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Goals

Learn enough about Symbian

- to judge whether is the right system for a project
- to quickly start application development in C++

Understand

- basic concepts of the Symbian operating system and the application framework
- how to set up a C++ development environment
- how to create a basic "Hello World" application

No mobile HCI course

Symbian Characteristics

Symbian OS from the developer' s point of view =
operating system for handheld devices with limited resources

- + user interface framework
- + APIs (C++)
- + tools

Operating system

- pre-emptive multitasking, multithreading, memory protection, event-based
- special features: conserving memory, reliability, CPU switched off when applications are not dealing with events

Symbian OS from the user' s view

- consistent user interface, comprehensive set of PIM applications, extensible by 3rd party applications

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 - Market share
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History

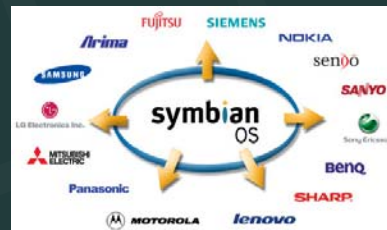
1997: Psion's EPOC OS

1998: Symbian consortium and Symbian OS

- independent of Psion
- Ericsson, Nokia, Motorola, Psion (founders)
- Panasonic, Sony Ericsson, Siemens, Samsung (shareholders)

2000: First Symbian OS phone

- Ericsson R380



Symbian Shipments in 2004

Full year 2004: 14.38 million phones

- Q3 2004: 3.70 million phones
- Q4 2004: 5.68 million phones
- 41 phones models from 8 licensees

2005 shipments

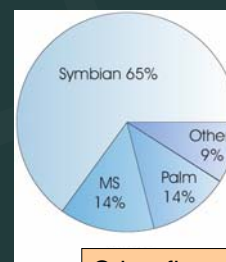
- Q1 2005: 6.75 million phones
- 48 models from 9 licensees shipping

Installed base of almost 32 million phones

All mobile phone shipments full year 2004:

- 664.5 million (Source: IDC, January 27, 2005)
- 683.5 million (Source: Strategy Analytics)

Market share smartphones



Other figures:

Symbian: 80%

Microsoft: 7%

Sources: Symbian Ltd.,
Small Devices Ltd.

Symbian Device Classes and OS Variants



Same basis, different look & feel

Series 60



- smartphones with numeric keypad, "phone centric"

Series 80



- organizers with full keyboard, "information centric"

UIQ



- smartphones with pen input, "information centric"

Series 60 Example Device: Nokia 6600

OS: Symbian OS 7.0s

CPU: ARM-9, 104 Mhz

Memory

- heap size: 3 MB
- storage: 6 MB + MMC

Display

- 65536 colors
- 176 x 208 pixels

Interaction

- numeric keypad
- 2 labeled soft keys
- 5-way direction key

Infrared, Bluetooth

Camera: 640 x 480 pixels



- Java: CLDC 1.0, MIDP 2.0
 - Wireless Messaging API (JSR-120)
 - Mobile Media API (JSR-135)
 - Bluetooth API (JSR-82 No OBEX)

Series 80 Example Device: Nokia 9300

OS: Symbian OS 7.0s

CPU: ARM-based, ~150 MHz

Memory

- heap size: 20 MB
- storage: 80 MB + MMC

Display

- 65536 colors
- 128 x 128 pixels (outside)
- 640 x 200 pixels (inside)

Interaction

- numeric and qwerty keypads
- 3 labeled soft keys
- 9-way direction key

Infrared, Bluetooth



- Java CLDC 1.1, MIDP 2.0
 - Wireless Messaging API (JSR-120)
 - Mobile Media API (JSR-135)
 - Bluetooth API (JSR-82 No OBEX)
 - FileConnection and PIM API (JSR-75)
- Java CDC 1.0 (JSR-36)
 - Personal Profile (JSR-62)
 - Foundation Profile (JSR-46)

UIQ Example Device: Sony Ericsson P910

OS: Symbian OS 7.0

CPU: ARM-9, 156 MHz

Memory

- heap size: 32 MB
- storage: 64 MB + Memory Stick

Display (touch sensitive)

- 262000 colors
- 208 x 320 pixels

Interaction

- stylus on touchscreen
- numeric and qwerty keypad
- 5-way direction key

- Java
 - CLDC 1.1
 - MIDP 2.0
- Infrared, Bluetooth
- Camera: 640 x 480 pixels



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Symbian OS structure

- Hardware resources
- Software components
- Processes, threads, and context switching
- Kernel and user library
- Event handling and active objects
- Client-server framework

Setting up a development environment

Creating a "Hello World" example

Basic Symbian OS concepts

Application framework

Hardware Resources

CPU: ARM, 32-bit, 36-220 MHz

ROM: OS, middleware, applications, Z: drive

RAM: working memory, "disk" space, C: drive

I/O: keypad, pen input, CF card slot, CCD camera

Communication: GSM/GPRS/UMTS, infrared, Bluetooth

Power source: rechargeable battery 2000-3000 mWh (600-900 mAh, 3.5 V)

Display: 176x208 pixels, 65536 colors for smartphones

Memory Organization and Disk Drives

RAM

- runtime memory (stack, heap)

C: Flash-RAM

- application files, user files

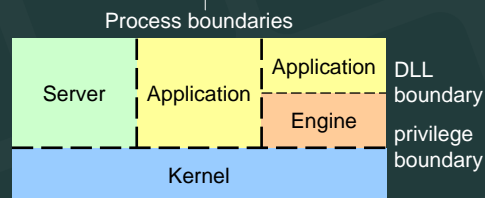
D, E, ...: compact flash cards, memory sticks

- application files, user files

Z: ROM

- operating system files

Software Components



Source: Tasker

Kernel

- manage and controls access to hardware resources
- hardware-supported privileges, kernel mode

Application

- program with a user interface
- runs in user mode in its own process

Server

- program without a user interface
- manages resources, provides interface to clients

Engine

- application part that manipulates data, often separate DLL

Processes, Threads, and Context Switching

Process: fundamental unit of protection

- own address space
- virtual addresses –MMU→ physical addresses

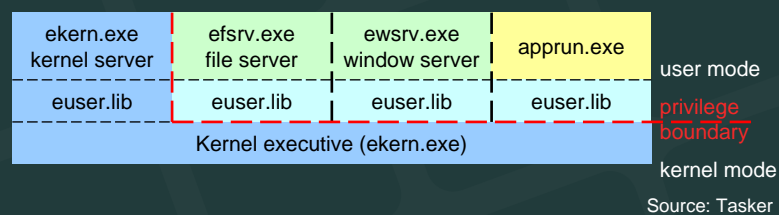
Thread: fundamental unit of execution

- one or more per process
- preemptively scheduled by the kernel

Context switching: changing threads

- expensive between two threads in different processes
- typically just one thread per process → active objects

Kernel and User Library



Kernel runs in privileged mode

Kernel server: highest-priority thread in system

User library (euser.lib): basic library and kernel access

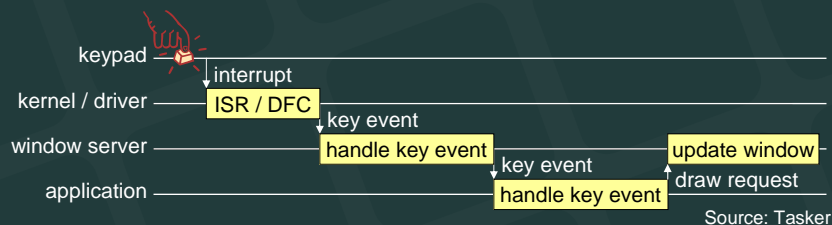
- entirely user-side (e.g. descriptors, arrays)
- cross into kernel executive (e.g. time checking)
- request services of the kernel server

Event Handling and Active Objects

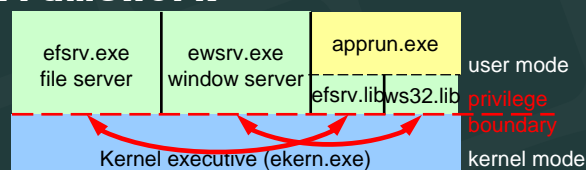
Symbian optimized for efficient event handling

Active objects and active schedulers

- non-preemptive event handling within a single thread
- well-suited for GUI systems
- **active objects** call asynchronous methods or register for events
- **active scheduler** calls RunL method of active object



Client-Server Framework



Most important servers

- **file server:** operations on files
- **window server:** user input, screen drawing
- communications, databases, schedule, contacts, etc.

Client-server interface

- server proxy in client's address space (e.g. RFile, RWindow)
- kernel-supported message passing
- inter-thread read / write: server can access client's address space

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- Development tools
- Installation issues
- Application wizard
- Build process

Creating a "Hello World" example

Basic Symbian OS concepts

Application framework

Symbian Series 60 and UIQ Development Tools

Microsoft Visual Studio – C++ IDE (MSVS)

Metrowerks Code Warrior – C++ IDE (alternative)

[Makmake – makefiles for Windows and ARM, project files for MSVS]

Bldmake – generates abld.bat from bld.inf

Abld – Perl tool, creates makefiles, compiles project

Makesis – creates installation file ".sis" from ".pkg" file

Symbian Series 60 and UIQ Development Tools

Emulator

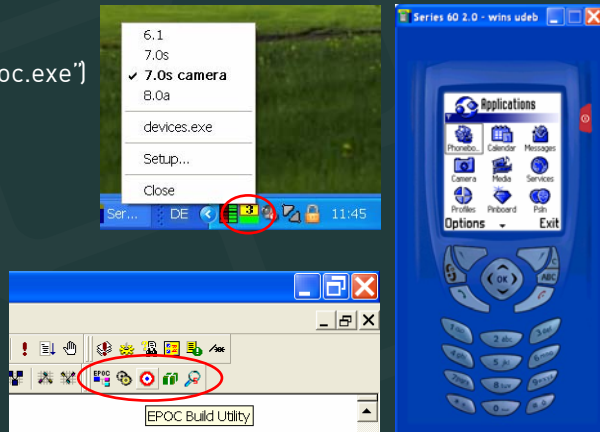
- debugging on Windows ("epoc.exe")

Environment Switch

- choose SDK

EpocToolbar

- Plugin for MSVS



Installation of the Symbian 7.0s SDK on Windows using Visual C++ 6.0

General hints

- avoid spaces in path and file names
 - especially in the installation path
- the installation directory has to be on volume C:
- installation requires "Administrator" privileges
- you need lots of disk space for Symbian
 - (about 720 MB for Nokia 6600 with camera API plugin)
- SDKs are device specific and version specific
 - see: <http://www.forum.nokia.com/main/1,6566,034-4,00.html>

Installation of the Symbian 7.0s SDK on Windows using Visual C++ 6.0

Installation order

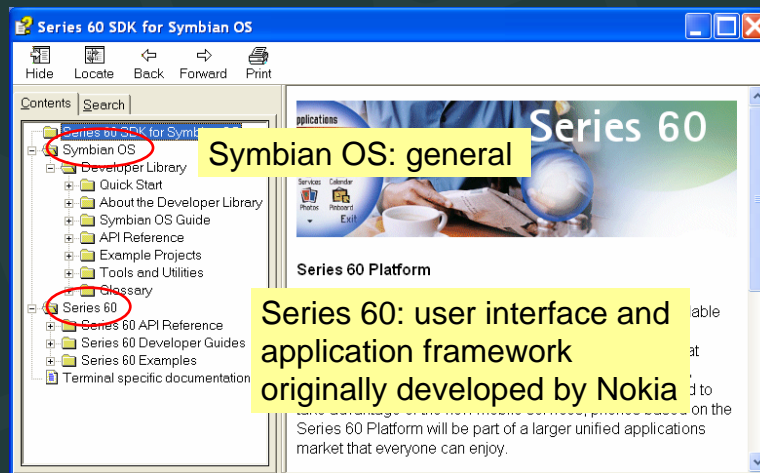
- install MS Visual C++ 6.0 (and latest service pack)
 - <http://msdn.microsoft.com/vstudio/previous/vs6/downloads/default.aspx>
- install latest Java J2SE
 - <http://java.sun.com/j2se/>
- install latest Active Perl
 - <http://www.activestate.com/Products/ActivePerl/>
- install Series 60 SDK 2.0 for Symbian OS
 - <http://www.forum.nokia.com/main/1,6566,034-4,00.html>

Installation directories

Root: C:\dev\Symbian\7.0s\Series60_v20

- Epc32 – gcc compiler, emulator, include files, etc.
- Examples – SDK examples
- Series60Doc – SDK documentation
- Series60Ex – Series 60 specific examples
- Series60Tools – tools

Platform SDK Documentation



Location: C:\dev\Symbian\7.0s\Series60_v20\Series60Doc\Start.chm

Installing the Application Wizard Plug-in for Visual C++ 6.0

Location

- C:\dev\Symbian\7.0s\Series60_v20\Series60Tools\applicationwizard

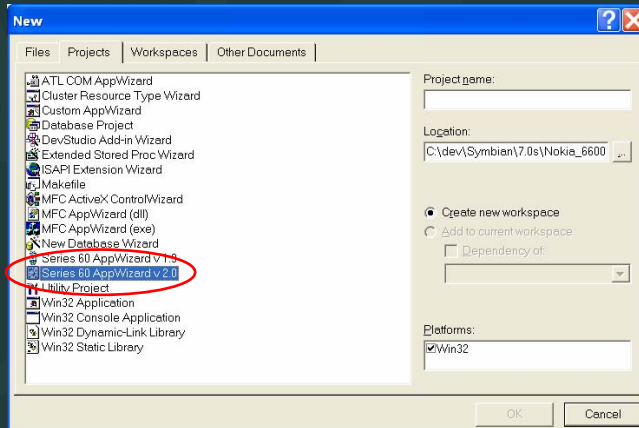
Copy "avkonappwiz_v20.awx" and "avkonappwiz_v20.hlp" to

- C:\Program Files\Microsoft Visual Studio\Common\MSDev98\Template

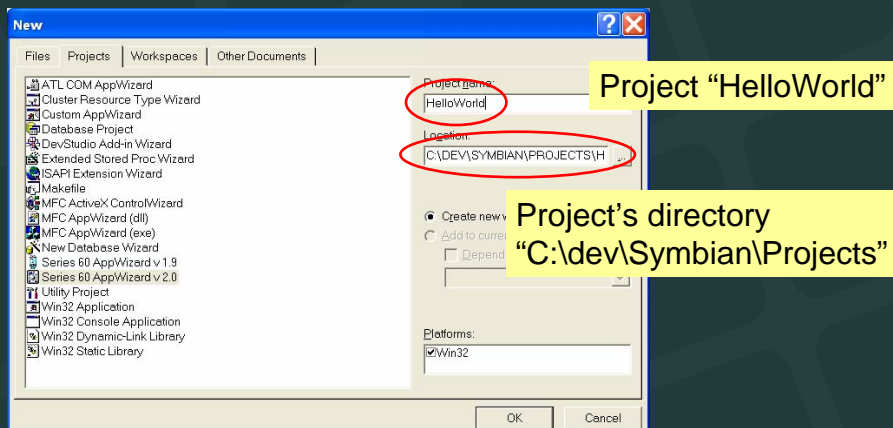
Start MSVS

Standalone application wizard for Symbian 8.0a

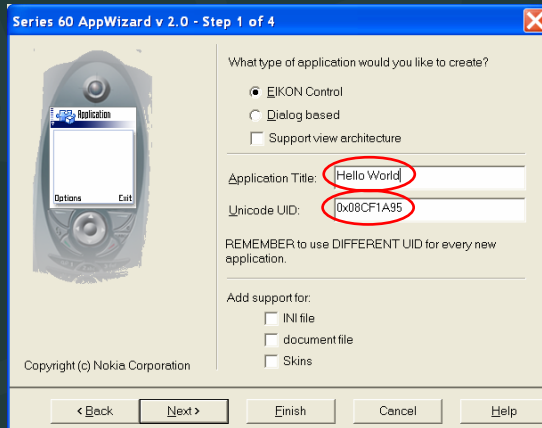
Using the Application Wizard



Using the Application Wizard



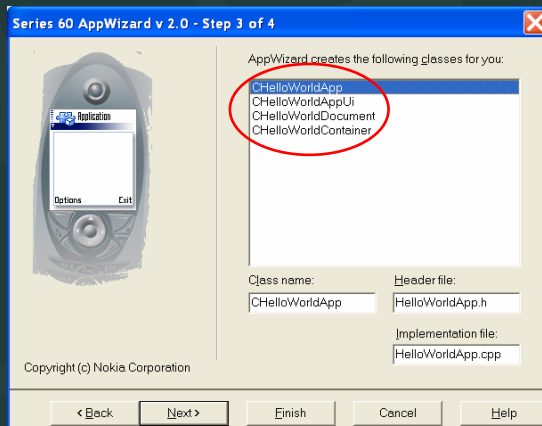
Using the Application Wizard



Application title will appear on the device

Each application has a unique identifier

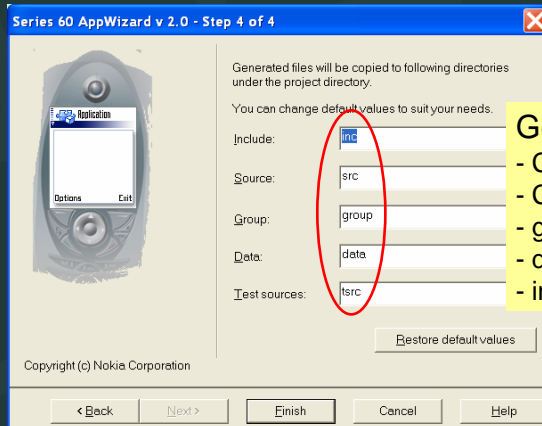
Using the Application Wizard



Generated classes:

- Application
- Document
- User interface
- Container

Using the Application Wizard



Generated directories:

- C++ include files
- C++ source files
- group: Symbian project files
- data, aif: resource files
- install: installation files

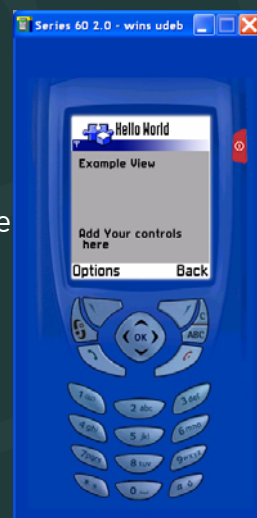
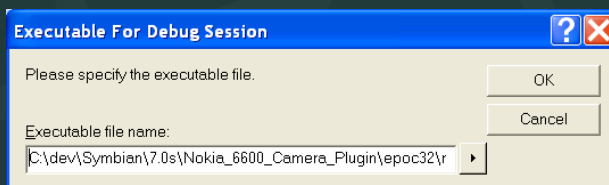
Debugging Programs in the Emulator

Compile (F7)

Execute (Ctrl + F5)

Enter file name of emulator executable (epoc.exe)

- ...\\epoc32\\release\\wins\\udeb\\epoc.exe

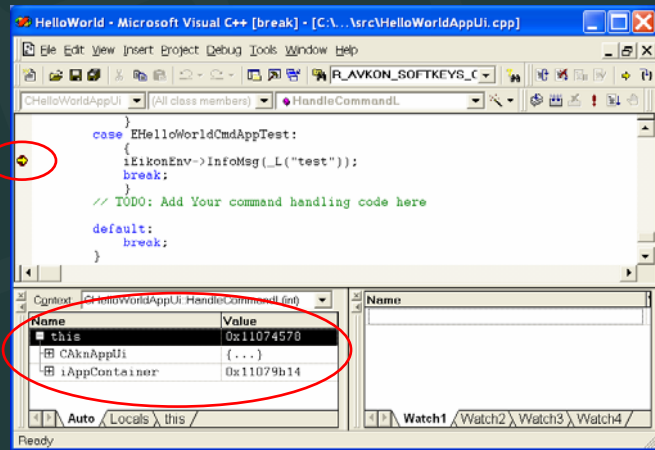


Debugging Programs in the Emulator

Set break-
points (F9)
Debug (F5)

Break-
point

Inspect
variables

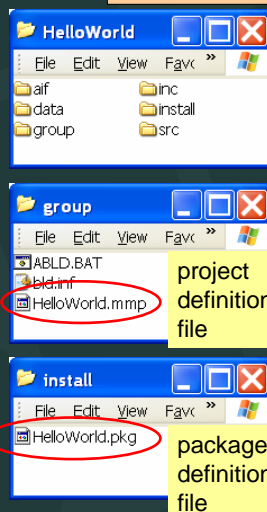
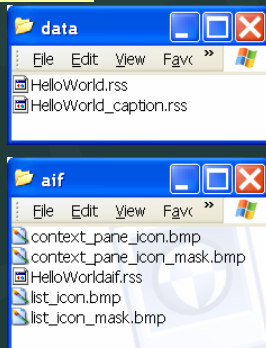


Generated Files

Visual C++ specific files in:

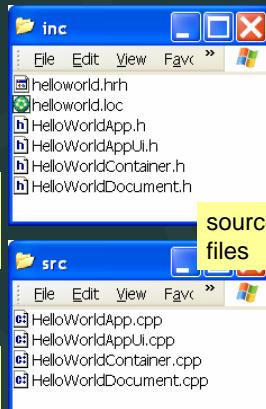
C:\dev\Symbian\7.0s\Series60_v20\Epoc32\BUILD\DEV\SYMBIAN\PROJECTS\HELLOWORLD

GUI
resources



project
definition
file

package
definition
file



source
files

Generated C++ Source Code

```

class CHelloWorldApp : public CAknApplication
{
public: // Functions from base classes
private:

/**
 * From CApaApplication, creates CHelloWorldDoc
 * @return A pointer to the created document c
 */
CApaDocument* CreateDocumentL();

/**
 * From CApaApplication, returns application's
 * @return The value of KUidHelloWorld.
 */
TUid AppDllUid() const;
};

#endif

```

Project Definition File HelloWorld.mmp

```

TARGET HelloWorld.app
TARGETTYPE app
UID 0x100039CE 0x08CF1A95
TARGETPATH \system\apps\HelloWorld

SOURCEPATH ..\src
SOURCE HelloWorldApp.cpp
SOURCE HelloWorldAppUi.cpp
SOURCE HelloWorldDocument.cpp
SOURCE HelloWorldContainer.cpp

SOURCEPATH ..\data
RESOURCE HelloWorld.rss
RESOURCE HelloWorld_caption.rss
LANG SC

USERINCLUDE .
USERINCLUDE ..\inc

SYSTEMINCLUDE .
SYSTEMINCLUDE \epoc32\include

```

```

LIBRARY euser.lib
LIBRARY apparc.lib
LIBRARY cone.lib
LIBRARY eikcore.lib
LIBRARY eikcoctl.lib
LIBRARY avkon.lib

```

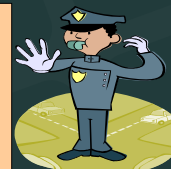
makmake
project

```

AIF HelloWorld.aif ..\aif
HelloWorldaif.rss c8
context_pane_icon.bmp
context_pane_icon_mask.bmp
list_icon.bmp list_icon_mask.bmp

```

After each change to
the mmp file you need
to update the Visual
C++ project with
abld makefile vc6



Package Definition File HelloWorld.pkg

```

;Languages
&EN

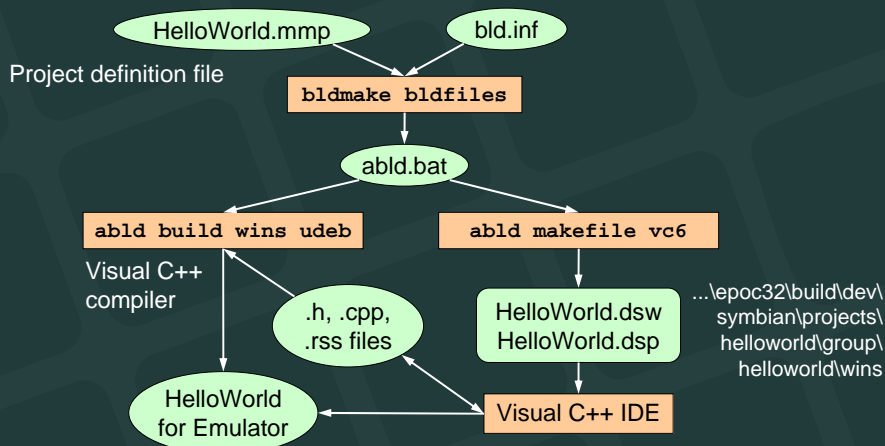
; UID
#{"Hello World"},(0x08CF1A95),1,0,0

;Supports Series 60 v 2.0
(0x101F7960), 0, 0, 0, {"Series60ProductID"}

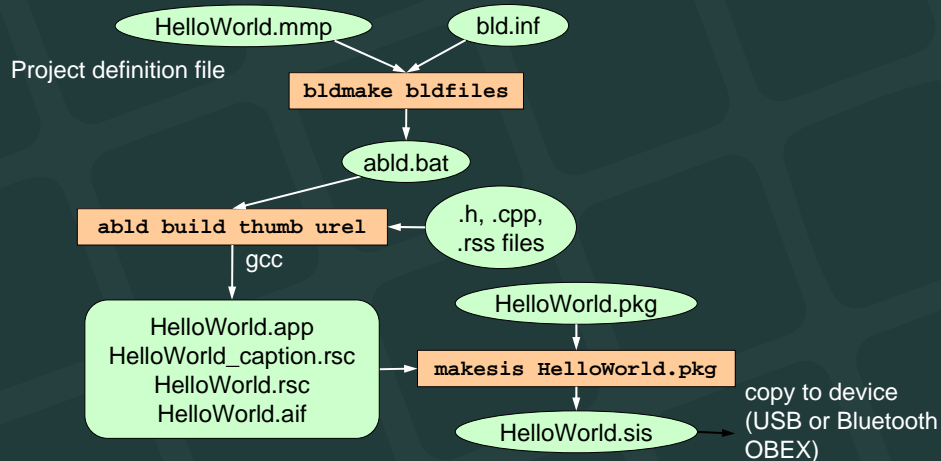
; Four files to install
"\dev\Symbian\7.0s\Nokia_6600_Camera_Plugin\Epoc32\release\thumb\urel\HelloWorld.app" - "!\system\apps\HelloWorld\HelloWorld.app"
"\dev\Symbian\7.0s\Nokia_6600_Camera_Plugin\Epoc32\data\z\system\apps\HelloWorld\HelloWorld.rsc" - "!\system\apps\HelloWorld\HelloWorld.rsc"
"\dev\Symbian\7.0s\Nokia_6600_Camera_Plugin\Epoc32\data\z\system\apps\HelloWorld\HelloWorld_caption.rsc" - "!\system\apps\HelloWorld\HelloWorld_caption.rsc"
"\dev\Symbian\7.0s\Nokia_6600_Camera_Plugin\Epoc32\data\z\system\apps\HelloWorld\HelloWorld.aif" - "!\system\apps\HelloWorld\HelloWorld.aif"

```

Build Process for Emulator (Intel / Windows)



Build Process for Target Device (Arm / Symbian)



Using Visual Studio .NET with Symbian OS SDKs (officially unsupported)

"abld makefile vc6" creates .dsw and .dsp files
open .dsp file in Visual Studio .NET

change project properties:

- Code Generation: Enable C++
- Exceptions: No
- Buffer Security Check: No
- Command Line
- Additional Options: /Qlfist

set PATH environment variable to point to the new Visual Studio .NET

add the /Qlfist flag to `\epoc32\tools\cl_win.pm`

<http://www3.symbian.com/faq.nsf/0/30398B3E9500A24D80256C7F00693A91?OpenDocument>

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- Basic Symbian OS and Symbian C++ concepts
 - Naming conventions
 - Basic types
 - Exception handling
 - Resource management
 - Descriptors
- Application framework

Naming Conventions for Types

One character prefix for consistency, readability

T ("type") classes: no pointers, no resources

TPoint

C ("cleanup") classes: reside on the heap, derived from
CBase, virtual destructor

CAknApplication

R ("resource") classes: client-side handle to an OS
resource (file server, message server, etc.)

RSocket

M ("mixin") classes: interface, no implementation, pure
virtual functions, observer design pattern

MEikMenuObserver

E ("enumeration") types: enumerations

EKeyOK

Naming Conventions for Variables and Constants

One character prefix for consistency, readability

i: member (instance) variables

iDocument

a: method arguments

aIndex

no prefix: local variables on the stack

size

K: constants

KPi

Method names: capitalized

SetName

Basic Types – Integers, Void, Boolean

Signed integer

Name	Size (bytes)
TInt	≥4
TInt8	1
TInt16	2
TInt32	4
TInt64	8

Unsigned integer

Name	Size (bytes)
TUInt	≥4
TUInt8	1
TUInt16	2
TUInt32	4

Void

Name	Type
TAny	void

Boolean

Name	Size
TBool	4

Basic Types – Floating Point, Characters

Floating point

Name	Size (bytes)
TReal	8
TReal32	4
TReal64	8
TRealX	12

Character

Name	Size (bytes)
TText8	1
TText	2
TText16	2
TChar	4

Hint: Minimize the use of floating point operations, since typical Symbian machines don't include hardware FPUs.

Method Parameter Passing

	by value	by & reference	by * reference
input	X	const X&	const X*
output		X&	X*

“small” types

- by value

“larger” types

- by & reference preferred
- by * reference if **NULL** is possible
or for **transferring ownership**

Error Handling and Cleanup

Reliability on continuously running resource
constrained devices

- Use memory efficiently and safely
- Release resources as early as possible
- Cope with out-of-memory and other errors and roll back to a consistent state when they occur

Exception Handling

Symbian's own variant of C++ try, catch, throw

C++ throw → Symbian User::Leave()

C++ try, catch → Symbian TRAP macro

Cleanup stack

- clean up heap when exception occurs

Two-phase construction of complex objects

- 1st phase constructors never leave
- 2nd phase constructors can

Exceptions, Panics, Leaves, and Traps

Exception: runtime error that **is not** the programmer's fault

Panic: programmatic error that **is** the programmer's fault

Leave: execution leaves the method and jumps up the call stack to the closest exception handler

Trap / trap harness: central exception handler

Throw Exceptions: User::Leave()

L indicates that method may leave (naming convention)

```
void DoExampleL()
{
    CExample* example = new CExample;

    if (example == NULL) {
        User::Leave(KErrNoMemory);
    }

    // do something with example

    delete example;
}
```

throw exception with reason code

Catch Exceptions: TRAP Macro

```
TInt r = 0; // leave
      variable

TRAP(r, DoExampleL());

if (r != KErrNone) {
    // handle error
}
```

trap harness will catch a
leave in `DoExampleL`

error can be handled here,
new leaves can be thrown

- L-functions do not need to be called from a trap harness. There must be one somewhere up the call-stack.
- traps may be nested

Cleanup Stack: Avoid Memory Leaks

L indicates that method may
leave (naming convention)

can be checked using
leavescan <filename.cpp>

```
void DoExampleL()
{
    CExample* example = new (ELeave) CExample;

    // cannot leave: no protection needed
    example->iInt = 5;

    // can leave: use cleanup stack
    CleanupStack::PushL(example);
    example->DoSomethingL();
    CleanupStack::Pop();

    delete example;
}
```

overwritten
operator `new`, may
leave, `example` is
never `NULL`

- method may leave,
- `example` would become orphaned,
- `CleanupStack` deletes `example` in this case

Cleanup Stack: Avoid Memory Leaks

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    CleanupStack::PushL(example);
    example->DoSomethingL();
    CleanupStack::Pop();
    delete example;
}
```

can be replaced by:
CleanupStack::PopAndDestroy();

or give number of objects to pop and destroy:
CleanupStack::PopAndDestroy(1);

Two-Phase Construction of Objects: The C++ Constructor Must Never Leave

```
class CExample : public CBase {
    CExample();
    CElement* iElement;
};

CExample::CExample() {
    iElement = new (ELeave) CElement();
}
```



```
...
CExample example = new (ELeave) CExample();
...
```

Two-Phase Construction of Objects: The 2nd-Phase Constructor May Leave

```
class CExample : public CBase {
    CExample() {
        iElement = NULL; // CBase takes care of zero-initialization
    }
    void ConstructL() {
        iElement = new (ELeave) CElement();
    }
    CElement* iElement;
};
```



```
...
CExample example = new (ELeave) CExample();
CleanupStack::PushL(example);
example->ConstructL();
CleanupStack::Pop();
...
```

can be hidden inside a
static factory method:
NewL or **NewLC**

Two-Phase Construction of Objects: Static Factory Method NewL

```
class CExample : public CBase {
    CExample() { iElement = NULL; }
    void ConstructL() {
        iElement = new (ELeave) CElement();
    }
    static void NewL() {
        CExample self = new (ELeave) CExample();
        CleanupStack::PushL(self);
        self->ConstructL();
        CleanupStack::Pop();
    }
    CElement* iElement;
};
```

naming convention:
C denotes that
object remains on
cleanup stack

```
static void NewLC() {
    CExample self =
        new (ELeave) CExample();
    CleanupStack::PushL(self);
    self->ConstructL();
}
```

```
...
CExample example = CExample::NewL();
...
```

call static factory
method

Two-Phase Construction of Objects: Use Protected Constructors with NewL

```
class CExample : public CBase {
public:
    static void NewL() {
        CExample self = new (ELeave) CExample();
        CleanupStack::PushL(self);
        self->ConstructL();
        CleanupStack::Pop();
    }
    virtual ~CExample() { delete iElement; }
protected:
    CExample() { iElement = NULL; }
    void ConstructL() {
        iElement = new (ELeave) CElement();
    }
    CElement* iElement;
};
```

Exception Handling Quiz: What's the problem with this code?

```
class CExample : public CBase {
public:
    ...
    void SetNameL(const TDesC& aName) {
        delete iName;
        iName = aName.AllocL();
    }
    ...
private:
    HBufC* iName;
};
```

What if AllocL
leaves?



Exception Handling Quiz: What's the problem with this code?

```
class CExample : public CBase {
public:
    ...
    void SetNameL(const TDesC& aName) {
        delete iName;
        iName = NULL;
        iName = aName.AllocL();
    }
    ...
private:
    HBufC* iName;
};
```

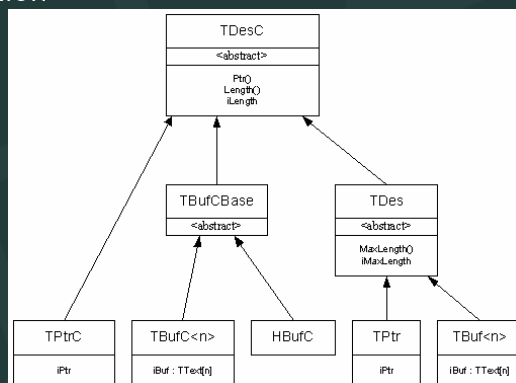


Descriptors: Containers for (16-bit) Text and (8-bit) Binary Data

Runtime bounds checking
API for buffer modification

Used extensively in
Symbian OS APIs

Modifiable and
nonmodifiable



Descriptor Classes

Name	Instatiable	Modifiable	Description
TDesC	no	no	abstract base class; argument passing and return values (const TDesC&)
TDes	no	yes	abstract base class; argument passing return values (const TDes&)
TBufC	yes	no	templated buffer descriptor: (size, data) stored together
TPtrC	yes	no	pointer descriptor: (size, pointer) separate from data , data not owned
TBuf	yes	yes	templated buffer descriptor: (size, maximum size, data) stored together
TPtr	yes	yes	pointer descriptor: (size, maximum size, pointer) separate from data , data not owned
HBufC	yes	no	heap descriptor: (size, maximum size, data) stored together on the heap

Descriptor API: Search, Extract, Insert, Delete, Replace, Format

Nonmodifiable

- TInt **Length**()
- TInt **Size**()
- const TUint* **Ptr**()
- HBufC* **Alloc**()
- TPtrC **Left**(TInt aLength)
- TPtrC **Mid**(TInt aPos, TInt aLength)
- TInt **Find**(const TDesC& aDes)
- const TUint16& **operator[]**()

Modifiable

- TInt **MaxLength**()
- TInt **MaxSize**()
- void **SetLength**(TInt aLength)
- void **Append**(const TDesC& aDes)
- void **Insert**(TInt aPos, const TDesC& aDes)
- void **Delete**(TInt aPos, TInt aLength);

Heap Buffer Descriptors HBufC: heap: (size, max size, data)

Used if descriptor size unknown at compile time

Change to pointer descriptor to modify

```
HBufC* buf16 = HBufC::NewLC(buf8.Length());
TPtr ptr16 = buf16->Des();
ptr16.Copy(buf8);
```

```
buf16 = buf16->ReAlloc(4 * buf8.Length());
CleanupStack::Pop();
CleanupStack::Push(buf16);
...
CleanupStack::PopAndDestroy(buf16);
```

HBufC* buf16



heap:

size	max size	data
------	----------	------

Templated Buffer Descriptors: TBufC (size, data) and TBuf (size, max size, data)

Templated with a size known at compile time

Modifiable (TBuf) and Non-modifiable (TBufC)

```
_LIT(KText, "this is a text");
```

```
TBuf<32> buf;
buf.Append(KText);
buf.AppendNum(123);
...
TBufC<32> bufc(KText);
```

TBufC<n> bufc

stack/heap:

size	data
------	------

```
bufc = buf;
```

TBuf<n> buf

assignment operator
overloaded, replaces data

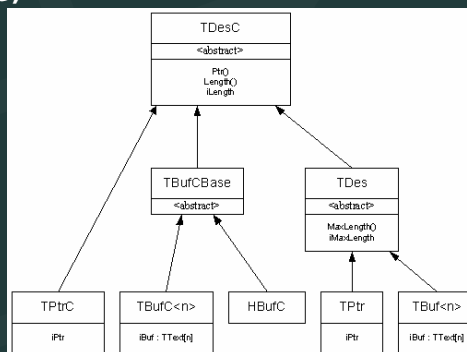
stack/heap:

size	max size	data
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Descriptors as Arguments and Return Types

Abstract base classes TDes and TDesC as formal parameters for flexibility

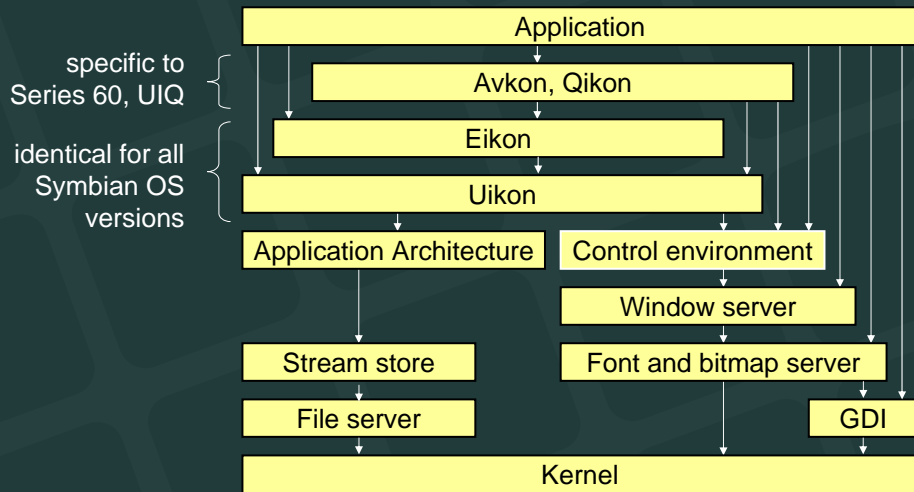
```
void SetName(const TDesC& aName);
const TDesC& Symbol() const;
```



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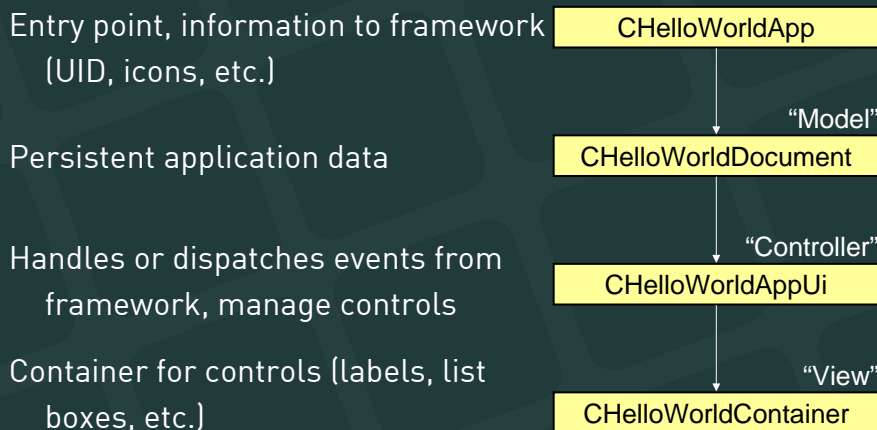
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User Interface Architecture



Source: Gerlicher, Rupp

Application Architecture: Anatomy of HelloWorld

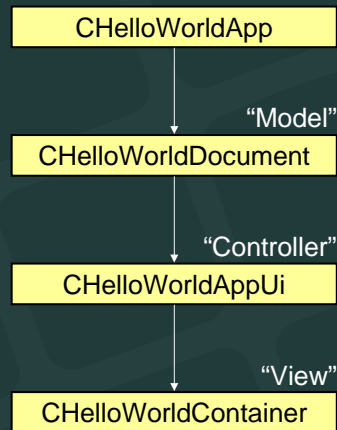


Application Architecture: Instantiation of HelloWorld by the Framework

```

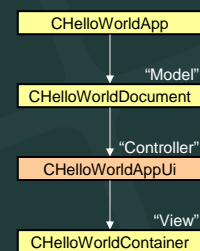
E32D11()
app = NewApplication()
uid = app->AppDllUid()
doc = app->CreateDocumentL()
ui = doc->CreateAppUiL()
[con = ui->ConstructL()]
con->Draw()

```



AppUi Methods for Event Handling, Called by the Framework

- HandleCommandL()**
- handles commands defined in resource files
- HandleKeyEventL()**
- key events
- HandleForegroundEventL(TBool aForeground)**
- application switched to foreground or background and many more...



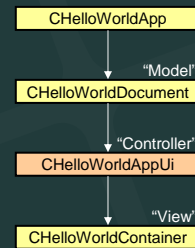
AppUi Class Implementation (1/3): Construction

```
void CHelloWorldAppUi::ConstructL()
{
    BaseConstructL();
    iAppContainer = new (ELeave) CHelloWorldContainer;
    iAppContainer->SetMopParent(this);
    iAppContainer->ConstructL(ClientRect());
    AddToStackL(iAppContainer);
}

CHelloWorldAppUi::~CHelloWorldAppUi()
{
    if (iAppContainer) {
        RemoveFromStack(iAppContainer);
        delete iAppContainer;
    }
}
```

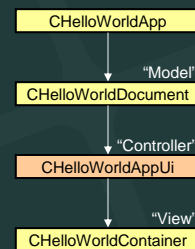
for interaction with
controls that are not
in this hierarchy

enables dispatching
key events to controls



AppUi Class Implementation (2/3): Handling Key Events

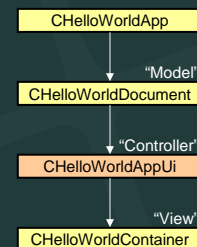
```
TKeyResponse CHelloWorldAppUi::HandleKeyEventL(
const TKeyEvent& /*aKeyEvent*/, TEventCode /*aType*/)
{
    return EKeyWasNotConsumed;
}
```



AppUi Class Implementation (3/3): Handling Menu Selection Events

```
void CHelloWorldAppUi::HandleCommandL(TInt aCommand)
{
    switch (aCommand) {
        case EAknSoftkeyBack:
        case EEikCmdExit:
            Exit();
            break;
        case EHelloWorldCmdAppTest:
            iEikonEnv->InfoMsg(_L("test"));
            break;
        default:
            break;
    }
}
```

defined as a
menu item in
HelloWorld.rss

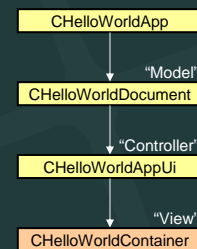


AppUI Focus Events: Switching between Background and Foreground

```
void CHelloWorldAppUi::HandleForegroundEventL(TBool aForeground) {
    if (aForeground) iAppContainer->NewColor();
    CAknAppUi::HandleForegroundEventL(aForeground);
}

void CHelloWorldContainer::NewColor() {
    iCurrentColor++;
    if (iCurrentColor >= 4) iCurrentColor = 0;
}

void CHelloWorldContainer::Draw(const TRect& aRect) const {
    CWindowGc& gc = SystemGc();
    gc.SetPenStyle(CGraphicsContext::ENullPen);
    TRgb colors[] = { KRgbRed, KRgbGreen,
                     KRgbYellow, KRgbBlue };
    gc.SetBrushColor(colors[iCurrentColor]);
    gc.SetBrushStyle(CGraphicsContext::ESolidBrush);
    gc.DrawRect(aRect);
}
```



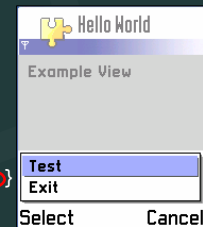
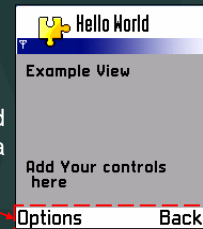
Resource Definition File: HelloWorld.rss

```
RESOURCE EIK_APP_INFO
{
  cba = R_AVKON_SOFTKEYS_OPTIONS_BACK;
  menubar = r_helloworld_menubar;
}

RESOURCE MENU_BAR r_helloworld_menubar
{
  titles =
  {
    MENU_TITLE { menu_pane = r_helloworld_menu; }
  };
}

RESOURCE MENU_PANE r_helloworld_menu
{
  items =
  {
    MENU_ITEM { command = EHelloWorldCmdAppTest; txt = "Test"; }
    MENU_ITEM { command = EAknCmdExit; txt = "Exit"; }
  };
}
```

cba = command
button area



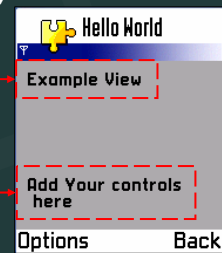
Container Class Declaration

```
class CHelloWorldContainer : public CCoeControl, MCoeControlObserver
{
public:
  void ConstructL(const TRect& aRect);
  ~CHelloWorldContainer();
private:
  void SizeChanged();
  TInt CountComponentControls() const;
  CCoeControl* ComponentControl(TInt aIndex) const;
  void Draw(const TRect& aRect) const;

  void HandleControlEventL(
    CCoeControl* aControl, TCoeEvent aEventType);
private:
  CEikLabel* iLabel;
  CEikLabel* iToDoLabel;
};
```

a blank canvas:

- to draw in
- to put controls into
- can be nested in a hierarchy
- can receive key events



Container Class Implementation (1/3)

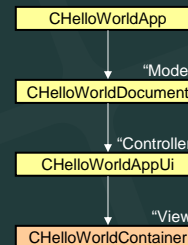
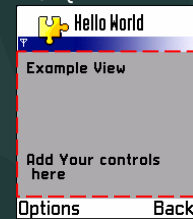
```
void CHelloWorldContainer::ConstructL(const TRect& aRect) {
    CreateWindowL();

    iLabel = new (ELeave) CEikLabel;
    iLabel->SetContainerWindowL(*this);
    iLabel->SetTextL(_L("Example View"));

    iToDoLabel = new (ELeave) CEikLabel;
    iToDoLabel->SetContainerWindowL(*this);
    iToDoLabel->SetTextL(
        _L("Add Your controls\n here"));
    SetRect(aRect);
    ActivateL();
}

CHelloWorldContainer::~CHelloWorldContainer() {
    delete iLabel;
    delete iToDoLabel;
}
```

Sets control as ready to be drawn.



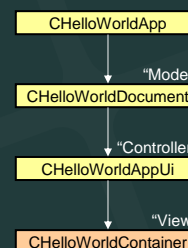
Container Class Implementation (2/3)

```
void CHelloWorldContainer::SizeChanged()
{
    iLabel->SetExtent(TPoint(10,10), iLabel->MinimumSize());
    iToDoLabel->SetExtent(TPoint(10,100), iToDoLabel->MinimumSize());
}

TInt CHelloWorldContainer::CountComponentControls() const {
    return 2;
}

CCoeControl* CHelloWorldContainer::
ComponentControl(TInt aIndex) const
{
    switch (aIndex) {
        case 0: return iLabel;
        case 1: return iToDoLabel;
        default: return NULL;
    }
}
```

All methods called by the framework



Container Class Implementation (3/3)

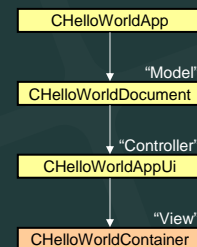
```
void CHelloWorldContainer::Draw(const TRect& aRect) const
{
    CWindowGc& gc = SystemGc();
    gc.SetPenStyle(CGraphicsContext::ENullPen);
    gc.SetBrushColor(KRgbGray);
    gc.SetBrushStyle(CGraphicsContext::ESolidBrush);
    gc.DrawRect(aRect);
}

```

Called by the framework

Redraw Events

- system-initiated redraws
 - framework calls Draw()
- application-initiated redraws
 - application calls DrawNow() or DrawDeferred()

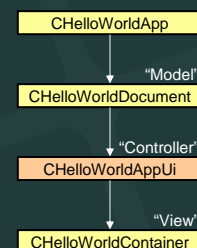


Handling Key Events in the Container Class

Window server routes key events to AppUi
 Control stack controls order of key event delivery
 Overwrite CCoeControl::OfferKeyEventL() for key handling

```
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{
    BaseConstructL();
    iAppContainer = new (ELeave) CHelloWorldContainer;
    iAppContainer->SetMopParent(this);
    iAppContainer->ConstructL(ClientRect());
    AddToStackL(iAppContainer);
}

```

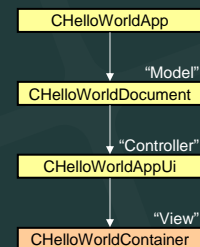


Handling Key Events in the Container Class

```

TKeyResponse CHelloWorldContainer::OfferKeyEventL(
    const TKeyEvent& aKeyEvent, TEventCode aType)
{
    if (aType == EEventKey) {
        TBuf<8> text;
        text.AppendNum(aKeyEvent.iCode);
        iToDoLabel->SetTextL(text);
        DrawNow();
        return EKeyWasConsumed;
    }
    return EKeyWasNotConsumed;
}

```



Adding a Menu Item to the Options Menu

HelloWorld.hrh:

```

enum THelloWorldCommandIds {
    EHelloWorldCmdAppTest = 1, EHelloWorldCmdNewColor = 2
};

```

HelloWorld.rss:

```

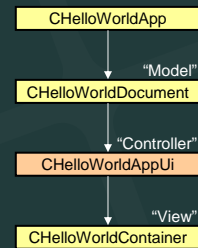
RESOURCE MENU_PANE r_helloworld_menu
{
    items =
    {
        MENU_ITEM { command = EHelloWorldCmdNewColor; txt = "New color"; },
        MENU_ITEM { command = EHelloWorldCmdAppTest; txt = "Test"; },
        MENU_ITEM { command = EAknCmdExit; txt = "Exit"; }
    };
}

```

Adding a Menu Item to the Options Menu

HelloWorldAppUi.cpp:

```
void CHelloWorldAppUi::HandleCommandL(TInt aCommand) {  
    switch (aCommand) {  
        case EHelloWorldCmdNewColor:  
            iAppContainer->NewColor();  
            break;  
        ...  
    }  
}
```



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