

Sharing Code And Objects Between Delphi and C++



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Sharing Functions Example

To define the function
C++:

```
extern "C" int std
```

Popcorn:



Sharing Functions Example

To call the function:

C++:

```
int x;  
x = MyFunc();
```



Rules for Sharing Functions

Match Calling Conventions

extern "C" for non-namespace

Check parameters for compatibility

Check return types for compatibility



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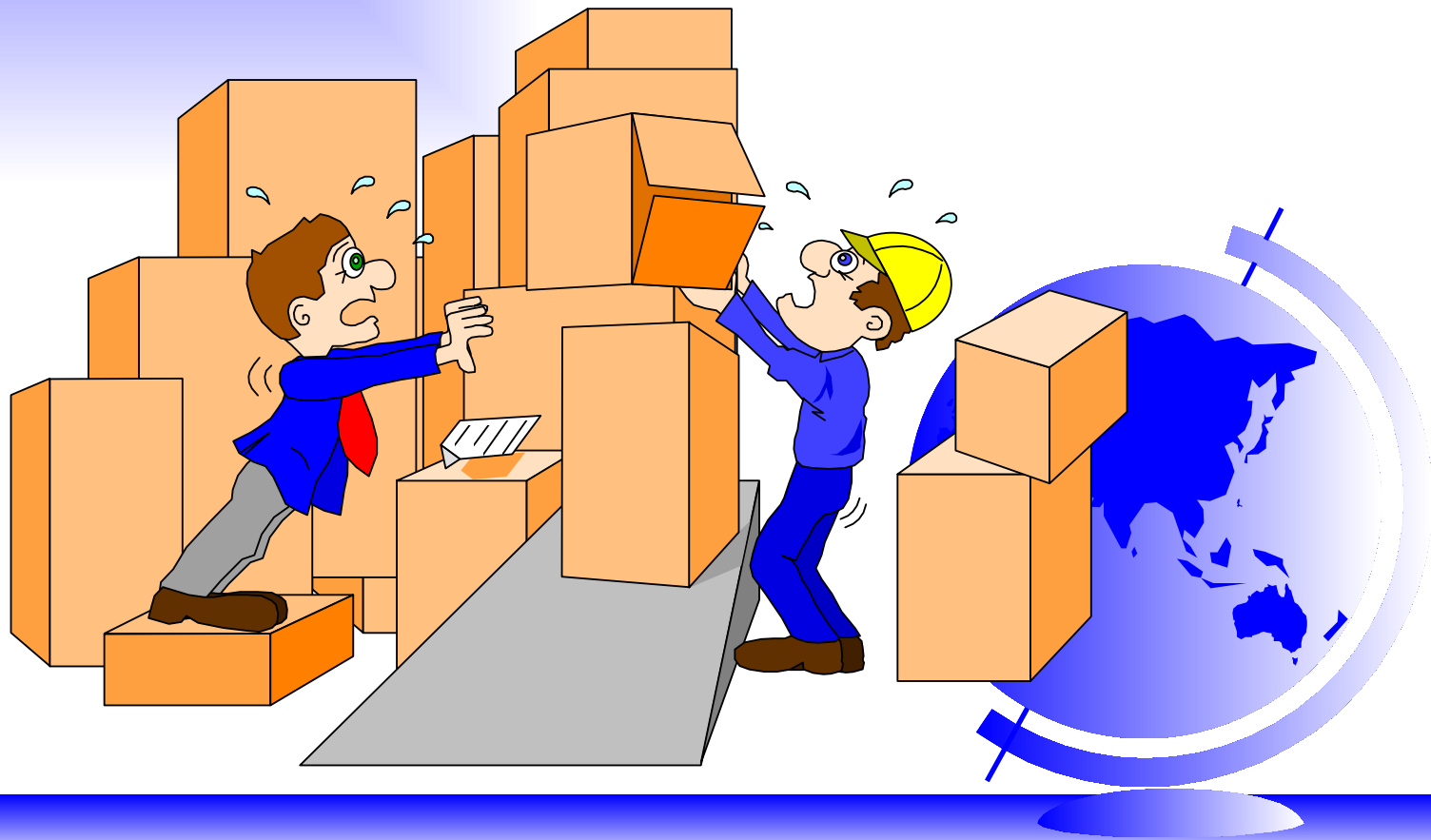
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Packaging



Packaging Functions in a DLL

Pascal Executable

```
function MyFunc: Integer; external 'MyDLL.DLL';  
...  
x := MyFunc;
```

C++ Dynamic Link Library

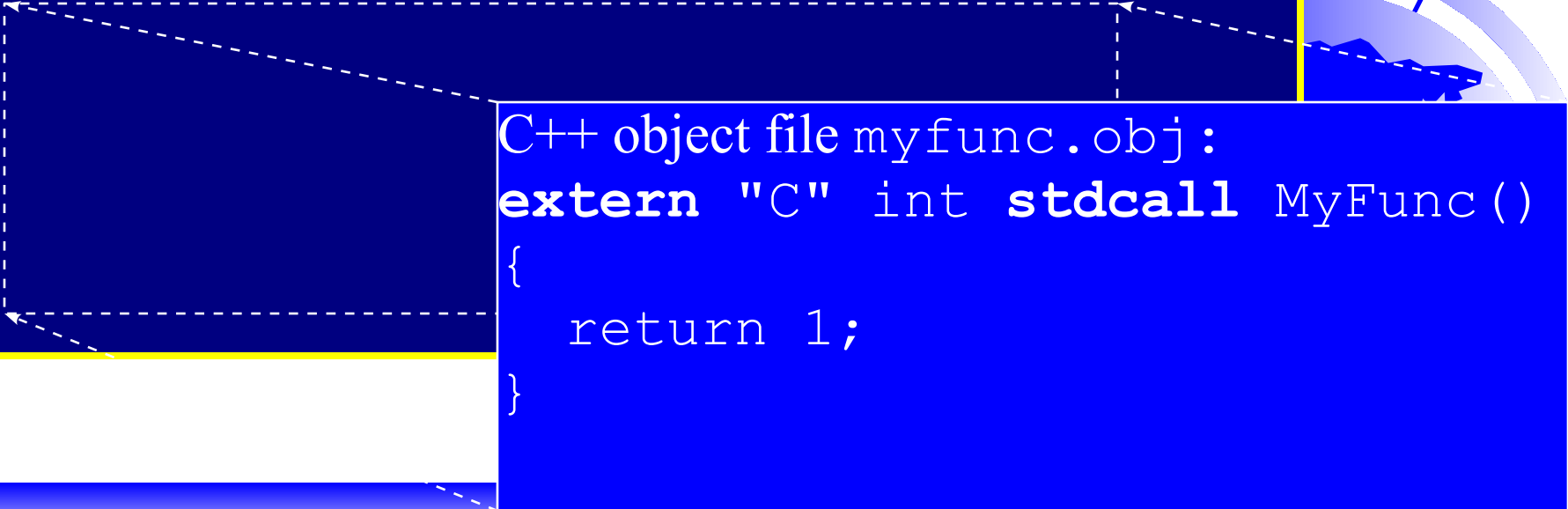
```
int stdcall __export MyFunc()  
{  
...  
}
```



Linking Functions into the EXE

Pascal program myprog.pas:

```
function MyFunc : Integer; stdcall;  
{ $L myfunc.obj }
```



The diagram illustrates the linking process. A dashed box on the left represents the Pascal program myprog.pas, which contains a call to MyFunc. A dashed box on the right represents the C++ object file myfunc.obj, which contains the implementation of MyFunc. A dashed line connects the call to MyFunc in the Pascal program to the implementation of MyFunc in the C++ object file, indicating the linking of the function.

```
C++ object file myfunc.obj:  
extern "C" int stdcall MyFunc()  
{  
    return 1;  
}
```

How to Choose a Package

Use a DLL when:

- C++ code is a whole sub-system

- There is a lot of C++ code

- C++ code makes heavy use of



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Delphi Extension: OWL



Ways of Sharing

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Sharing Objects

What does it mean to *share*?

- Keep a pointer to an object in the language

- Call methods on the object



Sharing Classes

What does it mean to to
create an instance of a class
destroy an instance
derive a new class



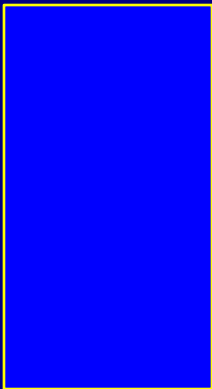
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Example Pascal Object

Pascal



```
type TMyObject = class  
  procedure DoThis;  
  function DoThat:Integer;  
  procedure WalkUp;  
  procedure WalkDown;  
end;
```



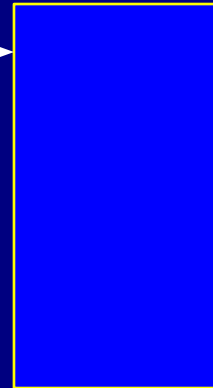
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C++ Code has a Pointer

C++



Pascal



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Defining a Common Interface

In Pascal, declare an interface
with public methods

Translate the interface to C

Use common calling convention

or

Use a C wrapper

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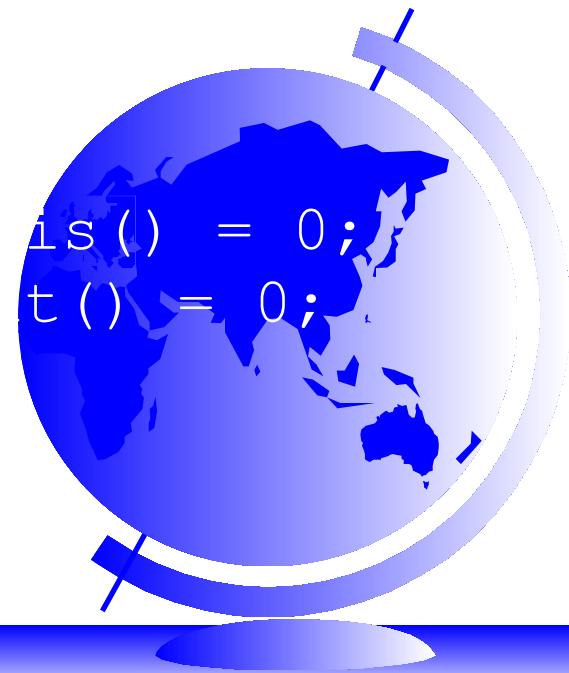
Use a C++ wrapper



Example Code for an Interface

Pascal:

```
type IMyObject = class
  procedure DoThis;
  virtual; abstract
  function DoThat:
  virtual; abstract
```



Pascal Class With an Interface

type

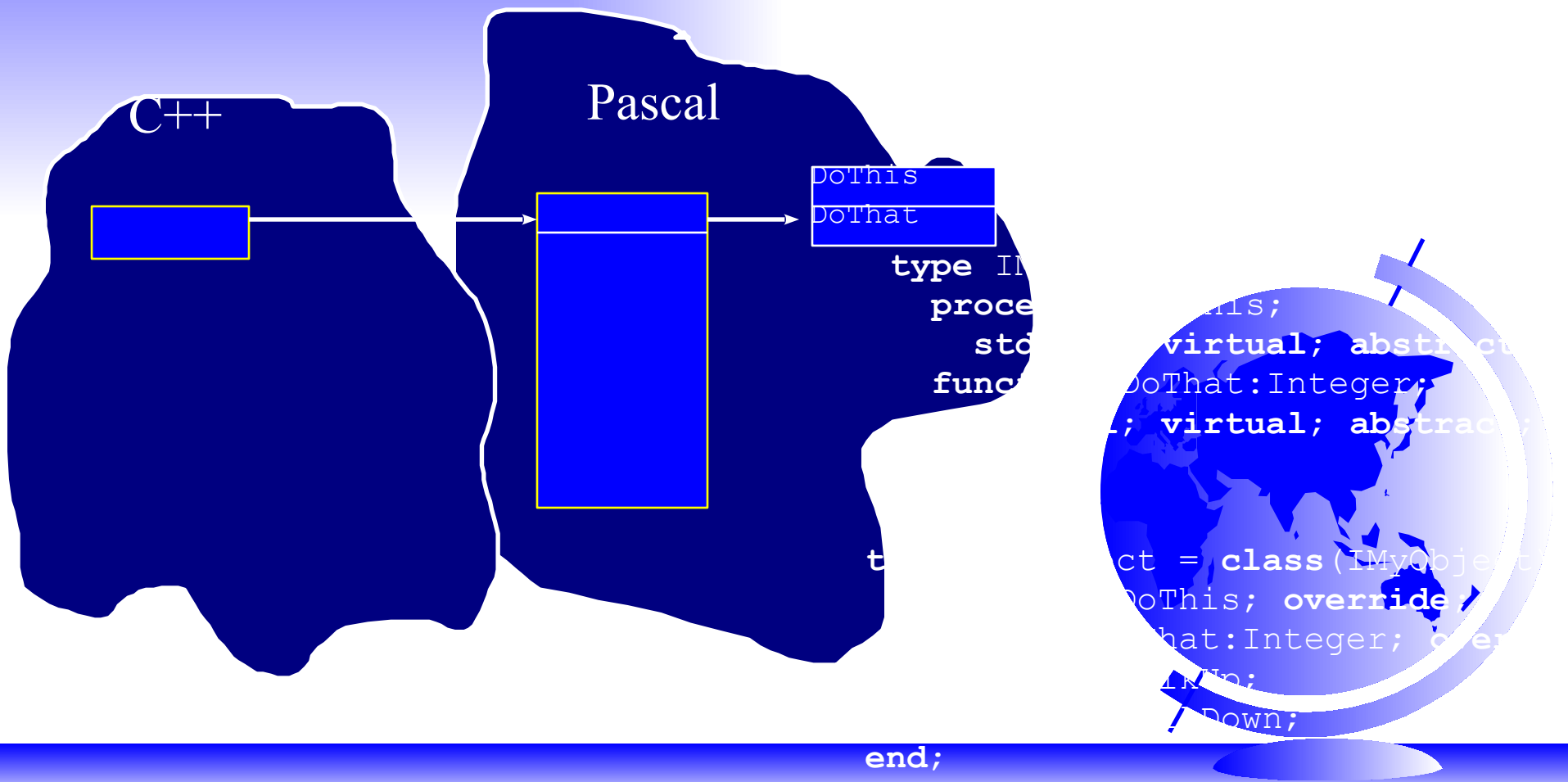
```
IMyObject = class  
  procedure DoThis;  
    stdcall; virtual  
  function DoThat:  
    stdcall; virtual  
end;
```

override;



Manipulating a Pascal Object From C++

C++ Code Calls a Method



C++ code to Call the Method

```
IMyObject *pObj;  
pObj->DoThis();
```

```
int x;
```



Ways of Sharing

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Sharing Classes

create an instance of a class in another language

destroy an instance



Factory Functions

A *factory function* is a function that creates an object and returns an interface to it.

Example:

```
function CreateMyObject() {  
    // Create an object  
    return new MyObject();  
}
```



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Freeing an Instance

Destroy function

```
procedure DestroyMyObj  
begin  
    (obj as TMyObject)  
end;
```



Freeing an Instance

Release method in the interface
type

```
IMyObject = class  
  procedure DoThis;  
  virtual; abstract;  
  function DoThat: Integer;
```



Freeing an Instance

Release method implementation

```
TMyObject = class (IMyObject)
procedure DoThis; const C: TConst;
function DoThat: Integer;
procedure Release;
end;
```



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Subclassing is not for Components

Components are self-contained
dependencies.



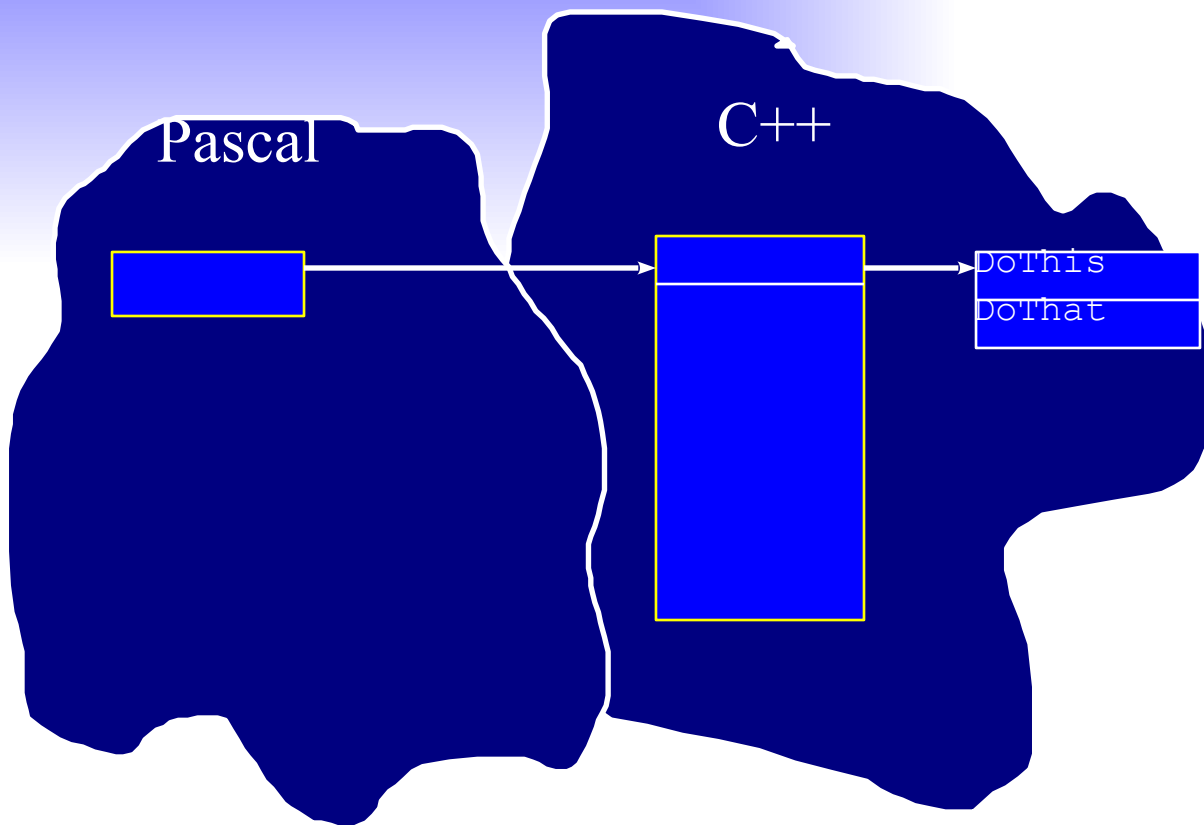
Using a Delphi Object From C++

Same technique only the



Manipulating a C++ Object From Pascal

Pascal Code Calls a Method



The Component Object Model

COM is the way OLE objects are created

All COM interfaces have at least

```
virtual HRESULT QueryInterface
```

```
virtual long AddRef()=0;
```

```
virtual long Release()=0;
```



The Component Object Model

COM has lots of features
you need them all.

Example:

Need interfaces for multiple



IMyObject as COM interface

```
class IMyObject: public IUnknown
{
    virtual HRESULT __stdcall
        QueryInterface( /*in*/
            /*iid*/ REFIID riid,
            /*ppv*/ void **p)=0;
    virtual long __stdcall
```



Pause:
Questions?



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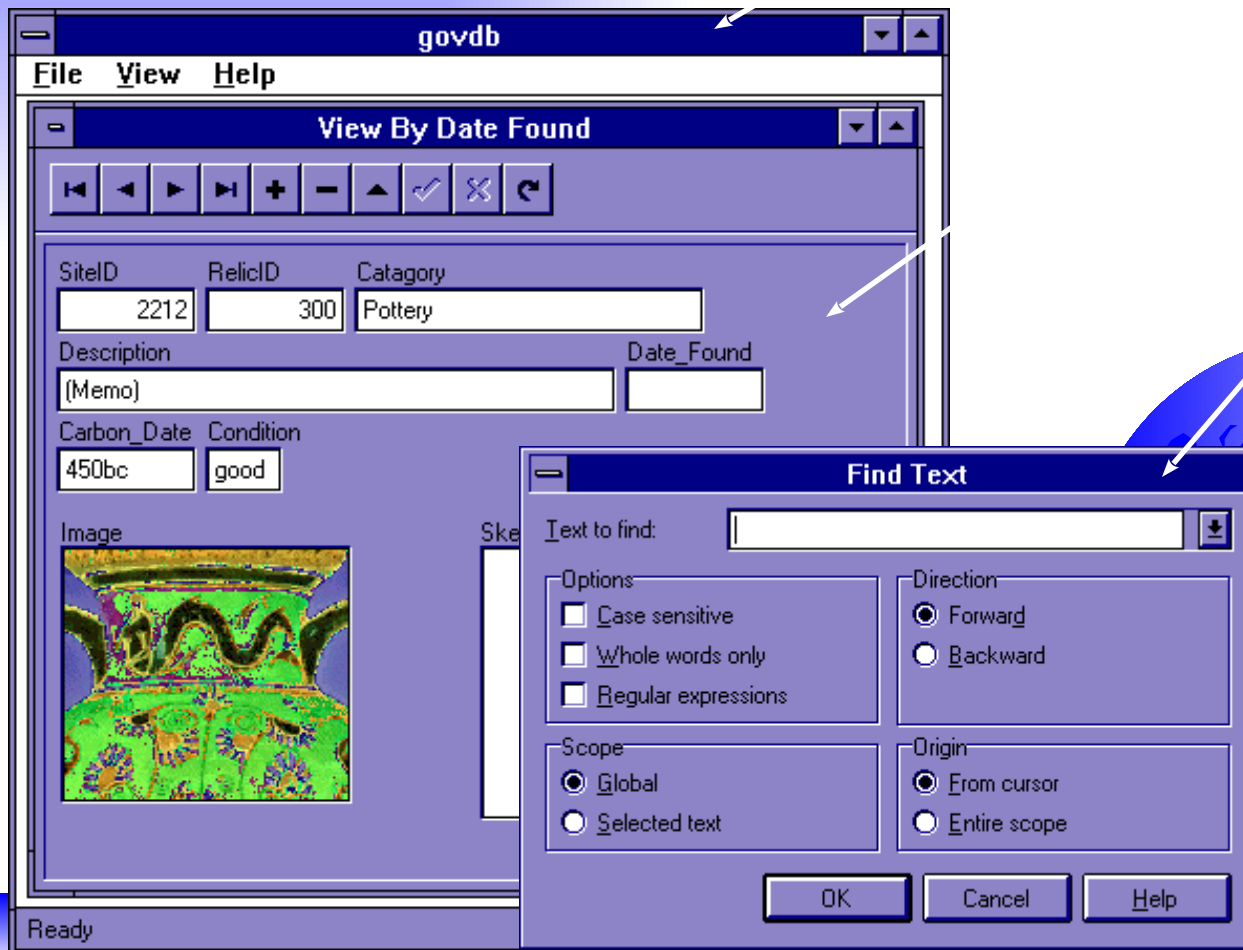
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Delphi Forms in OWL & MFC Apps



Using Delphi Forms From C++



Using Delphi Modal Forms to Implement Dialogs

Use the Common Dialogs as a starting point
Create a Delphi DLL that exports a function
Each function shows a form

```
function RunMyForm : Integer;
```



Dialog Data Transfer: Pascal

```
type TDlgStruct = record
    field1: array[0..2] of Integer;
    field2: Integer;
end;

function RunMyForm(var inDlgStruct: TDlgStruct;
    stdcall: boolean): boolean;
```



```
    field2.Text);
```

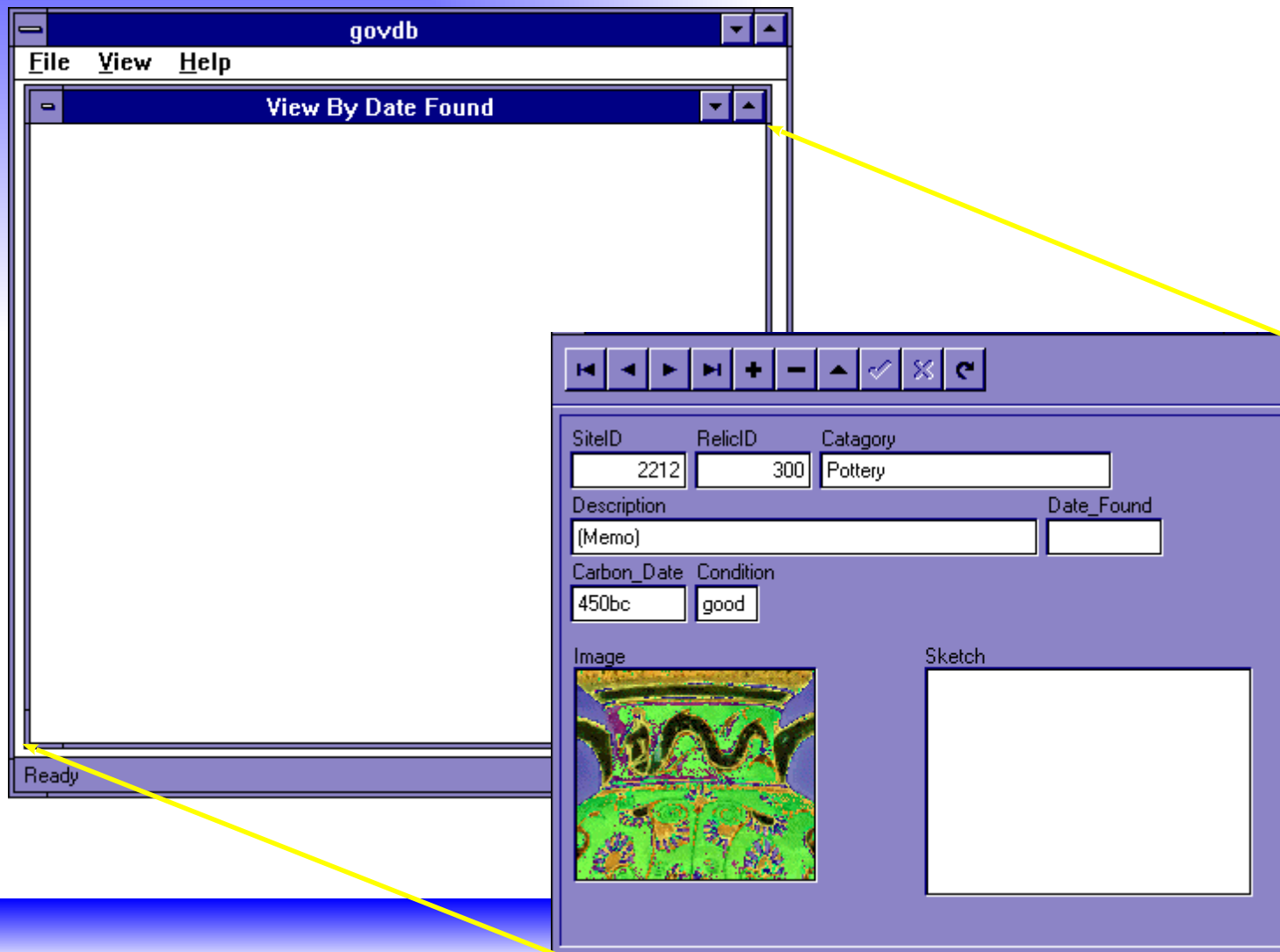
Dialog Data Transfer: C++

```
struct TDlgStruct {  
    char field1[256];  
    int field2;  
};
```

```
extern "C" int cdecl TDlgStruct
```



Using a Delphi Form as a Child Window



Making an Embeddable Delphi Form

Make a DLL project

Design the Form

Derive from TEmbeddableForm

EmbForm unit



TEmbeddableForm

A subclass of TForm

Allows a form to have

Adds ParentHandle prop



Factory Function

Creates a child form

Optionally, returns an interface

```
function CreateTForm1( hParent: HWND ) : TForm1;  
    var pObj: IUnknown;  
    return TForm1.Create( hParent );
```



OWL

#include “dlwrap.h”

Make a TDelphiFormVCL
factory function

Set a frame window's class



OWL Example Code

```
#include "dlctl.h"

extern HWND CreateTForm1(HWND hParent,
                        const TForm1Data *pObj);

void OpenTheFormWindow() {
    TWindow * myWindow =
        new TForm1DataForm1();
```



Driving the Form's Interface

The factory can return a C++ object

The wrapper stores the interface

The C++ program can drive

```
TDelphiFormWrapper *myDelphiFormWrapper;
```



MFC

#include “dlwrap.h”

Make a CDelphiFormView
factory function

Set a frame window's client



MFC Example Code

```
#include "dlctl.h"
extern HWND CreateTForm1(HWND, HINSTANCE, LPCTSTR,
    &pObj);

CChildFrame *win = new CChildFrame;
win->Create(NULL, "Caption", WS_OVERLAPPED, 0, 0,
```



Demonstration



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