

**foxgui**

Simon Fox

Copyright © CopyrightÂ©1993-2001 Foxysoft

---

**COLLABORATORS**

	<i>TITLE :</i> foxgui		
<i>ACTION</i>	<i>NAME</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>SIGNATURE</i>
WRITTEN BY	Simon Fox	August 11, 2022	

**REVISION HISTORY**

NUMBER	DATE	DESCRIPTION	NAME

# Contents

<b>1 foxgui</b>	<b>1</b>
1.1 FoxGUI Documentation	1
1.2 Drag/Drop support in FoxGUI applications	2
1.3 Multi-threading in FoxGUI applications	4
1.4 Adding your own gadgets to FoxGUI	8
1.5 Important Notice.	10
1.6 Introduction to FoxGUI	10
1.7 FoxGUI System Requirements	11
1.8 FoxGUI compatibility	11
1.9 Format of a FoxGUI program	12
1.10 Suggestions?	16
1.11 FoxGUI Bugs	16
1.12 FoxGUI Wish list	17
1.13 FoxGUI functions	17
1.14 FoxGUI Image functions	18
1.15 LoadBitMap function	18
1.16 ShowBitMap function	19
1.17 HideBitMap function	20
1.18 FreeGuiBitMap function	21
1.19 ScaleBitMap function	22
1.20 RedrawBitMap function	23
1.21 AttachBitMapToControl function	24
1.22 ScreenColoursFromILBM function	26
1.23 FoxGUI Progress Bar functions	26
1.24 MakeProgressBar function	27
1.25 SetProgress function	28
1.26 SetProgressMax function	29
1.27 FoxGUI Frame functions	30
1.28 MakeFrame function	31
1.29 setFrameDragPointer function	33

---

---

1.30	FoxGUI Timer functions	34
1.31	AddTime function	35
1.32	MakeTimer function	35
1.33	PauseTimer function	36
1.34	SetTime function	37
1.35	StartTimer function	38
1.36	StopTimer function	39
1.37	UnpauseTimer function	39
1.38	FoxGUI Screen functions	40
1.39	ClonePublicScreen function	40
1.40	GetScreenDetails function	42
1.41	OpenGuiScreen function	43
1.42	GetModeName function	45
1.43	GetModeSize function	46
1.44	GetNextAvailableDisplayMode function	47
1.45	ShowDisplayList function	47
1.46	FoxGUI Window functions	48
1.47	OpenGuiWindow function	50
1.48	SetFName function	54
1.49	SetPath function	55
1.50	ShowFileRequester function	56
1.51	SleepPointer function	58
1.52	UpdateFList function	58
1.53	WakePointer function	59
1.54	SetWindowLimits function	59
1.55	WinBlankToEOL function	60
1.56	WinClear function	61
1.57	WinHideCursor function	62
1.58	WinHome function	63
1.59	WinPrint function	63
1.60	WinPrintCol function	65
1.61	WinPrintTab function	66
1.62	WinShowCursor function	67
1.63	WinTab function	67
1.64	WinWrapOff function	68
1.65	WinWrapOn function	69
1.66	FoxGUI Menu functions	70
1.67	AddMenu function	71
1.68	AddMenuItem function	72

---

---

1.69	AddSubMenuItem function . . . . .	73
1.70	ClearMenus function . . . . .	74
1.71	DisableMenu function . . . . .	75
1.72	DisableMenuItem function . . . . .	75
1.73	DisableWinMenus function . . . . .	76
1.74	EnableMenu function . . . . .	77
1.75	EnableMenuItem function . . . . .	77
1.76	EnableWinMenus function . . . . .	78
1.77	IsMenuChecked function . . . . .	79
1.78	RemoveMenuItem function . . . . .	79
1.79	SetMenuChecked function . . . . .	80
1.80	SetWinMenuFn function . . . . .	81
1.81	ShareMenus function . . . . .	82
1.82	FoxGUI Button functions . . . . .	83
1.83	MakeButton function . . . . .	83
1.84	FoxGUI Boolean Gadget functions . . . . .	86
1.85	ActiveRadioButton function . . . . .	86
1.86	MakeRadioButton function . . . . .	87
1.87	SetTickBoxValue function . . . . .	89
1.88	TickBoxValue function . . . . .	89
1.89	MakeTickBox function . . . . .	90
1.90	FoxGUI Editbox functions . . . . .	91
1.91	GetEditBoxDouble function . . . . .	92
1.92	GetEditBoxInt function . . . . .	93
1.93	GetEditBoxText function . . . . .	94
1.94	MakeEditBox function . . . . .	94
1.95	RefreshEditBox function . . . . .	98
1.96	SetEditBoxCols function . . . . .	99
1.97	SetEditBoxDP function . . . . .	100
1.98	SetEditBoxDouble function . . . . .	101
1.99	SetEditBoxFocus function . . . . .	101
1.100	SetEditBoxInt function . . . . .	102
1.101	SetEditBoxText function . . . . .	103
1.102	GetEditBoxID function . . . . .	104
1.103	FoxGUI Tree Control functions . . . . .	104
1.104	AddItem function . . . . .	105
1.105	ClearTreeControl function . . . . .	107
1.106	CloseItem function . . . . .	107
1.107	FindTreeItem function . . . . .	108

---

---

1.108ItemData function . . . . .	108
1.109ItemIsOpen function . . . . .	109
1.110MakeTreeControl function . . . . .	110
1.111SetTreeControlDragPointer function . . . . .	112
1.112OpenItem function . . . . .	113
1.113RemoveItem function . . . . .	114
1.114ReplaceTCItem function . . . . .	114
1.115SetTreeControlHiItem function . . . . .	115
1.116TCHiItem function . . . . .	116
1.117TCHiText function . . . . .	116
1.118TCItemText function . . . . .	117
1.119FoxGUI Listbox functions . . . . .	117
1.120AddListBoxItem function . . . . .	119
1.121AddListBoxTitle function . . . . .	120
1.122ClearListBoxItems function . . . . .	122
1.123ClearListBoxTabStops function . . . . .	122
1.124ClearListBoxTitles function . . . . .	123
1.125FindListText function . . . . .	124
1.126HiElem function . . . . .	125
1.127HiNum function . . . . .	126
1.128HiText function . . . . .	127
1.129InsertListBoxItem function . . . . .	128
1.130ListBoxRefresh function . . . . .	128
1.131ListColumnText function . . . . .	129
1.132MakeListBox function . . . . .	130
1.133SetListBoxDragPointer function . . . . .	133
1.134NoLines function . . . . .	134
1.135NoTitles function . . . . .	134
1.136ReplaceListBoxItem function . . . . .	135
1.137SetListBoxHiElem function . . . . .	136
1.138SetListBoxHiNum function . . . . .	136
1.139SetListBoxTabStopsArray function . . . . .	138
1.140SetListBoxTopNum function . . . . .	139
1.141SortListBox function . . . . .	140
1.142TopNum function . . . . .	141
1.143FoxGUI Drop-Down Listbox functions . . . . .	142
1.144AddToDDLListBox function . . . . .	143
1.145AssociateDDLListBox function . . . . .	144
1.146ClearDDLListBox function . . . . .	145

---

---

1.147MakeDDLListBox function . . . . .	146
1.148MakeSubDDLListBox function . . . . .	148
1.149RemoveFromDDLListBox function . . . . .	150
1.150SetDDLListBoxPopup function . . . . .	151
1.151SortDDLListBox function . . . . .	152
1.152GetDDLListBoxID function . . . . .	153
1.153GetDDLListBoxText function . . . . .	154
1.154SetDDLListBoxText function . . . . .	155
1.155FoxGUI Outputbox functions . . . . .	155
1.156MakeOutputBox function . . . . .	156
1.157SetOutputBoxCols function . . . . .	158
1.158SetOutputBoxDP function . . . . .	159
1.159SetOutputBoxDouble function . . . . .	160
1.160SetOutputBoxInt function . . . . .	160
1.161SetOutputBoxText function . . . . .	161
1.162GetOutputBoxID function . . . . .	162
1.163FoxGUI Tab Controls . . . . .	162
1.164MakeTabControlArray function . . . . .	163
1.165TabControlFrame function . . . . .	165
1.166FoxGUI Miscelaneous functions . . . . .	165
1.167CheckMessages function . . . . .	167
1.168Destroy function . . . . .	167
1.169DisableControl function . . . . .	168
1.170DrawLines function . . . . .	169
1.171EnableControl function . . . . .	169
1.172GetWindow function . . . . .	170
1.173GuiLoop function . . . . .	171
1.174GuiMalloc function . . . . .	172
1.175GuiMessage function . . . . .	173
1.176GuiTextLength function . . . . .	174
1.177Hide function . . . . .	175
1.178IntuiWindow function . . . . .	175
1.179LibVersion function . . . . .	176
1.180RegisterGadget function . . . . .	177
1.181SetDelay function . . . . .	178
1.182SetGuiPens function . . . . .	178
1.183SetGuiPensFromPubScreen function . . . . .	179
1.184SetPeriod function . . . . .	179
1.185SetPreText function . . . . .	180

---



---

1.186SetPostText function . . . . .	181
1.187Show function . . . . .	181
1.188UnRegisterGadget function . . . . .	182
1.189WriteText function . . . . .	183
1.190GuiGetLastErr function . . . . .	183
1.191GuiFree macro . . . . .	184
1.192SetDefaultCols function . . . . .	184
1.193SetDefaultFont function . . . . .	185
1.194EnableM function . . . . .	186
1.195GetDefaultFontCopy function . . . . .	187
1.196DisableM function . . . . .	187
1.197DestroyM function . . . . .	188
1.198UseSafeMallocs function . . . . .	189
1.199Warnings and notes on the use of macros . . . . .	189
1.200The GUI_END and GUI_CONTINUE flags . . . . .	190
1.201The S_AUTO_SIZE flag . . . . .	190
1.202Using FoxGUI with C++ . . . . .	191
1.203What's new in release 5.1? . . . . .	192
1.204What's new in release 5.0? . . . . .	193
1.205What's new in release 4.7? . . . . .	197
1.206What's new in release 4.6? . . . . .	197
1.207What's new in release 4.5? . . . . .	198
1.208What's new in release 4.4? . . . . .	198
1.209What's new in release 4.3? . . . . .	199
1.210What's new in release 4.2? . . . . .	200
1.211What's new in release 4.1? . . . . .	201
1.212What's new in release 4.0? . . . . .	201
1.213What's new in release 3.0? . . . . .	201
1.214What's new in release 2.0? . . . . .	202
1.215... macro . . . . .	202
1.216... function . . . . .	203

---

# Chapter 1

## foxgui

### 1.1 FoxGUI Documentation

FoxGUI - The Amiga Graphical User Interface Tools

Version 5.1

Copyright © 1993-2001 Foxysoft

Introduction

System requirements

Compatibility

Format of a FoxGUI program

Functions

Multi-threading

Drag/Drop functionality

Using FoxGUI with C++

Suggestions

Bugs (what bugs?)

Wish list

Adding your own gadgets to FoxGUI

What's new in release 5.1?

What was new in release 5.0?

What was new in release 4.7?

---

What was new in release 4.6?

What was new in release 4.5?

What was new in release 4.4?

What was new in release 4.3?

What was new in release 4.2?

What was new in release 4.1?

What was new in release 4.0?

What was new in release 3.0?

What was new in release 2.0?

Important notice.

## 1.2 Drag/Drop support in FoxGUI applications

What is drag/drop?

Drag/drop is a way of allowing a user to move data around the user interface in a very visual manner. It's achieved by pointing the mouse at the control/data/image that you want to drag, pressing down and holding down the left mouse button, moving the mouse (with the button still held down) to the point at which you wish to drop the control/data/image and then letting go of the mouse button.

Of course, a user shouldn't really expect to be able to pick up any object on the screen and drag it to just anywhere they like and drag/drop isn't always the most appropriate way of achieving things but it's an increasingly popular option. Here's an example of a situation in which drag/drop might be suitable.

An application was written to allow customers to order components from a manufacturer. Having reached the screen showing details of the components available (in a list-box for example), the user now has to select which items she wants to order. One way to do this is to have another list-box on the screen showing a list of components ordered. To order a component, the user could drag an item from the available components list-box into the components ordered list-box. If the application is well written it should have alternative ways of doing the same thing, for example double-clicking on an item in the available components list might copy that item into the items ordered list. There might also be an "order component" button on the screen which, when clicked on copies the currently highlighted component in the available components list into the ordered components list.

Not all FoxGUI controls are drag/drop aware. The chart below shows which controls have drag-drop functionality:

Control	Functions supported
-----	-----
Tree Controls	DRAG and DROP
List Boxes	DRAG and DROP
Frames	DRAG and DROP
Windows	DROP only.

How do I use it?

When you create a FoxGUI control you usually pass a "flags" parameter which allows various options to be specified. List boxes, frames and windows have drag/drop flags available which specify whether or not data can be dragged out of or dropped into the control. The flags are summarised below.

Control	Drag flag	Drop flag
-----	-----	-----
Tree Control	TC_DRAG	TC_DROP
List Box	LB_DRAG	LB_DROP
Frame	FM_DRAG	FM_DROP
Window	-	GW_DROP

Although the example application described above allows data to be dragged from one list box into another it is important to realise that data dragged from any control can be dropped into any other drag/drop aware control which was created with the relevant flags set. The originating and receiving controls need not be of the same type. If a control (a list box for example) is created with the LB\_DRAG and LB\_DROP flags specified then data can be:

- \* Dragged from that list box to another drag/drop control.
- \* Dragged from other drag/drop controls into that list box.
- \* Dragged from that list box into itself!

When you specify drag or drop flags for a control you will also have to create a function which will handle the drag and drop (and possibly other) events. More details about these functions are described in the

```

        MakeListBox
    ,
        MakeFrame
    ,
        OpenGuiWindow
    and
        MakeTreeControl
function descriptions elsewhere in this documentation but some ←
        general

```

principles are described below.

Code which is called when a drag begins is typically used to set a pointer to the data being dragged. That pointer will be stored in memory associated with the object that the data is dragged from and can point to absolutely anything you want it to (a struct, an array of items, a FoxGUI control, ... anything). Your drag event should really do nothing other than set that pointer but it can do other things as long as they are FAST! The drag event occurs just as the user starts to drag the data so if the

function takes too long it will hold up the drop function when the user drops the data.

Code which is called when a drop event occurs will typically do something with the data dropped into the control. The drop event function will be passed a pointer which was initialised by the drag event function containing information about what has been dragged. When writing a function to handle a drop event it's worth considering what to do if the data dropped onto the control was dragged from the same control (of course this needn't be considered if the control wasn't created with the relevant flag specified to allow data to be dragged from it). It's worth also considering that if the control also responds to left mouse button clicks then a slight movement of the mouse between pressing and releasing the button will cause up to three events to occur - the left click event, the drag event and the drop event (assuming that all three are enabled for that control). Often, data dragged from the same control should just be ignored but you will need to put code in your drop event to filter out such data.

Drag and drop event functions should either return

```
GUI_END  
or
```

```
GUI_CONTINUE
```

but it should be remembered that in the case of the DRAG event, the return value will be ignored. This makes it impossible to trigger the end of a FoxGUI program at the point a user starts to drag data. Personally I think that would be very bad practise anyway and I can't see why you would want to do it. There are, however, other limitations on what you should do in a drag event.

Drag event limitations

You should not create or destroy FoxGUI controls from within a drag event function (this includes opening and closing windows). There are no such limitations for the DROP event.

## 1.3 Multi-threading in FoxGUI applications

### How to Multi-thread

From release 4.1 onwards, FoxGUI has limited support for multi-threading. What this means is that while your program is performing a lengthy task the user is still free to use other controls in your application and have them respond in the normal way. This is very simple to arrange. Here's an example.

Let's suppose that when the user clicks a certain button in your application, a list of files that the user has selected will be copied from one disk to another. The user may have selected many files and this might take some time. Other buttons in your application might show the contents of a disk or delete a file for example. There's no reason why the user shouldn't be able to do either of these things while the program is copying the original set of files that the user selected.

---

Here's the function that copies the files:

```
int CopyButtFn(PushButton *copy)
{
    int NumFiles = GetNumFilesToCopy();
    char *Filename = GetFirstFileName();

    while (Filename != NULL)
    {
        CopyFile(Filename);
        Filename = GetNextFileName();
    }

    return GUI_CONTINUE;
}
```

Normally when this function runs, nothing else can happen in your application until this function returns. Any other buttons you click on won't respond until the function has finished.

FoxGUI now has a new function

CheckMessages

. When you call

CheckMessages() FoxGUI will immediately check whether there are any outstanding messages that it should respond to. These could be button clicks, scroll-bar drags, timer events, key presses - anything a user can do that your program should respond to. FoxGUI will process any outstanding events it finds and then the CheckMessages function will return. We can make use of this to allow multi-threading by changing our example above as follows:

```
int CopyButtFn(PushButton *copy)
{
    int NumFiles = GetNumFilesToCopy();
    char *Filename = GetFirstFileName();

    while (Filename != NULL)
    {
        CopyFile(Filename);
        Filename = GetNextFileName();
        CheckMessages();
    }

    return GUI_CONTINUE;
}
```

Now after each file is copied the program will catch up with any other tasks it has been asked to perform before copying the next file.

The pitfalls

Can multi-threading really be that simple? Well, almost. There are one or two pitfalls that are fairly easily avoided but may not be instantly obvious. There are probably more that should be listed here that I haven't thought of yet so I'm sure that over time this list will get longer.

---

## Close Window functions

It may be that your main task (in the example above this would be the `CopyButtFn` function) opens a window (you might want to have a progress bar in the window which displays the percentage of the task that has completed). In this case the while loop in the example above would also contain calls to the `SetProgress` function. If the window has a close button then it would be possible for the user to click the close button before the task was complete. The regular calls to `CheckMessages()` would ensure that in this case the window will get closed before the task has finished. Closing the window will obviously mean destroying the progress bar so after each subsequent file is copied, the `SetProgress` function will be passed a pointer to a progress bar which has already been destroyed. This is likely to cause severe problems - probably resulting in the computer crashing.

Obviously this problem could be solved by not having a progress bar in the window. Without the progress bar, you may not even need the task to open a window (as in the example above). This is not a very good solution. It's good practice to have some sort of indication of progress when a lengthy task starts otherwise how will the user know that anything's happening?

There are many better solutions to this problem:

- \* Don't have a close button on the window. The program could automatically close the window once the task is complete. If the user doesn't want the window in the way they can always send it behind other windows.

- \* Have a close function for the window which checks whether the process is complete and doesn't allow the user to close the window until it is. The process could set a flag at the start and reset it at the end so that the close function could determine whether the process is still running and prevent you from closing the window if it is.

- \* Have the window's close function set a flag to say that the window has been closed. Modify the main function so that it doesn't call functions (such as `SetProgress`) which affect controls in the window if the window has already closed. If the process relies on the window being open for reasons other than displaying the progress then this may not be an option.

## Repeating the task

Once the main task is underway, regular calls to `CheckMessages()` mean that the user could start the same task a second time in the same way that they started the first. If for example the task is triggered by clicking on a button, there's nothing to stop the user from clicking the button again and starting a second incarnation of the same task. This may be no problem at all or a complete disaster depending on what the task actually does and exactly how it is coded.

If you do not want the task to be able to start multiple times then there are two simple options to prevent it. The main task could disable whichever button or other control it is that launches the task until the task is complete. Alternatively, it might be appropriate to put the window that contains that control to sleep (by calling the

SleepPointer  
function). Either method will prevent the user from launching the task  
task  
twice simultaneously.

If you do want to be able to launch the task multiple times simultaneously then this can be handled as long as any windows opened by the task and any controls that are created in them are declared locally in the function that launches the task so that each incarnation of the task has it's own copy of those variables. This is illustrated below. In this example, the task is launched from a button whose click function is shown.

The following would work:

```
int LaunchTaskButtFn(PushButton *pb)
{
    int i;
    GuiWindow *TaskWindow = OpenGuiWindow(...);
    ProgressBar *ProgBar = NULL;

    if (TaskWindow != NULL)
        ProgBar = MakeProgressBar(TaskWindow, ...);

    // long task...
    for (i = 1; i <= 100; i++)
    {
        // Do Task Stuff
        // ...

        // Update progress bar
        if (ProgBar != NULL)
            SetProgress(ProgBar, i);
    }
    if (ProgBar != NULL)
        Destroy(ProgBar, FALSE);
    if (TaskWindow != NULL)
        CloseGuiWindow(TaskWindow);
    return GUI_CONTINUE;
}
```

The following would be disastrous:

```
GuiWindow *TaskWindow;
ProgressBar *ProgBar;

int LaunchTaskButtFn(PushButton *pb)
{
    int i;
    TaskWindow = OpenGuiWindow(...);
    ProgBar = NULL;

    if (TaskWindow != NULL)
        ProgBar = MakeProgressBar(TaskWindow, ...);

    // long task...
    for (i = 1; i <= 100; i++)
    {
```



```
// Do Task Stuff
// ...

// Update progress bar
if (ProgBar != NULL)
    SetProgress(ProgBar, i);
}
if (ProgBar != NULL)
    Destroy(ProgBar, FALSE);
if (TaskWindow != NULL)
    CloseGuiWindow(TaskWindow);
return GUI_CONTINUE;
}
```

### Limitations of multi-threading in FoxGUI

The major limitation is that the `CheckMessages` function will not return until all pending messages have been dealt with. This means that if the user triggers a long process and then starts another long process before the first has finished, the first process will not continue until the second has finished even if the second process contains regular calls to `CheckMessages`. `CheckMessages` exists to allow the user to perform short tasks while a long task is underway, not to allow multiple long tasks to progress simultaneously.

## 1.4 Adding your own gadgets to FoxGUI

Hopefully, FoxGUI will one day be able to support bolt-ons so that programmers can build their own gadgets and fully integrate them with FoxGUI. I have already laid the ground work for this but the finished product is still some way off. In the mean time I thought it important that you should be able to devise your own intuition gadgets and use them alongside FoxGUI gadgets in the same window so I have added the capability to do this but there are two limitations:

- \* FoxGUI gadgets can only be created in FoxGUI windows.
- \* You cannot manage your own message loop - FoxGUI always does that for you. (To my mind this is an advantage rather than a limitation because it saves you, the programmer, a lot of work but no doubt someone will come up with a genuine reason for wanting to handle their own).

So, how do I do it?

It's easy. There's nothing to stop you from creating your own windows in a FoxGUI program - either right at the start (before you call `GuiLoop`) or in the event function of a gadget (either a FoxGUI gadget or one of your own) and of course there's nothing to stop you from creating your own gadgets in these windows. The problem is, since FoxGUI handles the message loop for you (in the `GuiLoop` function) how do you know when an event has occurred that affects one of your gadgets? Well, all you have to do is register your gadget with FoxGUI and then, whenever FoxGUI receives an `IntuiMessage` (a message from Intuition) which refers to your gadget, a function that you specify will be called. If you create a gadget in a non-FoxGUI window, you

register it by calling the  
RegisterGadget  
function as follows :

```
RegisterGadget(MyGadget, NULL, MyFunction);
```

where MyGadget is a pointer to the gadget (struct Gadget \*) and MyFunction is a pointer to a function of your own which will be called whenever something happens to your gadget. The function you specify should have the following prototype :

```
int MyFunction(struct Gadget *gad, struct IntuiMessage *message);
```

The function will be passed a pointer to the gadget in question and a pointer to the actual IntuiMessage that Intuition sent to FoxGUI. Please note that because this is the original message (not a copy of it) it is important that you don't change it's contents in any way. It is also very important that you ReplyMsg() the message as soon as you have finished with it exactly as you would normally do if you were handling your own message loop (FoxGUI will not do this for you). The function should return either

```
GUI_CONTINUE or GUI_END  
which are described in detail
```

elsewhere in this manual.

You can register your gadget with FoxGUI either before or after adding it to the window (which you can do using the normal intuition function AddGadget).

If you want to create a gadget in a FoxGUI window you will first need to get a pointer to the Intuition window structure. You do this by calling the function

```
IntuiWindow  
and passing a pointer to the GuiWindow in which
```

you want to create the gadget e.g.

```
struct Window *MyWindow = IntuiWindow(MyGuiWindow);
```

You now have all the information you need to create your intuition gadget and add it to the FoxGUI window. Be careful to ensure that it doesn't overlap any other gadgets in the window - if the window is resizable and contains auto-sizing FoxGUI gadgets then this will be a problem because at the moment there is no way for your program to find out when a FoxGUI window gets resized.

Now you need to register your new gadget with FoxGUI which you do by calling the

```
RegisterGadget  
function. Unlike registering a gadget in a
```

non-FoxGUI window, you also need to pass a pointer to the FoxGUI window in which you have placed (or are about to place) the gadget as below:

```
RegisterGadget(MyGadget, MyGuiWindow, MyFunction);
```

When you destroy your gadget (remember that FoxGUI won't do that for you) you must call the

```
UnRegisterGadget
```

---

function so that FoxGUI knows that it doesn't have to deal with it any more.

## 1.5 Important Notice.

I make every effort to ensure that if the libraries are used correctly, they will not crash your system or do any other damage. No release is made without first running all of my example FoxGUI programs while enforcer and mungwall are checking that the system is clean but for my own protection, I would like to add that:

The author will not be liable for any damage arising from the failure of this program to perform as described, or any destruction of other programs or data residing on a system attempting to run the program. While the author knows of no damaging errors, the user of this program uses it at his or her own risk.

## 1.6 Introduction to FoxGUI

What is FoxGUI?

FoxGUI is a shared library of functions that can be called by your C programs (and possibly other languages too if you have the know how) to make a whole host of graphical user interface (GUI) objects very quickly and easily. The objects include screens, windows, buttons, list boxes, edit boxes, drop-down list boxes, menus, file requesters and more. You make use of the objects by calling functions to create them. The functions take all of the necessary parameters for you to customise the objects for your application, including pointers to your own functions which will be called when certain events occur. You then call the GuiLoop function which processes all of the events associated with your objects, calling your functions when necessary. Simple.

For example, the OpenGuiWindow function opens an intuition window. It takes parameters which specify the size and position of the window, the screen that it will open on, whether or not it is draggable, whether it has a close gadget, whether you want a console in the window, a pointer to a function to call when events related to your window occur and many more things besides.

The MakeButton function creates a button! The parameters specify the window which the button will appear in, it's size and position, a user-defined function to call when the button is clicked, whether this function should be called repeatedly if the button is held down etc etc.

Basically, FoxGUI is there so that you as an Amiga programmer can spend more time being inventive and less time writing the run-of-the-mill stuff that lives inside every GUI program. All of the functions are supplied in a shared library.

Why should I use FoxGUI?

---

Good question. There are other GUI tools available for the Amiga and I guess it really comes down to which one you like. I only have experience of one other (MUI) and I can say without any hesitation that it's main advantage over MUI is speed. It's much faster than MUI but doesn't have quite as many gadgets yet. As for the others? Well, as I say, I haven't used them so I'm not sure. When I started writing this (in 1993) there weren't so many around, in fact I didn't know of any. To help you decide whether FoxGUI is of any use to you, here are some of the things that may distinguish it from other GUIs.

- \* While making use of functions within the latest versions of the Amiga OS where possible, almost all FoxGUI functions operate on any Amiga so if your code needs to be backwards compatible it can be. You compile one program, it works on any Amiga.
- \* Unlike MUI, the user of your programs doesn't need to know anything about the GUI. They don't need anything special installed (because you can freely distribute the library with your programs) and don't need to pay to register the GUI. It's completely invisible to them.
- \* It's fast!
- \* It's free!

## 1.7 FoxGUI System Requirements

### FoxGUI system requirements

FoxGUI is not very memory hungry so the amount of memory required really depends on the size of your application. It's also quite fast so there's no problem running FoxGUI applications on an unexpanded A500 (I do this all of the time to ensure that any changes I make are backward compatible).

Now that FoxGUI is a shared library (it used to be a link library) there should no-longer be any restriction on what compiler you use in order to create your FoxGUI applications. In fact, there shouldn't even be a restriction on what language you write your programs in. All of the examples in this documentation and on the FoxGUI website are written in C or C++ and will compile with SAS/C 6.58 but should require minimal change to compile them using an alternative C compiler.

See also:

[Compatibility](#)

## 1.8 FoxGUI compatibility

### FoxGUI compatibility

I have made every effort to make FoxGUI run on every Amiga ever sold but the earliest Amiga I have access to is a late A500 so there may be Amigas

---

out there that FoxGUI is incompatible with.

This doesn't mean that I have limited FoxGUI to what is achievable on an unexpanded A500. FoxGUI adapts to the machine that it is run on so that you only have to compile one version of your program and it will work on any Amiga (as long as your code doesn't rely on a later OS)! For example, using FoxGUI, drop down list boxes are available on any Amiga but on an A500+ or above, they can get the focus in the same way that edit boxes can. Once they have the focus you can press a key on the keyboard and if there is an entry in the list that starts with that character it will be selected for you. On an A500, the same program would have the same list box containing the same items but the list box cannot get focus so selection can only be performed by clicking the drop button and selecting using the mouse.

Limitations of each function and how they differ between Amiga models are included in the

functions  
section.

## 1.9 Format of a FoxGUI program

Format of a FoxGUI program

The best way to describe how to write a FoxGUI program is to give a simple example. The code below opens a FoxGUI window on a FoxGUI screen and asks a question which can be answered by selecting a response from a drop-down list box. The program will then respond in an appropriate manner to your response. You can exit the program at any time by pressing the Okay button in the window or by clicking the window's close gadget. The code is heavily commented so that you can hopefully understand what is going on. Assuming you have reasonable knowledge of C, you should find it very simple.

```
#include <clib/exec_protos.h>
#include "FoxGUI.h"
#include "FoxGUIPragma.h"

struct Library *FUIBase;
GuiScreen *GreetingsScreen = NULL;
GuiWindow *GreetingsWindow = NULL;

// CALLBACK is defined in FoxGUI.h

int CALLBACK OkayButtFn(PushButton *pb)
{
    /* We only have one button in our application so we don't need to check which ↵
       one has been clicked.
       We want the Okay button to quit the program so all we have to do is return ↵
       GUI_END and this will
       cause GuiLoop() to return. Our code at the end of the main() function ( ↵
       after the call to GuiLoop)
       will then clear everything up for us. */
    return GUI_END;
}
```

```
}

int CALLBACK GreetingsWinFn(GuiWindow *win, int event, int x, int y, void *data)
{
    if (event == GW_CLOSE)
    {
        /* We only have one window. The fact that we are here means that it's close ↵
           gadget has
           been clicked. We want the close gadget function to actually end the program ↵
           so rather than
           closing the window here, we'll just return GUI_END | GUI_CANCEL (to cause ↵
           GuiLoop() to exit
           without FoxGUI closing the window for us) and our cleanup code at the end of ↵
           the main()
           function will close this window as well as the screen. */
        return GUI_END | GUI_CANCEL;
    }
    /* We don't want to do anything special for other window events so just return ↵
       GUI_CONTINUE
       to return control to FoxGUI. */
    return GUI_CONTINUE;
}

BOOL CALLBACK ResponseBoxFn(DDLListBox *lb)
{
    /* GetDDLListBoxText returns a pointer to the actual buffer used by the drop- ↵
       down list box so we
       mustn't change it directly but it's okay to look at it! */
    char *response = GetDDLListBoxText(lb);

    /* Fortunately, all of our entries in the list box begin with different letters ↵
       so instead of
       using strcmp() to work out what has been selected, we can just look at the ↵
       first letter of the
       text in the drop-down list box. */
    switch (response[0])
    {
        case 'F': // "Fine thanks."
            /* The GuiMessage function displays a modal message to the user. Modal ↵
               means that the user
               won't be able to access any gadgets on other windows or screens in ↵
               this application
               until they have responded to the message which they can do either by ↵
               clicking on the Okay
               button or by pressing the O or return keys which are hot-keys for the ↵
               button. */
            GuiMessage(GreetingsScreen, "I'm glad to hear it.", "FoxGUI", 2, 1, ↵
                       GM_OKAY);
            break;
        case 'T': // "Terrible!"
            GuiMessage(GreetingsScreen, "I'm sorry to hear that!", "FoxGUI", 2, 1, ↵
                       GM_OKAY);
            break;
        case 'N': // "None of your business!"
            GuiMessage(GreetingsScreen, "Well there's no need to be rude!", "FoxGUI", ↵
                       2, 1, GM_OKAY);
    }
}
```

---

```
    return TRUE;
}

/* This function closes all of the things that we opened in main() to free up the ←
memory and other
system resources because our program is about to exit. */

static int CloseDown(int retval)
{
    if (GreetingsWindow)
    {
        /* ResponseBox is declared in main() so we don't have a pointer to it here ←
and so we can't
use the Destroy() function. However, we can destroy it by calling ←
DestroyM() with a
pointer to our window and a type of DDLListBoxTypeID. That will destroy ←
any drop-down list
boxes in that window and is actually much more convenient because it ←
saves us from checking
whether the drop-down list box was created successfully in the first ←
place (this function
will be called if the MakeDDLListBox() function in main() fails). Exactly ←
the same is true
of our button (OkayButton) so we use the DestroyM() function again ←
instead of the Destroy()
function. */

        DestroyM(DDLListBoxTypeID, GreetingsWindow, FALSE);
        DestroyM(ButtonTypeID, GreetingsWindow, FALSE);

        /* Close the window we created in the main() function. */
        Destroy(GreetingsWindow, TRUE);
    }

    /* Close our screen (if it opened successfully). */

    if (GreetingsScreen)
        Destroy(GreetingsScreen, TRUE);

    /* Free up all resources used by the Gui */

    CloseLibrary(FUIBase);

    return retval;
}

int main(void)
{
    DDLListBox *ResponseBox = NULL;
    PushButton *OkayButton = NULL;

    /* Initialise FoxGUI. It is essential that this is done before any other calls ←
are made to FoxGUI
functions. */

    FUIBase = OpenLibrary("FoxGUI.library", 0);
    if (!FUIBase)
```

---

```
    return 1;

/* Open a GuiScreen to run our application on. We'll just give it two ↵
   bitplanes which allows
   four colours - plenty for such a simple program. */

if ((GreetingsScreen = OpenGuiScreen(2, 2, 1, "Welcome to FoxGUI", NULL, 0, ↵
   NULL, 0, 0, NULL, NULL)) == NULL)
    return CloseDown(1);

/* Open the GuiWindow to create our controls in. By supplying the GW_CLOSE ↵
   parameter we ensure that
   the window has a close gadget and by supplying a pointer to our ↵
   GreetingsWinFn() (defined
   above) we ensure that if the user clicks the close gadget, FoxGUI won't just ↵
   close the window
   for us but will call our function instead and do what ever our function ↵
   tells it to do! */

if ((GreetingsWindow = OpenGuiWindow(GreetingsScreen, 100, 40, 400, 100, 2, 1, ↵
   "Greetings!",
   GW_DRAG | GW_CLOSE, GreetingsWinFn, NULL)) == NULL)
    return CloseDown(1);

/* Make the drop-down list box that the user will use to select a response to ↵
   the question. Notice
   that I've specified the question itself (How are you today?) as the PreText ↵
   for the drop-
   down list. There are many other ways I could have done this (using an ↵
   output box or using a
   console and writing text directly to the window or even by bypassing FoxGUI ↵
   altogether and
   allocating my own IntuiText and writing it to the window's rastport) but ↵
   since I wanted the text
   to be to the left of the list box, this was by far the easiest method. We' ↵
   ll add the possible
   responses into the list box in a moment. */

if ((ResponseBox = MakeDDLListBox(GreetingsWindow, 160, 30, 190, 22, 3, 0,
   ResponseBoxFn, THREED, NULL)) == NULL)
    return CloseDown(1);
SetPreText(ResponseBox, "How are you today?");

/* Make the Okay button which the user can click to quit the application. ↵
   Notice that we pass a
   pointer to our OkayButtFn() defined above which will get called when the ↵
   user clicks the okay
   button. Notice also that I've set the hot-key to 'O' and underlined the O ↵
   of Okay so that the
   user knows what the hot-key is. I've also passed the BN_OKAY flag to tell ↵
   FoxGUI to allow the
   return key as an extra hot-key for this button. */

if ((OkayButton = MakeButton(GreetingsWindow, "_Okay", 170, 80, 60, 14, 'O', ↵
   NULL, OkayButtFn,
   BN_CLEAR | BN_STD | BN_OKAY, NULL)) == NULL)
    return CloseDown(1);
```

---



```
/* Add the three possible responses to our drop-down list box. */

AddToDDLListBox(ResponseBox, "Fine thanks");
AddToDDLListBox(ResponseBox, "Terrible!");
AddToDDLListBox(ResponseBox, "None of your business!");

GuiLoop();

/* It is important to free up any memory we have used by destroying all of the ←
   FoxGUI gadgets we
   have created. All of this is done in the CloseDown() function. */

return CloseDown(0);
}
```

## 1.10 Suggestions?

Suggestions?

If you have any suggestions for improvements you would like to see in the next release of FoxGUI, or if you have any other need to contact me I can be reached at [simon@foxysoft.co.uk](mailto:simon@foxysoft.co.uk). Please don't expect immediate replies as I'm usually too busy improving FoxGUI to actually check my mail! I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Also, keep an eye on the web page. Details of forthcoming releases and improvements that are planned are listed there:

<http://www.foxysoft.co.uk/>

## 1.11 FoxGUI Bugs

Bugs in the current release of FoxGUI

The following problems are known to exist in the current release. If you find any others please Email me at: [simon@foxysoft.co.uk](mailto:simon@foxysoft.co.uk)

- \* The GW\_CONSOLE flag to the function OpenGuiWindow currently doesn't work. I have had problems implementing consoles in the shared library version of FoxGUI but I hope to have this cleared up soon.
- \* If you create a frame (using the function MakeFrame) and you specify the FM\_DRAG option but do not set your own custom drag pointer using the function SetFrameDragPointer() then dragging may cause a crash. You can overcome this by putting the following line of code immediately after your call to MakeFrame:

```
myFrame->DragPointer = NULL; // Fix the bug in MakeFrame
```

This bug will be fixed in the next release.

---

Keep your eye on the Web page for info about future releases (<http://www.foxysoft.co.uk/>).

## 1.12 FoxGUI Wish list

What's next for FoxGUI

There is still much that can be done to improve FoxGUI. There are plenty of things that I intend to implement as soon as I get time and just so that you know what's coming soon, I've outlined them below. They are in approximate order of importance but subject to change.

- \* Reinstate the console functions.
- \* Improvements to frames
- \* Pop-up menus.

## 1.13 FoxGUI functions

### FoxGUI Functions

Since there are rather a lot of FoxGUI functions, I have broken them down into sections divided by the object which they affect. Each section contains a description of the object type and full descriptions of each function available for objects of that type :-

Screens

Windows

Menus

Tab controls

Frames

Buttons

Boolean gadgets

Edit boxes

List boxes

Tree Controls

Drop-down list boxes

Output boxes

Timers

---

Progress Bars

Images

Miscellaneous

## 1.14 FoxGUI Image functions

FoxGUI has a number of functions for manipulating ILBM images. ↔

Any ILBM

image can be loaded, shown in a FoxGUI window, attached to a button or frame etc.

All of the image functions require IFFparse.library. Two versions of IFFparse.library are available - one will have been on your workbench disk if you bought a V39 Amiga (e.g. an Amiga 1200) which only works on Amigas with V39 and above. The other works on all Amigas all the way back to an A500 with workbench 1.3 but was only supplied with Amigas from V37 onwards so if you have an older Amiga then you will need to get hold of that version. Unfortunately I don't have a license to distribute it so I can't supply it with FoxGUI but you may find that you already have it supplied with some other piece of software.

If you make use of the FoxGUI image functions in your code and someone attempts to run the code on an Amiga without IFFparse library, the program won't fail or crash or do anything nasty - the user just won't see your images.

The following image functions are currently available :-

LoadBitMap

ShowBitMap

HideBitMap

FreeGuiBitMap

ScaleBitMap

RedrawBitMap

AttachBitMapToControl

ScreenColoursFromILBM

## 1.15 LoadBitMap function

---

Function prototype:

```
GuiBitMap *LoadBitMap(char *fname);
```

Description:

Loads an ILBM image with the specified path and filename and returns a GuiBitMap structure which can be passed as a parameter to other FoxGUI image functions.

Parameters:

fname: The full or relative path and filename of the ILBM image to load.

Returns:

If successful, a pointer to a GuiBitMap structure containing the image loaded, otherwise NULL. This function will fail if the IFFparse library could not be opened.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

```
ShowBitMap  
HideBitMap  
FreeGuiBitMap  
ScaleBitMap  
RedrawBitMap  
AttachBitMapToControl  
ScreenColoursFromILBM
```

## 1.16 ShowBitMap function

Function prototype:

```
BitMapInstance *ShowBitMap(GuiBitMap *bm, GuiWindow *w, unsigned short  
x, unsigned short y, short flags);
```

Description:

Displays a previously loaded image in a FoxGUI window. Note that the image won't look as it was intended to unless your screen is deep enough

---

to show the correct number of colours for the image and the screen's palette matches the images palette (see `ScreenColoursFromILBM` and `OpenGuiScreen`).

Parameters:

`bm`: A pointer to a `GuiBitMap` structure as returned by the `LoadBitMap` function.

`w`: A pointer to the FoxGUI window in which to display the image.

`x`, `y`: The coordinates (in pixels) within the window for the top left hand corner of the image.

`flags`: The only flag currently available for this function is `BM_OVERLAY`. If this is specified, any pixels within the image which don't contain any data (i.e. are transparent) won't be drawn. This allows an image to be shown over the top of another and the bottom image to be seen "through" the top one where it is transparent. If this flag is not specified then every pixel in the image will be drawn so anything currently drawn in the window will be overwritten if it falls within the bounds of the image.

Returns:

If successful, a pointer to a `BitMapInstance` is returned. Keep a copy of this - you will need it to free the memory used by the image or to hide or refresh it.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

`LoadBitMap`  
`HideBitMap`  
`FreeGuiBitMap`  
`ScaleBitMap`  
`RedrawBitMap`  
`AttachBitMapToControl`  
`ScreenColoursFromILBM`

## 1.17 HideBitMap function

---

Function prototype:

```
BOOL HideBitMap(BitMapInstance *bmi);
```

Description:

Hides an image previously displayed in a window with the ShowBitMap function and free's the memory used by the BitMapInstance. You should never refer to a BitMapInstance when it has been hidden as that memory will have been free'd - if you show the image again (using ShowBitMap) you will be given a new BitMapInstance. If the image was shown on top of other images as an overlay, you will need to refresh the other images using RedrawBitMap.

Parameters:

bmi: A pointer to the BitMapInstance returned by ShowBitMap when the image was drawn.

Returns:

TRUE if the image was successfully hidden, FALSE otherwise.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

LoadBitMap  
ShowBitMap  
FreeGuiBitMap  
ScaleBitMap  
RedrawBitMap  
AttachBitMapToControl  
ScreenColoursFromILBM

## 1.18 FreeGuiBitMap function

Function prototype:

```
BOOL FreeGuiBitMap(GuiBitMap *bm);
```

---

**Description:**

This function free's the memory used by an image that was loaded with the

`LoadBitMap` function. You should not free a `GuiBitMap` while it is displayed (other than attached to a control). Only call this function when you have completely finished with the image.

**Parameters:**

`bm`: A pointer to the `GuiBitMap` as returned by the `LoadBitMap` function.

**Returns:**

TRUE if the image was successfully free'd. FALSE otherwise.

**Known bugs:**

None.

**See also:**

`LoadBitMap`  
`ShowBitMap`  
`HideBitMap`  
`ScaleBitMap`  
`RedrawBitMap`  
`AttachBitMapToControl`  
`ScreenColoursFromILBM`

## 1.19 ScaleBitMap function

Function prototype:

```
GuiBitMap *ScaleBitMap(GuiBitMap *source, unsigned short destwidth,  
    unsigned short destheight);
```

**Description:**

Scales an image loaded with `LoadBitMap` to the size specified. Note that this function requires graphics library V36 or above and will fail when used on V35 or below.

**Parameters:**

source: A pointer to a GuiBitMap to scale.  
destwidth: The target width in pixels of the scaled image.  
destheight: The target height in pixels of the scaled image.

**Returns:**

If successful, a pointer to a new GuiBitMap is returned which is a scaled version of the one supplied. Note that if the original image is not displayed or attached to a control then the original need not be kept after calling this function (i.e. you can free it with a call to

```
FreeGuiBitMap  
) . NULL is returned if this function fails.
```

**Known bugs:**

None.

**See also:**

```
LoadBitMap  
ShowBitMap  
HideBitMap  
FreeGuiBitMap  
RedrawBitMap  
AttachBitMapToControl  
ScreenColoursFromILBM
```

## 1.20 RedrawBitMap function

Function prototype:

```
BOOL RedrawBitMap(BitMapInstance *bmi);
```

**Description:**

Redraws the BitMapInstance supplied. If the image was originally drawn as an overlay then the refresh will also draw it as an overlay.

**Parameters:**

A pointer to a BitMapInstance as returned by  
ShowBitMap

.

---



Returns:

TRUE if successful, FALSE otherwise.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

LoadBitMap  
ShowBitMap  
HideBitMap  
FreeGuiBitMap  
ScaleBitMap  
AttachBitMapToControl  
ScreenColoursFromILBM

## 1.21 AttachBitMapToControl function

Function prototype:

```
BOOL AttachBitMapToControl(GuiBitMap *bm, void *control, short left,  
                           short top, short width, short height, int flags);
```

Description:

Attaches an image (as loaded with `LoadBitMap`) or part of an image to a FoxGUI button or frame. Many images can be attached to the same control with multiple calls to this function.

Parameters:

**bm:** A pointer to the `GuiBitMap` image to attach to the control. Note that a copy is made of the required portion of the image so there is no need to maintain the original after calling this function if it is not needed elsewhere.

**control:** A pointer to a FoxGUI frame or button to which to attach the image.

**left, top, width, height:** These specify the portion of the image to attach to the control. `left` and `top` specify the coordinates within the image of the top left corner of the portion of the image to attach to the control. `width` and `height` specify the width and height of the portion that you want to attach (in pixels). `width` or

height can be set to -1 which means the rest of the width/height of the image. For example, to attach the whole image to the control, specify left, top, width and height as 0, 0, -1 and -1 respectively. To attach all of the image except the top 5 rows and the left 3 columns, specify 3, 5, -1, -1.

flags: The following flags are available :- BM\_OVERLAY, BM\_SCALE, BM\_CLIP, BM\_SMART and BM\_STUPID. BM\_OVERLAY causes the image to be over-laid onto the control. This means that any pixels in the image which are transparent won't get drawn, allowing several images to be attached to the same control and to be transparent. BM\_SCALE causes the image to be scaled to fit the control but only works on Amigas with graphics library version 36 or above. On Amigas with graphics library version 35 or below, BM\_SCALE is ignored and BM\_CLIP is used instead. BM\_CLIP is the opposite of BM\_SCALE and is the default if neither is specified. BM\_CLIP causes the image to be clipped to fit the control. BM\_SMART can be used when attaching images to controls which have the S\_AUTO\_SIZE flag set. It causes an extra copy of the image to be kept so that if a window containing the control is resized (causing the control to resize), the image attached to the control will be re-clipped or re-scaled (depending upon whether BM\_CLIP or BM\_SCALE was specified) from the original. BM\_STUPID is the opposite of BM\_SMART and is the default if neither is specified. When a BM\_STUPID control is resized, the image will still be re-clipped or re-scaled but from the image currently shown on the control - not from the original. The result is that if a control containing a clipped image gets larger, no extra will be shown or if the image is scaled, repeated re-scaling of the image will cause quite rapid loss of definition because each rescale will be done from the previously scaled version. If BM\_SMART is specified when attaching an image to a control which doesn't have the S\_AUTO\_SIZE flag set (and hence will never change size) it is ignored and BM\_STUPID is used instead. The advantage of BM\_SMART is obvious. The advantage of BM\_STUPID is that it requires less memory.

Returns:

TRUE for success, FALSE for failure.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

LoadBitMap

ShowBitMap

HideBitMap

FreeGuiBitMap

ScaleBitMap

---

```
RedrawBitMap  
ScreenColoursFromILBM
```

## 1.22 ScreenColoursFromILBM function

Function prototype:

```
BOOL ScreenColoursFromILBM(GuiScreen *sc, char *fname);
```

Description:

Modifies the palette of an open FoxGUI screen to match the palette of the ILBM image whose filename is specified. Useful for applications such as slideshow viewers where it will be necessary to constantly review the palette to match each slide. Note that this function will affect everything displayed on the screen and will spoil the 3D effect of any controls on the screen unless the shine and shadow pens in the image happen to match those used for the screen. This function attempts to set the shine and shadow pens to sensible colours by calling

```
SetGuiPens
```

but it's not currently very clever so you may have to call the function again yourself afterwards. Also note that SetGuiPens doesn't redraw any existing controls so if you're going to call ScreenColoursFromILBM it's best to do it before drawing any controls.

Parameters:

sc: A pointer to an open FoxGUI screen.  
fname: The filename of an ILBM image whose palette is to be copied.

Returns:

TRUE for success, FALSE for failure. Note that this function will fail if the screen isn't deep enough for the number of colours in the images palette.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

```
LoadBitMap
```

## 1.23 FoxGUI Progress Bar functions

---

Progress bars are indicators to display how far through a process you are. ↔

Usually, when an application is busy it will change the pointer for it's window to a stop-clock so that the user knows it's busy. If it's busy doing something that will take a long time, it's polite to show the user how much progress is being made so that he knows the machine hasn't crashed and whether he's got time to go and make a cup of tea (or even have a nights sleep) before the application is ready for input again. This is what progress bars are for. Typically they consist of a long, thin rectangular frame which gradually gets filled in a different colour to show progress. When the frame is full, the processing has finished and the user can gain some idea of how long he has to wait by how full the progress bar is.

The following progress bar functions are currently available :-

MakeProgressBar

SetProgress

SetProgressMax

See Also:

Destroy

Hide

Show

## 1.24 MakeProgressBar function

Function prototype:

```
ProgressBar *MakeProgressBar(void *Parent, int left, int top, int width,  
    int height, short fillcol, short flags, void *extension);
```

Description:

Make a new progress bar in the specified FoxGUI window or frame. The progress indicator will initially be set to zero.

Parameters:

Parent: A pointer to a FoxGUI window or frame in which to make the progress bar.  
left: The offset of the left edge of the progress bar (in pixels) from the left edge of the window/frame.  
top: The offset of the top edge of the progress bar (in pixels) from the top edge of the window/frame.  
width: The width of the progress bar in pixels.  
height: The height of the progress bar in pixels.

`fillcol`: The colour in which to fill the progress bar to indicate progress.

`flags`: The currently available flags are :-

- `PB_RAISED, PB_INSET` : These specify whether the progress bar appears raised from or inset into the screen. The default is raised if neither is specified.
- `PB_CAPTION_CENTRE, PB_CAPTION_TOP_LEFT, PB_CAPTION_BOTTOM_LEFT, PB_CAPTION_TOP_RIGHT, PB_CAPTION_BOTTOM_RIGHT` : These specify the position of the caption which can go above or below and left or right of the progress bar or can even go right in the middle of the bar. If you want the text in the middle, you should make sure that `tcol` and `fillcol` are not the same colour. If none of these is specified then the default is top right.
- `PB_FILL_LR, PB_FILL_BT` : These specify whether the progress bar should fill from the left towards the right or from the bottom upwards. The default is left to right.

`S_AUTO_SIZE`

extension: This is for future expansion. Always set this to NULL ↔

Returns:

If successful, a pointer to a new progress bar is returned. If not, NULL is returned.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

`SetPreText`

`SetPostText`

`SetProgress`

`SetProgressMax`

`Destroy`

## 1.25 SetProgress function

Function prototype:

```
void SetProgress(ProgressBar *pb, int progress);
```

Description:

Sets the current amount of progress for the specified progress bar.

Parameters:

---

pb: A pointer to a progress bar to update.  
progress: The amount of progress that has been made. This should be between zero and the maximum progress amount for the progress bar. The maximum is generally 100 so that progress is shown as a percentage but it can be set to anything you like by calling

```
SetProgressMax
```

.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

```
MakeProgressBar
```

```
SetProgressMax
```

## 1.26 SetProgressMax function

Function prototype:

```
void SetProgressMax(ProgressBar *pb, int progressmax);
```

Description:

Set the maximum for a progress bar. By default, progress bars show progress as a percentage so you can call `SetProgress` with any number between 0 and 100. This is not always useful, however. For example, let's take the case of an internet browser which downloads messages from news groups and has to put them in your local database. It could use a progress bar to show progress in adding them to the database. If the progress bar went from 0 to 100, the programmer would need to work out, after processing each message, what percentage of messages had been processed and then set the progress bar accordingly. It would be much easier, however, to use this function to set the maximum to the number of messages downloaded and then just add one to the progress indicator after processing each message.

Parameters:

pb: A pointer to the progress bar to modify.  
progressmax: The maximum for the progress bar.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

---

MakeProgressBar

SetProgress

## 1.27 FoxGUI Frame functions

Frames are rather like buttons in that they look like buttons and  $\leftrightarrow$  that if you click on them, they perform a function which you define. Like buttons they can also have images attached to them (drawn on them) - see

AttachBitMapToControl

and they can be hidden or shown at will. Unlike buttons, however, frames can also respond to right mouse button clicks.

Frames are also rather like windows in that controls can be created within them. When you create a control, one of the parameters to the function is a pointer to a window in which to create the control. Instead of passing a pointer to a window you can pass a pointer to a frame if you prefer. The control will be created inside the frame, offset from the top left hand corner by the "left" and "top" parameters you specify. The advantage of creating controls in frames is that a group of associated controls can be created in the same frame which gives a border around the group and shows visually that they are associated with each other. (Of course, frames do not have to have a border if you don't want one). Another advantage is that if you then want to hide a whole group of controls in the same frame, you can just hide the frame - all of the controls within it will become hidden too!

The following frame functions are available :-

MakeFrame

SetFrameDragPointer

See also:

Destroy

DisableControl

EnableControl

Hide

Show

SetPreText

SetPostText

## 1.28 MakeFrame function

Function prototype:

```
Frame *MakeFrame(void *Parent, char *name, int left, int top, int width,
    int height, struct Border *cb, int (*callfn)
    (Frame*, short, short, short, void**), short flags, void *extension);
```

Description:

Make a new FoxGUI frame in the specified FoxGUI window or frame.

Parameters:

Parent, left, top, width, height, cb:

These parameters are identical to the similarly named parameters of

MakeButton

.

name: As with MakeButton, this should be a pointer to a NULL terminated text string to use as a caption for the frame. If you do not want a caption you should use "" or NULL. Unlike buttons however, frames cannot have hot-keys and so you cannot use the "\_" character to indicate a character in the caption to underline. You can of course use the "\_" character in your frame caption - it just won't act the way it does for buttons. If the caption for the frame is too long to fit in the frame it will be truncated to fit - the caption will never extend beyond the frame border. If the frame gets resized (due to a window being resized) then more of the caption may become visible - i.e. FoxGUI remembers the whole caption not just the visible bit.

callfn: A pointer to a function to call when the user clicks on your frame with the left or right mouse button or data is dragged into or out of this frame (depending on which flags are specified). The function should have the following prototype :-

```
int CALLBACK MyFrameFn(Frame *Fm, short Event, short x,
    short y, void **DragData);
```

Fm will be a pointer to the frame which was clicked/dragged by the user. Event will have one of the values FM\_LBUT, FM\_RBUT, FM\_DRAG or FM\_DROP depending on whether the left or right mouse button was clicked or data was dragged out of or dropped into the frame respectively. x and y will contain the coordinates of the exact position of the mouse event (left click, right click, drag or drop) relative to the top, left hand corner of the frame. DragData is NULL unless the Event is FM\_DRAG or FM\_DROP. If the user is dragging this frame then you will probably want to store a pointer to the data that's being dragged somewhere where it can easily be found by the control that the data is eventually dropped in. The data can be anything you want.



DragData is a pointer to a pointer that you can modify to point to whatever piece of data it is that the user is dragging. Let's take a simple example - you have an application with two frames and you want to be able to drag the name of either frame to the other. Your event function for one of your frames might look like this:

```
int FirstFrameFn(Frame *Fm, short Event, short x, short y, void ** ←
    DragData)
{
    if (Event == FM_DRAG)
    {
        /* The user is dragging the name of this frame to another
           control (or maybe to itself!). Set DragData to point
           to a constant text string containing the name of this
           frame (Frame1). */
        *DragData = "Frame1";
    }
    else if (Event == FM_DROP)
    {
        /* The user has dropped something in this frame. Let's
           tell the user what has been dropped and where! */
        char Message[100];
        sprintf(message, "%s was dropped in Frame1 at (%d, %d)", * ←
            DragData, x, y);
        GuiMessage(MyScreen, Message, "Drop!", 1, 2, 6, 5, GM_OKAY);
    }
    return GUI_CONTINUE;
}
```

As you can see from the function above, it is actually \*DragData that you set and use - DragData is a pointer to a pointer that you can modify. See the notes in the

Drag/Drop functionality

section for more information about drag and drop event

functions.

Your function should return either

GUI\_END

or

GUI\_CONTINUE

flags: The following flags are available: FM\_LBUT, FM\_RBUT,  
S\_AUTO\_SIZE

FM\_CLEAR, FM\_DRAG, FM\_BORDERLESS, FM\_DRAGOUTLINE and FM\_DROP.  
FM\_LBUT causes the frame to respond to left button clicks and  
FM\_RBUT causes it to respond to right button clicks. FM\_CLEAR  
is the same as the BN\_CLEAR flag for buttons (see  
MakeButton  
).

The FM\_DRAG flag indicates that the user will be able to drag data from this frame into other drag/drop aware controls and the FM\_DROP flag indicates that the user will be able to drag data into this control from other drag/drop aware controls. The FM\_BORDERLESS flag causes the new frame to have no border. The FM\_DRAGOUTLINE flag will cause the outline of the frame to be moved with the pointer when dragging the frame (this flag will

be ignored if the FM\_DRAG flag has not been specified).  
extension: This is for future expansion. Always set this to NULL.

Returns:

If successful, a pointer to a new FoxGUI frame.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

SetFrameDragPointer

Drag/Drop functionality

Destroy

Hide

AttachBitMapToControl

## 1.29 SetFrameDragPointer function

Function prototype:

```
void SetFrameDragPointer(Frame *Fptr, unsigned short *DragPointer, int width,  
int height, int xoffset, int yoffset)
```

Description:

Specify a custom mouse pointer to be used when data is being dragged from this frame.

Parameters:

**Fptr:** A pointer to the frame whose drag pointer is to be set.  
**DragPointer:** A pointer to an array of numbers making up a standard Intuition sprite data structure. This must be stored in chip memory since it is to be used as a mouse pointer.  
**width:** The width in pixels of the pointer provided. The maximum width of an Amiga mouse pointer is 16 pixels.  
**height:** The height in pixels of the pointer provided. There is no maximum height.  
**xoffset:**  
**yoffset:** These two numbers specify the offset of the pointers hot-spot from the top left corner of the sprite. They are typically zero or negative.

Known bugs:

None.

---

See also:

MakeFrame

### 1.30 FoxGUI Timer functions

Timer controls allow your program to perform tasks at regular intervals (every second or every minute). You do this by creating a timer using the

MakeTimer

function which you supply with a pointer to a function that you want to be called and a flag specifying whether you want it called every second or every minute. The timer will not be active (and will not call your function) until you start it with the

StartTimer

function and will not stop until you call either the StopTimer or

PauseTimer

function. If your timer function is to be called every second then it's vital to make sure that the code in your function returns as fast as possible so as not to cause your Amiga to grind to a halt under the strain and if your function takes over a second to run then it will not be called again for the second that was missed during your functions execution. If your timer is only going to trigger your function once a minute then these issues won't apply. Always destroy a timer (using

Destroy

) when you've finished with it so that it doesn't continue to use up valuable processing time.

The following Timer functions are currently available :-

AddTime

MakeTimer

PauseTimer

SetTime

StartTimer

StopTimer

UnpauseTimer

See also:

Destroy

## 1.31 AddTime function

Function prototype:

```
void AddTime(Timer *t, long secs);
```

Description:

Adds a specified number of seconds to the running time of the specified timer. For example, if timer T had been running for 10 seconds when you called `AddTime(T, 50)` then it would now behave exactly as if it had been running for 1 minute.

Parameters:

`t`: The timer whose time is to be modified.  
`secs`: The number of seconds to add to timer `t`. Note that this can be a negative number if you wish to subtract time.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

MakeTimer

PauseTimer

SetTime

StartTimer

StopTimer

UnpauseTimer

## 1.32 MakeTimer function

Function prototype:

```
Timer *MakeTimer(short flags, int (*CallFn) (Timer *, long),  
void *extension);
```

Description:

Create a new timer control.

---

**Parameters:**

**flags:** Two flags are available: `TM_SECOND` and `TM_MINUTE`. Only one of these should be specified. If you specify `TM_SECOND`, your timer function will be called once a second. If you specify `TM_MINUTE`, your timer function will be called once a minute.

**CallFn:** A pointer to a function to call once a second or once a minute while the timer is running. At any time when the timer is stopped or paused, the function won't be called. The function should have the following prototype:

```
int CALLBACK MyTimerFunction(Timer *WhichTimer, long
    TimeInSeconds)
```

Your function will be passed a pointer to the timer that triggered it (you can have more than one timer calling the same function if you like) and the time (in seconds) since the timer was started (excluding any time during which the timer was paused). Your function should return either

`GUI_END`

or

`GUI_CONTINUE`

.

**extension:** This is reserved for future expansion and should be set to `NULL`.

**Returns:**

If successful, a pointer to the new timer control. `NULL` otherwise.

**Known bugs:**

None.

**See also:**

`AddTime`

`Destroy`

`PauseTimer`

`SetTime`

`StartTimer`

`StopTimer`

`UnpauseTimer`

### 1.33 PauseTimer function

---

Function prototype:

```
void PauseTimer(Timer *t);
```

Description:

Pauses the specified timer (assuming it is currently running). When a timer is paused, your timer function will not get called at regular intervals as it would while the timer is running. However, unlike stopping a timer with the

`StopTimer`

function, the number of seconds

that the timer has been running is retained and when the timer is unpaused using the

`UnpauseTimer`

function it will continue counting

the seconds from where it left off.

Parameters:

`t`: A pointer to the timer to pause.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

`AddTime`

`SetTime`

`StartTimer`

`StopTimer`

`UnpauseTimer`

## 1.34 SetTime function

Function prototype:

```
void SetTime(Timer *t, long secs);
```

Description:

This function is used to set the elapsed time (the time that a timer has been running).

Parameters:

`t`: The timer control whose elapsed time you wish to set.

---

secs: The time (in seconds) to which to set the elapsed time.

Known bugs:

Currently, this function cannot be used to set the time to 0.

See also:

AddTime

PauseTimer

SetTime

StartTimer

StopTimer

UnpauseTimer

### 1.35 StartTimer function

Function prototype:

```
void StartTimer(Timer *t);
```

Description:

Starts the specified timer. If the timer is paused and you want to restart it without resetting the elapsed time to zero then use

UnpauseTimer instead of this function. StartTimer always resets the elapsed time to zero.

Parameters:

t: The timer to start.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

PauseTimer

SetTime

StopTimer

UnpauseTimer

---

## 1.36 StopTimer function

Function prototype:

```
void StopTimer(Timer *t);
```

Description:

Stops the specified timer (assuming that it is running). If you wish to stop a timer and restart it later with the elapsed time preserved then you should use

PauseTimer

instead of this function to stop the timer.

When a timer is stopped or paused, the timer function isn't called.

Parameters:

t: The timer to stop.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

PauseTimer

StartTimer

## 1.37 UnpauseTimer function

Function prototype:

```
void UnpauseTimer(Timer *t);
```

Description:

Restart a paused timer, preserving the elapsed time as it was when the timer was paused.

Parameters:

t: The paused timer which you wish to "unpause".

Known bugs:

None.

---



See also:

PauseTimer

StartTimer

StopTimer

## 1.38 FoxGUI Screen functions

All Amiga programs run on what is called a "screen". Initially a screen may have nothing on it other than a title bar across the top. Generally speaking, an application will open all of its windows on one screen but this is not compulsory. An application may, if appropriate, open more than one screen or may choose not to open one at all but run on a public screen such as the workbench screen. If you wish to have control over the resolution of your applications display and the number of available colours then the simplest way is to open your own screen because that is where these attributes are defined.

FoxGUI screens are standard Intuition (Amiga) screens. This means that the user can control FoxGUI screens in the same way as any other applications screens. Left Amiga-m can be used to flick between screens and left Amiga-n can be used to bring the workbench screen to the front.

The following screen functions are currently available :-

ClonePublicScreen

GetModeName

GetModeSize

GetNextAvailableDisplayMode

OpenGuiScreen

ShowDisplayList

See also:

Destroy

## 1.39 ClonePublicScreen function

Function prototype:

---

```
GuiScreen *ClonePublicScreen(int mindepth, UBYTE *pub_screen_name, char
    *sScreenTitle, int (* __far __stdargs LastWinFn)(GuiScreen *), int
    flags, char *new_pub_name, int OverScanType, void *extension)
```

Description:

Open a new screen based on a public screen. Requires V36.

Parameters:

**mindepth:** The minimum number of planes for the screen. This determines the number of colours that can be shown on the screen (i.e. 1 plane gives 2 colours, 2 planes give four colours, 3 planes give 8 colours etc). The screen being opened will have the depth specified or the depth of the public screen being cloned - whichever is greater.

**pub\_screen\_name:** The name of the public screen to clone. e.g. "Workbench".

**sScreenTitle:** A pointer to a null terminated character string to appear in the screens title bar. The Gui doesn't make a copy of this string, it uses the pointer supplied so you should make sure that this pointer remains valid while the screen is open.

**LastWinFn:** See `OpenGuiScreen` for details.

**flags:** The `GS_CLONEFONT` flag causes the public screens font to be used for your new screen. The `GS_CLONEPENS` flag causes the public screens pens to be used for the new screen.

**new\_pub\_name:** A pointer to a NULL terminated character string to use as the screen's public name. If `PubName` is NULL or "" or the application is running under an OS version prior to V36 then the screen will be private (Public screens weren't available before V36), otherwise an attempt will be made to make the new screen public with the specified name. Specifying a `PubName` on an OS version prior to V36 will not cause the function to fail, the `PubName` will simply be ignored.

**OverScanType:** See `OpenGuiScreen` for details.

**extension:** This is for future expansion. Always set this to NULL.

Returns:

If successful, a pointer to a valid `GuiScreen` structure is returned. If not then NULL is returned.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

`Destroy`

`GetNextAvailableDisplayMode`

```

OpenGuiScreen

ScreenColoursFromILBM

ShowDisplayList

```

## 1.40 GetScreenDetails function

Function prototype:

```

struct Screen *GetScreenDetails(void *scr, unsigned long *mode, int *depth, ←
    char *fontname, int bufsize,
    int *reqbufsize, int *fontheight, int *fontstyle, UWORD *pens, int ←
    pensarraysize)

```

Description:

Get the details of a currently open public or FoxGUI screen. Requires V36.

Parameters:

```

scr: Pointer to the FoxGUI screen or name of public screen.
mode: Returns the screen mode of the specified screen. Set to
NULL if you don't need to know the display mode.
depth: Returns the depth of the specified screen. Set to NULL
if you don't need to know the screen depth.
fontname: Pointer to a character array to hold the returned name of
the screens font. Set this to NULL if you don't need to
known the font name.
bufsize: The size of the fontname string.
reqbufsize: Returns the required size for the fontname string. If
after calling GetScreenDetails, the reqbufsize returned
is larger than the size of the fontname string then the
font name will be incomplete and you should allocate a
larger string and call this function again to get the
full font name.
fontheight: If this is not NULL then the size of the font for the
specified screen is returned here.
fontstyle: If this is not NULL then the style of the font for the
specified screen is returned here.
pens: An array to contain the pens array for the specified
screen. Unless you know the number of pens used by the
screen then it is safest to make sure that this size of
this array is NUMDRIPENS. Pass NULL if you don't need to
know the screen pens.
intpenarraysize: The size of your pens array.

```

Returns:

A pointer to the intuition screen structure for the specified screen. Note that if the specified screen was a public non-FoxGUI screen then the screen will not be locked at this point so the screen could close at

any time and this pointer could become invalid.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

Destroy  
GetNextAvailableDisplayMode  
OpenGuiScreen  
ScreenColoursFromILBM  
ShowDisplayList

## 1.41 OpenGuiScreen function

Function prototype:

```
GuiScreen *OpenGuiScreen(int Depth, int DPen, int BPen, char *Title, int
    (*LastWinFn)(GuiScreen *), int flags, char *PubName,
    unsigned long DisplayID, int OverscanType, UWORD *pens, void *extension)
```

Description:

Open a new screen with the attributes specified.

Parameters:

**Depth:** The number of planes for the screen. This determines the number of colours that can be shown on the screen (i.e. 1 plane gives 2 colours, 2 planes give four colours, 3 planes give 8 colours etc).

**DPen:** The detail pen colour for the screen.

**BPen:** The block pen colour for the screen.

**Title:** A pointer to a null terminated character string to appear in the screens title bar. The Gui doesn't make a copy of this string, it uses the pointer supplied so you should make sure that this pointer remains valid while the screen is open.

**LastWinFn:** For public screens, this can point to a function which you want to be triggered when the last visiting window (i.e. window opened by an application other than the current one) on your public screen is closed. If you wish, you can use the same function for more than one screen if your application has more than one. You can differentiate between the screens by using the GuiScreen pointer which is automatically passed to the function. The function should return either  
GUI\_END  
or

GUI\_CONTINUE  
 . If for example you wanted your application to finish as soon as the user closed the last window on the screen, you could do something like this:

```
int CALLBACK MyLastWinFunction(GuiScreen *scr)
{
    /* All visiting windows are now closed. Check to see
       whether any of my own windows are open. */
    BOOL AllMyWindowsAreClosed = AllClosed();

    if (AllMyWindowsAreClosed)
        return GUI_END;
    else
        return GUI_CONTINUE;
}
```

If you do not want a function triggered then pass NULL for LastWinFn. If PubName is NULL or "" or if the application is running on an OS version prior to V36 then LastWinFn is ignored.

flags: The following flags are available for screens: GS\_AUTOSCROLL, GS\_INTERLACE, GS\_DISPLAY\_ID, GS\_OVERSCAN and GS\_PENS. GS\_AUTOSCROLL specifies that if the screen width and height are greater than the display width and height then the screen will automatically scroll to reveal the rest of the screen whenever the mousepointer is brought close to the edge of the display. At the moment, OpenGuiScreen always opens the screen so that it fits the display so this flag is not very useful at the moment. The GS\_INTERLACE flag specifies that the screen should be interlaced - this gives the screen twice as many rows (i.e. doubles the screen's vertical resolution) but can cause the display to be very flickery - especially on a TV screen. GS\_INTERLACE will be ignored if the GS\_DISPLAY\_ID flag is used to describe the screenmode.

PubName: A pointer to a NULL terminated character string to use as the screen's public name. If PubName is NULL or "" or the application is running under an OS version prior to V36 then the screen will be private (Public screens weren't available before V36), otherwise an attempt will be made to make the new screen public with the specified name. Specifying a PubName on an OS version prior to V36 will not cause the function to fail, the PubName will simply be ignored.

DisplayID: An Intuition Display ID describing the screen mode for the new screen. This parameter is ignored unless the GS\_DISPLAY\_ID flag was specified. You should make sure that the DisplayID is valid by looking it up in the display database first. This can be done using standard Intuition functions or by calling the FoxGUI functions

```
GetNextAvailableDisplayMode
    or
```

```
ShowDisplayList
```

OverScanType: The overscan style to use for the new screen. This ↔ should

have one of the values OSCAN\_TEXT, OSCAN\_STANDARD, OSCAN\_MAX or OSCAN\_VIDEO but will be ignored unless the GS\_OVERSCAN flag was specified. These values are defined by Intuition and you

should see the Rom Kernel Reference Manuals for more information.

**Pens:** A pointer to a Pen array for the new screen. This is an array of pen colours terminated by the value ~0. This parameter will be ignored unless the GS\_PENS flag was specified. If the GS\_PENS flag is not specified then, if the application is used on an Amiga that does not support the three-d look, the Detail pen and Block pen specified in the DPen and BPen parameters will be used or, if the application is run on an Amiga which does support the three-d look then an attempt will be made to use a copy of the Workbench pens. If that attempt fails, then the default pen set will be used.

**extension:** This is for future expansion. Always set this to NULL.

**Returns:**

If successful, a pointer to a valid GuiScreen structure is returned. If not then NULL is returned.

**Known bugs:**

None.

**See also:**

ClonePublicScreen  
Destroy  
GetNextAvailableDisplayMode  
ScreenColoursFromILBM  
ShowDisplayList

## 1.42 GetModeName function

Function prototype:

```
int GetModeName(unsigned long displaymode, char *buffer, int buflen);
```

**Description:**

Looks up the name of the specified display mode ID in the display database and copies the name into the buffer supplied. If the buffer is not long enough to store the whole mode name, as much as possible is copied into the buffer.

**Parameters:**

**displaymode:** The displaymode whose name you want to find.  
**buffer:** A pointer to a buffer to store the name.  
**buflen:** The length of the buffer.

---

**Returns:**

The buffer length required to store the name of the specified mode.

**Known bugs:**

None.

**See also:**

GetModeSize

GetNextAvailableDisplayMode

ShowDisplayList

## 1.43 GetModeSize function

**Function prototype:**

```
BOOL GetModeSize(unsigned long displaymode, long *width, long *height);
```

**Description:**

Returns the width and height of a display mode. Works for most modes present on earlier Amigas and all modes on Amigas which support the display database.

**Parameters:**

**displaymode:** The mode id of the mode whose size you want to know.  
**width:** Returns the width of the requested mode.  
**height:** Returns the height of the requested mode.

**Returns:**

TRUE for success, FALSE otherwise.

**Known bugs:**

None.

**See also:**

GetModeName

GetNextAvailableDisplayMode

OpenGuiScreen

ShowDisplayList

---

## 1.44 GetNextAvailableDisplayMode function

Function prototype:

```
unsigned long GetNextAvailableDisplayMode(unsigned long previous);
```

Description:

Gets the next available display mode supported by the Amiga running the software (the modes available will depend upon the version of the custom chips in the Amiga, the monitors installed and whether or not the Amiga has a graphics card). The value returned from a call to this function can be passed to the `OpenGuiScreen` function to determine the display mode used by the new screen.

Parameters:

`previous`: The value returned by the previous call to this function or `INVALID_ID` if this is the first call to this function. A list of available mode ID's can be generated by calling the function passing `INVALID_ID` to get the first available mode then calling the function again passing the value returned the previous time to get the next one and so on. When there are no more valid display mode ID's to return, the function will return `INVALID_ID`. `INVALID_ID` is defined in `graphics/modeid.h`

Returns:

The ID of the next available display mode.

Notes:

Unlike the intuition functions for handling mode ID's the FoxGUI functions work on all Amigas. On a basic Amiga 500 this function will return 4 valid mode ID's before returning `INVALID_ID`. The ID's will be for the modes `LORES`, `HIRES`, `LORES Laced` and `HIRES Laced`.

See also:

`OpenGuiScreen`

`ShowDisplayList`

## 1.45 ShowDisplayList function

---



Function prototype:

```
BOOL ShowDisplayList(void *Scr, char *title, int DPen, int BPen,
    unsigned long *displayModeID);
```

Description:

Opens a window which contains a list box showing the names of all of the display modes available on the Amiga on which the program is run. The window also has Okay and Cancel buttons. The Okay button is not enabled until the user selects a mode from the list. The idea is that if you want the user of your program to be able to select the screen mode in which to open a screen you can call this function. The mode ID returned from a call to this function can be passed to the

OpenGuiScreen  
function to determine the display mode used by the new screen.

Parameters:

Scr: A pointer to the screen on which to open the window.  
title: A text string to be shown as the window title.  
DPen: The detail pen of the window (see  
    OpenGuiWindow  
    ).  
BPen: The block pen of the window (see  
    OpenGuiWindow  
    ).  
displayModeID: A pointer to a variable to receive the selected display mode ID.

Returns:

TRUE if the user selected a mode and then pressed the Okay button, FALSE if the user pressed Cancel. If the user pressed Okay, the mode ID of the selected mode is returned in the displayModeID parameter.

Notes:

Unlike the intuition functions for handling mode ID's the FoxGUI functions work on all Amigas. On a basic Amiga 500 this function will show 4 valid mode ID's - LORES, HIRES, LORES Laced and HIRES Laced.

See also:

GetNextAvailableDisplayMode  
OpenGuiScreen

## 1.46 FoxGUI Window functions

FoxGUI windows are standard Intuition windows made easy. I'm not ←  
going to

launch into a conceptual overview of what windows are and what you can do with them because if you're about to write an Amiga application then you're bound to know already and if you don't then you should probably read something else first. You can open one with a simple call to

OpenGuiWindow

and there are plenty of other windows functions below to make your programming life very simple.

The following window functions are currently available :-

OpenGuiWindow

SetFName

SetPath

SetWindowLimits

ShowFileRequester

SleepPointer

UpdateFList

WakePointer

WinBlankToEOL

WinClear

WinHideCursor

WinHome

WinPrint

WinPrintCol

WinPrintTab

WinShowCursor

WinTab

WinWrapOff

WinWrapOn

See also:

Destroy

---

## 1.47 OpenGuiWindow function

Function prototype:

```
GuiWindow *OpenGuiWindow(void *Scr, int Left, int Top, int Width, int Height,
    int Dpen, int Bpen, char *Title, int flags,
    int (*eventfn)(GuiWindow*, int, int, int, void*), void *extension)
```

Description:

Open a new FoxGUI window on the specified screen.

Parameters:

- Scr: A pointer to an open FoxGUI screen in which the window is to be opened or a text string containing the name of a public screen on which to open the window. If Scr is the name of a public screen and the application is run on an Amiga which does not support public screens or if the public screen does not exist the function will return NULL.
- Left: The coordinate of the left edge of the window relative to the left edge of the screen.
- Top: The coordinate of the top edge of the window relative to the top edge of the screen. Note that this is from the very top of the screen so a y coordinate of 0 will cause the window to at least partly obscure the screens title bar if it has one.
- Width: The width of the window in pixels.
- Height: The height of the window in pixels.
- Dpen: The detail pen colour for the window.
- Bpen: The block pen for the window.  
The detail and block pen colours are passed directly to the intuition OpenWindow() function. When your application is run on OS2.0 or higher these parameters are largely ignored because intuition uses the screen's pen colours to create the 3D look for the window border. On earlier OS releases, these two parameters are used to determine the window colours.
- Title: A pointer to a NULL terminated text string to appear in the window's title bar. If you set this to NULL or "" then the window will have no title. Setting this to "" will force the window to have a title bar whereas NULL will allow the window to have no title bar at all (specifying some of the gadget flags such as GW\_DRAG and GW\_CLOSE will also force the window to have a title bar). If the Title is non-NULL then it is your responsibility to ensure that the text string remains valid - OpenGuiWindow does not make it's own copy of the string.
- flags: The following flags are currently available for Gui windows :-  
GW\_CONSOLE, GW\_DRAG, GW\_BORDERLESS, GW\_DEPTH, GW\_CLOSE, GW\_SIZE, GW\_BACKDROP, GW\_ACTIVE, GW\_DROP, GW\_DISKIN and GW\_DISKOUT. You can select more than one of these by ORing them together e.g. GW\_DRAG | GW\_DEPTH.

GW\_CONSOLE causes a console to be opened in the window. This allows you to easily write text into the window using the following console functions :-

WinBlankToEOL

WinPrint

WinShowCursor

WinClear

WinPrintCol

WinTab

WinHideCursor

WinWrapOff

WinHome

WinPrintTab

WinWrapOn

Note that Intuition places a limit on the number of ↔  
consoles

that can be open at a time which is currently 4. If you specify the GW\_CONSOLE flag and the application can't open another console then OpenGuiWindow will fail and return NULL.

GW\_BACKDROP causes the window to be a backdrop window. Backdrop windows have no imagery and always appear behind all non-backdrop windows on the screen. Backdrop windows cannot have close, size or depth gadgets and are never draggable so if GW\_BACKDROP is specified, the GW\_CLOSE, GW\_SIZE, GW\_DEPTH and GW\_DRAG flags, if specified will be ignored.

GW\_DRAG causes the window to be draggable (i.e. you can drag the window around the screen by pressing the left mouse button when the pointer is over the window's title bar and then keeping the button pressed down while you drag the mouse around the screen). If you specify this flag, your event function (if you specify one - see eventfn below) will be called whenever the user drags the window.

GW\_BORDERLESS causes the window to have no border. If any of the gadget flags are specified (such as GW\_CLOSE) or the window has a title then the title bar will still be drawn but the border around it and around the other edges of the window will not be shown.

GW\_DEPTH will create a depth-gadget at the right hand end of the window's title bar. Clicking this when the window is partly obscured by other windows will bring the window to the front. If the window is already at the front then clicking the depth gadget will send the window to the back. On older versions of the Amiga OS, two gadgets are created - one for each of these functions.

GW\_SIZE causes the window to have a size gadget at the bottom

---

of the right hand border. This allows the user to size the window. The minimum and maximum sizes of the window can be specified by calling the function

```
SetWindowLimits
```

```
. If
```

controls within the window are created with the

```
S_AUTO_SIZE
```

```
flag set then they will automatically get moved and ←  
resized
```

when the window is resized. For best results, open your window as small as possible so that the controls all fit in and are nicely spaced and set minwidth and minheight equal to the width and height parameters respectively. Making the window bigger will make the controls proportionately bigger too. If you specify this flag, your event function (if you specify one - see eventfn below) will be called whenever the user drags the window.

GW\_CLOSE will create a close gadget in the left hand end of the window's title bar. You can control the operation of the close gadget by supplying your own event function (see the eventfn parameter) or, if you don't supply an event function, FoxGUI will just close the window for you when the close gadget is clicked.

GW\_ACTIVE specifies that you want your application to know whenever the window becomes activated (i.e. when the user clicks in the window when another window has been active). Note that this event will usually occur when you first create a window. If you specify this flag, you will need to specify a function to call when the window becomes active. See the eventfn parameter below.

GW\_DROP specifies that the window is allowed to have items "dropped" into it when writing an application which has Drag and Drop functionality. If the GW\_DROP flag is specified then your event function will be called whenever something is dropped in your window (see the eventfn parameter below).

GW\_DISKIN causes your window to be notified whenever a disk is inserted. If you specify this flag, you will need to specify a function to call when a disk is inserted (see the eventfn parameter below).

GW\_DISKOUT causes your window to be notified whenever a disk is removed. If you specify this flag, you will need to specify a function to call when a disk is removed (see the eventfn parameter below).

**eventfn:** This is a pointer to a function to be called whenever events occur in your window. The event that occurred will be passed as a parameter to the function along with other details such as the x and y coordinates of the event if applicable. The event function will only be called for events which you have specified in the flags parameter. If you have not specified any events in the flags parameter (or if you do not wish to do any processing on those events) then this parameter can be

---

NULL. If you have specified the flag `GW_CLOSE` and this parameter is `NULL` then FoxGUI will simply close your window if the close button is clicked. Your event function should have the following prototype:

```
int CALLBACK Eventfn(GuiWindow *WhichWindow, int
    Event, int x, int y, void *DropData);
```

As you can see, the function will be passed a pointer to the window in which the event occurred, thus allowing you to use one function to handle events for more than one window. Your function should return either

```
GUI_CONTINUE
or
GUI_END
```

If the event is `GW_CLOSE` you can also optionally return `GUI_CANCEL` ORed with either `GUI_CONTINUE` or `GUI_END`. If you return `GUI_CANCEL` then FoxGUI will not close the window for you, otherwise it will. If your event function for the `GW_CLOSE` event closes the window itself then you must return `GUI_CANCEL` otherwise FoxGUI will attempt to close the already closed window and a crash is likely.

Depending on the flags you have specified, your event function may also be called whenever an object is dropped in the window (in which case the event will be `GW_DROP`) or the window is sized (`GW_SIZE`), dragged (`GW_DRAG`) or activated (`GW_ACTIVE`) or whenever a disk is inserted (`GW_DISKIN`) or removed (`GW_DISKOUT`).

The parameters to your event function are described below.

`WhichWindow` is a pointer to the `GuiWindow` affected. This allows you to use the same event function for more than one `GuiWindow` if you wish.

`Event` will be either `GW_CLOSE`, `GW_DROP`, `GW_SIZE`, `GW_DRAG`, `GW_ACTIVE`, `GW_DISKIN` or `GW_DISKOUT` depending on what just happened to your window.

If the event is `GW_DROP` then `x` and `y` will contain the coordinates of the point in the window that the object was dropped. If the event is `GW_DRAG` then `x` and `y` will contain the new coordinates of the top left corner of the window relative to the screen. If the event is `GW_SIZE` then `x` and `y` will contain the new width and height of the window. If the event is `GW_ACTIVE` then `x` and `y` will be zero. The values of `x` and `y` are unspecified if the event is `GW_DISKIN`, `GW_DISKOUT` or `GW_CLOSE`.

If the event is `GW_DROP` then `DropData` will be a pointer to the data which was initialised in the drag event. Otherwise `DropData` will be `NULL`. Unlike the event function for a `Frame`, the event function for a window receives a pointer to the dragged data (rather than a pointer to a pointer to the dragged data). This is because you cannot drag data out of a

window - only into it and so you will never need to modify the data pointer from within a window's drop function. For further information on drag and drop see the `MakeFrame` function.

extension: This parameter is for future extension and should be NULL.

Returns:

If successful, a pointer to the new FoxGUI window is returned. Otherwise NULL is returned.

Known bugs:

When the `GW_CONSOLE` flag is specified, no console is currently created. I hope to have this fixed in the next release. In the meantime, do not use any of the console functions.

See also:

`SetWindowLimits`

Drag/Drop functionality

`Destroy`

`ShowFileRequester`

`SleepPointer`

`WakePointer`

## 1.48 SetFName function

Function prototype:

```
void SetFName(char *fname);
```

Description:

Set the file name in an open, non ASL file requester created by calling the function

`ShowFileRequester`

. You would typically use this to reset the file name if the user had attempted to open a file that didn't exist. Note that if your application is running on an Amiga with ASL library version 37 or greater then `ShowFileRequester` will open an ASL file requester (the standard Amiga file requester). In this case, this function will do nothing.

Parameters:

---

`fname`: A pointer to a NULL terminated text string containing the file name to put in the file requester. It is not necessary to maintain the string after calling the function because FoxGUI will make it's own copy of the string.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

`SetPath`

`ShowFileRequester`

`UpdateFList`

## 1.49 SetPath function

Function prototype:

```
void SetPath(char *path);
```

Description:

Set the file path in an open, non ASL file requester created by calling the function

`ShowFileRequester`

. You would typically use this to reset the file path if the user had attempted to open a file that didn't exist. Note that if your application is running on an Amiga with ASL library version 37 or greater then `ShowFileRequester` will open an ASL file requester (the standard Amiga file requester). In this case, this function will do nothing.

Parameters:

`path`: A pointer to a NULL terminated text string containing the file path to put in the file requester. It is not necessary to maintain the string after calling the function because FoxGUI will make it's own copy of the string.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

`SetFName`

`ShowFileRequester`

---



UpdateFList

## 1.50 ShowFileRequester function

Function prototype:

```
BOOL ShowFileRequester(GuiWindow *Wnd, char *path, char *fname, char *pattern, ←
char
    *title, BOOL Save, int (*callfn) (char*, char*))
```

Description:

Show a file requester. On Amigas with ASL library version 37 or above, this will open a standard ASL file requester, allowing the user to select the filename and path of a file to perform some specific action on (usually loading or saving the file). On Amigas without the ASL library a functionally equivalent file requester is opened which allows a file name and path to be selected in exactly the same way.

Parameters:

**Wnd:** A file requester must be "attached" to a window. Wnd should be a pointer to an open FoxGUI window to which the file requester will be attached. Any open FoxGUI window will do - the window will not be changed in any way. The only criterion to use when deciding which window to pass is which screen you want the file requester to appear in. The file requester will always appear on the same screen as the window that you attach it to.

**path:** The initial file path for the file requester.

**fname:** The default filename to show in the requester.

**pattern:** This allows you to filter the files that appear in the file list. Directories will always be shown. If you want all files to be shown then set the pattern to "" (never set this to NULL). If the pattern is not blank then the last characters of the filename must match the pattern e.g. if the pattern is set to "fox" then only file names ending "fox" will be shown. You would usually use this to show files of a certain type, e.g. to only show AmigaGuide files you might set this to ".guide". Note that the pattern is not case sensitive so ".guide" would also match ".GUIDE" or ".Guide" etc.

**title:** The title to appear in the top border of the file requester.

**Save:** If TRUE then the left-most button on the file requester will have the caption "Save" otherwise it will have the caption "Load". The colours of the file list are also inverted for Save file requesters.

**callfn:** A pointer to a user-defined function to call when the Save or Load button is pressed. Your function should have the following prototype:-

```
int MyFileFn(char *FName, char *FPath);
```

Your function will be passed the filename and file path of the file selected by the user in the parameters FName and FPath respectively. Note that there is no guarantee that the path

or the file exists because the user can type directly into the filename and path edit boxes in the file requester as well as select files from the file list. You should not modify the strings passed to this function as they are required by FoxGUI - make your own copy and modify that if necessary.

Your function should return either `GUI_MODAL_END` or `GUI_CONTINUE`

If `GUI_MODAL_END` is returned, the file requester will go away immediately. If `GUI_CONTINUE` is returned, the file requester will remain present. You would typically return `GUI_CONTINUE` if your function failed for some reason and `GUI_MODAL_END` otherwise.

#### Returns:

TRUE for success, FALSE for failure.

#### Known bugs:

None.

#### Other notes:

Prior to release 5.0, this function took many extra parameters - the colours for the file requester window. These parameters should be omitted from 4.3 onwards where the window colours are based on the colours of the GuiWindow passed as the first parameter.

I originally implemented this file requester without the ASL library. It was designed to remain shown until you press the "Done" button. The idea was that you selected a file to load (or save), pressed the "Load" (or "Save") button and while your user-defined function did the necessary loading or saving, the file requester would remain shown but temporarily disabled. The ASL file requester behaves slightly differently - it goes away as soon as the Load or Save button is pressed. I didn't want this to happen because occasionally, when loading, the user may mistype a file name or saving may fail due to a floppy being write protected or the disk being full and I thought the file requester should still be there so that they could try again and should only disappear when the user clicked on the Done button. For this reason, I have implemented this in such a way that if the ASL file requester is used, it disappears during loading or saving (I have no control over that) but it reappears once loading/saving is complete if (and only if) your load/save function returns `GUI_CONTINUE`. If your load/save function returns `GUI_MODAL_END` then the file requester will go away.

#### See also:

`SetFName`

`SetPath`

`UpdateFList`

---

## 1.51 SleepPointer function

Function prototype:

```
BOOL SleepPointer(GuiWindow *win);
```

Description:

Puts the specified window to sleep (the mouse pointer becomes the stop-clock whenever the specified window is active. All controls in the window become inactive). The window can be woken again with the function

```
WakePointer
```

.

Parameters:

win: A pointer to an open FoxGUI window.

Returns:

TRUE for success, FALSE for failure.

Known bugs:

Due to a bug in earlier versions of the Amiga OS, it is impossible to detect (on early Amigas) whether the method that this function uses to disable the window has actually succeeded so on earlier Amigas this function always returns TRUE. On later Amigas the return value is completely reliable. In practice I have never known the window disabling to fail so this is unlikely to cause problems.

See also:

```
WakePointer
```

## 1.52 UpdateFList function

Function prototype:

```
void UpdateFList(void);
```

Description:

Forces an open file requester to update it's file list. This function does nothing on Amigas which use the ASL file requester (see the

```
ShowFileRequester
```

function). If no file requester is open, this function does nothing.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

SetFName

SetPath

ShowFileRequester

### 1.53 WakePointer function

Function prototype:

```
void WakePointer(GuiWindow *win);
```

Description:

Wake up a window previously put to sleep by the SleepPointer function. If the window is not asleep then this function does nothing. ↔

Parameters:

win: A pointer to the FoxGUI window to wake up.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

SleepPointer

### 1.54 SetWindowLimits function

Function prototype:

```
BOOL SetWindowLimits(GuiWindow *gw, long minwidth, long minheight, unsigned long maxwidth, unsigned long maxheight); ↔
```

**Description:**

Set the minimum and maximum width and height of a resizable window. If the window is not resizable (i.e. wasn't created with the GW\_SIZE flag) then this function will do nothing.

**Parameters:**

**gw:** A pointer to the FoxGUI window.  
**minwidth:** The new minimum width of the window. If the window is currently not as wide as this value then it will be ignored. If this value is zero then the minimum width will remain unchanged.  
**minheight:** The new minimum height of the window. If the window is currently not as high as this value then it will be ignored. If this value is zero then the minimum height will remain unchanged.  
**maxwidth:** The new maximum width of the window. If the window is currently wider than this value then it will be ignored. If this value is zero then the maximum width will remain unchanged.  
**maxheight:** The new maximum height of the window. If the window is currently higher than this value then it will be ignored. If this value is zero then the maximum height will remain unchanged.

**Returns:**

TRUE for success, FALSE for failure.

**Known bugs:**

None.

**See also:**

OpenGuiWindow

## 1.55 WinBlankToEOL function

Function prototype:

```
void WinBlankToEOL(GuiWindow *w)
```

**Description:**

Blank from the current cursor position to the end of the current line in the console attached to the specified window. The cursor can be moved with the

WinTab  
function.

**Parameters:**

---

w: A pointer to an open FoxGUI window which has a console attached.

See also:

OpenGuiWindow

WinClear

WinHideCursor

WinHome

WinPrint

WinPrintCol

WinPrintTab

WinShowCursor

WinTab

WinWrapOff

WinWrapOn

## 1.56 WinClear function

Function prototype:

```
void WinClear(GuiWindow *w)
```

Description:

Clear the console in the specified FoxGUI window.

Parameters:

w: A pointer to an open FoxGUI window which has a console attached.

See also:

OpenGuiWindow

WinBlankToEOL

WinHideCursor

WinHome

WinPrint

---

```
WinPrintCol
WinPrintTab
WinShowCursor
WinTab
WinWrapOff
WinWrapOn
```

## 1.57 WinHideCursor function

Function prototype:

```
void WinHideCursor(GuiWindow *w)
```

Description:

Hides the cursor in a FoxGUI window which has a console attached. By default the cursor is visible and at the top left corner of the window. The cursor can be moved by the `WinTab` function and by functions which print text in the console such as `WinPrint`. After being hidden, the cursor can be shown again with the function `WinShowCursor`.

Parameters:

`w`: A pointer to an open FoxGUI window which has a console attached.

See also:

```
OpenGuiWindow
WinBlankToEOL
WinClear
WinHome
WinPrint
WinPrintCol
WinPrintTab
```

WinShowCursor  
WinTab  
WinWrapOff  
WinWrapOn

## 1.58 WinHome function

Function prototype:

```
void WinHome (GuiWindow *w)
```

Description:

Moves the cursor to the top left of the specified FoxGUI window which has a cursor attached. Calling `WinHome(MyWindow)` is entirely equivalent to calling `WinTab(MyWindow, 1, 1)`.

Parameters:

`w`: A pointer to an open FoxGUI window which has a console attached.

See also:

OpenGuiWindow  
WinBlankToEOL  
WinClear  
WinHideCursor  
WinPrint  
WinPrintCol  
WinPrintTab  
WinShowCursor  
WinTab  
WinWrapOff  
WinWrapOn

## 1.59 WinPrint function

---



Function prototype:

```
void WinPrint (GuiWindow *w, char *str)
```

Description:

Prints the specified text string at the current cursor position in the console attached to the specified open FoxGUI window. If the text is too long to fit between the current cursor position and the end of the current line in the console then the text will either be truncated or the text will continue at the beginning of the next line of the console. Whether or not the text is truncated depends on whether text wrapping is turned on in the console. Text wrapping can be turned on and off with the functions

`WinWrapOn`

and

`WinWrapOff`

respectively. If the text

reaches the bottom right hand corner of the window and text wrapping is turned on then the console will scroll up a line to allow room for the next line of text. This will remove the top line of text from the window. After printing the text, the cursor will be positioned immediately after the last character that was printed unless the right hand edge of the console has been reached with text wrapping turned off in which case the cursor will be on the last character printed.

Parameters:

`w`: A pointer to an open FoxGUI window which has a console attached.  
`str`: The text that you want to be printed at the current cursor position in the specified windows console.

See also:

`OpenGuiWindow`

`WinBlankToEOL`

`WinClear`

`WinHideCursor`

`WinHome`

`WinPrintCol`

`WinPrintTab`

`WinShowCursor`

`WinTab`

`WinWrapOff`

`WinWrapOn`

---

## 1.60 WinPrintCol function

Function prototype:

```
void WinPrintCol(GuiWindow *w, char *str, int col)
```

Description:

This function prints the text string specified into the console of the specified open FoxGUI window (the window must have a console attached at the time it is opened) in the specified colour. The way the text is printed will depend on whether text wrapping is currently turned on or off in the console. See

`WinPrint`  
for a full explanation.

Parameters:

`w`: A pointer to an open FoxGUI window which has a console attached.  
`str`: The text that you want to be printed at the current cursor position in the specified windows console.  
`col`: The colour in which the text should be printed. This should be an integer whose maximum value will be dependant on the number of bitplanes used by the screen. For example, if the screen is opened with one bitplane then `col` should be between 0 and 1. If the screen has two bitplanes then `col` should be between 0 and 3. In general, `col` should be between 0 and  $2^n - 1$  where  $n$  is the number of bitplanes.

See also:

`OpenGuiWindow`

`WinBlankToEOL`

`WinClear`

`WinHideCursor`

`WinHome`

`WinPrint`

`WinPrintTab`

`WinShowCursor`

`WinTab`

`WinWrapOff`

`WinWrapOn`

---

## 1.61 WinPrintTab function

Function prototype:

```
void WinPrintTab(GuiWindow *w, int x, int y, char *str)
```

Description:

This function first moves the console cursor of the specified open FoxGUI window to the coordinates given in `x` and `y` and then prints the specified text string at that position. Calling this function is equivalent to calling the `WinTab` function followed by the `WinPrint` function and you should read the sections on those two functions for further details.

Parameters:

`w`: A pointer to an open FoxGUI window which has a console attached.  
`x`: The `x` coordinate to move the cursor to before printing the text.  
`y`: The `y` coordinate to move the cursor to before printing the text.  
`str`: The text that you want to be printed.

See also:

`OpenGuiWindow`

`WinBlankToEOL`

`WinClear`

`WinHideCursor`

`WinHome`

`WinPrint`

`WinPrintCol`

`WinShowCursor`

`WinTab`

`WinWrapOff`

`WinWrapOn`

## 1.62 WinShowCursor function

Function prototype:

```
void WinShowCursor(GuiWindow *w)
```

Description:

Shows the cursor in the specified window. The window must have a console attached. The cursor is shown by default so it is only necessary to call this function if you have previously hidden the cursor with the

`WinHideCursor`  
function and you now want to make it visible

again.

Parameters:

**w:** A pointer to the open FoxGUI window whose console cursor you wish to show.

See also:

`OpenGuiWindow`

`WinBlankToEOL`

`WinClear`

`WinHideCursor`

`WinHome`

`WinPrint`

`WinPrintCol`

`WinPrintTab`

`WinTab`

`WinWrapOff`

`WinWrapOn`

## 1.63 WinTab function

Function prototype:

```
void WinTab(GuiWindow *w, int x, int y)
```

Description:

---

Move the specified windows console cursor to the coordinates specified. Console coordinates have the origin at (1,1). i.e. the top left of the console is at x=1, y=1. Specifying 0 for either coordinate will just set that coordinate to 1.

Parameters:

w: A pointer to an open FoxGUI window which has a console attached.  
x: The x coordinate to move the cursor to.  
y: The y coordinate to move the cursor to.

See also:

OpenGuiWindow

WinBlankToEOL

WinClear

WinHideCursor

WinHome

WinPrint

WinPrintCol

WinPrintTab

WinShowCursor

WinWrapOff

WinWrapOn

## 1.64 WinWrapOff function

Function prototype:

```
void WinWrapOff (GuiWindow *w)
```

Description:

Turn off text wrapping for the console in the specified FoxGUI window. For a description of how text wrapping affects the way text is printed in a console, see the `WinPrint` function.

Parameters:

w: A pointer to an open FoxGUI window which has a console attached.

---

See also:

OpenGuiWindow  
WinBlankToEOL  
WinClear  
WinHideCursor  
WinHome  
WinPrint  
WinPrintCol  
WinPrintTab  
WinShowCursor  
WinTab  
WinWrapOn

## 1.65 WinWrapOn function

Function prototype:

```
void WinWrapOn(GuiWindow *w)
```

Description:

Turn on text wrapping for the console in the specified FoxGUI window. For a description of how text wrapping affects the way text is printed in a console, see the `WinPrint` function.

Parameters:

`w`: A pointer to an open FoxGUI window which has a console attached.

See also:

OpenGuiWindow  
WinBlankToEOL  
WinClear  
WinHideCursor

---

WinHome  
WinPrint  
WinPrintCol  
WinPrintTab  
WinShowCursor  
WinTab  
WinWrapOff

## 1.66 FoxGUI Menu functions

Menus are attached to FoxGUI windows and appear in the title bar ←  
of the  
screen containing the window when the right mouse button is pressed down  
(but then, being an Amiga user you already knew that). FoxGUI allows a set  
of menus to be shared between multiple windows without having to create an  
identical set for each window (see

ShareMenus  
below). The functions  
below should be obvious by their names.

The following menu functions are currently available :-

AddMenu  
AddMenuItem  
AddSubMenuItem  
ClearMenus  
DisableMenu  
DisableMenuItem  
DisableWinMenus  
EnableMenu  
EnableMenuItem  
EnableWinMenus  
IsMenuChecked  
RemoveMenuItem

SetMenuChecked

SetWinMenuFn

ShareMenus

## 1.67 AddMenu function

Function prototype:

```
struct Menu *AddMenu(GuiWindow *win, char *name, int leftedge, int enabled);
```

Description:

Add a new top-level menu to the specified Gui window. Note that each gui window can have no more than 31 top-level menus. More than one Gui window can share the same set of menus - see `ShareMenus` `Link ShareMenus`}

Parameters:

`win`: A pointer to an open Gui window to which a new top-line menu will be added.  
`name`: A pointer to a NULL-terminated text string which will appear in the gui window's menu bar.  
`leftedge`: The offset of the new menu from the left hand edge of the screen in pixels.  
`enabled`: If `FALSE`, the menu will initially be disabled. Otherwise enabled.

Returns:

If successful, a pointer to the new menu structure is returned. You will need to pass this to the function `AddMenuItem` when adding items to this top-line menu. If `AddMenu` fails, `NULL` is returned.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

`AddMenuItem`

`ClearMenus`

`DisableMenu`

`DisableWinMenus`

`EnableMenu`

`EnableWinMenus`



```
SetWinMenuFn
```

```
ShareMenus
```

## 1.68 AddMenuItem function

Function prototype:

```
struct MenuItem *AddMenuItem(GuiWindow *win, struct Menu *menu,
    char *name, char *selname, unsigned short flags, int key, int enabled,
    int checkit, int checked, int menutoggle);
```

Description:

Adds a new menu item to the specified top-level menu in the specified window. There are three types of menu items - those that perform some user-defined action (these are known as Action items and have no special imagery), those that toggle between two states (these are known as Checkmark items and have a tick to the left of the item text which is either shown or hidden depending on their state) and those which contain sub-menus (these have the » symbol to the right of the text to indicate that a submenu is present). Shortcut keys can be applied to the first two types of menu. Menus containing sub-menus are made in exactly the same way as action menus. The sub-menu is then added using calls to the function

```
AddSubMenuItem
```

. Note that each top-level menu can contain no more than 63 menu items

Parameters:

- win: A pointer to the open Gui window that the menu item is to be added to.
- menu: A pointer to the top-level menu which this item is to appear in.
- name: A pointer to a NULL-terminated text string to appear in the drop down menu.
- selname: A pointer to an optional NULL-terminated text string to be displayed when the menu option is highlighted instead of the more usual highlighting method of inverting the pixels. Use NULL for normal highlighting.
- flags: Currently unused but reserved for future enhancements. To ensure compatibility with later versions, set this to zero.
- key: The shortcut key for the menu. For example, passing 'Q' would make right Amiga-Q the hotkey for the menu. Pressing right Amiga-Q would then have the same effect as selecting the menu. Pass 0 if no shortcut key is required.
- enabled: If FALSE, the menu item will initially be disabled. Otherwise enabled.
- checkit: If TRUE then this will be a Checkmark item.
- checked: Set this to TRUE if the item is a Checkmark item and you want it to be initially checked (i.e. you want the tick to appear). If this is an action item or if it is a checkmark item which you want to be initially unchecked then set this

to FALSE.

**menutoggle:** Set this to TRUE if the item is a Checkmark item and you wish to be able to toggle the state by repeated selection of the item. If this is FALSE and the item is a Checkmark item, the only way for the item to become un-checked is by mutual-exclusion which is not currently supported by FoxGUI.

Returns:

If successful, a pointer to the new menu item is returned. In the event of failure, NULL is returned.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

AddMenu  
AddSubMenuItem  
ClearMenus  
DisableMenuItem  
EnableMenuItem  
SetWinMenuFn  
ShareMenus

## 1.69 AddSubMenuItem function

Function prototype:

```
struct MenuItem *AddSubMenuItem(GuiWindow *win, struct MenuItem
    *menuitem, char *name, char *selname, unsigned short flags, int key,
    int enabled, int checkit, int checked, int menutoggle);
```

Description:

Adds a sub-menu item to the specified existing menu item in the specified window. Note that each menu item may have a maximum of 31 sub-menu items.

Parameters:

**menuitem:** A pointer to an item in an existing menu structure. This item will become the parent item for the sub-menu item created. If the parent item already has sub-menu items then the new one will be added to the end of the sub-menu, otherwise a new sub-menu will be created with this item being the first in the

new sub-menu. AddSubMenuItem will fail if the menuitem specified to be the parent is itself a sub-menu item as sub-sub-menu items are not supported.

All other parameters are identical to the parameters of the function

```
AddMenuItem
```

```
.
```

Returns:

If successful, a pointer to the new sub-menu item is returned. In the event of failure, NULL is returned.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

```
AddMenu
```

```
AddMenuItem
```

```
ClearMenus
```

```
DisableMenuItem
```

```
EnableMenuItem
```

```
SetWinMenuFn
```

```
ShareMenus
```

## 1.70 ClearMenus function

Function prototype:

```
void ClearMenus (GuiWindow *win);
```

Description:

Removes all top-level menus, menu items and sub-menu items from the specified Gui window. If the menus are shared with other Gui windows, the other windows remain unaffected. If the menus are not shared with other windows, all the resources used by the menus are released. You should always call ClearMenus before closing a Gui window which has menus.

Parameters:

win: The Gui window whose menus are to be cleared.

---

Known bugs:

None.

## 1.71 DisableMenu function

Function prototype:

```
BOOL DisableMenu(GuiWindow *win, struct Menu *menu);
```

Description:

Disables the specified top-level menu in the specified window and all other windows which share the same menu strip. This prevents the menu from being dropped and hence prevents selection of any of the menu items within it. The menu text will appear ghosted.

Parameters:

win: A pointer to the window containing the menu to be disabled.  
menu: A pointer to the top-level menu to be disabled.

Returns:

TRUE for success, FALSE for failure.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

DisableMenuItem

DisableWinMenus

EnableMenu

EnableMenuItem

EnableWinMenus

## 1.72 DisableMenuItem function

Function prototype:

```
BOOL DisableMenuItem(GuiWindow *win, struct MenuItem *item);
```

Description:

---

Disables the specified menu-item in the specified window and all other windows that share the same menu strip. The item text will appear ghosted and will become un-selectable.

Parameters:

win: A pointer to the Gui window containing the menu item.  
item: A pointer to the item to be disabled.

Returns:

TRUE for success, FALSE for failure.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

DisableMenu

DisableWinMenus

EnableMenu

EnableMenuItem

EnableWinMenus

## 1.73 DisableWinMenus function

Function prototype:

```
BOOL DisableWinMenus(GuiWindow *win);
```

Description:

Disables all menus in the window specified and all other windows that share the same menu strip.

Parameters:

win: A pointer to the Gui window whose menus are to be disabled.

Returns:

TRUE for success, FALSE for failure.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

---

DisableMenu  
DisableMenuItem  
EnableMenu  
EnableMenuItem  
EnableWinMenus

## 1.74 EnableMenu function

Function prototype:

```
BOOL EnableMenu(GuiWindow *win, struct Menu *menu);
```

Description:

Enables the specified top-level menu in the specified window and all other windows which share the same menu strip.

Parameters:

win: A pointer to the window containing the menu to be enabled.  
menu: A pointer to the top-level menu to be enabled.

Returns:

TRUE for success, FALSE for failure.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

DisableMenu  
DisableMenuItem  
DisableWinMenus  
EnableMenuItem  
EnableWinMenus

## 1.75 EnableMenuItem function

---

Function prototype:

```
BOOL EnableMenuItem(GuiWindow *win, struct MenuItem *item);
```

Description:

Enables the specified menu-item in the specified window and all other windows that share the same menu strip.

Parameters:

win: A pointer to the Gui window containing the menu item.  
item: A pointer to the item to be enabled.

Returns:

TRUE for success, FALSE for failure.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

DisableMenu

DisableMenuItem

DisableWinMenus

EnableMenu

EnableWinMenus

## 1.76 EnableWinMenus function

Function prototype:

```
BOOL EnableWinMenus(GuiWindow *win);
```

Description:

Enables all menus in the window specified and all other windows that share the same menu strip.

Parameters:

win: A pointer to the Gui window whose menus are to be enabled.

Returns:

TRUE for success, FALSE for failure.

---

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

`DisableMenu`

`DisableMenuItem`

`DisableWinMenus`

`EnableMenu`

`EnableMenuItem`

## 1.77 IsMenuChecked function

Function prototype:

```
BOOL IsMenuChecked(struct MenuItem *mi);
```

Description:

Determines whether or not the specified checkmark menu item is checked.

Parameters:

`mi`: A pointer to a menu item.

Returns:

TRUE if the specified menu item is checked, FALSE otherwise.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

`AddMenuItem`

`SetMenuChecked`

## 1.78 RemoveMenuItem function

---



Function prototype:

```
BOOL RemoveMenuItem(GuiWindow *win, struct MenuItem *item);
```

Description:

Removes the specified menu item from it's parent menu in the specified window. If the menu strip for that window is shared with other windows then the item is removed from all of those windows. If the item has sub-menu items below it then that sub-menu will also be removed.

Parameters:

**win:** The window from which a menu item is to be removed.  
**item:** A pointer to the menu item which is to be removed. If the item is removed successfully then this pointer will no-longer point to a meaningful structure and should be discarded.

Returns:

TRUE if the item was removed successfully, FALSE otherwise.

Known bugs:

Currently can't be used to remove a sub-menu item or a top-level menu. These can only be removed by clearing the menu strip using the

```
ClearMenus  
function and creating the menus again.
```

See also:

```
AddMenuItem
```

```
ClearMenus
```

```
DisableMenu
```

## 1.79 SetMenuChecked function

Function prototype:

```
BOOL SetMenuChecked(GuiWindow *win, struct MenuItem *item, BOOL  
checked);
```

Description:

Sets the state of a checkmark menu item.

Parameters:

**win:** A pointer to the GuiWindow containing the menu item.

---

item: A pointer to the menu item.  
checked: TRUE if you want the menu to become checked, FALSE otherwise.

Returns:

TRUE for success, FALSE for failure.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

AddMenuItem

IsMenuChecked

## 1.80 SetWinMenuFn function

Function prototype:

```
void SetWinMenuFn(GuiWindow *win, int (*fn)
                  (GuiWindow*, struct MenuItem *))
```

Description:

Set or change the function to be invoked when an action menu in the specified window is selected. This function allows the programmer to write his/her own function which will be called whenever the user selects an action menu in the specified window. Windows that share menus do not necessarily have to have the same menu function so if you want two windows to share the same menu function it is necessary to call SetWinMenuFn once for each window.

Parameters:

win: The Gui window whose menu function you wish to set.

fn: A pointer to the menu function for the specified window. The function should have the following prototype:

```
int MyWindowMenuFunction(GuiWindow *WhichWindow, struct MenuItem * ←
                          WhichMenuItem);
```

The function will be passed a pointer to the menu item that was selected and the window it was attached to. It should return either

GUI\_CONTINUE

or

GUI\_END

.

Known bugs:

None.

---

See also:

AddMenu

OpenGuiWindow

ShareMenus

## 1.81 ShareMenus function

Function prototype:

```
void ShareMenus(GuiWindow *dest, GuiWindow *source);
```

Description:

Causes a set of menus to be shared between two or more windows. When a number of windows share the same menu strip, most FoxGUI menu functions which are applied to that menu strip will affect the menus in all of those windows (the only current exception being the function

SetWinMenuFn

which only affects the window passed as it's second parameter). ↔

For

example, if windows A and B share the same menu strip and AddMenu is called to add a new top-level menu to window A, it will also be added to window B.

In order to make Window B share menus already created for Window A, call ShareMenus(B, A). If window B already has menus they will be cleared. In order to then use the same menus for a third window C you could either use ShareMenus(C, B) or ShareMenus(C, A).

Parameters:

dest: A pointer to the Gui window to which the menus will be applied.  
source: A pointer to the Gui window whose existing menus are to be shared.

Known bugs:

The source window must have at least one top-level menu attached to it for ShareMenus to work. If it hasn't, the function won't cause them to share menus. As long as source has one top-level menu when ShareMenus is called, any other alterations to the menu structure of either window will affect both.

See also:

AddMenu

SetWinMenuFn

---

## 1.82 FoxGUI Button functions

Buttons are probably the most commonly used intuition "gadgets" so I've made them very simple. The functions below should all be obvious by their names. If not then you'll just have to read the function descriptions! Buttons can have images attached to them (drawn on them) - see the

AttachBitMapToControl  
function.

The following button functions are currently available :-

MakeButton  
See also:

Destroy

DisableControl

EnableControl

SetDelay

SetPeriod

AttachBitMapToControl

## 1.83 MakeButton function

Function prototype:

```
PushButton *MakeButton(void *Parent, char *name, int left, int top, int
width, int height, int key, struct Border *cb, int
(*callfn) (PushButton*), short flags, void *extension)
```

Description:

Create a FoxGUI button in the specified window or frame with the attributes specified. The button will automatically be enabled and when the user clicks the button the function specified in callfn will be invoked and passed a pointer to the button that was clicked.

Parameters:

**Parent:** A pointer to an open FoxGUI window or frame in which to place the new button.

**name:** The text to appear as the buttons caption. If you don't want a caption, set this to "" or NULL. If you want the button to have a hot-key (a key that is used to activate the button from the keyboard) then you should pass the relevant character in the

- "key" parameter. If that key is one of the characters of the buttons caption then you can precede that character by an underscore ("\_") and that character will be underlined in the button caption. For example, for an okay button you might pass "O\_kay" in which case the k will be underlined. If the caption for the button is too long to fit it then it will be truncated - the caption will never extend beyond the button's border. If the button gets resized (due to a window being resized) then more of the caption may become visible - i.e. FoxGUI remembers the whole caption not just the visible bit.
- left: The coordinate of the left edge of the button relative to the left edge of the window/frame. If you prefer, you can specify a negative value here and that will be taken to mean an offset of the left hand edge of the button from the right hand edge of the window/frame. If the window/frame gets resized, this will also cause the button to move to remain at the same offset from the right hand edge of the window/frame.
- top: The coordinate of the top edge of the button relative to the top edge of the window/frame. Note that this is from the very top of a window so a y coordinate of 0 would cause the button to be at least partly obscured by the window's title bar if it had one. If you prefer, you can specify a negative value here and that will be taken to mean an offset of the top edge of the button from the bottom edge of the window/frame. If the window/frame gets resized, this will also cause the button to move to remain at the same offset from the bottom of the window/frame.
- width: The width of the button in pixels.
- height: The height of the button in pixels.
- key: The button's hot key. For example, to make the hot key the letter k, pass 'k'.
- cb: If you want your button to have some form of custom imagery not directly supported by MakeButton, you can create your own intuition border structure and pass a pointer to it as cb. This will be displayed as well as the standard button border and caption (if there is one). It's main use is to draw a simple picture on the button in place of a caption. The caption is omitted by passing the name as "".
- callfn: A pointer to the function to be called when the button is clicked. The function should have the following prototype:

```
int CALLBACK MyButtonFunction (PushButton*);
```

When it is invoked, it will be passed a pointer to the button that was clicked (this allows you to have one button function which handles all of your buttons if you wish. Of course you could alternatively have a different function for each button in which case the parameter would be redundant). It should return either

```
GUI_CONTINUE
or
GUI_END
```

- flags: The following flags are available for buttons: BN\_CLEAR, BN\_AR, BN\_STD, BN\_OKAY, BN\_CANCEL, S\_AUTO\_SIZE and S\_FONT\_SENSITIVE.

If `BN_CLEAR` is set then the background colour of the button will be the same colour as the window that the button is created in and the `bcol` parameter will be ignored. If you want to attach an image to a button then the button must be created with this flag specified. Clear buttons are drawn more quickly than coloured buttons. If you don't specify the `BN_CLEAR` flag but the `bcol` parameter is the same as the background colour of the window then the button won't be treated as clear so it will take marginally longer to refresh. If buttons are not clear then the whole button area is refreshed when necessary. If they are clear then only the border is refreshed.

`BN_OKAY` and `BN_CANCEL` allow either the return key or the escape key respectively to be used as an extra hot-key for the button. An example of how you might use these would be some sort of preferences window where the user can modify several controls (eg tick boxes, drop-down list boxes, edit boxes etc) and then either cancel or accept the action. You might have two buttons in the window labelled "Okay" and "Cancel" which have O and C as their respective hot-keys but where the Okay button has `BN_OKAY` set and the Cancel button has `BN_CANCEL` set so that the preferences could also be accepted or cancelled by pressing return or escape.

If the `S_FONT_SENSITIVE` flag is specified then the buttons height and width are set according to the height and width of the text on the button and the height and width parameters are ignored. Buttons with this flag set do not resize when in a resizable window (although they do still move as necessary). The other two flags are mutually exclusive. `BN_STD` specifies that this is a standard button, `BN_AR` specifies that it is an auto-repeating button. If you click on a standard button, the function is activated when the button is released. If the mousepointer is moved off the button before it is released then the function isn't called. An auto-repeat button is activated immediately that the button is clicked and is repeatedly activated while the button is held down. The delay between each activation of the button can be set by calling

```
SetDelay  
and
```

```
SetPeriod
```

```
.
```

extension: This is for future expansion and should be set to `NULL`.

Returns:

If successful, a pointer to the new FoxGUI button is returned. If unsuccessful, `NULL` is returned.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

```
Destroy
```

---

```
DisableControl  
EnableControl  
SetDelay  
SetPeriod  
AttachBitMapToControl
```

## 1.84 FoxGUI Boolean Gadget functions

The boolean gadgets supported by FoxGUI are tick-boxes and radio buttons. ←

A Tick-box is a small square button with a tick in it (or not as the case may be). You make the tick appear or disappear by clicking on the button. Usually a tick specifies that some option is turned on and lack of a tick means that it is turned off.

Radio buttons are another type of boolean gadget. These are grouped together and selecting one causes any other in the same group to become de-selected (i.e. they are mutually exclusive) like the buttons on the front of old radios if you are old enough to remember them!

The following boolean gadget functions are currently available :-

```
ActiveRadioButton  
MakeRadioButton  
MakeTickBox  
SetTickBoxValue  
TickBoxValue  
See also:
```

```
Destroy  
DisableControl  
EnableControl
```

## 1.85 ActiveRadioButton function

Function prototype:

```
RadioButton *ActiveRadioButton(RadioButton *rb);
```

---

**Description:**

Given a pointer to any FoxGUI radio button, this function returns a pointer to the currently selected radio button in that group.

**Parameters:**

rb: A pointer to a FoxGUI radio button.

**Returns:**

A pointer to the currently selected radio button in the same group as the radio button passed as a parameter. If no radio button is selected in that group or if an error occurs, this function returns NULL.

**Known bugs:**

None.

**See also:**

MakeRadioButton

## 1.86 MakeRadioButton function

**Function prototype:**

```
RadioButton *MakeRadioButton(void *Parent, RadioButton *Mutex, int left,
    int top, int width, int height, int fillcol, int (*callfn)
    (RadioButton*), int flags, void *extension)
```

**Description:**

Make a new FoxGUI radio button in the specified FoxGUI window or frame.

**Parameters:**

- Parent:** A pointer to an open FoxGUI window or frame in which to create the new radio button.
- Mutex:** A pointer to another radio button which you want to be mutually exclusive with this one (i.e. in the same group). When creating the first radio button in a group, set this parameter to NULL. When creating subsequent radio buttons in the group, this parameter can point to any one of the radio buttons already created and the whole group will be mutually exclusive (i.e. selecting any one member in the group will cause any other button in the group that was previously selected to become un-selected).
- left:** The distance in pixels between the left edge of the window/frame and the left edge of the selectable part of the radio button. Remember to leave enough room for the caption on either the left or right of the radio button itself.



top: The distance in pixels between the top edge of the window/frame and the top edge of the radio button.  
 width: The width of the selectable part of the radio button (in pixels).  
 height: The height of the radio button in pixels.  
 fillcol: When a radio button is selected, the centre of the button gets filled in the colour specified in this parameter. Unselected radio buttons are not filled.  
 callfn: A function to call when this radio button is selected by the user. The function will be passed a pointer to the radio button selected so if you like you can use the same function for all of the radio buttons in a group or even all of the radio buttons in an application. If you don't want to perform any special action immediately that the radio button is selected, you can pass NULL for this parameter. If you do specify a function, it should have the following prototype :-

```
int CALLBACK MyRadioButtonFn (RadioButton *WhichRadioButton);
```

and should return either

```
GUI_CONTINUE
```

or

```
GUI_END
```

.

flags: Currently, there are only two valid flags for radio buttons: BG\_SELECTED causes the radio button to be the initially selected radio button in the group. Obviously you should only set this flag for one radio button in each group. Radio buttons will auto-size when their window is resized if the S\_AUTO\_SIZE flag is selected.

extension: This is reserved for future expansion and should be set to NULL.

Returns:

If successful, a pointer to the new radio button. If not, NULL.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

SetPreText

SetPostText

ActiveRadioButton

Destroy

## 1.87 SetTickBoxValue function

Function prototype:

```
BOOL SetTickBoxValue(TickBox *tb, BOOL value);
```

Description:

Set the current value of the specified tick box.

Parameters:

tb: The tick box whose value you want to set.  
value: TRUE if you want the tick box to be ticked, FALSE otherwise.

Returns:

TRUE if the function succeeds, FALSE otherwise.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

TickBoxValue

MakeTickBox

## 1.88 TickBoxValue function

Function prototype:

```
BOOL TickBoxValue(TickBox *tb);
```

Description:

Find the current value of the specified tick box.

Parameters:

tb: The tick box whose value you want to know.

Returns:

TRUE if the tick box is ticked, FALSE otherwise.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

---

```
SetTickBoxValue
```

```
MakeTickBox
```

## 1.89 MakeTickBox function

Function prototype:

```
TickBox *MakeTickBox(void *Parent, int left, int top, int width, int height,
    int (*callfn) (TickBox*), int flags, void *extension)
```

Description:

Make a new tick box gadget.

Parameters:

Parent: The Gui window or frame in which the new tick box is to be created.

left: The left edge of the tick box in pixels from the left edge of the window/frame.

top: The top edge of the tick box in pixels from the top edge of the window/frame.

width: The width of the tick box in pixels.

height: The height of the tick box in pixels.

callfn: A function to call whenever the user changes the state of the tick box by clicking on it with the mouse. The prototype for the function should be as follows:  

```
int CALLBACK MyTickBoxFunction(TickBox *WhichTickBox);
```

The function will be passed a pointer to the tick box that was clicked and should return either  

```
GUI_CONTINUE
```

or

```
GUI_END
```

flags: Currently, there are only three valid flags for tick boxes :-  
BG\_SELECTED causes the tick box to be ticked initially. The BG\_CLEAR flag causes the tick box to be clear (i.e. the same colour as the window). Clear tick boxes are drawn and refreshed more quickly than filled ones. The  

```
S_AUTO_SIZE
```

flag causes the tick box to auto-size.

extension: This is reserved for future expansion and should be set to NULL.

Returns:

If successful, a pointer to the new tick box is returned. If the function fails then NULL is returned.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

Destroy

SetPreText

SetPostText

TickBoxValue

## 1.90 FoxGUI Editbox functions

Edit boxes are Intuition string gadgets. They are containers into which

the user can type text. If there are several in a window (and you are using OS version 2.0 or above) you can switch between edit boxes using tab and shift-tab. FoxGUI supplies three default filters for edit boxes: TEXT, INT and FLOAT. INT edit boxes are for capturing integral numbers. The user can type digits and a preceding + or - sign only. All other characters are rejected. FLOAT also allows the . symbol allowing floating point numbers to be entered and TEXT allows anything to be typed. The default filter is TEXT and is supported under all versions of the Amiga OS. The INT filter is supported from release 2.00 onwards and the FLOAT filter is supported in Intuition version 36 and above. In a FLOAT filtered edit box, you can also specify the number of digits allowed after the decimal point using

SetEditBoxDP

. Functions are available for setting

the text in edit boxes as well as for retrieving text or numbers that the user has entered.

The following editbox functions are currently available :-

GetEditBoxDouble

GetEditBoxID

GetEditBoxInt

GetEditBoxText

MakeEditBox

RefreshEditBox

SetEditBoxCols

SetEditBoxDP

SetEditBoxDouble  
SetEditBoxFocus  
SetEditBoxInt  
SetEditBoxText  
See also:  
  
Destroy  
DisableControl  
EnableControl

## 1.91 GetEditBoxDouble function

Function prototype:

```
double GetEditBoxDouble(EditBox *p);
```

Description:

Converts the text in the specified edit box into a double-precision floating point number and returns the result. On Intuition version 36 or higher, an edit box created with type `FLOAT_EDIT` is filtered so that a user can only type floating point numbers into it. In this case `GetEditBoxDouble` will usually succeed (note that even under these circumstances it is possible for a `FLOAT_EDIT` edit box to contain text which cannot be interpreted as a floating point number but only if it has been set from within the program by use of the function

```
SetEditBoxText
. If the number cannot be interpreted as
a floating point number then anything may be returned. You can control
the number of decimal places that the user can type into a FLOAT_EDIT
edit box using the function
SetEditBoxDP
.
```

Parameters:

`p`: A pointer to the edit box.

Returns:

A double-precision floating point number whose value is the text in the specified edit box.

Known bugs:

None.

---

See also:

```
GetEditBoxInt
GetEditBoxText
MakeEditBox
SetEditBoxDP
SetEditBoxDouble
```

## 1.92 GetEditBoxInt function

Function prototype:

```
int GetEditBoxInt(EditBox *p);
```

Description:

Converts the text in the specified edit box into an integer and returns the result. On OS version 2.00 or higher, an edit box created with type INT\_EDIT is filtered so that a user can only type integral numbers into it. In this case GetEditBoxInt will usually succeed (note that even under these circumstances it is possible for an INT\_EDIT edit box to contain text which cannot be interpreted as an integer but only if it has been set from within the program by use of the functions

```
SetEditBoxText
or
SetEditBoxDouble
```

. If the number cannot be interpreted as an integer then anything may be returned.

Parameters:

p: A pointer to the edit box.

Returns:

An integer whose value is the text in the specified edit box.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

```
GetEditBoxDouble
GetEditBoxText
```

---

MakeEditBox

SetEditBoxInt

## 1.93 GetEditBoxText function

Function prototype:

```
char *GetEditBoxText(EditBox *p);
```

Description:

Get the current text in the specified edit box.

Parameters:

p: A pointer to the edit box.

Returns:

A pointer to a NULL terminated text string which is the text contained in the specified edit box. The pointer returned is a pointer to the actual buffer used by the edit box so you should never directly modify this string in any way. If you keep a copy of the pointer you should also remember that it will become invalid when the edit box is destroyed. The safest thing to do is make your own copy of the string using a function such as strcpy.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

GetEditBoxDouble

GetEditBoxInt

MakeEditBox

SetEditBoxText

## 1.94 MakeEditBox function

Function prototype:

```
EditBox *MakeEditBox(void *Parent, int x, int y, int len, int buflen,  
int id, BOOL (*callfn) (EditBox*), long flags, void *extension);
```

## Description:

Creates a new edit box in the specified window or frame.

## Parameters:

**Parent:** A pointer to an open GuiWindow or frame in which to create the editbox.

**x:** The coordinate of the left edge of the new edit box relative to the left hand edge of the specified window/frame.

**y:** The coordinate of the top edge of the new edit box relative to the top edge of the specified window/frame. Note that this is from the very top of a window so a y coordinate of 0 would cause the editbox to be at least partly obscured by the window's title bar if it had one.

**len:** The length in pixels of the edit box. This length includes the border drawn around the edit box.

**buflen:** The maximum number of characters that the user will be able to type into the new edit box. This number cannot be more than 256.

**id:** This parameter can have any integral value. It won't affect the way the edit box behaves but it will get stored as part of the edit box structure and you can find out the value of any edit boxes id using the function

```
GetEditBoxID
```

. The main use for this

is when creating arrays of edit boxes. For example, if you wanted the user to enter their address you might create an array of edit boxes like this:

```

EditBox *ebAddress[5];
int l;

for (l = 0; l < 5; l++)
{
    ebAddress[l] = MakeEditBox(MyWin, 80, 80 + (10 * l), 244, 30,
        l, AddrValidate, THREED | TEXT_EDIT, NULL);
}

```

Because l has been passed to MakeEditBox as the id for each address line, the five address lines will have different ids, ranging from 0 to 4. Now, let's say for example that you wanted to keep a record of the number of characters in each address line. You could define an array of integers like this:

```
int numAddrChars[5];
```

And use your validation function (see the callfn parameter below) for the address line edit boxes to update your array like this:

```

BOOL CALLBACK AddrValidate(EditBox *eb)
{
    // Find out which address line has been changed.
    int index = GetEditBoxID(eb);

    // Update the character count

```



```

    numAddrChars[index] = strlen(GetEditBoxText (eb));
    return TRUE;
}

```

Without the id parameter, you would have to check each edit box pointer of the array in turn against the pointer passed to the validation function which would be very inefficient.

**callfn:** A pointer to a validation function for the edit box. This function will be called whenever the edit box loses focus (e.g. if the user has been typing in this box and then presses the tab key to activate the next edit box or clicks elsewhere in the window using the mouse). The function should have the following prototype:

```

BOOL CALLBACK MyValidationFunction(EditBox *MyEditBox);

```

When FoxGUI activates your validation function it will pass a pointer to the edit box that triggered it so that you can use one validation function for more than one edit box (if you wish) and still determine which edit box has just been deactivated. In order to validate the data you will obviously need to know what the user has typed into your edit box and you can use one of the functions

```

    GetEditBoxDouble

```

```

    ,

```

```

    GetEditBoxInt

```

```

    or

```

```

    GetEditBoxText

```

to find this out. If you decide that what the user has typed is invalid, you may wish to tell the user so using the

```

    GuiMessage

```

function and you may want to force the user to correct it by re-activating the edit box (see below). Of course, your validation function can perform other action apart from validation. If the edit box was of type INT\_EDIT or FLOAT\_EDIT you may want to use the number they have entered for some form of calculation and display the result in an output box or another edit box. The function can really do whatever you want it to. Unlike other call-back functions, this one should return TRUE or FALSE. As mentioned above, if the user enters invalid data you might want to re-activate the edit box to force them to correct it. If your function returns FALSE then FoxGUI will re-activate the edit box for you (overriding any calls made to the

```

    SetEditBoxFocus

```

function). If the data is valid or you don't want the edit box re-activated for any other reason then you should return TRUE. You should take great care when returning FALSE from this function - if the user has deactivated the edit box by clicking on another control then that control will not get activated unless this function returns TRUE. For example, if the user types invalid data into an edit box and then clicks on a tick box, the tick box will not change value and it's call-back function will not be activated unless the

call-back function for the edit box returns TRUE. The only gadgets that the user will be able to activate under these conditions are gadgets in other applications, some system gadgets in the current application and scroll-bars. For example, the user could scroll a list box or resize the window while the edit box text was invalid but the focus would be returned to the edit box immediately afterwards. The function

SetEditBoxFocus

, when called from within an edit boxes

call-back function is not as clever. If you want to set the focus back to the edit box that just lost it then return FALSE, don't use SetEditBoxFocus. If you want to set the focus to a different edit box then use SetEditBoxFocus but do it as near to the end of the function as possible (calling GuiMessage, for example after a call to SetEditBoxFocus would completely ruin the effect of the call to SetEditBoxFocus because the window popping up will cause the edit box to lose focus again). If you are going to do anything that causes the focus to go anywhere other than where the user is expecting it to go it is polite to tell the user why (with a call to GuiMessage for example) otherwise you could completely confuse your user.

flags: Currently, the following flags are available for edit boxes:

THREED, TEXT\_EDIT, INT\_EDIT, FLOAT\_EDIT, NO\_EDIT,

S\_AUTO\_SIZE

and

EB\_CLEAR. Set the THREED flag if you want the border around the edit box to have a three dimensional look (it will appear slightly inset or pressed into the screen and will be drawn in the current FoxGUI pens which can be modified by calling

SetGuiPens

). If you do not select the THREED flag then you will get a simple rectangle drawn around the editable area in the current default border colour. EB\_CLEAR specifies that the edit box will be clear (i.e. see-through). In other words, the background colour of the edit box will be the colour of the window or frame in which it was created. The other four flags are mutually exclusive. You can select at most one of the four but any of the four may be combined with the THREED and EB\_CLEAR flags. All four \_EDIT flags specify the filtering that will be applied to the edit box when the user types data into it. TEXT\_EDIT allows the user to type absolutely any text into the edit box. INT\_EDIT allows the user to enter integral numbers only. FLOAT\_EDIT allows floating point or integral numbers to be entered (floating point numbers are those with a decimal point e.g. 3.14159). For FLOAT\_EDIT edit boxes, the number of figures after the decimal point can be restricted using the function

SetEditBoxDP

. NO\_EDIT prevents any text from being entered into the edit box at any time (whether the edit box is currently enabled or disabled) - I have no idea why you would want to use this. If you do not select any of the \_EDIT flags then TEXT\_EDIT is used by default.

extension: This is reserved for future expansion and should be set to NULL.

**Returns:**

If successful a pointer to the new edit box is returned. NULL is returned if `MakeEditBox` fails.

**Known bugs:**

None.

**See also:**

`Destroy`  
`DisableControl`  
`EnableControl`  
`GetEditBoxDouble`  
`GetEditBoxInt`  
`GetEditBoxText`  
`RefreshEditBox`  
`SetEditBoxCols`  
`SetEditBoxDP`  
`SetEditBoxDouble`  
`SetEditBoxFocus`  
`SetEditBoxInt`  
`SetEditBoxText`

## 1.95 RefreshEditBox function

Function prototype:

```
void RefreshEditBox(EditBox *p);
```

**Description:**

Refresh the imagery of the specified edit box. You might want to do this if you have used a function such as

`DisableM`  
which has

changed the state of one or more edit boxes without refreshing the imagery (all functions which change the state of an editbox can be instructed to refresh the imagery for you if you prefer).

---

**Parameters:**

p: A pointer to the edit box to be refreshed.

**Known bugs:**

None.

**See also:**

Destroy

DisableControl

EnableControl

## 1.96 SetEditBoxCols function

**Function prototype:**

```
BOOL SetEditBoxCols(EditBox *p, int BorderCol, int Bcol, int Tcol);
```

**Description:**

Changes the colours of an edit box to the new ones specified and refreshes the edit box imagery.

**Parameters:**

p: A pointer to the edit box whose colours are to be changed.

BorderCol: The pen colour for the border.

Bcol: The background pen colour for the edit box (ignored prior to Intuition version 37).

Tcol: The pen colour for the text within the edit box.

**Returns:**

TRUE for success, FALSE for failure.

**Known bugs:**

None.

**See also:**

MakeEditBox

SetEditBoxDP

SetEditBoxFocus

## 1.97 SetEditBoxDP function

Function prototype:

```
BOOL SetEditBoxDP(EditBox *p, int num);
```

Description:

Set (or change) the maximum number of figures that can be entered after the decimal point in an edit box of type `FLOAT_EDIT`. This function can be called at any point after the edit box is created so you should bear in mind that if the user has already had a chance to type text into the edit box then there may already be more digits after the decimal point than you want. Calling this function will not remove any extra digits that are already after the decimal point but this can be done by using

`GetEditBoxDouble`

to get the current value in the edit box and then

`SetEditBoxDouble`

which will truncate the number to the correct number of decimal places when setting the new value. For edit boxes of types other than `FLOAT_EDIT`, `SetEditBoxDP` won't prevent the user from typing more than the specified number of decimal places into the text box but it will affect the way

`SetEditBoxDouble`

behaves when it is called for that edit box.

Parameters:

`p`: A pointer to the edit box to modify.  
`num`: The maximum number of digits to allow after the decimal point in the specified edit box.

Returns:

`TRUE` for success, `FALSE` for failure.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

`GetEditBoxDouble`

`MakeEditBox`

`SetEditBoxDouble`

---

## 1.98 SetEditBoxDouble function

Function prototype:

```
BOOL SetEditBoxDouble(EditBox *p, double num);
```

Description:

Set the text in the specified edit box to the number supplied. The number will be truncated to the maximum number of decimal places allowed in the edit box as set by the function

SetEditBoxDP

. This is true for

all edit boxes, not just those of type FLOAT\_EDIT. For example, the following code will cause the text in MyEditBox to be set to "3.14":

```
float pi = 3.14159265;  
SetEditBoxDP(MyEditBox, 2);  
SetEditBoxDouble(MyEditBox, pi);
```

Parameters:

p: A pointer to the edit box whose text is to be changed.  
num: The double-precision floating point number whose value is to be converted to text, possibly truncated and placed in the edit box.

Returns:

TRUE for success, FALSE for failure.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

GetEditBoxDouble

MakeEditBox

SetEditBoxDP

SetEditBoxInt

SetEditBoxText

## 1.99 SetEditBoxFocus function

Function prototype:

```
BOOL SetEditBoxFocus(EditBox *p);
```

---

**Description:**

Attempts to activate the edit box specified. If successful, a cursor will appear in the edit box and the user will then be able to type data into it.

**Parameters:**

p: A pointer to the edit box to be activated.

**Returns:**

SetEditBoxFocus will return TRUE if Intuition claims to have successfully activated the edit box. Otherwise FALSE will be returned. Intuition might fail to activate the edit box if for example the user is holding the right mouse button down to display the menus. FALSE will be returned if the edit box is currently disabled.

**Known bugs:**

None.

**See also:**

Notes on the use of SetEditBoxFocus in edit box call-back functions  
(  
    MakeEditBox  
).  
  
    DisableControl  
  
    EnableControl  
  
    RefreshEditBox

## 1.100 SetEditBoxInt function

Function prototype:

```
BOOL SetEditBoxInt(EditBox *p, int num);
```

**Description:**

Sets the edit box text to the number supplied.

**Parameters:**

p: A pointer to the edit box whose value is to be changed.  
num: The number to convert to text and place in the edit box.

**Returns:**

TRUE for success, FALSE for failure.

---

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

GetEditBoxInt

MakeEditBox

SetEditBoxDouble

SetEditBoxText

## 1.101 SetEditBoxText function

Function prototype:

```
BOOL SetEditBoxText(EditBox *p, char *text);
```

Description:

Set the text in the specified edit box to the string supplied.

Parameters:

**p:** A pointer to the edit box whose value is to be changed.  
**text:** A pointer to a text string to copy into the edit box. A copy will be made of the text string supplied so there is no need to preserve the string passed after calling the function.

Returns:

TRUE for success, FALSE for failure.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

GetEditBoxText

MakeEditBox

SetEditBoxDouble

SetEditBoxInt

---



## 1.102 GetEditBoxID function

Function prototype:

```
int GetEditBoxID(EditBox *p)
```

Description:

Returns the id of the specified edit box. For a full description of edit box ids, see `MakeEditBox`.

Parameters:

`p`: A pointer to the edit box whose id you want to know.

Returns:

The id of the edit box specified.

See also:

`MakeEditBox`

## 1.103 FoxGUI Tree Control functions

Tree Controls are similar to  
`ListBoxes`

in that they contain a list of

items which can be selected with a single or double click and scrolled through with horizontal and vertical scrollers if the list contains more items than the box can show or if the items are too wide for the box. Unlike a list box, however, items are represented in a tree structure (rather like a family tree drawn sideways so that the parent items are on the left of the box and children are indented). Parent items in a tree control can be opened and closed so that their children are either visible or hidden - the user can do this by clicking on a small box with a plus or minus sign which will appear to the left of any item which has children. Clicking on the box will open or close the parent item so that the children are hidden or shown. The box will contain a - when the children are shown and a + when they are hidden. An image can also be shown to the left of the text of an item if you so wish. This is most commonly used when a tree control is used to represent a disk where the top level is the root directory of the disk (which might have a picture of a disk!) and the children are files and directories on that disk where directories would all have a common picture so that the user can tell at a glance that they are directories. Files might have different pictures which depend on the file type or may have no picture at all. In a tree control, user defined data can be associated with any item in the control. For example, going back to our disk example, the programmer may have gathered information about the size of each file and the file attributes. He might choose to store these

---

in a structure for which he has one instance per file and the data associated with the item in the tree control could be a pointer to the relevant instance of that structure. In this way it would be easy for the programmer to show the user the size and attributes of the file selected.

The following tree control functions are currently available :-

- AddItem
- ClearTreeControl
- CloseItem
- FindTreeItem
- ItemData
- ItemIsOpen
- MakeTreeControl
- OpenItem
- RemoveItem
- ReplaceTCItem
- SetTreeControlDragPointer
- SetTreeControlHiItem
- TCHiItem
- TCHiText
- TCItemText

See also:

- Destroy
- Hide
- Show
- DisableControl
- EnableControl

## 1.104 AddItem function

Function prototype:

---

```
TreeItem *AddItem(TreeControl *tc, TreeItem *InsBefore, TreeItem
    *Parent, char *text, BOOL IsOpen, GuiBitMap *bm, void *ItemData);
```

**Description:**

Adds an item to a tree control.

**Parameters:**

tc: A pointer to the tree control.

InsBefore: If ordering of items is important in your tree control, you can pass a pointer to an existing item in the tree control and the new item will be inserted before it. If ordering is not important, set this to NULL.

Parent: If the new item is to be a child of an existing item, pass a pointer to that item, otherwise NULL.

text: The text of the item to add.

IsOpen: Whether or not the item is open. This has no effect when you first add the item but if you subsequently add an item as a child of this one, then this item will default to being closed (i.e. not showing the child) unless you set this to TRUE.

bm: A pointer to a bitmap to display to the left of the item's text. If the bitmap is taller than the font used for the tree control then the bitmap will be scaled down to the height of the text and the width will also be scaled proportionately. You should load the bitmap using the `LoadBitMap` function and you should not free the bitmap (using the `FreeGuiBitMap` function) until either the item has been removed from the tree control or the tree control has been destroyed.

ItemData: A pointer to data associated with this item. You can retrieve a pointer to the item data of the highlighted item by calling `ItemData(TChItem(MyTreeControl))`. Pass NULL if you do not want to associate any data with this item.

**Returns:**

If successful, a pointer to the new tree item, otherwise NULL.

**Known bugs:**

None.

**See also:**

`ClearTreeControl`

`CloseItem`

`ItemData`

---

ItemIsOpen  
MakeTreeControl  
OpenItem  
RemoveItem  
SetTreeControlHiItem  
TCHiItem  
TCHiText  
TCItemText

### 1.105 ClearTreeControl function

Function prototype:

```
void ClearTreeControl(TreeControl *tc);
```

Description:

Clears a tree control of all items.

Parameters:

tc: A pointer to the tree control to clear.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

Destroy  
RemoveItem

### 1.106 CloseItem function

Function prototype:

```
void CloseItem(TreeItem *it);
```

Description:

---

Close an open tree control item, hiding it's children. This function has exactly the same effect as the user clicking on the +/- button of an open tree control item.

Parameters:

ti: A pointer to the item to close.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

OpenItem

## 1.107 FindTreeItem function

Function prototype:

```
TreeItem *FindTreeItem(TreeControl *tc, char *text);
```

Description:

Finds a tree item which has the text specified.

Parameters:

tc: A pointer to the tree control.  
text: The text to search for.

Returns:

If successful, a pointer to the relevant tree item is returned.  
Otherwise NULL.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

AddItem

TCItemText

## 1.108 ItemData function

---

Function prototype:

```
void *ItemData(TreeItem *ti);
```

Description:

Returns the item data associated with the tree item. This will be the pointer which was passed as the ItemData parameter to the AddItem function.

Parameters:

ti: A pointer to the tree item.

Returns:

A pointer to the item data or NULL if none was supplied.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

AddItem

TCHiItem

## 1.109 ItemIsOpen function

Function prototype:

```
BOOL ItemIsOpen(TreeItem *it);
```

Description:

Returns TRUE if the children of this item are theoretically visible. I.e. if this item has a parent then the parent must also be open and if that item has a parent then it must also be open etc. If the item has no children but it's parent (if it has one) is open and so is it's parent etc all the way to the top of the tree then this function will return the value of IsOpen that was passed to the AddItem function when this item was created.

Parameters:

ti: A pointer to the item.

Returns:

TRUE or FALSE (see above).

---

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

AddItem

CloseItem

OpenItem

## 1.110 MakeTreeControl function

Function prototype:

```
TreeControl *MakeTreeControl(void *Parent, int left, int top, int width, int ←
    height,
    int lborder, int tborder, int flags, int (*Eventfn) (TreeControl*,
    short, TreeItem*, void**), void *extension);
```

Description:

Make a new FoxGUI tree control.

Parameters:

- Parent: A pointer to an open FoxGUI window or frame in which to create the new tree control.
- left: The x coordinate of the left edge of the tree control relative to the left edge of the window/frame.
- top: The y coordinate of the top edge of the tree control relative to the top edge of the window/frame.
- width: The width of the tree control in pixels. Note that this includes the width of the scroll gadget on the right hand edge when there is one.
- height: The height of the tree control in pixels.
- lborder: Left border - the distance in pixels between the left border of the tree control and the left edge of the text for the items within it. 2 or 3 pixels is usually sufficient to make it look neat.
- tborder: Top border - the distance in pixels between the top border of the tree control and the top edge of the text for the first item in the list box. 1 or 2 pixels is usually sufficient to make it look neat.
- flags: The following flags are currently available for tree controls: TC\_SELECT, TC\_CURSOR, TC\_DBLCLICK, TC\_DRAG, TC\_DROP, TC\_OPENITEM, TC\_CLOSEITEM, S\_AUTO\_SIZE and TC\_REHILIGHT\_ON\_SCROLL.

The TC\_SELECT flag should be specified if you want a function

of your own to be called whenever a user clicks on an item in the tree control. The TC\_CURSOR flag should be specified if you want your function to be called when the user changes the currently highlighted item without clicking on an item (i.e. by using the cursor keys or dragging a scroll bar). In the case of dragging a scroll bar, if a new item is highlighted, your function will be called once when the user releases the scroll bar. The TC\_DRAG flag should be specified if you want the user to be able to drag data out of this tree control into other drag/drop aware controls. If you wish to supply your own mouse pointer for use during drag/drop actions then see

SetTreeControlDragPointer

. If you want to be able to drop data dragged from other drag/drop aware controls into this tree control then specify the TC\_DROP flag. If you want to specify an action to occur when a user double clicks on an item in the tree control then specify the TC\_DBLCLICK flag. If you want to know when a user clicks on an open or close (+/-) button on an item in the tree control then use TC\_OPENITEM and TC\_CLOSEITEM. These two flags will cause your event function to be called when the user clicks on a +/- button, before FoxGUI has opened the item. The TC\_REHILIGHT\_ON\_SCROLL flag ensures that the highlighted item in a tree control is always within the visible part of the list so that if scrolling the list would cause the highlighted item to be outside the visible portion of the list then a new item will be highlighted instead. If you specify any of these flags (other than TC\_REHILIGHT\_ON\_SCROLL) then you will need to specify an EventFn (see below).

**Eventfn:** A pointer to a function to handle all tree control events. This parameter should be specified if any of the following flags have been specified: TC\_SELECT, TC\_CURSOR, TC\_DBLCLICK, TC\_DRAG, TC\_DROP, TC\_OPENITEM or TC\_CLOSEITEM. The function should have the following prototype:

```
int CALLBACK Eventfn(TreeControl *tc, short Event,
    TreeItem *HiItem, void **data);
```

and will be called whenever one of those events occurs and will be passed a pointer to the tree control (so that your function can be used to handle events for more than one tree control). The Event parameter will be one of TC\_SELECT, TC\_CURSOR, TC\_DBLCLICK, TC\_DRAG, TC\_DROP, TC\_OPENITEM or TC\_CLOSEITEM depending on which event occurred and HiItem will contain a pointer to the item that was selected, double clicked on, opened, closed or dragged out of the box or, in the case of the TC\_DROP event, a pointer to the item above which the cursor was positioned when the user let go of the mouse button. In the case of the TC\_DROP event, HiItem will be NULL if the drop occurred in an area where there was no item. If data has been dragged from another drag/drop aware control and dropped in this one then \*data will be a pointer to the data that was dragged which would have been set in the event function for the originating control. If data is being dragged from this control into another drag/drop aware control (the TC\_DRAG event) then you can set \*data to point to anything you want



and if the drop event occurs above another drag/drop aware control, that pointer will be passed to the event function of that control.

As with almost all user-defined functions called directly by FoxGUI, this function should return either

GUI\_CONTINUE

or

GUI\_END

but you should see the notes in the

Drag/Drop functionality

section about return values from

drag event functions.

extension: This is reserved for future expansion and should be set to NULL.

Returns:

If successful, a pointer to a new FoxGUI tree control. NULL otherwise.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

Drag/Drop functionality

AddItem

RemoveItem

TCHiItem

TCHiText

SetTreeControlDragPointer

SetTreeControlHiItem

Destroy

Hide

Show

DisableControl

EnableControl

## 1.111 SetTreeControlDragPointer function

---

Function prototype:

```
void SetTreeControlDragPointer(TreeControl *tc, unsigned short
    *DragPointer, int width, int height, int xoffset, int yoffset);
```

Description:

Specify a custom mouse-pointer to be shown when dragging data out of a drag/drop enabled tree control.

Parameters:

tc: A pointer to the tree control.  
DragPointer: A pointer to an array of numbers making up a standard Intuition sprite data structure. This must be stored in chip memory since it is to be used as a mouse pointer.  
width: The width in pixels of the pointer provided. The maximum width of an Amiga mouse pointer is 16 pixels.  
height: The height in pixels of the pointer provided. There is no maximum height.  
int XOffset:  
int YOffset: These two numbers specify the offset of the pointers hot-spot from the top left corner of the sprite. They are typically zero or negative.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

Drag/Drop functionality

MakeTreeControl

## 1.112 OpenItem function

Function prototype:

```
void OpenItem(TreeItem *it);
```

Description:

Open a closed tree control item, show it's children. This function has exactly the same effect as the user clicking on the +/- button of an closed tree control item.

Parameters:

ti: A pointer to the item to open.

Known bugs:

---

None.

See also:

CloseItem

### 1.113 RemoveItem function

Function prototype:

```
void RemoveItem(TreeItem *ti);
```

Description:

Remove the specified item from the tree control.

Parameters:

ti: The item to remove.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

AddItem

### 1.114 ReplaceTCItem function

Function prototype:

```
TreeItem *ReplaceTCItem(TreeItem *old, char *text, GuiBitMap *bm, void * ↵  
ItemData);
```

Description:

Replaces an item from a tree control with a new item described by the text, bm and ItemData parameters.

Parameters:

old: A pointer to the tree item to replace.

All of the other parameters are equivalent to the ones for the  
AddItem  
function.

**Returns:**

A pointer to the new item or NULL if not successful. Note that after calling this function the pointer to the old item is no longer valid and should not be used.

From version 4.7 onwards, it is safe to pass the return value from

```
TCItemText
for this item as the text parameter of this function. This
allows you to easily change the image of an item without changing the
text. For example:
newitem = ReplaceTCItem(olditem, TCItemText(olditem), newbitmap, NULL);
```

**Known bugs:**

None.

**See also:**

AddItem

FindTreeItem

RemoveItem

## 1.115 SetTreeControlHiItem function

Function prototype:

```
void SetTreeControlHiItem(TreeControl *tc, TreeItem *HiItem, BOOL refresh);
```

**Description:**

Change or set the currently highlighted item of a tree control.

**Parameters:**

tc: A pointer to the tree control.  
HiItem: A pointer to the tree item to highlight.  
refresh: If TRUE, refresh the tree control to show the newly highlighted item, otherwise it will be shown next time the tree control is refreshed.

**Known bugs:**

None.

**See also:**

TCHiItem

---

TCHiText

## 1.116 TCHiItem function

Function prototype:

```
TreeItem *TCHiItem(TreeControl *tc);
```

Description:

Return a pointer to the currently highlighted item of a tree control.

Parameters:

tc: A pointer to the tree control.

Returns:

A pointer to the highlighted item or NULL if no item is highlighted.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

SetTreeControlHiItem

TCHiText

## 1.117 TCHiText function

Function prototype:

```
char *TCHiText(TreeControl *tc);
```

Description:

Return the text of the currently highlighted item in a given tree control.

Note that:

```
char *hitext = TCHiText(MyTreeControl);  
is exactly equivalent to:  
char *hitext = TCItemText(TCHiItem(MyTreeControl));
```

Parameters:

tc: A tree control.

Returns:

---

A pointer to the text string of the currently highlighted item or NULL if no item is highlighted.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

SetTreeControlHiItem

TCHiItem

TCItemText

## 1.118 TCItemText function

Function prototype:

```
char *TCItemText(TreeItem *ti);
```

Description:

Return the text of a specified tree item.

Parameters:

ti: The tree item.

Returns:

A pointer to the text string of the tree control item.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

TCHiItem

TCHiText

## 1.119 FoxGUI Listbox functions

List boxes consist of a frame around a list of items. When a user ← clicks

---

on an item in the list it becomes highlighted and (optionally) a function can be triggered. A function can also be triggered by a double-click if required. If there are more items in a list than can be shown in the frame, then the list box will automatically get a scroll bar (proportional gadget) on its right hand edge which can be used to scroll up and down the list of items. If an item is added to the list box which is wider than the box itself, the list box will get a horizontal scroll bar (proportional gadget) on the bottom edge.

Functions are supplied to sort the items in a list box (into numerical or alphabetical, ascending or descending order) and it is possible to have a list box arranged in columns by setting tab-stops.

List boxes are drag-drop aware. Items can be dragged into or out of list boxes (see

Drag/Drop functionality  
).

The following listbox functions are currently available :-

AddListBoxItem  
AddListBoxTitle  
ClearListBoxItems  
ClearListBoxTabStops  
ClearListBoxTitles  
FindListText  
HiElem  
HiNum  
HiText  
InsertListBoxItem  
ListBoxRefresh  
ListColumnText  
MakeListBox  
NoLines  
NoTitles  
ReplaceListBoxItem  
SetListBoxHiElem  
SetListBoxHiNum

---

SetListBoxTabStopsArray

SetListBoxTopNum

SortListBox

TopNum

See also:

Destroy

DisableControl

EnableControl

## 1.120 AddListBoxItem function

Function prototype:

```
ListBoxItem *AddListBoxItem(ListBox *nlb, char *item, BOOL
    refresh);
```

Description:

Adds a line of text to an existing FoxGUI listbox. The item is added to the end of the list but the list can be sorted if you require it once all of the required items have been added. The items in a list box can contain tabs to align data in columns. Items in a list box are sometimes referred to in this manual as "elements".

Parameters:

**nlb:** The FoxGUI list box to which to add the item.  
**item:** The text string to add to the list box. If the text string contains tab characters (specified as '\t' in C) then each tab will cause the character following it to be printed at the next tab stop as specified when calling the function

SetListBoxTabStopsArray

. For a full example of using tabbed lists see the

SetListBoxTabStopsArray

function (which should be called

before any elements are added). If you add more items than can fit within the list box then a scroll bar is automatically created at the right hand edge of the list box.

**refresh:** If TRUE then the list box will be refreshed after this item has been added so that you see the item immediately (or you see the scrollbar resize if the item is outside the currently visible portion of the list box). If you are adding many items to a list box at once then it is quicker to add them all without refreshing and then do one refresh at the end - either by setting refresh to TRUE for the very last item added or by



calling the function  
    ListBoxRefresh  
    after adding the last  
item.

Returns:

If successful, a pointer to the item which has been added, otherwise NULL. There is no good reason for maintaining a pointer to each item that you add because the listbox will do that for you but it may be important for your application to check this function for a non-NULL result just to check that it has succeeded.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

AddListBoxTitle  
ClearListBoxItems  
HiElem  
HiNum  
HiText  
InsertListBoxItem  
ListBoxRefresh  
MakeListBox  
NoLines  
SetListBoxHiNum  
SetListBoxTabStopsArray  
SetListBoxTopNum  
SortListBox  
TopNum

## 1.121 AddListBoxTitle function

Function prototype:

```
BOOL AddListBoxTitle(ListBox *nlb, char *title, BOOL refresh);
```

---

**Description:**

Adds a title line to the specified list box. Unlike the items added to a list box, title lines cannot be sorted (they are always shown at the top of the list in the order that they were added) and are not scrolled by the scroll-bar (if present) on the right hand edge of the list box. When a list box is created, the Gui will calculate the maximum number of lines of text that can be shown in the list at a time (which will depend on the height of the list and the font size specified for the text) and will not allow the titles to fill the visible list space. In other words the Gui always allows room for at least one item to be shown in the list at a time. Any attempt to add a title to the last visible line of a list box will fail. In practice, title lines are usually far outnumbered by visible items if they are present at all. It is not necessary to have any titles on a list box if you prefer. As with list box items, if the list box has tab stops and the title specified has tab characters in it then the character immediately following each tab character will appear at the next tab stop set. In this way it is possible to have columns of text or data aligned with titles at the top.

**Parameters:**

`nlb`: A pointer to the FoxGUI list box to which to add the title.  
`title`: The text string to add as a title to the specified list box.  
`refresh`: If TRUE then the list box will be refreshed after adding the title so that you see it immediately. If you want to add more than one title or a combination of titles and items at the same time then it is quicker not to refresh the list box after each but to wait until after adding the last one and then refresh the list box either by setting refresh to TRUE for the last title/item added or by calling  
    `ListBoxRefresh`  
    after  
adding it.

**Returns:**

TRUE for success, FALSE for failure.

**Known bugs:**

None.

**See also:**

`AddListBoxItem`

`ClearListBoxTitles`

`ListBoxRefresh`

`MakeListBox`

`NoTitles`

`SetListBoxTabStopsArray`

---

## 1.122 ClearListBoxItems function

Function prototype:

```
void ClearListBoxItems(ListBox *lb, BOOL refresh);
```

Description:

Removes all items from a FoxGUI list box and frees all associated resources. This function does not clear the list boxes titles if any have been set.

Parameters:

**lb:** A pointer to the list box whose items are to be removed.  
**refresh:** If TRUE then the list box will be refreshed so that the user will see an empty list box. If you are emptying it to refill it again with different data then you may prefer to set refresh to FALSE and then refresh the list box after adding the new data.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

AddListBoxItem

ClearListBoxTabStops

ClearListBoxTitles

ListBoxRefresh

MakeListBox

NoLines

NoTitles

## 1.123 ClearListBoxTabStops function

Function prototype:

```
void ClearListBoxTabStops(ListBox *nlb, BOOL refresh);
```

Description:

---

Clears any tab stops previously set for a list box.

Parameters:

**nlb:** A pointer to the list box whose tab stops are to be cleared.  
**refresh:** If TRUE the list box will be redrawn. The text for items in a list box is formatted at the time that the items are added to the list box - to do this every time the list box redraws is too slow. As a result, clearing the tab stops and refreshing the list will cause the existing items and titles in the list to be displayed exactly as though the tab stops still existed. Only titles and items added to the list box after calling this function will be affected. It is therefore unlikely that you will need to set refresh to TRUE when clearing the tab stops unless you have also made other changes to the list box which you haven't yet refreshed.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

AddListBoxItem

AddListBoxTitle

ClearListBoxItems

ClearListBoxTitles

ListBoxRefresh

MakeListBox

SetListBoxTabStopsArray

## 1.124 ClearListBoxTitles function

Function prototype:

```
void ClearListBoxTitles(ListBox *lb, BOOL refresh);
```

Description:

Removes all titles from a FoxGUI list box and frees all associated resources. This function does not clear any items from the list box.

Parameters:

**lb:** A pointer to the list box whose titles are to be removed.  
**refresh:** If TRUE then the list box will be refreshed so that the user

---

will see the list box without it's titles immediately. If you are removing them to replace them with alternative titles then you may prefer to set refresh to FALSE and then refresh the list box after adding the new titles.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

AddListBoxTitle  
ClearListBoxItems  
ClearListBoxTabStops  
ListBoxRefresh  
MakeListBox  
NoTitles

## 1.125 FindListText function

Function prototype:

```
int FindListText(ListBox *lb, char *text, int reqcolumn);
```

Description:

Find the item number of the list box item which matches the specified text string.

Parameters:

**lb:** A pointer to the list box.  
**text:** A pointer to the text item to be found. If the list box is in columns, a match will be found if the text matches the entire contents of a column. If the list is not in columns then a match will be found if the text matches the entire text for a line of the list box.  
**reqcolumn:** If you want to find text in a specific column of a list box with tabs then set this to the column number required. If a match is found in a column other than the one specified then it won't be returned. If you want to find text in any column, set this parameter to 0. The left most column is column number 1.

Returns:

The item number of the list box item which matches the specified text. List box item numbers start at 1. If the item is not found, 0 is

---

returned.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

ListColumnText

## 1.126 HiElem function

Function prototype:

```
ListBoxItem *HiElem(ListBox *lb);
```

Description:

This function returns a pointer to the currently highlighted item in the specified FoxGUI list box. If there is no highlighted item or the function fails for any other reason then NULL is returned. This function is unlikely to be useful for your FoxGUI applications. The functions

HiNum  
and  
HiText  
are likely to be more useful.

Parameters:

lb: A pointer to a FoxGUI list box.

Returns:

A pointer to the currently highlighted element. Note that if the list box has tab stops set and the highlighted element contains tabs then the line of the list box will consist of more than one element and the pointer returned is the pointer to the first of these.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

AddListBoxItem

ClearListBoxItems

ClearListBoxTabStops

HiNum

---

HiText  
MakeListBox  
SetListBoxHiNum  
SetListBoxTabStopsArray  
TopNum

## 1.127 HiNum function

Function prototype:

```
int HiNum(ListBox *lb);
```

Description:

Returns the number of the currently highlighted item in a FoxGUI list box. If there is no currently highlighted item or if any other error occurs, 0 is returned (list box items are numbered starting at 1 not 0).

Parameters:

lb: A pointer to a FoxGUI list box.

Returns:

The number of the highlighted item.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

AddListBoxItem  
ClearListBoxItems  
HiElem  
HiText  
MakeListBox  
NoLines  
NoTitles  
SetListBoxHiNum

---

SetListBoxTopNum

TopNum

## 1.128 HiText function

Function prototype:

```
char *HiText(ListBox *lb);
```

Description:

Returns a pointer to a text string containing the text of the currently highlighted item in the list box.

Parameters:

lb: A pointer to a FoxGUI list box.

Returns:

The text of the highlighted item in the list box. Note that this is a pointer to the text actually used by the list box itself so if you want to compare this or output it directly in some way then that's fine but if you need to modify it at all then you should take a copy using `strcpy()` or similar. Note also that if the list box has tab stops and the highlighted entry contains tabs then the text returned is only the text for the first column (i.e. up to the first tab stop). You can retrieve the text in other columns using the function

ListColumnText

.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

HiElem

HiNum

ListColumnText

MakeListBox

SetListBoxHiNum



## 1.129 InsertListBoxItem function

Function prototype:

```
ListBoxItem *InsertListBoxItem(ListBox *nlb, char *item, ListBoxItem *after, ↵  
    BOOL refresh);
```

Description:

Inserts an item into a listbox, at a point specified by passing a pointer to the previous item.

Parameters:

nlb: The listbox in which to insert the new item.  
item: The text of the new item.  
after: A pointer to the item after which to insert the new item. If this parameter is NULL then the new item will be inserted at the beginning of the list.  
refresh: If TRUE, will refresh the listbox to show the new item.

Returns:

If successful, a pointer to the new item. NULL otherwise.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

AddListBoxItem

ListBoxRefresh

ReplaceListBoxItem

## 1.130 ListBoxRefresh function

Function prototype:

```
void ListBoxRefresh(ListBox *lb);
```

Description:

Refreshes a list box. Most list box functions that change a list box in any way take a boolean parameter that specifies whether or not to refresh the list box afterwards. This is so that you can make multiple changes (e.g. add loads of items) without refreshing and then just refresh once at the end (which is faster than doing a refresh for each change).

---

**Parameters:**

lb: A pointer to the FoxGUI list box to refresh.

**Known bugs:**

None.

**See also:**

AddListBoxItem

AddListBoxTitle

ClearListBoxItems

ClearListBoxTabStops

ClearListBoxTitles

MakeListBox

SetListBoxHiNum

SetListBoxTabStopsArray

SetListBoxTopNum

SortListBox

## 1.131 ListColumnText function

Function prototype:

```
char *ListColumnText(ListBox *lb, int col);
```

**Description:**

Returns the text of the specified column of the highlighted item in the specified list box.

**Parameters:**

lb: A pointer to the list box.

col: The column number of the column whose text is to be returned. The left most column is column number 0.

**Returns:**

A pointer to the text of the specified column of the highlighted item. This is a pointer to the actual text used by the list box so if you intend to modify it you should make a copy of it first and modify the copy.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

```

FindListText

HiText

SetListBoxHiElem

SetListBoxHiNum

SetListBoxTabStopsArray

```

## 1.132 MakeListBox function

Function prototype:

```

ListBox *MakeListBox(void *Parent, int left, int top, int width, int height, ←
    int lborder,
    int tborder, int flags, int (*Eventfn) (ListBox*, short, int, void**),
    void *extension);

```

Description:

Make a new FoxGUI list box.

Parameters:

**Parent:** A pointer to an open FoxGUI window or frame in which to create the new list box.

**left:** The x coordinate of the left edge of the list box relative to the left edge of the window/frame.

**top:** The y coordinate of the top edge of the list box relative to the top edge of the window/frame.

**width:** The width of the list box in pixels. Note that this includes the width of the scroll gadget on the right hand edge when there is one.

**height:** The height of the list box in pixels.

**lborder:** Left border - the distance in pixels between the left border of the list box and the left edge of the text for the titles and items within it. 2 or 3 pixels is usually sufficient to make it look neat.

**tborder:** Top border - the distance in pixels between the top border of the list box and the top edge of the text for the first title/item in the list box. 1 or 2 pixels is usually sufficient to make it look neat.

**flags:** The following flags are currently available for list boxes: LB\_SELECT, LB\_CURSOR, LB\_DBLCLICK, LB\_DRAG, LB\_DROP, LB\_REHILIGHT\_ON\_SCROLL and

### S\_AUTO\_SIZE

The LB\_SELECT flag should be specified if you want a function of your own to be called whenever a user clicks on an item in the list box. The LB\_CURSOR flag should be specified if you want your function to be called when the user changes the currently highlighted item without clicking on an item (i.e. by using the cursor keys or dragging a scroll bar). In the case of dragging a scroll bar, if a new item is highlighted, your function will be called once when the user releases the scroll bar. The LB\_DRAG flag should be specified if you want the user to be able to drag data out of this list box into other drag/drop aware controls. If you wish to supply your own mouse pointer for use during drag/drop actions then call the function

```
SetListBoxDragPointer
```

. If you want to be able to drop data dragged from other drag/drop aware controls into this list box then specify the LB\_DROP flag. If you want to specify an action to occur when a user double clicks on an item in the list box then specify the LB\_DBLCLICK flag. The LB\_REHILIGHT\_ON\_SCROLL flag ensures that the highlighted item in a list box is always within the visible part of the list so that if scrolling the list would cause the highlighted item to be outside the visible portion of the list then a new item will be highlighted instead.

**Eventfn:** A pointer to a function to handle all list box events. This parameter should be specified if any of the following flags have been specified: LB\_SELECT, LB\_CURSOR, LB\_DBLCLICK, LB\_DRAG or LB\_DROP. The function will be called whenever one of those events occurs and will be passed a pointer to the list box (so that your function can be used to handle events for more than one list box). The function should have the following prototype:

```
int CALLBACK EventFn(ListBox *lb, short Event, int
    ItemNum, void **data);
```

The Event parameter will be one of LB\_SELECT, LB\_CURSOR, LB\_DBLCLICK, LB\_DRAG or LB\_DROP depending on which event occurred and ItemNum will contain the item number of the item that was selected, double clicked on or dragged out of the box or, in the case of the LB\_DROP event, the item number of the item above which the cursor was positioned when the user let go of the mouse button. In the case of the LB\_DROP event, ItemNum will be zero if the drop occurred in an area where there was no item (for example if the drop occurred over one of the list boxes titles). If data has been dragged from another drag/drop aware control and dropped in this one then \*data will be a pointer to the data that was dragged which would have been set in the event function for the originating control. If data is being dragged from this control into another drag/drop aware control (the LB\_DRAG event) then you can set \*data to point to anything you want and if the drop event occurs above another drag/drop aware control, that pointer will be passed to the event function of that control. As with almost all user-defined functions called directly by

FoxGUI, this function should return either  
GUI\_CONTINUE

or

GUI\_END

but you should see the notes in the

Drag/Drop functionality

section about return values from drag

event functions.

extension: This is reserved for future expansion and should be set to  
NULL.

#### Returns:

If successful, a pointer to a new FoxGUI list box. NULL otherwise.

#### Notes:

Prior to release 5.0, it was possible to pass extra parameters to define  
a mouse pointer which would be shown when dragging data out of the list  
box. This can now be achieved by calling the function

SetListBoxDragPointer

.

#### Known bugs:

None.

#### See also:

Drag/Drop functionality

AddListBoxItem

AddListBoxTitle

ClearListBoxItems

ClearListBoxTabStops

ClearListBoxTitles

Destroy

DisableControl

EnableControl

HiElem

HiNum

HiText

ListBoxRefresh

---

NoLines  
NoTitles  
SetListBoxDragPointer  
SetListBoxHiNum  
SetListBoxTabStopsArray  
SetListBoxTopNum  
SortListBox  
TopNum

### 1.133 SetListBoxDragPointer function

Function prototype:

```
void SetListBoxDragPointer(ListBox *lb, unsigned short *DragPointer,  
    int width, int height, int xoffset, int yoffset);
```

Description:

Sets the mouse-pointer to be shown when dragging data out of the specified list box if it is drag/drop enabled.

Parameters:

**lb:** A pointer to a FoxGUI list box.  
**DragPointer:** A pointer to an array of numbers making up a standard Intuition sprite data structure. This must be stored in chip memory since it is to be used as a mouse pointer.  
**width:** The width in pixels of the pointer provided. The maximum width of an Amiga mouse pointer is 16 pixels.  
**height:** The height in pixels of the pointer provided. There is no maximum height.  
**xoffset:**  
**yoffset:** These two numbers specify the offset of the pointers hot-spot from the top left corner of the sprite. They are typically zero or negative.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

MakeListBox

---

## 1.134 NoLines function

Function prototype:

```
int NoLines(ListBox *lb);
```

Description:

Uses the list boxes height, top border, font size and number of titles to calculate the number of items that can be shown in the visible area of a list box. (Obviously this does not determine the maximum number of items that can be added to a list box because the visible portion of a list box can be scrolled).

Parameters:

lb: A pointer to a FoxGUI list box.

Returns:

The number of items that can be displayed in the list box.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

MakeListBox

NoTitles

## 1.135 NoTitles function

Function prototype:

```
int NoTitles(ListBox *lb);
```

Description:

Returns the number of titles currently displayed in the specified list box.

Parameters:

lb: A pointer to a FoxGUI list box.

Returns:

The number of titles currently displayed in the specified list box.

Known bugs:

---

None.

See also:

AddListBoxTitle  
ClearListBoxTitles  
MakeListBox  
NoLines

## 1.136 ReplaceListBoxItem function

Function prototype:

```
ListBoxItem *ReplaceListBoxItem(ListBox *nlb, char *item, ListBoxItem  
*OldItem, BOOL refresh);
```

Description:

Replaces a list box item. The specified item is replaced by the new item text specified.

Parameters:

nlb: A pointer to the list box.  
item: A pointer to the text of the new item.  
OldItem: A pointer to the item to replace.  
refresh: TRUE if you want the list box to be redrawn to show the replacement item, FALSE otherwise.

Returns:

A pointer to the new list box item. Once an item has been replaced, the pointer to it becomes meaningless and should not be used. The pointer returned by this function should be used in it's place.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

AddListBoxItem  
ClearListBoxItems  
InsertListBoxItem  
FindListText

---



HiElem

ListBoxRefresh

## 1.137 SetListBoxHiElem function

Function prototype:

```
void SetListBoxHiElem(ListBox *lb, ListBoxItem *item, BOOL refresh);
```

Description:

Sets the highlighted item of the list box to the element specified.

Parameters:

lb: A pointer to the list box.  
item: A pointer to the element to be highlighted.  
refresh: TRUE if you want the list box to be redrawn to show the new highlighted element, FALSE otherwise.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

AddListBoxItem

HiElem

HiNum

HiText

ListBoxRefresh

SetListBoxHiNum

SetListBoxTopNum

## 1.138 SetListBoxHiNum function

Function prototype:

```
void SetListBoxHiNum(ListBox *lb, int num, BOOL refresh);
```

Description:

---

Hiligh the specified item number in the specified list box. This function will fail if you specify a number greater than the number of items in the list box. Note that if the item number specified is not currently in the visible portion of the list box, the list box will not be automatically scrolled to show the hilighed item. You can do this yourself using the function

```
SetListBoxTopNum
```

.

You can use a combination of other list box functions to work out whether or not your target item number is currently in the visible portion of the list box as follows :-

```
if (itemnum >= TopNum(lb) && itemnum <= NoLines(lb) + TopNum(lb) - 1)
{
    // itemnum is in the visible portion of list box lb.
}
```

List box items start at 1. If you pass num as 0, the hilighed item (if any) will be unhilighed but no new item will be hilighed.

Parameters:

lb: A pointer to a FoxGUI list box.  
num: The item number of the item to hiligh.  
refresh: If TRUE, refresh the list box to unhiligh the previously selected item and hiligh the selected item. Otherwise, leave the list box looking as it was. Typically you would set this to FALSE if you had many other changes to make to the list box - it's quicker to make all of the changes without refreshing and then refresh the list box just once at the end.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

AddListBoxItem

HiElem

HiNum

HiText

ListBoxRefresh

MakeListBox

NoLines

NoTitles

SetListBoxHiElem

```
SetListBoxTopNum
```

```
TopNum
```

## 1.139 SetListBoxTabStopsArray function

Function prototype:

```
BOOL SetListBoxTabStopsArray(ListBox *nlb, BOOL refresh, short num, int *tabs);
```

Description:

Set the tab stops in a list box so that data can be displayed in columns. If you want a tabbed list box, you should always set your tab stops before adding any titles or items to the list. Calling `SetListBoxTabStopsArray` after items have been added to the list won't affect items that were added prior to the `SetListBoxTabStopsArray` call, only those that are added subsequently.

Parameters:

`nlb`: A pointer to a FoxGUI list box.  
`refresh`: If TRUE, refresh the list box after setting the tab stops. Since `SetListBoxTabStopsArray` doesn't currently affect items and titles that have already been added, there's currently no real reason to set this to TRUE.  
`num`: The number of tab stops to set. Note that no tab stop is necessary for the first column which will always be at the left border of the list box. In other words, if you want to have text in 3 columns, you only need to set 2 tab stops - for the second and third columns.  
`tabs`: An array of tab stops. Each should be the offset for that tab stop in pixels from the left border.

For example, if you have a list box `lb` in which you want to show three columns of text entitled "Stock no.", "Description" and "In stock", you might set your tab stops and titles as follows:

```
/* Our list box uses an 8 point fixed width font so to allow
   room for a 9 digit stock no. preceeded by a two character
   width gap between columns, we'll put the first tab stop at
   11*8 and then to allow room for a 17 character description
   with the same gap between columns we'll put the second tab
   stop at 30*8. */
int tabs[2];
tabs[0] = 11*8; tabs[1] = 30*8;
SetListBoxTabStopsArray(lb, FALSE, 2, tabs);
AddListBoxTitle(lb, "Stock no.\tDescription\tIn stock");
```

Returns:

TRUE for success, FALSE for failure.

---

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

AddListBoxItem  
AddListBoxTitle  
ClearListBoxItems  
ClearListBoxTabStops  
ClearListBoxTitles  
ListBoxRefresh  
MakeListBox

## 1.140 SetListBoxTopNum function

Function prototype:

```
void SetListBoxTopNum(ListBox *lb, int num, BOOL refresh);
```

Description:

Sets the top item number shown in a list box. The user of your application can do this themselves using the scroll bar or buttons on the right hand edge of the list box but this function allows you to set it from within your application code if you require. If a user scrolls the list using the scroll bar or buttons, the Gui will always attempt to keep the list box full e.g. if the list box has 20 lines and 100 elements (the list box can show 20 elements at a time) the user won't be allowed to scroll down below the point where the top element shown is item number 81 (81 to 100 inclusive is 20 items). This function provides no such checking for you and would quite happily set the top item number to 101! However, it is advised that you try to keep to the look and feel of the Gui by not doing so and you can use the function

```
NoLines  
to
```

help you work out the highest number that you should specify for the top number in the list box. You will have to keep a count of the number of items in the list box yourself.

Parameters:

lb: A pointer to a FoxGUI list box.  
num: The item number to set as the top item in the list box.  
refresh: If TRUE, refresh the list box to show the list starting with the new top item. Set this to FALSE if you have many other changes to make to the list box - that way, instead of

refreshing after each change you can refresh just once at the end.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

ListBoxRefresh  
MakeListBox  
NoLines  
NoTitles  
SetListBoxHiNum  
TopNum

## 1.141 SortListBox function

Function prototype:

```
void SortListBox(ListBox *p, int flags, int startnum, BOOL refresh);
```

Description:

Sorts the items in a list box (numerically or alphabetically) into ascending or descending order.

Parameters:

**p:** A pointer to a list box to sort.  
**flags:** This should be one of ASCENDING or DESCENDING (to sort alphabetically), NUM\_ASCENDING or NUM\_DESCENDING to sort numerically. If none of these are specified then DESCENDING is assumed. When sorting numerically, the function attempts to turn the text for each item into a number and sorts using those numbers - any items which can't be turned into numbers are treated as if they contained the number zero.  
**startnum:** The item number to start sorting at. To sort the whole list, set this to 1. Setting this to any number (n) greater than 1 will cause the first n-1 items to remain exactly where they are and the items from n onwards to be sorted.  
**refresh:** If TRUE, refresh the list to show the items in their new order. Set this to FALSE if you want to make other changes before refreshing the list (it's faster to do all of your changes and then refresh once than to refresh after each change).

Known bugs:

---

None.

See also:

AddListBoxItem  
ClearListBoxItems  
ListBoxRefresh  
MakeListBox

## 1.142 TopNum function

Function prototype:

```
int TopNum(ListBox *lb);
```

Description:

Returns the item number of the first item currently displayed in the visible portion of a list box.

Parameters:

lb: A pointer to a FoxGUI list box.

Returns:

The number of the item currently at the top of the visible portion of the list box.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

HiElem  
HiNum  
HiText  
MakeListBox  
NoLines  
NoTitles

---

## 1.143 FoxGUI Drop-Down Listbox functions

Drop-down list boxes are likely to be less familiar to Amiga users ↔  
than

many of the other controls in FoxGUI. Most Amiga applications don't use them but if you have used MUI applications or Windows applications on a PC then you will recognise them instantly. Drop-down list boxes are like a cross between edit boxes and list boxes. When you see a drop-down list box in an application window, what you will see is an edit box with a button attached to it's right hand end. You cannot edit the contents of the edit box directly but if you click on the button, a list of options (which looks exactly like a list box) appears below the edit box. The list can be scrolled (if it contains more items than can be shown at once) exactly as a list box can but clicking on an item causes that item to be copied into the edit box and the list to disappear. In this way a user can choose from a set of options decided by the programmer. On Amigas running OS 2.0 or greater, the user can tab (and shift tab) to drop-down list boxes exactly as with edit boxes. When the user has selected the drop-down list box (either by tabbing or by clicking in the edit box part with the mouse) the user can select items in the list by using short-cut keys. For example, if the list box is selected and the user presses the "t" key, the first item in the list beginning with the letter t is selected. If no item in the list begins with the letter t then nothing is selected. If more than one item begins with a t then pressing t repeatedly will cycle between them. As with tabbing, short-cut keys are only supported on OS version 2.0 and above.

The following drop-down listbox functions are currently available :-

```
AddToDDLListBox
AssociateDDLListBox
ClearDDLListBox
GetDDLListBoxID
GetDDLListBoxText
MakeDDLListBox
MakeSubDDLListBox
RemoveFromDDLListBox
    RestoreDDLListBoxStatus
SetDDLListBoxPopup
SetDDLListBoxText
SortDDLListBox
    StoreDDLListBoxStatus
```

See also:

---

Destroy  
DisableControl  
EnableControl

## 1.144 AddToDDLListBox function

Function prototype:

```
BOOL AddToDDLListBox(DDLListBox *list, char *str);
```

Description:

Adds an item (a line of text) to a drop-down list box. The items in a drop-down list box don't become visible until the user clicks on the button at the right hand end of the drop-down list box (on OS V37 or above this can also be achieved by clicking in or tabbing to the text part of the drop-down list box and then pressing the space bar).

Parameters:

**list:** A pointer to a FoxGUI drop-down list box as returned by the

MakeDDLListBox  
function.

**str:** A pointer to a NULL terminated text string to add as the next item in the list. The items in a drop-down list box can be sorted into order using the function

SortDDLListBox

.

Returns:

TRUE if successful, FALSE otherwise.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

AssociateDDLListBox  
ClearDDLListBox  
MakeDDLListBox  
MakeSubDDLListBox  
RemoveFromDDLListBox



SortDDLListBox

## 1.145 AssociateDDLListBox function

Function prototype:

```
BOOL AssociateDDLListBox(DDLListBox *l, DDLListBox *m);
```

Description:

Describing what this function does would be very tricky without an example so here comes an example:

Let's assume that you have twenty items that you want a user to be able to choose from but you want the user to be able to choose up to five of those items simultaneously. A list box or a drop-down list box only allow you to choose one item at a time so you need another solution. One solution (probably not the most elegant but the one that illustrates the use of this function) is to create five drop-down list boxes, each populated with the same list of items so that the user can choose an item in each. It would be very wasteful to have to populate each drop-down list box with the same set of items which is where this function comes in. AssociateDDLListBox causes two drop-down list boxes to become associated with each other. What this means is that they share a list of items. Adding an item to one will then also cause it to be added to the other. Removing an item from one will also cause it to be removed from the other. This is not achieved by automating the process of adding to the other list box - they physically share the same list data which means that you save the extra memory that would otherwise be needed. You can associate as many list boxes together as you like - there is no limit. However, please read the known bugs section at the end of this function definition.

Parameters:

**l:** A pointer to the destination drop-down list box. This list box must be empty (i.e. have no items in it) for this function to succeed. If the list box already has items in it, you can clear them using the

ClearDDLListBox  
function.

**m:** A pointer to the source drop-down list box. It is recommended that you fully populate this list box before making the association but it is only necessary to make sure that it contains one item before the association is made.

Returns:

TRUE for success, FALSE for failure.

Known bugs:

If your source drop-down list box is empty then all sorts of problems could occur. AssociateDDLListBox will return TRUE but the list boxes

---

won't quite behave as though they are associated. At some point I will fix the code to stop this from happening but for the time being it should be fairly simple just to ensure that you add at least one item to your source drop-down list before making the association. Clearing a list box which is associated with others is also a problem - not for the source box itself but for any drop-down list boxes associated with it. Please believe that if the solution to this problem were trivial I would have done it a long time ago but it would be a lot of hard work for what's probably going to be a rarely used function so my priorities lie elsewhere. If you really need this sorting out then hassle me.

See also:

AddToDDLListBox

ClearDDLListBox

MakeDDLListBox

MakeSubDDLListBox

RemoveFromDDLListBox

## 1.146 ClearDDLListBox function

Function prototype:

```
void ClearDDLListBox(DDLListBox *l);
```

Description:

Removes all of the items from the specified drop-down list box.

Parameters:

l: A pointer to a FoxGUI drop-down list box.

Known bugs:

This function can cause problems with associated drop-down list boxes. See the

AssociateDDLListBox  
function for more details.

See also:

AddToDDLListBox

AssociateDDLListBox

MakeDDLListBox

---

MakeSubDDLListBox

RemoveFromDDLListBox

## 1.147 MakeDDLListBox function

Function prototype:

```
DDLListBox *MakeDDLListBox(void *Parent, int x, int y, int len, int buflen,  
    int MaxHeight, int id, BOOL (*callfn) (DDLListBox*),  
    long flags, void *extension);
```

Description:

Make a new FoxGUI drop-down list box.

Parameters:

- Parent:** A pointer to an open FoxGUI window or frame in which to put the new drop-down list box.
- x:** The x coordinate in pixels of the left edge of the drop-down list box relative to the left edge of the window/frame.
- y:** The y coordinate in pixels of the top edge of the drop-down list box relative to the top edge of the window/frame.
- len:** The length in pixels of the text portion of the list box (A drop-down list box looks like an edit box with a button on the right hand end which is used to drop the list). The button is a fixed width (17 pixels) so the total length of the drop-down list box is len+17.
- buflen:** The number of characters to reserve for the text buffer - this limits the length of the string that can be shown in the text portion of the list box and currently has a maximum value of 256 which should be more than enough. You do not need to allow for the NULL terminator - this function will automatically allocate one more character than you specify to allow for this so you could just set buflen to the strlen() of the longest item that you're going to put in the drop-down list.
- MaxHeight:** The maximum number of lines to show at a time when the list box is dropped. For example, if you set this to 5 and the list box contains more than 5 items then only five will be visible in the list when you drop it but the list will have scroll buttons and a drag-bar to allow you to scroll through the other items. When you create a list box, it will check whether there is enough space on the screen below the list box in which to drop the box with your specified MaxHeight and if not then it will check to see whether there's room above the drop-down list box to "drop" the list upwards. If there's not enough room to "drop" the list in either direction with your specified MaxHeight then MakeDDLListBox will fail. If you are going to make this a "popup" list box with the function  
    SetDDLListBoxPopup  
then you can safely set

MaxHeight to 0.

**id:** This parameter doesn't affect the way the drop-down list box looks or works in any way but gets stored as part of the drop-down list box structure and can be found at any time using the

`GetDDLListBoxID`

function. This is used in an

entirely analogous way to the `id` parameter for edit boxes (see the

`MakeEditBox`

function for details).

**callfn:** A pointer to a function to call when the user selects an item in a drop-down list box. There are a number of ways a user can do this and hence a number of ways to trigger this function but whichever method the user uses to pick an item, the result is always the same and it isn't important for the function to know how it was triggered. The prototype for the function should be as follows:-

```
short CALLBACK MyDDLListBoxFn(DDLListBox *lb)
```

The function will be sent a pointer to the drop-down list box but no indication of which item was picked. However, you can find out which item was picked from within the function by calling the

`GetDDLListBoxText`

function. See the

`MakeEditBox`

function for an example of how to use the `id` ←  
parameter for

dealing with arrays of drop-down list boxes from within the call-back function. The return value of this call-back function isn't currently used by FoxGUI but for future compatibility you should return `GUI_CONTINUE`.

**flags:** Only three flags are currently available for use with drop-down list boxes:

`S_AUTO_SIZE`

, `THREED` and `DD_CLEAR`.

If the `THREED` flag is specified then the border around the list box will be drawn (using the Gui pen colours) in such a way as to make it look as though it's pressed into the screen. If the `THREED` flag is not specified then the border will be a simple box around the edge in the current default border colour. `DD_CLEAR` specifies that the drop-down list box will be clear (i.e. see-through). In other words, the background colour of the drop-down list box will be the colour of the window or frame in which it was created.

**extension:** This is reserved for future expansion and should be set to `NULL`.

**Returns:**

If successful, a pointer to a new FoxGUI drop-down list box. `NULL` otherwise.

**Known bugs:**

None.

See also:

AddToDDLListBox  
AssociateDDLListBox  
ClearDDLListBox  
Destroy  
DisableControl  
EnableControl  
MakeSubDDLListBox  
RemoveFromDDLListBox  
SetDDLListBoxPopup  
SortDDLListBox  
GetDDLListBoxID  
GetDDLListBoxText  
SetDDLListBoxText  
MakeEditBox

## 1.148 MakeSubDDLListBox function

Function prototype:

```
DDLListBox *MakeSubDDLListBox(DDLListBox *lb, char *string, int left, int top, int ←  
width,  
int height, int id, BOOL (*callfn)(DDLListBox*), void *extension);
```

Description:

Rather like menus which can have sub-menus, so drop-down list boxes can have sub-list boxes. Creating a sub-list box adds an item to a drop-down list box which, when selected, (rather than populating the text part of the drop-down list box) pops up another list of options from which the user must then select an item which will be used to populate the text part of the drop-down list box. Unlike menus, there is no limit to the number of levels a drop-down list box can have i.e. a sub-list box may in turn have items which, when selected open further sub-list boxes.

Most functions which can be applied to drop-down list boxes can also be

---

applied to sub-list boxes. For example, you add items to a sub-list box using the

```
AddToDDLListBox
function exactly as you do for drop-down list
```

boxes. Sub-list boxes can also be associated using the

```
AssociateDDLListBox
function. By their very nature, sub-list boxes are pop-up so ←
there is
```

no need to use the

```
SetDDLListBoxPopup
function unless you want to later
```

change where the list will pop-up.

Parameters:

- lb: A pointer to an existing FoxGUI drop-down list box to which to add the sub-list box.
- string: An item to add to the drop-down list box specified in lb which, when selected will trigger the sub-list box. It is a good idea to indicate somehow in the text you supply that this item triggers a sub-list box. I usually use the ">>" character (created by pressing Alt-0) at the end of the text to indicate this.
- left: Sub-list boxes behave like pop-up list boxes (see

```
SetDDLListBoxPopup
```

```
) so they need to be told where to appear on
```

the screen. Like pop-up list boxes, they aren't constrained by the dimensions of the window they are created in but they are constrained by the dimensions of the screen that window appears on. This parameter specifies the left edge of the list when it pops up and is offset from the left edge of the screen (not the window).

top: The top edge of the list when it pops up, offset from the top edge of the screen.

width: The width in pixels of the list when it pops up. If you specify -1 for the width, the Gui will calculate the width necessary for all items in the list to be shown without being truncated and will use that width for the list box when it pops up. The calculation actually takes place when the list box pops up (not when you call this function) so that items added to or removed from the list after calling this function are also taken into account. This does make dropping the list marginally slower especially if there is a large number of items in the list but it means that in an application where the user can choose the font, you don't have to worry about calculating how wide you want the box to be - FoxGUI will work it out for you. Note that if the width is set to -1, the left parameter is ignored because the Gui will have to calculate where to place the left edge of the box so that it will fit on the screen.

height: Rather like the MaxHeight parameter to

```
MakeDDLListBox
```

```
, this
```

is the height of the list when it pops up but is specified in lines of text - not pixels.

If the left, top, width and height parameters are such that the

area required will go beyond the boundaries of the screen, the function will fail.

id: See

MakeDDLListBox  
or  
MakeEditBox  
for details.

callfn: A pointer to a function to call when an item is selected from the new sub-list box. See the callfn parameter to the function

MakeDDLListBox  
for details.

extension: This is reserved for future expansion and should be set to NULL.

Returns:

If successful, a pointer to the new sub-list box is returned. If not, NULL is returned.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

AddToDDLListBox

AssociateDDLListBox

ClearDDLListBox

Destroy

MakeDDLListBox

RemoveFromDDLListBox

SortDDLListBox

GetDDLListBoxID

## 1.149 RemoveFromDDLListBox function

Function prototype:

```
BOOL RemoveFromDDLListBox(DDLListBox *list, char *str);
```

Description:

Remove the specified item from the specified drop-down list box.

---

**Parameters:**

`list`: The drop-down list box from which you want to remove an item.  
`str`: The text of the item to remove. This must exactly match the text given when the item was added to the drop-down list box but needn't be the same string. In other words, the pointers do not need to match but the text must.

**Returns:**

TRUE for success, FALSE for failure.

**Known bugs:**

None.

**See also:**

`AddToDDLListBox`

`ClearDDLListBox`

`MakeDDLListBox`

`MakeSubDDLListBox`

## 1.150 SetDDLListBoxPopup function

Function prototype:

```
BOOL SetDDLListBoxPopup(DDLListBox *l, int x, int y, int width, int height);
```

**Description:**

Usually when you click on the button on the right hand end of the text portion of a drop-down list, the list will drop immediately below the button (or immediately above if the drop-down list box is close to the bottom of the screen). The `SetDDLListBoxPopup` allows you to specify where the list box will pop up when the button is pressed.

**Parameters:**

- `l`: A pointer to the drop-down list box which is to pop up rather than drop down.
- `x`: The distance in pixels between the left edge of the screen and the left edge of the area where you want the list to pop up.
- `y`: The distance in pixels between the top edge of the screen and the top edge of the area where you want the list to pop up.

Note that the `x` and `y` parameters are both relative to the screen not the window.

`width`: The width in pixels of the list when it pops up. If you specify

---



-1 for the width, the Gui will calculate the width necessary for all items in the list to be shown without being truncated and will use that width for the list box when it pops up. The calculation actually takes place when the list box pops up (not when you call this function) so that items added to or removed from the list after calling this function are also taken into account. This does make dropping the list marginally slower especially if there is a large number of items in the list but it means that in an application where the user can choose the font, you don't have to worry about calculating how wide you want the box to be - FoxGUI will work it out for you. Note that if the width is set to -1, the x parameter is ignored because the Gui will have to calculate where to place the left edge of the box so that it will fit on the screen.

height: The height (in lines of text) of the list when it pops up. This is rather like the MaxHeight parameter to the function

MakeDDLListBox

.

Returns:

TRUE for success, FALSE for failure. Note that this function will fail if the area described in the x, y, width and height parameters extends beyond the boundary of the screen.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

MakeDDLListBox

MakeSubDDLListBox

## 1.151 SortDDLListBox function

Function prototype:

```
void SortDDLListBox(DDLListBox *p, int flags);
```

Description:

Sort the items in the specified drop-down list box into the order specified by the flags supplied. This will have no immediately visible effect on the drop-down list box but will affect the order in which the items are shown next time the user drops the list.

Parameters:

p: A pointer to a FoxGUI drop-down list box whose items are to be sorted.

---

flags: The available flags are NUM\_ASCENDING, NUM\_DESCENDING, ASCENDING, DESCENDING and IGNORE\_CASE. ASCENDING and DESCENDING specify that sorting should be alphabetic and should be ascending or descending respectively. NUM\_ASCENDING and NUM\_DESCENDING specify that the sorting should be numeric - i.e. treat the text as numbers. The difference is that alphabetically, the string "02" would come before the string "1" whereas if the strings were converted to numbers, the correct numerical order would be obtained. The IGNORE\_CASE flag, when combined with either of the alphabetic flags ASCENDING or DESCENDING causes the case of the characters to be ignored when sorting (without this, the entire alphabet of upper case characters is considered to come before any of the lower case characters). If no flags are specified, the DESCENDING flag is assumed.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

AddToDDLListBox

MakeDDLListBox

MakeSubDDLListBox

## 1.152 GetDDLListBoxID function

Function prototype:

```
int GetDDLListBoxID(DDLListBox *l)
```

Description:

Returns the id of the specified drop-down list box, as supplied to

MakeDDLListBox  
or  
MakeSubDDLListBox  
when the drop-down list box was  
created. See

MakeDDLListBox  
or  
MakeEditBox  
for details.

Parameters:

l: A pointer to the FoxGUI drop-down list box whose id you want to know.

Returns:

---

The id of the specified drop-down list box.

See also:

```
GetEditBoxID  
MakeDDLListBox  
MakeEditBox  
MakeSubDDLListBox
```

### 1.153 GetDDLListBoxText function

Function prototype:

```
char *GetDDLListBoxText (DDLListBox *l)
```

Description:

Returns a pointer to a NULL terminated string containing the text currently displayed in the text portion of a drop-down list box. Passing a sub-list box as a parameter to this function would be meaningless.

Parameters:

l: A pointer to the drop-down list box whose current text you want to know.

Returns:

A pointer to a NULL terminated text string containing the text currently shown in the text portion of the drop-down list box. The pointer returned is a pointer to the actual buffer used by the drop-down list box so you should never directly modify this string in any way. If you keep a copy of the pointer you should also remember that it will become invalid when the drop-down list box is destroyed. The safest thing to do is make your own copy of the string using a function such as strcpy. If this function fails, NULL will be returned. If there is no text in the box then an empty string will be returned. Remember that the text may not necessarily match an item in the drop-down list box itself. This will happen if no item has been selected, the item has been selected from a sub-list box, the item selected has since been removed from the list or the text has been set to a non-matching value by calling the function

```
SetDDLListBoxText
```

.

See also:

```
GetEditBoxText
```

---

```
MakeDDLListBox  
MakeSubDDLListBox  
RemoveFromDDLListBox  
SetDDLListBoxText
```

## 1.154 SetDDLListBoxText function

Function prototype:

```
BOOL SetDDLListBoxText (DDLListBox *l, char *c)
```

Description:

Set the text shown in the text portion of a drop-down list box. Note that the text need not match any of the items available in the list for selection by the user although I can't really see why you would want to do that.

Parameters:

l: A pointer to the drop-down list box whose text you want to set.  
c: A pointer to a NULL terminated text string containing the text you wish to put in the text portion of the drop-down list box. A copy will be made of the string supplied so there is no need to preserve the string passed after calling the function.

Returns:

TRUE for success, FALSE for failure.

See also:

```
SetEditBoxText  
MakeDDLListBox  
MakeSubDDLListBox  
GetDDLListBoxText
```

## 1.155 FoxGUI Outputbox functions

Output boxes provide a convenient way of placing text or data onto a FoxGUI window. If you want a piece of static text placed in a window (for example

---

a title or label of some description) you can make an output box at that position and then set the output box text using one of the functions below. Alternatively, if you want to display a piece of data that may change during the time the program is running, an output box is perfect for that too. Just make the output box and then use one of the functions below to set the output box text each time it needs to change. As with edit boxes, TEXT, INT and FLOAT types are supported and the number of decimal places for FLOAT types can be specified.

The following outputbox functions are currently available :-

```
MakeOutputBox
SetOutputBoxCols
SetOutputBoxDP
SetOutputBoxDouble
SetOutputBoxInt
SetOutputBoxText
GetOutputBoxID
See also:
Destroy
Hide
Show
```

## 1.156 MakeOutputBox function

Function prototype:

```
OutputBox *MakeOutputBox(void *Parent, int x, int y, int width, int len,
    int id, char *InitialValue, long flags, void *extension);
```

Description:

Create a new output box in the specified window or frame.

Parameters:

- Parent: A pointer to the FoxGUI window or frame in which to create the output box.
  - x: The coordinate of the left edge of the new output box relative to the left hand edge of the specified window/frame.
  - y: The coordinate of the top edge of the new output box relative to the top edge of the specified window/frame.
-

Note that this is from the very top of a window so a y coordinate of 0 will cause the output box to be at least partly obscured by the window's title bar if it has one.

**width:** The width of the output box in pixels. This width includes the border if one is specified (see flags below).

**len:** The maximum length (in characters) of text that can be shown in the output box. This will be used to allocate memory for the text buffer so you should try not to set this higher than you need it. This number cannot be more than 256.

**id:** Sets the id of the output box which can be retrieved at any time with the `GetOutputBoxID` function. The id for an output box is used in exactly the same way as the id of an edit box. See `MakeEditBox` for a full description.

**InitialValue:** A string containing text to show in the outputbox. Specifying a non-NULL value here is equivalent to setting this to NULL and then immediately calling `SetOutputBoxText`

**flags:** Currently seven flags are available for use with `↔`  
`output`  
**boxes:** `THREED`, `NO_BORDER`, `JUSTIFY_LEFT`, `JUSTIFY_CENTRE`, `JUSTIFY_RIGHT`, `S_AUTO_SIZE` and `S_FONT_SEMNSITIVE`.

If the `NO_BORDER` flag is specified then the output box will not have a border. If the `THREED` flag is specified then the output box will have a three dimensional border drawn in the current Gui pens (these can be modified by calling `SetGuiPens`).

If neither flag is specified then the output box will have a two dimensional border in the current default border colour. The three `JUSTIFY_` flags are mutually exclusive. At most one of them should be specified. If the `JUSTIFY_LEFT` flag is set then any text placed in the output box with the functions `SetOutputBoxText`, `SetOutputBoxDouble` or `SetOutputBoxInt` will begin at the left edge of the output box. If `JUSTIFY_CENTRE` is specified then text will appear centred within the bounds of the output box and if `JUSTIFY_RIGHT` is selected then the right edge of the text will be aligned with the right edge of the output box. If none of the `JUSTIFY_` flags is selected then `JUSTIFY_LEFT` is used by default. Starting with release 2.0, whichever justification method is selected, the text will be clipped appropriately to ensure that it never extends beyond the border of the output box. If the output box is resized (due to a window resizing) then some of the

clipped text may become visible or more may be clipped. If the `S_FONT_SENSITIVE` flag is specified then the output box width and height are set according to font size and caption. Output boxes with this flag set will still resize when in a resizable window because their contents may change and so resizing may still be important.

extension: This is reserved for future expansion and should be set to `NULL`.

Returns:

If successful, a pointer to the new output box, otherwise `NULL`.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

Destroy  
DisableControl  
EnableControl  
Hide  
Show  
SetOutputBoxCols  
SetOutputBoxDP  
SetOutputBoxDouble  
SetOutputBoxInt  
SetOutputBoxText  
GetOutputBoxID  
WriteText

## 1.157 SetOutputBoxCols function

Function prototype:

```
void SetOutputBoxCols(OutputBox *ob, int Bcol, int Tcol, BOOL refresh);
```

Description:

Modify the colours of an existing FoxGUI output box.

---

## Parameters:

ob: A pointer to the output box whose colours are to be modified.  
refresh: If TRUE, redraw the output box in its new colours.

The Bcol and Tcol parameters are identical to the Bcol and Tcol parameters passed to

```
MakeOutputBox
.
```

## Known bugs:

None.

## See also:

```
MakeOutputBox
SetOutputBoxDP
SetOutputBoxDouble
SetOutputBoxInt
SetOutputBoxText
```

## 1.158 SetOutputBoxDP function

Function prototype:

```
void SetOutputBoxDP(OutputBox *p, int dp);
```

## Description:

Set the number of decimal places which will be shown when a floating point (non integral) number is shown in the output box specified. This function will not affect text placed in the output box using the functions

```
SetOutputBoxInt
and
SetOutputBoxText
. Only text set
```

using the function SetOutputBoxFloat is affected.

## Parameters:

p: A pointer to the output box.  
dp: The number of figures to show after the decimal point when floating point numbers are displayed.

## Known bugs:

None.

---



See also:

MakeOutputBox  
SetOutputBoxDouble

## 1.159 SetOutputBoxDouble function

Function prototype:

```
void SetOutputBoxDouble(OutputBox *p, double num);
```

Description:

This function converts the double-precision floating point number passed to it into text and places that text in the output box specified. You might use this to display the result of a calculation in a window. If you want to limit the number of decimal places shown in the output box without having to round the number, you can do so by calling the function

```
SetOutputBoxDP
. The justification specified in the flags
parameter of
MakeOutputBox
is respected by this function.
```

Parameters:

p: A pointer to the output box whose text is to be set or replaced.  
num: The number to place in the output box.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

MakeOutputBox  
SetOutputBoxDP  
SetOutputBoxInt  
SetOutputBoxText

## 1.160 SetOutputBoxInt function

---

Function prototype:

```
void SetOutputBoxInt (OutputBox *p, int num);
```

Description:

This function converts the integral number passed to it into text and places that text in the output box specified. You might use this to display the result of a calculation in a window. The justification specified in the flags parameter of

MakeOutputBox  
is respected

by this function.

Parameters:

p: A pointer to the output box whose text is to be set or replaced.  
num: The number to place in the output box.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

MakeOutputBox  
SetOutputBoxDouble  
SetOutputBoxText

## 1.161 SetOutputBoxText function

Function prototype:

```
void SetOutputBoxText (OutputBox *p, char *text);
```

Description:

Set or modify the text of the specified output box to the text passed to this function. The justification specified in the flags parameter of

MakeOutputBox  
is respected by this function.

Parameters:

p: A pointer to the output box whose text is to be set or replaced.  
text: A pointer to the NULL terminated string to be placed into the output box. After calling the function SetOutputBoxText, it is not necessary to maintain the text string passed - the function will make it's own copy of the string.

---

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

MakeOutputBox  
SetOutputBoxDouble  
SetOutputBoxInt

## 1.162 GetOutputBoxID function

Function prototype:

```
int GetOutputBoxID(OutputBox *o)
```

Description:

Returns the id of the specified output box. Output box ids are entirely analogous to edit box ids, a full description of which can be found in the function

MakeEditBox

.

Parameters:

p: A pointer to the output box whose id you want to know.

Returns:

The id of the output box specified.

See also:

MakeOutputBox

## 1.163 FoxGUI Tab Controls

Tab controls, like frames can be holders of other controls. It's ←  
difficult

to explain to an Amiga user what a tab control is like because I've never seen them used in Amiga programs before. PC users may have seen them used in the options dialogue in Microsoft Word for Windows 6 or 7. Basically a tab control is a frame with a row of buttons along the top edge. Clicking on any of the buttons will change the contents of the frame. You may, for

---

example, have a program that is highly configurable and hence has a lot of options the user can choose from. Let's say, for example that the user can change the screen mode that the program runs in, the palette used for the screen and several other program specific options. The number of controls required to display all of these options may well be more than you can easily (or neatly) fit into a window (especially if the program is allowed to run in the basic Amiga Pal modes) so the answer is a tab control. You create a tab control with three frames (and hence three buttons). The frames in a tab control are always the same size as each other and directly on top of each other so that you only see one frame at a time. The first frame could contain the screen mode preferences, the second the palette preferences and the third all of the other options. The three buttons could then be labelled "Screen", "Palette" and "Other". When you create controls in a tab control frame you use the normal "Make" functions (MakeButton, MakeEditBox etc) but rather than passing a pointer to a GuiWindow as the first parameter, you pass a pointer to the frame in the tab control (see the

TabControlFrame

function). You do not need to write

any code to handle what happens when the user clicks the buttons along the top edge of the tab control - this is automatically handled for you by FoxGUI. When you click the first button, the contents of the first frame becomes visible. When you click the second button, the contents of the second frame becomes visible and the contents of the frame shown previously becomes invisible.

Note that any type of control can be created in the frame of a tab control (including frames and further tab controls!)

Rather than try in vain to describe this further, I'll leave it to you to look at the "Characters" program available for download from my web page (see

Suggestions

section for the address) which makes use of tab

controls.

The following tab control functions are currently available :-

MakeTabControlArray

TabControlFrame

See also:

Destroy

DisableControl

EnableControl

## 1.164 MakeTabControlArray function

---

Function prototype:

```
TabControl *MakeTabControlArray(void *Parent, int left, int top, int width, int ←  
    height,  
    int tabheight, short flags, int *tabwidth, char **caption, ←  
    TabControlExtension *ext);
```

Description:

Create a new tab control.

Parameters:

Parent: A pointer to the window or frame in which to create the new tab control.

left: The left edge (in pixels) of the tab control relative to the left edge of the parent window/frame.

top: The top edge (in pixels) of the row of buttons (tabs) which runs along the top edge of the tab control, relative to the top of the parent window/frame.

width: The width (in pixels) of the tab control.

height: The height (in pixels) of the framed part of the tab control. The overall height of the tab control will be height+tabheight.

tabheight: The height (in pixels) of the tabs along the top edge of the control.

flags: The following flags are currently available for tab controls :- TC\_CLEAR, S\_AUTO\_SIZE. The TC\_CLEAR flag causes the background colour of the tab control to be the colour of the window or frame in which it was created. The S\_AUTO\_SIZE flag causes the tab control to get resized if the parent (window or frame) is resized.

tabwidth: An array of numbers specifying the width of each of the tabs (the buttons along the top edge of the tab control). The final entry in the array should be 0 to indicate that the end has been reached. E.g. if you wanted three tabs with widths of 20, 30 and 40 pixels respectively then you would pass an array of integers containing 20, 30, 40 and 0.

caption: A pointer to an array of text strings containing the text to appear in the tabs (the buttons along the top edge of the tab control). This array should contain one fewer entries than the tabwidth array because there is no need for an extra entry to indicate the end of the array. In other words, if you want three tabs then you pass an array of three strings. For example, to create three tabs each of width 70 pixels with the captions "Screen", "Palette" and "Other", the tabwidth and caption arrays would be defined as follows:  
int tabwidth[4] = { 70, 70, 70, 0 };  
char \*caption[3] = {"Screen", "Palette", "Other" };

ext: This is reserved for future expansion and should be NULL.

Returns:

If successful, a pointer to the new tab control. Otherwise NULL.

Known bugs:

---

None.

See also:

Destroy

TabControlFrame

## 1.165 TabControlFrame function

Function prototype:

```
Frame *TabControlFrame(TabControl *tc, int frameno);
```

Description:

Controls can be created in windows or in frames. A tab control is really just a series of frames so to create a control in a tab control, you first need to get a pointer to the frame. This function returns a pointer to a frame in a tab control.

Parameters:

tc: A pointer to a tab control.  
frameno: The frame number of the frame you want a pointer to. Note that the frame numbers start at zero so if you have a tab control with seven tabs, the frames will be numbered 0 - 6.

Returns:

If successful, a pointer to a frame within a tab control. Otherwise NULL. Note that if frameno is more than the number of frames in the tab control minus one (frames are numbered starting from zero) then this function will return NULL.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

MakeTabControlArray

## 1.166 FoxGUI Miscelaneous functions

The following miscelaneous functions aren't directly related to any type of FoxGUI control but are still very important. It is worth browsing the

other functions below because they could save you a lot of time and effort in developing equivalents yourself.

The following miscellaneous functions are currently available :-

- CheckMessages
- Destroy
- DestroyM
- DisableControl
- DisableM
- DrawLines
- EnableControl
- EnableM
- GetDefaultFontCopy
- GetWindow
- GuiGetLastErr
- GuiLoop
- GuiMalloc
- GuiMessage
- GuiTextLength
- Hide
- IntuiWindow
- LibVersion
- RegisterGadget
- SetDefaultCols
- SetDefaultFont
- SetDelay
- SetGuiPens
- SetGuiPensFromPubScreen
- SetPeriod
- SetPostText

---

```
SetPreText

Show

UnRegisterGadget

WriteText
The following miscellaneous operations are currently defined as ↵
  macros :-

GuiFree
```

## 1.167 CheckMessages function

Function prototype:

```
void CheckMessages(void);
```

Description:

Tells FoxGUI to check for any pending messages and respond to them immediately. See the section on Multi-threading for more information.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

Multi-threading

## 1.168 Destroy function

Function prototype:

```
void Destroy(void *Control, BOOL refresh);
```

Description:

Destroys the specified control. This function destroys any control including windows and screens. The only exceptions are menus, menu items and sub-menu items.

Parameters:

---



**Control:** A pointer to the control to destroy.  
**refresh:** If TRUE, refresh the parent window so that the control is visibly removed from the window. If you are in the process of destroying all of the controls in a window in order to close the window then you might want to set this to FALSE which will make the process faster. For certain controls (such as windows and screens) this parameter is ignored and a refresh occurs.

Known bugs:

Can't be used to destroy menus, menu items or sub-menu items.

See also:

DisableControl

EnableControl

GetWindow

Hide

Show

## 1.169 DisableControl function

Function prototype:

```
void DisableControl(void *Control, BOOL refresh);
```

Description:

Disables the specified control. This function works for any control except menus, menu items, sub-menu items, output boxes, screens and progress bars (disabling output boxes and progress bars would be pretty meaningless since the user can't interact with them anyway). Passing a pointer to a GuiWindow is equivalent to calling  
SleepPointer  
and passing a pointer to a timer is equivalent to calling  
PauseTimer  
.

Parameters:

**Control:** A pointer to the control to disable.  
**refresh:** If TRUE, the control will be redrawn to appear disabled. For controls which have no imagery (such as timers) and for certain other controls (such as windows) this parameter is ignored.

Known bugs:

None.

---

See also:

Destroy  
EnableControl  
GetWindow  
Hide  
Show

## 1.170 DrawLines function

Function prototype:

```
void DrawLines(GuiWindow *win, short *points, int count, int col);
```

Description:

Draw straight line(s) in the specified FoxGUI window.

Parameters:

win: A pointer to a FoxGUI window in which to draw the line(s).  
points: A pointer to an array of points describing the lines to be drawn. Each pair of numbers is treated as the x and y coordinates of a point relative to the top left of the specified window. Lines are drawn from the first point given to the second, from the second point to the third etc until lines have been drawn between count sets of coordinates.  
count: The number of points between which to draw lines. The points array should contain count sets of coordinates (i.e. count \* 2 numbers).  
col: The colour in which to draw the lines.

Known bugs:

None.

## 1.171 EnableControl function

Function prototype:

```
void EnableControl(void *Control, BOOL refresh);
```

Description:

Enables the specified control. This function works for any control except menus, menu items, sub-menu items, output boxes, screens and

progress bars (enabling output boxes and progress bars would be pretty meaningless since the user can't interact with them anyway).  
Passing a pointer to a GuiWindow is equivalent to calling  
    WakePointer  
    and passing a pointer to a timer is equivalent to calling  
    UnpauseTimer  
    .

Parameters:

Control: A pointer to the control to enable.  
refresh: If TRUE, the control will be redrawn to appear enabled. For controls which have no imagery (such as timers) and for certain other controls (such as windows) this parameter is ignored.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

Destroy  
DisableControl  
GetWindow  
Hide  
Show

## 1.172 GetWindow function

Function prototype:

```
GuiWindow *GetWindow(void *Control);
```

Description:

Returns a pointer to the window in which the specified control was created. If the control was created in a frame or a tab control then a pointer to the window in which the frame or tab control was created is returned. Similarly if the control is in a frame which itself is in a frame which is in a tab control then a pointer to the window in which the tab control was created is returned.

Parameters:

Control: A pointer to the control. Note that the control may not be a menu, menu item, sub-menu item or screen.

Returns:

---

A pointer to the GuiWindow in which the control was created.

Known bugs:

Doesn't work for menus, menu items or sub-menu items.

See also:

- Destroy
- DisableControl
- EnableControl
- Hide
- Show

## 1.173 GuiLoop function

Function prototype:

```
void GuiLoop(void);
```

Description:

The GuiLoop function is where all of the Gui events are processed. You call it when you have set up all of the screens/windows/controls that you want the user to have access to when they first run your application and it handles all of the input events for the controls you have set up. When you create a control, you usually supply a pointer to a function as a parameter - for example when you create a button using the MakeButton function, one of the parameters is a pointer to a function to call when the button is clicked. It is the GuiLoop function which ensures that the correct functions are called when these events occur. These call-back functions can themselves create and destroy controls and when the call-back function returns it generally has to return one of two values - one specifying that GuiLoop should continue to process events for your existing windows and controls (and also for any new controls that you created from within the call-back function) and one that informs the GuiLoop function that you're all done and will cause GuiLoop to return.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

- EndGui
- InitGui

## 1.174 GuiMalloc function

Function prototype:

```
void *GuiMalloc(unsigned long NoOfBytes, unsigned long flags);
```

Description:

This function allocates memory. It is the function used internally within FoxGUI to allocate memory whenever FoxGUI needs it. I have made it available externally because it provides a little bit of control over memory allocation which is not available through other means. Memory allocated by the GuiMalloc function should be free'd with the `GuiFree` macro.

GuiMalloc works in one of two ways depending upon whether the `FAST_MALLOCS` flag was specified in the call to `InitGui`. One provides error checking code but is slow by comparison to the other which does not. It is suggested that you use the slower method while developing your programs (by passing 0 as the flags parameter to `InitGui`) and then when they are bug free and ready to release, change the call to `InitGui` to pass `FAST_MALLOCS` as the flags parameter to speed things up by removing the error checking code.

If `FAST_MALLOCS` has not been specified, `GuiMalloc` works as follows: When you ask `GuiMalloc` to allocate some memory, it actually allocates extra bytes at the start and end of the memory you asked for and puts special characters in these bytes along with a record of the number of bytes allocated. Then, when you call `GuiFree` with a pointer to some memory to free it checks for those special characters immediately before and after the memory you allocated and returns an error if they are not there. This prevents you from attempting to free memory that you haven't allocated and memory that has become corrupted. If memory has become corrupted it's usually due to something like writing beyond the bounds of an array. In general, you wouldn't find out about this until your Amiga crashed due to some processes memory having been scribbled on by itself or another process but by using `GuiMalloc` and `GuiFree` there's a chance that you will be alerted to it sooner. Of course, this sort of protection isn't as good as that provided by running `Enforcer` and `Mungwall` but it doesn't require an MMU (which `Enforcer` does) and if a call to `GuiFree` fails, the Gui will tell you exactly which call failed by telling you the filename and line number of the offending `GuiFree` call.

Parameters:

`NoOfBytes`: The number of bytes of memory to allocate.  
`flags`: At the moment, the only available flag is `MEMF_CLEAR` which will cause all of the allocated memory to be set to zeros if specified.

Returns:

A pointer to the allocated memory or `NULL` for failure. It is essential that you check the return code of this function before using the memory

---

- writing over NULL memory is very likely to cause a crash!

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

InitGui

GuiFree

## 1.175 GuiMessage function

Function prototype:

```
short GuiMessage(void *Scr, char *text, char *title, int detail, int block,  
int flags);
```

Description:

Display a message to the user modally and get the user's response. This function opens a window on the specified screen. The window displays the specified message and contains one or more buttons which can be specified in the flags parameter. The return value of the function depends upon which button the user presses to respond to the message. The message is modal so the user will not be able to activate or interact with any FoxGUI controls in any other windows while the message is shown.

Parameters:

Scr: A pointer to a FoxGUI screen (or the name of a public screen) on which to display the message.  
text: The text of the message. The text may contain linebreak characters (specified as '\n' in C) to display multi-line messages.  
title: A short text string to show in the title bar of the message window.  
detail: The pen colour to use for the windows detail pen and for the message text.  
block: The pen colour to use for the windows block pen. These are equivalent to the Dpen & Bpen parameters passed to the

OpenGuiWindow  
function.

flags: The flags determine the buttons and images shown in the window. A combination of the following flags should be used to determine which buttons are shown: GM\_OKAY, GM\_YES, GM\_NO, GM\_CANCEL,

All buttons appear along the bottom edge of the window and are spaced such that the window appears balanced. The exact location of each button will depend on how many other buttons are visible.

---

Specifying `GM_OKAY` on its own will give the message window a single button labelled "Okay". This is useful for messages giving the user some information where they merely have to respond to proceed.

Specifying `GM_OKAY` and `GM_CANCEL` together will give the window two buttons labelled "Okay" and "Cancel". This might be useful when the user has just told your application to erase the entire contents of your hard-disk and you want to get confirmation before proceeding. Specifying `GM_YES` in combination with `GM_NO` gives a similar effect but the buttons are labelled "Yes" and "No" instead of "Okay" and "Cancel".

Specifying `GM_YES`, `GM_NO` and `GM_CANCEL` together will give the window three buttons labelled "Yes", "No" and "Cancel". This gives the user alternative methods of proceeding or the option not to proceed.

All of the buttons have hot-keys, the hot-key being the first letter of the buttons caption in each case. Also, the Yes and Okay buttons can be activated by the return key and the No and Cancel buttons can be activated by the escape key. If the No and Cancel buttons are both present in the window then the escape key will activate the Cancel button.

The flags `GM_INFORMATION`, `GM_EXCLAMATION`, `GM_QUESTION`, `GM_X`, `GM_STOP` and `GM_CROSSBONES` cause an image to be displayed at the left of the message window.

#### Returns:

Returns either `GM_OKAY`, `GM_YES`, `GM_NO` or `GM_CANCEL` depending on the response selected by the user. If the function fails to open the window and display the message, it will return -1 or 0 immediately.

#### Known bugs:

None.

## 1.176 GuiTextLength function

#### Function prototype:

```
long GuiTextLength(char *text, struct TextAttr *font);
```

#### Description:

Returns the length in pixels of the specified string using the specified font.

#### Parameters:

`text`: A text string to find the length of.  
`font`: A pointer to an intuition font to use when working out the string

---

length. Note that if font is NULL then FoxGUI will use the current default Gui font which may not be the font you wish to use when rendering the text.

Returns:

The length of the string in pixels.

Known bugs:

None.

## 1.177 Hide function

Function prototype:

```
void Hide(void *Control);
```

Description:

Hides the specified control, removing it's imagery from the window, frame or tab control which contains it. When a control is hidden it can still be updated (for example,

SetEditText

still works when an edit

box is hidden) but changes will not be seen until the control is shown again (using the

Show

function). The user of your application will

not be able to interact with a hidden control in any way. If a frame or tab control is hidden, any controls created within it will also be hidden. These controls will become visible again when the frame/tab control is shown unless they have been hidden independantly before or since the parent control was hidden. It is never possible to make a control visible if it is in a hidden frame or tab control.

Parameters:

Control: A pointer to the control to be hidden.

Known bugs:

Screens, windows, timers, menus, menu items and sub-menu items cannot be hidden. (Timers have no imagery so in effect they are always hidden).

See also:

Show

## 1.178 IntuiWindow function

---



Function prototype:

```
struct Window *IntuiWindow(GuiWindow *gw);
```

Description:

This function returns a pointer to the intuition Window structure used by the specified FoxGUI window. It is mainly of use when adding non-FoxGUI gadgets to a FoxGUI window.

Parameters:

**gw:** A pointer to the FoxGUI window whose intuition Window you require a pointer to.

Returns:

If gw is a pointer to a FoxGUI window then a pointer to the relevant intuition window is returned, otherwise NULL is returned.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

RegisterGadget

UnRegisterGadget

## 1.179 LibVersion function

Function prototype:

```
short LibVersion(void);
```

Description:

Since calling OpenLibrary for the FoxGUI library opens the intuition library for you, this function allows you to find out what version of the intuition library was opened. The return value of this function will never be less than 33 since that is the minimum requirement for FoxGUI.

Returns:

The version number of the intuition library opened by InitGui.

Known bugs:

None.

---

## 1.180 RegisterGadget function

Function prototype:

```
BOOL RegisterGadget(struct Gadget *gad, GuiWindow *gadwin,  
    int (*gadfn)(struct gadget*, struct IntuiMessage *));
```

Description:

Registers a user-created intuition gadget with FoxGUI so that FoxGUI can inform the user (by calling a user-defined function) whenever an intuition message is received which relates to that gadget (for example when the gadget is clicked on with the mouse).

Parameters:

- gad: A pointer to the intuition gadget to register (note that this function can be called before or after calling the intuition function AddGadget to add the gadget to the window's gadget list).
- gadwin: A pointer to the FoxGUI window which contains (or is about to contain) the gadget. If the gadget is created in a non-FoxGUI window then this parameter should be NULL.
- gadfn: A pointer to the function to call whenever the gadget gets an intuition message (an IntuiMessage). The prototype should be as follows:

```
int CALLBACK MyFunction(struct Gadget *gad, struct  
    IntuiMessage *message)
```

When the function is called it will be passed a pointer to the gadget to which the IntuiMessage refers and a pointer to the IntuiMessage itself (note that this is a pointer to the actual IntuiMessage that intuition sent to FoxGUI so it is important that you don't modify it in any way). It is your responsibility to reply to the message (with the intuition function ReplyMsg) when you have finished with it - FoxGUI doesn't do this for you. Your function should return either  
 GUI\_CONTINUE or GUI\_END  
.

Returns:

TRUE if successful, FALSE otherwise.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

IntuiWindow

UnRegisterGadget

---

## 1.181 SetDelay function

Function prototype:

```
void SetDelay(int time);
```

Description:

When the user clicks on a pushbutton which was created with the BN\_AR flag (so that the button will be triggered continually while it is held down), the button will be triggered immediately and then there will be a DELAY before it is next triggered, after which there will be a regular PERIOD between subsequent triggers. This function sets that initial delay.

Parameters:

time: The time (in milliseconds) to delay after the initial triggering of auto-repeating pushbuttons before triggering again.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

SetPeriod

## 1.182 SetGuiPens function

Function prototype:

```
void SetGuiPens(short hipen, short lopen);
```

Description:

Sets the pen colours used by FoxGUI to render 3D borders. The Gui uses two colours - one bright and one dark to make the objects appear as though light were being shone across the screen from a light source at the top left. Hence, objects which stand out from the screen will have a bright top left hand corner and a dark (shaddowed) bottom right corner. Objects which appear pressed into the screen will have a shaddowed top left corner and a bright bottom right corner.

Parameters:

hipen: A bright colour used to draw well lit edges (1 by default).  
lopen: A dark colour used to draw shaddowed edges (2 by default).

The default values shown are used if this function is not called by your application.

---

Known bugs:

None.

### 1.183 SetGuiPensFromPubScreen function

Function prototype:

```
BOOL SetGuiPensFromPubScreen(char *pub_screen_name);
```

Description:

Like the

`SetGuiPens` function, this function sets the pen colours used by FoxGUI to render 3D borders. Unlike `SetGuiPens` where you pass the pen colours to use, this function takes the name of a public screen as a parameter and sets the Gui pens to the same values as used by the public screen named. This function only works on Amigas which support public screens.

This function is particularly useful for picking up the pen colours from the workbench screen (the public name of the workbench screen is "Workbench"). This ensures that whatever the users system colours are, the FoxGUI gadgets will appear in the same colours and hence in 3D.

Parameters:

`pub_screen_name`: The name of the public screen whose pens are to be copied (public screen names are case sensitive).

Returns:

TRUE if successful, FALSE otherwise.

Known bugs:

None.

### 1.184 SetPeriod function

Function prototype:

```
void SetPeriod(int time);
```

Description:

When the user clicks on a pushbutton which was created with the `BN_AR` flag (so that the button will be triggered continually while it is held down), the button will be triggered immediately and then there will be a `DELAY` before it is next triggered, after which there will be a regular

PERIOD between subsequent triggers. This function sets that period.

Parameters:

`time`: The time (in milliseconds) to delay between each triggering of the auto-repeating pushbutton.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

`SetDelay`

## 1.185 SetPreText function

Function prototype:

```
OutputBox *SetPreText(Widget *Parent, char *text);
```

Description:

Creates a pre-text label for a control (i.e. prints the specified text string to the left of the specified control). The label is stored as part of the control and will be automatically hidden if the control is hidden or destroyed if the control is destroyed. It is not necessary, therefore to keep the return value of `SetPreText`. The label is actually created as a borderless `OutputBox` but calling `Destroy()` and passing a pointer to this `OutputBox` will not work - the only way to destroy the pre-text label is to destroy the control it is attached to.

Parameters:

`Parent`: A pointer to the control to which the text will be attached. This can be any type of control except a `Window`, a `Screen`, a `Frame` or a `Menu`.

`text`: The text to print to the left of the control.

Returns:

A pointer to an `OutputBox`. However, there is little point in keeping the return value of this function as discussed above.

See also:

`SetPostText`

---

## 1.186 SetPostText function

Function prototype:

```
OutputBox *SetPostText(Widget *Parent, char *text);
```

Description:

Creates a post-text label for a control (i.e. prints the specified text string to the right of the specified control). The label is stored as part of the control and will be automatically hidden if the control is hidden or destroyed if the control is destroyed. It is not necessary, therefore to keep the return value of SetPostText. The label is actually created as a borderless OutputBox but calling Destroy() and passing a pointer to this OutputBox will not work - the only way to destroy the post-text label is to destroy the control it is attached to.

Parameters:

Parent: A pointer to the control to which the text will be attached. This can be any type of control except a Window, a Screen, a Frame or a Menu.

text: The text to print to the right of the control.

Returns:

A pointer to an OutputBox. However, there is little point in keeping the return value of this function as discussed above.

See also:

SetPreText

## 1.187 Show function

Function prototype:

```
void Show(void *Control);
```

Description:

Shows the specified hidden control. Controls are automatically shown when they are first created so this function is only used to show controls which have subsequently been hidden using the Hide function.

If a frame which contains other controls is shown then any controls contained within the frame will also be shown unless they themselves have been hidden either before or after the frame was hidden. The same is true for tab controls. For example, calling Show for a hidden control in a hidden frame won't cause the control to be shown immediately because the parent frame is still hidden but if the parent

frame is now shown (using the Show function again) then the frame and the control will become visible.

Parameters:

Control: A pointer to the hidden control to show.

Known bugs:

Screens, windows, timers, menus, menu items and sub-menu items cannot be hidden (and hence shown). (Timers have no imagery so in effect they are always hidden).

See also:

Hide

## 1.188 UnRegisterGadget function

Function prototype:

```
BOOL UnRegisterGadget(struct Gadget *gad);
```

Description:

Removes a user-defined gadget from FoxGUI's registry. This function should only be used with gadgets that have previously been registered using the

RegisterGadget function. You should always remove a gadget from FoxGUI's registry when you destroy it.

Parameters:

gad: A pointer to the intuition gadget to remove from the registry.

Returns:

TRUE if successful, FALSE otherwise.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

RegisterGadget

---

## 1.189 WriteText function

Function prototype:

```
void WriteText (GuiWindow *gw, char *text, int x, int y)
```

Description:

Writes text into a window in the current font and pen colour.

Parameters:

gw: The guiwindow in which to write the text.  
text: The text to write.  
x: The x coordinate for the text.  
y: The y coordinate for the text.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

MakeOutputBox

## 1.190 GuiGetLastError function

Function prototype:

```
void GuiGetLastError(char *error, char *file, int *line);
```

Description:

Returns a description of the last internal Gui error to occur along with the file and line number where the error occurred. Internal errors are usually caused by invalid parameters being sent to functions.

Parameters:

error: A pointer to a string in which the error message will be returned. This should be about 250 characters long in order to ensure that the error message will always fit.  
file: A pointer to a string in which the name of the file that the error occurred in will be returned. This should be about 25 characters long in order to ensure that the file name will fit, however, since gui errors can occur when calling FoxGUI macros (which are called from within your own programs) you should make sure that this string is at least as long as the name of the longest file name of your own source code + 1.  
line: A pointer to an integer in which the line number of the last error will be returned. If FoxGUI does not report an error then this will be returned as 0.

---



Known bugs:

None.

## 1.191 GuiFree macro

Macro prototype:

```
void GuiFree(void *p)
```

Macro definition:

```
#define GuiFree(p) GuiFreeMem(p, __LINE__, __FILE__)
```

Description:

This function is used to free memory allocated with the GuiMalloc function. It can work in one of two ways depending upon whether the function

UseSafeMallocs has been called. If UseSafeMallocs has been called then GuiFree will detect any attempt to free memory that wasn't allocated by GuiMalloc or which has become corrupted due to some form of memory scribble. See the GuiMalloc function for more details.

Parameters:

p: A pointer to a section of memory allocated with the GuiMalloc function.

See also:

GuiMalloc

Warnings on the use of macros

## 1.192 SetDefaultCols function

Function prototype:

```
void SetDefaultCols(int BorderCol, int BackCol, int TextCol);
```

Description:

Sets the default colours used when creating FoxGUI controls. Calling this function before creating a control will ensure that these colors are used for that control and any others created subsequently. However,

it will have no effect on any controls which have already been created which means that in theory you could have a different set of colours for every control.

Parameters:

**BorderCol:** The colour to use when drawing borders. This parameter is usually only used when creating a control if the `THREED` flag is not specified, otherwise a three-D border is created using the current Gui shine (high) and shadow (low) pens (see

`SetGuiPens`

.

**BackCol:** The colour to use for the background colour of controls. This will be ignored when the control is clear (e.g. if the `BG_CLEAR` flag is specified when creating a tick box or radio button).

**TextCol:** The colour to use for any text in FoxGUI controls.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

`SetGuiPens`

`SetDefaultFont`

## 1.193 SetDefaultFont function

Function prototype:

```
void SetDefaultFont(char *name, int size, int style);
```

Description:

Sets the default font used when creating FoxGUI controls. Calling this function before creating a control will ensure that the specified font is used for that control and any others created subsequently. However, it will have no effect on any controls which have already been created which means that in theory you could have a different font for every control.

Parameters:

**name:** The name of the font to use (e.g. "Topaz.font").

**size:** The font size to use.

**style:** The font style. This is a combination of the following flags: `FSF_UNDERLINED` (if you want an underlined font), `FSF_BOLD` (if you want a bold font), `FSF_ITALIC` (if you want an italic font) and `FSF_EXTENDED` if you want an extra wide font. You can combine any or all of these flags or you can pass 0 for a plain font. These

flags are not defined in FoxGUI.h but in the standard intuition header file graphics/text.h.

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

SetDefaultCols

## 1.194 EnableM function

Function prototype:

```
void EnableM(int ObjectType, void *Parent, BOOL refresh);
```

Description:

This function can be used to enable multiple objects.

Parameters:

**ObjectType:** The type of object to enable. This can be one of `FrameTypeID`, `ButtonTypeID`, `TabControlTypeID`, `ListBoxTypeID`, `TreeControlTypeID`, `DDLListBoxTypeID`, `EditBoxTypeID`, `OutputBoxTypeID`, `ProgressBarTypeID`, `TickBoxTypeID`, `RadioButtonTypeID`, `WindowTypeID`, `ScreenTypeID` or `TimerTypeID` if you want to enable controls of one particular type or you can pass 0 to enable controls of all types.

**Parent:** This should be a pointer to a `GuiWindow` if you only want to enable controls in a particular window or `NULL` if you want to enable all controls of the specified type.

**refresh:** If `TRUE` then the controls are refreshed.

Known bugs:

None.

Examples:

`EnableM(FrameTypeID, MyWindow, TRUE)` will enable all frames in the window `MyWindow` and will refresh them.

`EnableM(0, MyWindow, FALSE)` will enable all controls in window `MyWindow` but will not refresh them.

`EnableM(0, NULL, TRUE)` will enable all controls and refresh them.

See also:

---

EnableControl

DisableM

## 1.195 GetDefaultFontCopy function

Function prototype:

```
void GetDefaultFontCopy(char *fontname, int bufsize, int *height, int *style)
```

Description:

This function gets the details of the current GUI font.

Parameters:

fontname: A pointer to a character string to hold the returned fontname.  
bufsize: The size of the fontname buffer.  
height: Returns the height of the font.  
style: Returns the style of the font.

Known bugs:

None.

## 1.196 DisableM function

Function prototype:

```
void DisableM(int ObjectType, void *Parent, BOOL refresh);
```

Description:

This function can be used to disable multiple objects.

Parameters:

ObjectType: The type of object to disable. This can be one of FrameTypeID, ButtonTypeID, TabControlTypeID, ListBoxTypeID, TreeControlTypeID, DDLListBoxTypeID, EditBoxTypeID, OutputBoxTypeID, ProgressBarTypeID, TickBoxTypeID, RadioButtonTypeID, WindowTypeID, ScreenTypeID or TimerTypeID if you want to disable controls of one particular type or you can pass 0 to disable controls of all types.

Parent: This should be a pointer to a GuiWindow if you only want to disable controls in a particular window or NULL if you want to disable all controls of the specified type.

refresh: If TRUE then the controls are refreshed.

---

Known bugs:

None.

Examples:

`DisableM(FrameTypeID, MyWindow, TRUE)` will disable all frames in the window `MyWindow` and will refresh them.

`DisableM(0, MyWindow, FALSE)` will disable all controls in window `MyWindow` but will not refresh them.

`DisableM(0, NULL, TRUE)` will disable all controls and refresh them.

See also:

`DisableControl`

`EnableM`

## 1.197 DestroyM function

Function prototype:

```
void DestroyM(int ObjectType, void *Parent, BOOL refresh);
```

Description:

This function can be used to destroy multiple objects.

Parameters:

**ObjectType:** The type of object to destroy. This can be one of `FrameTypeID`, `ButtonTypeID`, `TabControlTypeID`, `ListBoxTypeID`, `TreeControlTypeID`, `DDLListBoxTypeID`, `EditBoxTypeID`, `OutputBoxTypeID`, `ProgressBarTypeID`, `TickBoxTypeID`, `RadioButtonTypeID`, `WindowTypeID`, `ScreenTypeID` or `TimerTypeID` if you want to destroy controls of one particular type or you can pass 0 to destroy controls of all types.

**Parent:** This should be a pointer to a `GuiWindow` if you only want to destroy controls in a particular window or `NULL` if you want to destroy all controls of the specified type. This can also be a pointer to a `FoxGUI` screen if `ObjectType` is `WindowTypeID`. In that case all windows in the specified screen will be closed.

**refresh:** If `TRUE` then the controls are refreshed.

Known bugs:

---

None.

Examples:

`DestroyM(FrameTypeID, MyWindow, TRUE)` will destroy all frames in the window `MyWindow` and will refresh them.

`DestroyM(0, MyWindow, FALSE)` will destroy all controls in window `MyWindow` but will not refresh them.

`DestroyM(0, NULL, TRUE)` will destroy all controls (including windows and screens) There will be nothing left to refresh!

See also:

`DisableM`

`Destroy`

## 1.198 UseSafeMallocs function

Function prototype:

```
void UseSafeMallocs(void);
```

Description:

Tells FoxGUI to use safe memory allocations rather than fast memory allocations. This modifies the function `GuiMalloc` to keep a record of allocations made and causes the function `GuiFree` to fail if an invalid pointer is passed. However, it slows down these functions considerably so it is generally best to use safe mallocs while developing but then revert to fast mallocs when you are sure your code is bug free. This function should be called directly after opening the FoxGUI library if you wish to use safe mallocs.

Known bugs:

None.

## 1.199 Warnings and notes on the use of macros

A small number of FoxGUI functions (listed below) are currently defined as macros rather than real functions. This means that when you call the macro, the actual text of the macro gets substituted into your code by

---

the preprocessor rather than a link to the function being made at link time. Although you can use macros exactly as you would use functions there are a number of things you should bear in mind when doing so :-

Most compilers perform macro substitution on the first parse of your source code which means that if there is an error on the line with the macro on it and the compiler shows you the line with the error it won't look the way it did when you typed the line in and may make error spotting more difficult. To help you when this happens, definitions of all of the FoxGUI macros are included on their pages in this document.

It is not guaranteed that all FoxGUI macros will exist in their current form in later releases of the Gui. This doesn't mean that you shouldn't use them. There are two things that may cause a macro to change. The macro may be removed and implemented as a function or the underlying Gui structures may change necessitating a change in the macro definition. In either case the prototype will remain the same so there will be no need for you to change your code - you will just need to recompile it.

You should never be tempted to manually expand the macros. For example, the macro `GetEditBoxID(p)` is currently defined as `(p)->id`. Don't be tempted to use `(p)->id` in your functions. Always use `GetEditBoxId(p)`. In this way you will ensure that your code will not have to be changed for future releases of FoxGUI where the macro implementation may be different.

The following FoxGUI functions are currently implemented as macros :-

```
@{ " GuiFree " Link GuiFree}
```

## 1.200 The GUI\_END and GUI\_CONTINUE flags

Most user defined callback functions (functions supplied by the `↔` user that FoxGUI calls when certain events occur) have to return either `GUI_END` or `GUI_CONTINUE`. `GUI_CONTINUE` instructs FoxGUI to continue processing events. `GUI_END` causes event processing for this process to stop and the function `GuiLoop` to return.

## 1.201 The S\_AUTO\_SIZE flag

The `S_AUTO_SIZE` flag can be specified for all visible FoxGUI `↔` controls except windows and screens. If any control has the `S_AUTO_SIZE` flag set and the window has a size gadget then resizing the window will cause the control to be resized and positioned so that it's size and position relative to the window remain the same.

See also:

```
OpenGuiWindow  
MakeProgressBar  
MakeFrame  
MakeButton  
MakeRadioButton  
MakeTickBox  
MakeEditBox  
MakeListBox  
MakeDDLListBox  
MakeOutputBox  
MakeTabControlArray
```

## 1.202 Using FoxGUI with C++

Most of the documentation in this file assumes that you're using C rather than C++ and that your compiler is operating in C mode even if it is capable of compiling C++ programs. However, it is possible to use FoxGUI in a C++ program with some minor changes.

The first thing you have to do is define CPPSOURCE as follows before you include FoxGUI.h in your code:

```
#define CPPSOURCE  
#include "FoxGUI.h"
```

This modifies some of the prototypes of the FoxGUI functions to ensure that no C++ name mangling occurs for the FoxGUI functions.

Any functions which are callbacks for FoxGUI functions should be defined with using extern "C" e.g.

```
extern "C" int MyWinEventFn(GuiWindow *gw, int event, int x, int y, void * ↵  
    DropData)  
{  
    // My code.  
}
```

If you prefer, you can use EXTC which is defined in FoxGUI.h.

---



## 1.203 What's new in release 5.1?

New features in release 5.1

- \* Added the `GetModeSize` function to get the width and height of a display.
  - \* Added various flags to the `GuiMessage` function to support icons in the message.
  - \* Added the function `WriteText` which allows you to write text directly to a window without creating an outputbox.
  - \* Modified `OpenGuiScreen` to make the new screen public if `PubName` is not `NULL`. It is no-longer necessary to pass the flag `GS_PUBLIC`.
  - \* Added function `ClonePublicScreen` to clone a public screen (requires V36).
  - \* Added function `GetDefaultFontCopy` which can be used to get a copy of a screens default font.
  - \* Added function `GetScreenDetails` to get the details of a public screen (requires V36).
  - \* Added `S_FONT_SENSITIVE` flag for output boxes and buttons. Output box/button width/height is set according to font size and caption. Buttons with this flag set do not resize when in a resizable window (although they do still move). Output boxes DO still resize because their contents may change and so resizing may still be important.
  - \* Changed the following macros into functions
    - `GetOutputBoxID`
    - ,
    - `SetPreText`
    - ,
    - `SetPostText`
    - ,
    - `WinPrint`
    - ,
    - `WinTab`
    - ,
    - `WinPrintTab`
    - ,
    - `WinPrintCol`
    - ,
    - `WinShowCursor`
    - ,
    - `WinHideCursor`
-

```

    ,
    WinClear
    ,
    WinHome
    ,
    WinBlankToEOL
    ,
    WinWrapOn
    ,
    WinWrapOff
    ,
    ,
    GetEditBoxID
    ,
    SetDDLListBoxText
    ,
    GetDDLListBoxText
    ,
    GetDDLListBoxID
    .

```

Bug fixes in release 5.1

- \* Fixed bug in
  - MakeFrame
  - which could cause a crash during drag/drop operations if you had not specified your own drag pointer.
- \* Modified the function
  - MakeOutputBox
  - to take a void\* instead of a Widget\*. This prevents you from having to cast parent objects as widgets when using strict compiler options or when compiling using C++.

## 1.204 What's new in release 5.0?

New features in release 5.0

The main difference between release 4.7 and release 5.0 is that release 5.0 is implemented as a shared library whereas all previous releases were implemented as a link library. In order to make the change from a link library to a shared library I had to reduce the number of parameters to many of the FoxGUI functions. This is because the easiest way to pass parameters into a shared library is in registers and there are a limited number of registers which can be used for this purpose.

Rather than simply remove parameters from each function until there were enough registers to go around (which would have worked but would have made FoxGUI even more inconsistent than it already was) I decided to aim for some consistency. This means that in some cases the number of parameters to a function has decreased further than necessary, simply to remain consistent with other functions. I hope that after the initial inconvenience of making quite large changes to your old FoxGUI source code you'll agree that this was a better approach.

The changes are listed in detail below.

- \* Functions which create controls and took a font as a parameter no-longer take a font parameter. Instead, the function
 

```
SetDefaultFont
```

 can be used to set the default font to be used when creating controls. This works for all controls except edit boxes which always use the screen font (this is standard Amiga behaviour).
- \* Functions which create controls and took the border colour, the text colour and the background colour as parameters no-longer take these three parameters. Instead, the function
 

```
SetDefaultCols
```

 can be used to set the default colours to be used when creating controls.
- \* Functions which create controls and took pre-text and post-text as parameters no-longer take these parameters. Instead, the functions
 

```
SetPreText
and
SetPostText
```

 can be used.
- \* The functions `MakeTickBox` and `MakeRadioButton` no-longer take a caption parameter or accept the flags `BG_CAPTION_LEFT` or `BG_CAPTION_RIGHT`. Instead, the functions
 

```
SetPreText
and
SetPostText
```

 can be used.
- \* The function `GetEditBoxFloat` has been replaced with the function
 

```
GetEditBoxDouble
```

 .
- \* The function `SetEditBoxFloat` has been replaced with the function
 

```
SetEditBoxDouble
```

 .
- \* The function `SetOutputBoxFloat` has been replaced with the function
 

```
SetOutputBoxDouble
```

 .
- \* The function `SetListBoxTabStops` has been replaced with the function
 

```
SetListBoxTabStopsArray
```

 .
- \* The functions
 

```
MakeFrame
,
MakeListBox
and
MakeTreeControl
```

 no-longer take a `DragPointer` as a parameter. The functions
 

```
SetFrameDragPointer
,

```

```

        SetListBoxDragPointer
    and
        SetTreeControlDragPointer
    respectively can be

```

used after creating your frame, list box or tree control if you want to specify your own drag pointer. The flags LB\_DRAGIMAGE, TC\_DRAGIMAGE and FM\_DRAGIMAGE are no-longer required and have been removed.

- \* The function MakeTabControl has been replaced with the function

```

        MakeTabControlArray
    .

```

- \* The function InitGui has been removed. The initialisation that used to be performed in this function is now done by the library when you open it with the OpenLibrary command. If you wish to use safe memory allocations (this used to be a flag which was passed to InitGui) you can now do so by calling the function

```

        UseSafeMallocs
    immediately after

```

you open the FoxGUI library. If you do not call UseSafeMallocs then fast memory allocations are used.

- \* The function EndGui has been removed. The cleaning up that used to be done by EndGui is now done when your application calls CloseLibrary to close the FoxGUI library.
- \* The function

```

        OpenGuiWindow
    no-longer takes a pointer to a close

```

function. Instead close is handled by the event function along with the other events.

- \* The HiCol parameter has been removed from the function

```

        OpenGuiWindow
    .

```

Windows no-longer have a highlight colour and the macro WinPrintHi has also been removed. Use

```

        WinPrintCol
    instead.

```

- \* The colour parameters have been removed from the function

```

        ShowFileRequester
    which now uses the default Gui pen colours which can
    be set with the function
        SetDefaultCols
    .

```

- \* The colour parameters have been removed from the function

```

        ShowDisplayList
    which now uses the default Gui pen colours which can
    be set with the function
        SetDefaultCols
    .

```

- \* The colour parameters have been removed from the function

```

        GuiMessage
    which now uses the default Gui pen colours which can
    be set with the function
        SetDefaultCols
    .

```

- \* The parameters MinWidth and MinHeight have been removed from the

- function  
     OpenGuiWindow  
 . These are replaced by the more  
 versatile function  
     SetWindowLimits  
 .
- \* The function  
     GuiTextLength  
     now uses the default font if no font is  
 specified.
  - \* Added the function  
     EnableM  
     to replace the functions EnableAllButtons,  
 EnableWinButtons, EnableAllFrames, EnableWinFrames,  
 EnableWinDDLListBoxes, EnableAllDDLListBoxes, EnableWinEditBoxes,  
 EnableAllEditBoxes, EnableAllListBoxes, EnableWinListBoxes and  
 EnableEverything which have been removed.
  - \* Added the function  
     DisableM  
     to replace the functions DisableAllButtons,  
 DisableWinButtons, DisableAllFrames, DisableWinFrames,  
 DisableWinDDLListBoxes, DisableAllDDLListBoxes, DisableWinEditBoxes,  
 DisableAllEditBoxes, DisableAllListBoxes, DisableWinListBoxes and  
 DisableEverything which have been removed.
  - \* Added the function  
     DestroyM  
     to replace the functions DestroyAllButtons,  
 DestroyWinButtons, DestroyWinTabControls, DestroyAllTabControls,  
 DestroyAllFrames, DestroyWinFrames, DestroyAllRadioButtons,  
 DestroyWinRadioButtons, DestroyWinTickBoxes, DestroyAllTickBoxes,  
 DestroyAllDDLListBoxes, DestroyWinDDLListBoxes, DestroyAllOutputBoxes,  
 DestroyWinOutputBoxes, DestroyAllListBoxes, DestroyWinListBoxes,  
 DestroyAllEditBoxes, DestroyWinEditBoxes, DestroyAllTimers,  
 CloseScrWindows, CloseAllWindows and CloseAllGuiScreens which have been  
 removed.
  - \* A new parameter InitialValue has been added to the function  
     MakeOutputBox  
     which sets the initial value of the text  
 in the output box.
  - \* The functions DestroyButton, DestroyTabControl, DestroyFrame,  
 DestroyRadioButton, DestroyTickBox, DestroyDDLListBox, DestroyEditBox,  
 DestroyOutputBox, DestroyListBox, DestroyProgressBar, DestroyTimer,  
 CloseGuiWindow and CloseGuiScreen have been removed. Use the function  
     Destroy  
     instead.
  - \* The functions StoreDDLListBoxStatus and RestoreDDLListBoxStatus have been  
 removed.
  - \* The functions StoreEveryStatus and RestoreEveryStatus have been  
 removed.
  - \* The functions StoreEditBoxStatus and RestoreEditBoxStatus have been  
 removed.
  - \* The functions StoreButtonStatus and RestoreButtonStatus have been  
 removed.
  - \* The functions EnableRadioButton, EnableTickBox, EnableFrame,  
 EnableButton, EnableDDLListBox, EnableEditBox, EnableListBox and
-

EnableTabControl have been removed. Use the function  
 EnableControl  
 instead.

- \* The functions DisableRadioButton, DisableTickBox, DisableFrame, DisableButton, DisableDDLListBox, DisableEditBox, DisableListBox and DisableTabControl have been removed. Use the function  
 DisableControl  
 instead.

Bug fixes in release 5.0

- \* Fixed bug which caused GuiMessage to crash if the message was an empty string.

## 1.205 What's new in release 4.7?

New features in release 4.7

- \* New flags GW\_DISKIN and GW\_DISKOUT can be passed to the  
 OpenGuiWindow  
 function if you want your window to respond to disks being ↔  
 inserted and  
 removed.
- \* The function ReplaceTCItem has been modified so that it can be passed  
 the return value from the function TCItemText on the same item without  
 crashing. This gives you an easy way to keep the text of the item the  
 same but with a different image.

Bug fixes in release 4.7

- \* Fixed bug which caused memory scribble when ReplaceTCItem was called for  
 an item not currently visible due to it's parent folder being closed.
- \* Fixed many bugs in RemoveItem.

## 1.206 What's new in release 4.6?

New features in release 4.6

- \* The functions  
 GuiTextLength  
 and  
 ReplaceTCItem  
 \* The flags TC\_REHILIGHT\_ON\_SCROLL and LB\_REHILIGHT\_ON\_SCROLL to ↔  
 modify  
 the way list boxes and tree controls rehighlight when scrolling them.

Bug fixes in release 4.6

None.

---

## 1.207 What's new in release 4.5?

New features in release 4.5

- \* Tree Control

Bug fixes in release 4.5

- \* Fixed list box bug which made it impossible to select items at the bottom of the list box if the list box had titles.
- \* Fixed bug which caused dragging to start if you double clicked on an item in a list box which had been opened with the LB\_DBLCLICK and LB\_DRAG flags.
- \* Fixed list box bug which caused a single click on an item to be treated as a double-click if it immediately followed a successful double-click.

## 1.208 What's new in release 4.4?

New features in release 4.4

- \* Frames can now be enabled and disabled using the functions EnableFrame, DisableFrame, EnableAllWindows, DisableAllWindows, EnableWinFrames, DisableWinFrames, EnableControl and DisableControl.
- \* New flags FM\_BORDERLESS and FM\_DRAGOUTLINE added for frames, allowing the creation of borderless frames and frames which show their outline as they are dragged.
- \* GetModeName function added to get the name of a screen mode from the display database.
- \* It is now possible to create a tab control with only one tab (though why you would want to do so I'm not sure!) Previously the function failed unless at least two were specified.
- \* SetTickBoxValue function added.
- \* The look of list boxes with titles has been dramatically improved. The titles are now drawn in a separate bevel above the bevel containing the items.
- \* Tabbed listboxes have been fixed so that text in a column is truncated before it encroaches on the space of the next column. Unfortunately this has caused a speed reduction when scrolling tabbed listboxes.
- \* InsertListBoxItem function added to allow better manipulation of items in listboxes.
- \* It is now possible to unhighlight a listbox by passing 0 as the item number to SetListBoxHiNum.
- \* The NoLines function has been modified to fit in with the new look for listboxes. Previously it returned the number of lines available in a listbox. Those lines could be used for titles or items. Now it returns the space available for showing items.

Bug fixes in release 4.4

---

- \* Fixed bug in MakeFrame which could incorrectly positioned frame captions.
- \* Fixed bug which could cause a crash if a windows event function destroyed the source window when a frame was dropped in it.
- \* Fixed bug which stopped bitmaps from being attached to frames if the frame wasn't created with the FM\_LBUT flag.
- \* Fixed bug which caused the whole image to be shown if a button or frame containing a user-clipped image was resized.
- \* Fixed bug which caused vertical scrollers on listboxes to be created before they were necessary.
- \* Fixed crash when creating a radio button with no caption.

Errors in this documentation which have been corrected.

- \* The documentation for the function ListColumnText incorrectly stated that the leftmost column is column 1 - it is 0.
- \* The documentation for the function SetListBoxHiNum contained an error in the example code.

## 1.209 What's new in release 4.3?

Important note for users of FoxGUI 4.2

If you have been using FoxGUI 4.2, when you upgrade to 4.3 you will need to make some changes to your code. The functions

ShowFileRequester  
and

OpenGuiWindow

have had major revisions and your code will need to

be modified accordingly.

New features in release 4.3

- \* A Cursor event has been added for list boxes. You can now specify a function to be called when the up and down cursor keys are used to select an item. See  
MakeListBox
- \* Added list box functions to find items (  
FindListText  
)  
,  
individually replace items (  
ReplaceListBoxItem  
)  
, get  
the text of a specified column (  
ListColumnText  
) and set  
the highlighted element (  
SetListBoxHiElem  
)  
).
- \* If a list box is tabbed, the tabs now move if the list box resizes.
- \* It is now possible to create backdrop windows with  
OpenGuiWindow
- \* Callback functions can now be called when a GuiWindow is moved, resized or activated by the user (see



- OpenGuiWindow
  - )
- \* Added functions to modify and enquire about the state of check-mark menu items (
  - IsMenuChecked
  - and
  - SetMenuChecked
  - )
- \* Added C++ compatability (see
  - Using FoxGUI with C++
  - )
- \* Reduced the number of parameters required by the
  - ShowFileRequester
  - function.
- \* Added functions for handling display modes and creating lists of available display modes (
  - GetNextAvailableDisplayMode
  - and
  - ShowDisplayList
  - )

#### Bug fixes in release 4.3

- \* Fixed default font selection for list boxes. If no font is specified, the list box will inherit the font used by the parent screen.
- \* Fixed bug in Destroy() which could cause crashes when destroying GuiWindows.

## 1.210 What's new in release 4.2?

#### New features in release 4.2

- \* Drag/Drop functionality has been added to windows, frames and listboxes. To accomodate these changes, various function prototypes have changed slightly including the functions MakeFrame, MakeListBox and OpenGuiWindow.
- \* A double click-event is now available for list boxes. You can now specify a function to call if the user double-clicks on an item in a list box control.
- \* Other improvements to list boxes: They automatically get a vertical scroller when more items are added than can be shown in the list and they automatically get a horizontal scroller when items are added which are too long to be shown in full.

#### Bug fixes in release 4.2

- \* If a frame was created without specifying the FM\_LBUT flag then right mouse-button clicks on the frame would not be detected and the frame's title (if it had one) would appear above and to the left of the frame instead of in the centre. This is now fixed.
-

## 1.211 What's new in release 4.1?

New features in release 4.1

- \* Added the function `SetGuiPensFromPubScreen` which sets the gui pens to the values used by a specified public screen.
- \* Tab controls now have rounded corners.

Bug fixes in release 4.1

- \* The "far" directive in `foxconsole.h` has been replaced with "`__far`" for ANSI compliance.
- \* A bug in the way that drop-down list boxes were destroyed and which could have caused the machine to crash if the list box had a child or if the list box was associated has been fixed.
- \* The descriptions of the parameters `detail` and `Btext` were incorrect for the function `GuiMessage` as described in this documentation. This has been corrected.

## 1.212 What's new in release 4.0?

New features in release 4.0

- \* Recompiled all of the code with SAS/C 6.51. The code now requires `sc.lib` and `scm.lib` to be linked with it rather than the old `lc.lib` and `lcm.lib` which weren't compatible with newer versions of the compiler. This should allow far more people to make use of FoxGUI.
- \* The ability to add your own intuition gadgets to FoxGUI windows or to your own windows within a FoxGUI program.

Bug fixes in release 4.0

- \* If the cursor keys were used to scroll list boxes then hidden scrollable list boxes would also be redrawn. This is now fixed.
- \* If two listboxes in different frames of the same tab control overlapped then it was impossible to select items in one of the list boxes by clicking in the overlapping region. This is now fixed.
- \* It is no-longer possible for buttons in `GuiMessage` windows to overlap.

## 1.213 What's new in release 3.0?

New features in release 3.0

- \* Tab controls.
  - \* Timer controls.
  - \* All controls can be hidden and shown.
  - \* Custom borders in buttons and frames are now resized when the button or frame resizes.
  - \* Frames and tab controls can now be used as holders for other controls.
  - \* The parameter list for the function `SetOutputBoxCols` has changed slightly.
  - \* The way that list boxes work has been slightly improved.
-

- \* New flags have been added to create clear edit boxes and drop-down list boxes.
- \* A whole new set of generic functions which work on any control type have been added. The functions are: Hide, Show, DisableControl, EnableControl, Destroy and GetWindow.
- \* A new function RemoveMenuItem has been added.
- \* Enhancements have been made to the GuiMessage function.

Bug fixes in release 3.0

- \* The function TickBoxValue always returned FALSE no matter what the actual value was. This has been fixed.

## 1.214 What's new in release 2.0?

New features in release 2.0

- \* Much better screen support (Interlace, new screen modes etc).
- \* Windows can be resized.
- \* All controls are capable of stretching, shrinking and moving to fit the new bounds of resized windows.
- \* ILBM images can be loaded, drawn on windows and attached to buttons and frames (either clipped or scaled to fit exactly).
- \* Tick boxes can be clear.
- \* Pop-up list boxes and sub drop-down list boxes can be made to calculate the necessary width for you so that you don't have to work it out yourself. This is useful if you don't know what font will be in use.

Bug fixes in release 2.0

- \* Text in frames, buttons and output boxes is now clipped to fit. Previously it would often overflow out of the control. If the control is resized (due to a window resizing) then the caption is reclipped.
- \* On an A500, if a long item was selected in a drop-down list box, selecting another, shorter item would sometimes leave the last character of the previous text behind. This is now fixed.
- \* If you don't want a caption in a button or frame you can now pass NULL for the name parameter. Previously you had to use an empty string ("").
- \* The SetEditBoxFocus() function used to fail if another string gadget (i.e. another edit box or drop-down list box) was active. This is now fixed.
- \* There were various bugs associated with font handling which are now fixed.

## 1.215 ... macro

Macro prototype:

Macro definition:

Description:

---

Parameters:

Returns:

See also:

Warnings on the use of macros

## 1.216 ... function

Function prototype:

Description:

Parameters:

Returns:

Known bugs:

None.

See also:

---