - handle to the cursor (if null, the application must draw its own cursor)
- hbrBackground – handle to the background brush
- lpszMenuName - pointer to menu name (games don't have one, so NULL)
- lpszClassName - pointer to class name
- hIconSm – handle to an icon used when the program is represented by a small icon

```

// Create the window
hWnd = CreateWindow("Simple Window Class", // Application Name
                   "Simple Window Program", // Name Displayed on Title Bar

                   WS_OVERLAPPEDWINDOW, //style
                   CW_USEDEFAULT,
                   CW_USEDEFAULT,
                   CW_USEDEFAULT,
                   CW_USEDEFAULT,
                   NULL,
                   NULL,
                   hInstance,
                   NULL);

// Display the window
ShowWindow( hWnd, iCmdShow ); //return BOOL
UpdateWindow( hWnd );

```

Use class name

HWND - Handle to the window we want to show

Integer –display state value (มีค่าจริง)

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```

HWND CreateWindow(
    LPCTSTR lpClassName, //pointer to registered class name
    LPCTSTR lpWindowName, //title bar text
    DWORD dwStyle, // window style → มีตารางหน้าต่อไป
    int x, //horizontal position of window
    int y, //vertical position of window
    int nWidth, //window width
    int nHeight, //window height
    HWND hWndParent, // handle to parent window
    HMENU hMenu, // handle to menu or child-window id
    HANDLE hInstance, //handle to the instance of this program
    LPVOID lpParam //pointer to window-creation data
)

```

Window styles

- **WS_BORDER** thin border
- **WS_CHILD** the window is a child
- **WS_DISABLED** the window is inactive
- **WS_DLGFRAME** dialog style, no title bar
- **WS_HSCROLL** has horizontal scrollbar
- **WS_VSCROLL** has vertical scrollbar
- **WS_THICKFRAME** has a sizing bar
- **WS_MINIMIZE** starts out minimized
- **WS_MAXIMIZE** starts out maximized

Display state

- SW_SHOW show window in current state
- SW_HIDE hide the window, activate another
- SW_SHOWNORMAL activate and display default state
- SW_SHOWNA show window in its current state but leaves the currently active window active
- SW_RESTORE restores from min or max
- SW_MINIMIZE minimize window and activate the next one
- SW_MAXIMIZE display maximize window
- SW_SHOWMAXIMIZED activate window and display it maximized
- SW_SHOWMINIMIZED activate window and display it minimized

```
// Process messages until the program is terminated
while( GetMessage ( &msg, NULL, 0, 0 ) )
{
    TranslateMessage( &msg );
    DispatchMessage( &msg );
}

return ( msg.wParam );
}
```

GetMessage()

BOOL GetMessage(//return non-zero if success, or zero if
//WM_QUIT message is present, or -1 if fails

LPMSG lpMsg, //pointer to msg

HWND hWnd, //handle to window to get message from

UINT wMsgFilterMin, //limit message range , just set to 0

UINT wMsgFilterMax

)

MSG{

HWND hWnd; // window that receives message

UINT message; //message number

WPARAM wParam;

LPARAM lParam;

DWORD time; //the time the message was generated

POINT pt; //screen coordinate of the cursor when the
//message was generated}

TranslateMessage()

BOOL TranslateMessage(CONST MSG *lpMsg)

Pointer to msg that we just got from GetMessage()

Translate virtual key message to
character message, then put it to be read
by the next GetMessage() i.e. check for
keyboard events and post them to the
queue

DispatchMessage()

LONG DispatchMessage(CONST MSG *lpMsg)

This message is sent to the event procedure of this window

- In the example, it goes to fnMessageProcessor()

Second function – processing message

```
LRESULT CALLBACK fnMessageProcessor ( HWND hWnd, UINT iMsg,
WPARAM wParam, LPARAM lParam ){
    switch( iMsg )
    {
        // Called when window is first created
        case WM_CREATE:
            return( 0 );
        // Called when the window is refreshed
        case WM_PAINT:
            return( 0 );
        // Called when the user closes the window or terminates the application
        case WM_DESTROY:
            PostQuitMessage( 0 );
            return( 0 );
    }
    // clean up with default processor
    return DefWindowProc( hWnd, iMsg, wParam, lParam );
}
```

Window we are processing message

Message ID
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It processes any messages you left behind

Message ID

- WM_CREATE วินโดวส์ถูกสร้างจาก CreateWindow()
- WM_PAINT ต้องวาดวินโดวส์นี้ใหม่
- WM_QUIT ผู้ใช้ปิดวินโดวส์ไปแล้ว
- WM_TIMER เวลาหมด
- WM_KEYDOWN ผู้ใช้กดคีย์
- WM_KEYUP ผู้ใช้ปล่อยคีย์
- WM_MOUSEMOVE เมาส์ถูกเลื่อน
- WM_ACTIVATE วินโดวส์ถูก activate หรือ deactivate
- WM_SIZE วินโดวส์ถูกเปลี่ยนขนาด

Message ID (ต่อ)

- WM_LBUTTONDOWN ปุ่มเมาส์ซ้ายถูกกด
- WM_LBUTTONUP ปุ่มเมาส์ซ้ายถูกปล่อย
- WM_RBUTTONDOWN ปุ่มเมาส์ขวาถูกกด
- WM_RBUTTONUP ปุ่มเมาส์ขวาถูกปล่อย
- WM_SETFOCUS วินโดวส์ได้คีย์บอร์ดโฟกัส
- WM_DESTROY ได้เวลาปิดวินโดวส์แล้ว

Multithreading

- Each thread needs stack space (static memory space)
- Communicate by shared variable
 - Main can set value, and the thread will see
 - But what about writing to the shared space at the same time
 - Use mutex

Thread creation

```
// Memory shared with thread
struct SharedMemory
{
    int iQuit;
    int iCredits;
};

// Our global shared memory
SharedMemory g_SharedMem;
// Thread function prototype
void thrCreditsThread(SharedMemory *sm);
```

```

int WINAPI WinMain (HINSTANCE hInstance,
    HINSTANCE hPrevInstance, PSTR szCmdLine, int
    iCmdShow)
{
    HWND          hWnd;
    MSG           msg;
    WNDCLASSEX   wndclass;
    int           iStartCredits = 0; // Keep track of last
                                   //known credits

    // Thread Variables
    DWORD  dwCreditsID;
    HANDLE hCreditsThreadHandle;

```

```

hCreditsThreadHandle = CreateThread(
    NULL, // Security, default is ok
    NULL, // Initial stack size (in bytes), default (1MB)

    (LPTHREAD_START_ROUTINE )
    &thrCreditsThread, // The thread function

    &g_SharedMem, // Data to pass to the function
    NULL, // Creation flags, keep NULL
    &dwCreditsID // Identifier (we don't use this)
);

```

Closing a thread

```
// Wait on the thread to finish (wait forever if necessary)
```

```
WaitForSingleObject( hCreditsThreadHandle, INFINITE );
```

Handle to thread we want to wait

Time to wait (millisec.)

```
// Free the credits thread
```

```
CloseHandle( hCreditsThreadHandle );
```

Setting Up Visual C++

- File-> new
- Under the projects tab, select win32 application
- Name your project (say, HelloWorld), then click ok
- choose the empty project

Setting Up Visual C++ (cont.)

- Now in the project window, go up to the menu and select
 - Project -> Add to Project ->C++ Source File
- Let's create HelloWorld

Creating HelloWorld

- Try typing this code in the blank window

```
#include <windows.h>
#include <stdio.h>

LPCTSTR    lpszApplicationName = "HelloWorld";
LPCTSTR    lpszTitle           = "Hello World Program";

// Message Loop CallBack Function prototype ( REQUIRED FOR ALL
//WINDOWS PROGRAMS )
LRESULT CALLBACK fnMessageProcessor (HWND, UINT,
WPARAM, LPARAM);
```




```
// Function to Create the Window and Display it ( REQUIRED FOR ALL
//WINDOWS PROGRAMS )
```

```
int WINAPI WinMain(HINSTANCE hInstance, HINSTANCE
hPrevInstance, LPSTR lpCmdLine, int nCmdShow)
{
    MSG                msg;
    HWND               hWnd;
    WNDCLASSEX        wndclass;
    wndclass.cbSize    = sizeof(wndclass);
    wndclass.style     = CS_HREDRAW | CS_VREDRAW;
    wndclass.lpfnWndProc = fnMessageProcessor;
    wndclass.cbClsExtra = 0;
    wndclass.cbWndExtra = 0;
    wndclass.hInstance = hInstance;
    wndclass.hIcon      = LoadIcon( NULL, IDI_APPLICATION );
    wndclass.hCursor    = LoadCursor( NULL, IDC_ARROW );
    wndclass.hbrBackground = (HBRUSH)(COLOR_WINDOW);
```



```
    wndclass.lpszMenuName = NULL;
    wndclass.lpszClassName = lpzApplicationName;
    // Registered Class Name
    wndclass.hIconSm = LoadIcon( NULL, IDI_APPLICATION );
    if( RegisterClassEx( &wndclass ) == 0 ) {
        // Do error logic here
        exit(1);
    }
    // Create the window
    hWnd = CreateWindow(lpszApplicationName,
        lpzTitle, // Name Displayed on Title Bar
        WS_OVERLAPPEDWINDOW,
        100, // X-Starting Position
        100, // Y-Starting Position
        400, // Width
        340, // Height
        NULL, // handle to parent window
        NULL, // handle to menu or child-window
        hInstance, //handle to the instance of this program
        NULL //pointer to window-creation data);
```



```

ShowWindow(hWnd, nCmdShow);
UpdateWindow(hWnd);

// Process messages until the program is terminated
while( TRUE ) {
    // Check for Windows Events & Messages
    if (PeekMessage(&msg, NULL, 0, 0, PM_NOREMOVE)) {
        if (!GetMessage(&msg, NULL, 0, 0))
            break;
        TranslateMessage(&msg);
        DispatchMessage(&msg);
    }
}

return(msg.wParam);
}

```



```

// Windows Callback function to handle messages
LRESULT CALLBACK fnMessageProcessor ( HWND hWnd, UINT
iMsg, WPARAM wParam, LPARAM lParam )
{
    switch (iMsg)
    {
        case WM_COMMAND:
            break;
        case WM_CREATE:
            break;
        case WM_DESTROY:
            PostQuitMessage(0);
            break;
        default:
            return(DefWindowProc(hWnd, iMsg, wParam,
lParam));
    }
    return(0L);
}

```

Then we can run it

- F7 to build (compile)
- Ctrl+F5 to execute
- A blank window with title bar “Hello World Program” will appear

PeekMessage

- Check for pending messages before trying to process them
- If you don't use it, the program just waits for the next message

0 if no message and non-zero otherwise

↖
BOOL PeekMessage(LPMSG lpMsg, // pointer to MSG we receive
 HWND hWnd, // handle to the window you want to
 //check, in case many windows open at the same time

Always 0 for game

↖
 UINT wParamFilterMin, //starting range of message number to look at
 UINT wParamFilterMax, // ending range of message number
 UINT wParamRemoveMsg // what to do after we peek
)

↖
 PM_NOREMOVE -> messages stay in the queue
 PM_REMOVE -> messages are removed from the queue

Adding static text to window

- See the code of this Statictext.cpp
- Almost the same as HelloWorld
- But has some additions

```
#include <windows.h>
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

เลือกเลขอะไรก็ได้ที่ไม่ไปซ้ำกับ resource อื่นก็พอ

```
// ID defines for static text resource object
```

```
#define IDC_hBU_StaticText 40001
```

Static text is actually a child window

```
// create some global handles for our child window components
```

```
HWND hBU_StaticText = NULL;
```

```
LPCTSTR lpszApplicationName = "StaticText";
```

```
LPCTSTR lpszTitle = "Static Text Example";
```



// ใกล้เคียงเหมือนเดิมหมด จนถึงตอน createWindow เสร็จ

```
// Create the static text, it is a child window
```

```
hBU_StaticText = CreateWindow(
    "static", // yes, the class name for static text is "static"
    "Static Text",
    WS_CHILD | SS_CENTER | WS_VISIBLE,
    120,
    130,
    135,
    28,
    hWnd, // the main window is the parent
    (HMENU)IDC_hBU_StaticText,
    hInstance,
    NULL);
```

These are based on parent window

```
ShowWindow(hWnd, nCmdShow);
```

```
UpdateWindow(hWnd);
```

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The execution result

- Window with “Static Text” word in the middle

Window class type

- **STATIC**
 - Text field or text box for labeling other objects
 - Does not accept input or output
- **BUTTON**
 - Can have text
 - Pressing it can trigger Windows message event
- **SCROLLBAR**
 - Clicking on it trigger Windows message event
- **COMBOBOX**

Window class type (cont.)

- EDIT
 - Used to create text entry box
- LISTBOX
 - Box containing rows of text. The text can be selected
- RICHEDIT_CLASS
 - Rich edit text window

Creating Buttons

- We will also use Winmm.lib, which we will use to play sound
- Code for Button.cpp is almost the same as before

```
#include <windows.h>
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
#define IDC_hBU_Join 40001

// create some global handles for our child window components
HWND hBU_Join = NULL;

LPCTSTR lpszApplicationName = "ButtonProg";
LPCTSTR lpszTitle = "Button Example";
```



```
//โค้ดเหมือนเดิมหมด จนถึงตอน createWindow
// Create the window
hWnd = CreateWindow(lpszApplicationName, lpszTitle,
WS_OVERLAPPEDWINDOW, 100, 100, 400, 340, NULL, NULL,
hInstance, NULL );
```

```
// hBU_Join Button
hBU_Join = CreateWindow(
    "BUTTON",
    "Join",
    WS_CHILD | WS_VISIBLE | BS_PUSHBUTTON,
    285,
    280,
    100,
    28,
    hWnd, (HMENU) IDC_hBU_Join, hInstance, NULL);
```

↓ ที่เหลือก็โค้ดเหมือนเดิมหมด ยกเว้นใน message processor

```
LRESULT CALLBACK fnMessageProcessor ( HWND hWnd, UINT iMsg,
WPARAM wParam, LPARAM lParam )
```

```
{
    switch (iMsg)
    {
```

```
        case WM_COMMAND:
            // Check for child window messages
            switch(LOWORD(wParam))
            {
                // Check if the user clicked the button
                case IDC_hBU_Join:
                    PlaySound( "join.wav", NULL,
                    SND_FILENAME | SND_ASYNC);
                    break;
            }
            break;
```

```
        case WM_KEYDOWN:
            break;
```

40001

```

        case WM_CREATE:
            break;

        case WM_DESTROY:
            PostQuitMessage(0);
            break;

        default:
            return(DefWindowProc(hWnd, iMsg, wParam,
IParam));
    }
    return(0L);
}

```

PlaySound()

True if succeed and false if fail

```

BOOL PlaySound(
    LPCSTR pszSound, // sound name (file name) and location
    HMODULE hmod, //
    DWORD fdwSound // flag
)

```

SND_FILENAME //The sound is loaded from a file
SND_RESOURCE //The sound is already loaded as a resource
SND_LOOP // keep playing until NULL is passed as the sound name in
// PlaySound()
SND_ASYNC // PlaySound() does not wait for any previous sound to finish
SND_NOSTOP // old sound is not interrupted by this new sound

ListBox

- It is a multiple line text field, each line is an item of the list box
- Let's modify the button example to have list box

```
#include <windows.h>
#include <stdio.h>

#define IDC_hBU_Join 40001
#define IDC_hLB_Output 40002

// create some global handles for our child window components
HWND hBU_Join = NULL;
HWND hLB_Output = NULL;
```

```
LPCTSTR lpszApplicationName = "ListBoxProg";
LPCTSTR lpszTitle = "ListBox Example";
```

// ใกล้เคียงเหมือนเดิมหมด จนถึงตอน create button เสร็จ ↓

```
// hLB_Output
hLB_Output = CreateWindowEx(
    WS_EX_CLIENTEDGE,
    "LISTBOX",
    NULL,
    WS_CHILD | WS_VISIBLE | LBS_NOTIFY | WS_VSCROLL |
    WS_BORDER,
    5,
    47,
    380,
    230,
    hWnd, (HMENU)IDC_hLB_Output, hInstance, NULL);
```

↑ เดี่ยวมีนิยาม

```
ShowWindow(hWnd, nCmdShow);
```

```
UpdateWindow(hWnd);
```

↓ ใกล้เคียงเหมือนเดิมหมด จนถึง message processor

```

LRESULT CALLBACK fnMessageProcessor ( HWND hWnd, UINT iMsg,
    WPARAM wParam, LPARAM lParam )
{
    char szText[256];
    static count = 0;

    switch (iMsg)
    {
        case WM_COMMAND:
            // Check for child window messages
            switch(LOWORD(wParam))
            {
                // Check if the user clicked the button
                case IDC_hBU_Join:
                    sprintf(szText,"Join Number %d",count++);
                    PlaySound("join.wav", NULL,
                        SND_FILENAME|SND_ASYNC);
                    vShowText(hLB_Output,szText);
                    break;
            }
    }
}

```

โค้ดเหมือนเดิมหมด จนถึงบรรทัด vShowText

```

// Function to display text into the edit window
//
void vShowText(HWND hChildHandle, char *szText)
{
    int Line;
    // add string to the listbox
    SendMessage(hChildHandle, LB_ADDSTRING, 0, (LPARAM)szText);

    // determine number of items in listbox
    Line = SendMessage(hChildHandle, LB_GETCOUNT, 0, 0);

    // flag last item as the selected item, to scroll listbox down
    SendMessage(hChildHandle, LB_SETCURSEL, Line-1, 0);

    // unflag all items to eliminate negative highlight
    SendMessage(hChildHandle, LB_SETCURSEL, -1, 0);
}

```

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CreateWindowEx()

- Creating window, with extended style as its first parameter



```
WS_EX_CLIENTEDGE // The window has a sunken edge
ES_EX_TRANSPARENT //child windows underneath this
//window are visible

WS_EX_TOPMOST // The window always stays on top
WS_EX_CONTROLPARENT // user can use Tab to switch to
//other child windows

WS_EX_DLGMODALFRAME //the window has double border,
//which can have a name if you use
//WS_CAPTION
```

SendMessage()

- Sends a message directly to a window
- This function calls the target window's message procedure
- This function does not return until the sent message is processed

SendMessage() cont.

```
LRESULT SendMessage(  
    HWND    hWnd, // destination window handle  
    UINT    Msg,  // Message to send  
    WPARAM wParam, //Parameter one  
    LPARAM lParam // Parameter two  
)
```

What happens in vShowText

Text to send

```
SendMessage(hChildHandle, LB_ADDSTRING, 0, (LPARAM)szText);
```

1

The window does not scroll, but we want to see the last item without manually scrolling. So we need to fix it.

What happens in vShowText (cont.)

2

```
// determine number of items in listbox  
Line = SendMessage(hChildHandle, LB_GETCOUNT, 0, 0);
```

3

```
// flag last item as the selected item, to scroll listbox down automatically  
SendMessage(hChildHandle, LB_SETCURSEL, Line-1, 0);
```

Set-current-selection

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```
// unflag all items to eliminate what we highlighted highlight  
SendMessage(hChildHandle, LB_SETCURSEL, -1, 0);
```

Editable text box (i.e. Edit Fields)

- Let's modify our program to have an additional edit field

```
#include <windows.h>
#include <stdio.h>

#define IDC_hBU_Join 40001
#define IDC_hLB_Output 40002
#define IDC_hEB_Name 40003

// create some global handles for our child window components
HWND hBU_Join = NULL;
HWND hEB_Name = NULL;
HWND hLB_Output = NULL;

LPCTSTR lpszApplicationName = "EditFieldProg";
LPCTSTR lpszTitle = "EditField Example";
```

// ใกล้เคียงเหมือนเดิมหมด จนถึงตอน create list box เสร็จ ↓

```
// Name
hEB_Name = CreateWindowEx(
    WS_EX_CLIENTEDGE,
    "EDIT", "Your Name",
    WS_CHILD | WS_VISIBLE | WS_BORDER | ES_LEFT,
    250,
    20,
    135,
    28,
    hWnd, (HMENU)IDC_hEB_Name, hInstance, NULL);
```

// ใกล้เคียงเหมือนเดิมหมด จนถึง message processor ↓

```

LRESULT CALLBACK fnMessageProcessor ( HWND hWnd, UINT iMsg,
    WPARAM wParam, LPARAM lParam ){
    char szText[256];
    static count = 0;
    char szName[256];
    switch (iMsg)
    {
        case WM_COMMAND:
            // Check for child window messages
            switch(LOWORD(wParam))
            {
                // Check if the user clicked the button
                case IDC_hBU_Join:
                    // Get the name from the name edit window
                    GetWindowText( hEB_Name, szName,256);
                    sprintf(szText, "<%s> Join Number %d",
                        szName,count++);
            }
        }
    }
}

```

↓
ที่เหลืองไว้คือเหมือนเดิมหมด

GetWindowText()

- Copies text from a window control to a specified buffer

↙ if successful, returns the number of characters retrieved, otherwise returns 0

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int GetWindowText(
    HWND    hWnd, // handle of the window you want to get text
    LPTSTR  lpString, // buffer
    int nMaxCount //maximum number of chars to retrieve
)

```

Exercise: create graphical chat
program

The End :P