

F7. Hybrid Programs (Advanced)

Modal ViewIt windows can be used within any program. Modeless windows, however, require use of the Facelt or FaceSt event handling modules. Most FaceWare programmers use Facelt, but FaceSt is useful in cases where modeless windows must be added to programs or programming environments that do their own low-level event handling.

What Is FaceSt?

FaceSt ("FaceStub") is a scaled-down version of the Facelt module that accepts Facelt commands but does not provide most of the functionality of Facelt. It primarily serves to pass events and messages between the main program and ViewIt, and does not itself call WaitNextEvent or GetNextEvent. Rather, FaceSt must be fed events by the main program. This makes it possible to add ViewIt window event handling to existing event loops, and thereby support modeless ViewIt windows within any program or programming environment.

When To Use FaceSt

FaceSt is most useful when either (a) you are trying to add ViewIt modeless windows to one of your programs that already has a complex event loop and its own windows, or (b) you are adding modeless ViewIt windows to a high-level programming environment that does not give you direct access to its main event loop. In the latter case we may have already done most of the work needed to make FaceSt work in the environment (such as HyperFace for HyperCard).

When NOT To Use It

If you are new to Mac programming then use Facelt before trying FaceSt. If you are using Facelt but think you need program-specific windows that can't be supported by existing ViewIt controls, then try overriding control behavior within ViewIt windows (described in "Override" topic). Responding to control messages in a control override is much easier and more powerful than creating windows "from scratch".

What You GAIN

FaceSt supports ViewIt modeless windows, ViewIt control drivers, and their associated standard menu items. Without FaceSt, programs can only make use of ViewIt windows that are modal since these can be opened and closed without interacting with the main program's event loop.

What You LOSE

The following functionality is lost when using FaceSt in place of Facelt (much of this, however, may already be provided by the program to which FaceSt is being added):

- auto-loading of main program menus
- all help opening or printing files "from the Finder"
- DoLoop command (replaced by program's event loop)
- the program-wide standard items "About", "Delete", "Transfer", "Quit", "Select", "Hide", "Send Behind", "Send to Back", "Hide Others", and "Show All"
- all Desk Accessory menu and event handling
- floating windows
- auto-hiding of non-ViewIt windows that generate update events
- auto-closing of modal ViewIt windows left open
- several of the Dolnit options defined by parameter a (see Dolnit description under "Program Commands" topic)

Initializations Done

Toolbox initializations and stack space resetting are still done. The toolbox initializations can be disabled by adding 1 to parameter c when calling Dolnit. Stack space resetting can

be disabled by passing `b = -1` when calling `Dolnit`. (Both of these options are standard features of the `Dolnit` command.)

STACK TIP: Many programmers do not realize that calling "MaxApplZone" has the effect of permanently fixing the size of the stack to the default size set by the System. Since FaceWare modules use additional stack space (especially during on-line editing of ViewIt windows), we recommend letting the `Dolnit` command make the "MaxApplZone" call which it will do when resizing the stack (`b > -1`).

Installing FaceStub

FaceSt takes the place of Facelt. The simplest way to make FaceSt available to a program under development is to use `Movelt` to move a copy of FaceSt from the `FaceSt.FCMD` file to a resource file opened by the program. (You'll also need `LoadIt` and any other program-specific resources required by modules used by the program). FaceSt will then be used in place of the Facelt module in the FaceWare file, thereby avoiding the need to modify the FaceWare file.

Using FaceStub

The "FaceStub Stuff" folder on the ViewIt master disk contains a set of files whose names contain the "*" character. These files correspond to the original `vDemoLP` and `vDemoLC` demos (which use Facelt), but have been modified to make use of the FaceSt module. The source file contains all of the code from the original `vDemo` programs, plus new code that takes the place of functionality lost from not using Facelt. The new code is denoted by comments of the form "`* ... *`" in Pascal, or "`///
" in C, so it is easy to distinguish this code from the original.`

The following discussion assumes that you are familiar with `vDemoLP*` or `vDemoLC*` (together referred to as `vDemoXY*`), so you may want to print the source and try running one of these programs before reading further.

- Main Menus

Programs that use FaceSt are responsible for installing main menus. In `vDemoXY*` this is done using `SetItm` so that any labeled items ("`#n`") get processed and stored. If you are working in an environment where you do not have an opportunity to use `SetItm` to load entire menus, then you can still use `SetItm` to add labels to individual menu items after a menu has been installed. The following, for example, would make menu item 3 in a menu with `menuID 129` the standard "Save" item (`#5`):

```
Facelt(nil,SetItm,129,3,11,5);
```

Labeled items operate as expected, with their appearance and behavior being controlled by the current program "context". If the active window is not a ViewIt window, then FaceSt disables all standard labeled items. If you wish to make use of such items while a non-ViewIt window is active, then have control returned whenever the active window is changed (by adding 2 to parameter `a` when calling `Dolnit`), and respond by reenabling items that you wish to make available. `vDemoLP*` uses this approach to make the standard "Clear" item available when its non-ViewIt window "myWindow" is active:

```
Facelt(nil,Dolnit,2,0,0,0);
```

```
...
```

```
if (uMenuID = 1100) and (uMenuItem = 2) then
```

```
  if (fActiveWnd = myWindow) then
```

```
    Facelt(nil,SetItm,103,8,2,1); enable Clear
```

WARNING: Labeled items in a menu must be "de-labeled" before disposing of that menu. This can be done by using `SetItm` to dispose of the menu, or by using `SetItm` to remove one label at a time from the items in the menu. ("Removing a label" means that ViewIt removes references to that item from its private labeled item data structures.) In many cases, however, programs never dispose of the menus containing standard items and need not be concerned with this issue.

- Menu Events

Facelt-based event loops begin with DoLoop and then proceed with the processing of any menu or pseudo-menu events returned by Facelt. When using FaceSt, the DoLoop command is replaced by the main program's own event loop that processes raw events returned by WaitNextEvent. In vDemoXY* this event loop is contained in the "MyLoop" procedure (described below). MyLoop was set up to return any menu or pseudo-menu events to the main case block. This makes the main case block of the program look similar to that seen in all Facelt-based programs:

```
repeat
  MyLoop;
  if (uMenuID = 101) then
    ...
until false;
```

The only difference (other than calling "MyLoop"), in fact, between this block and that seen in the original vDemoXY program is that there are more menu items to handle corresponding to things not done by FaceSt or to new things done with the program's own windows: opening DAs, Quit, Clear, etc.

Note that when adding FaceSt to existing programs, there is no reason to split event handling into a raw event loop like "MyLoop" and a separate menu event block like that shown above. We simply did it this way to illustrate the relationship between programs that use Facelt and those that use FaceSt.

- Raw Event Loop

Most of the new code in vDemoXY* is found in its "MyLoop" procedure. This procedure performs the 4 event-related tasks that are required by programs using FaceSt:

1. keep identity of active window updated
2. process any messages returned by modules
3. process any pending events returned by WaitNextEvent
4. give idle/hook time to modules

where these tasks must be performed in the above order (i.e., the identity of the active window must be correct before getting messages, all messages must be processed before getting raw events, and all events must be processed before giving idle/hook time to modules). A description of each task follows:

1. The first task is to determine if fActiveWnd contains the active window's window pointer. In many programs the active window is simply the front window, but in others it is the first window below floating windows. Your program should do whatever it needs to do to find its active window, and then call DoUpdt with d = 8 to update the fActive... variables in fRec if fActiveWnd is not correct. In the vDemoLP* program "FrontWindow" is used to make this check:

```
if (fActiveWnd <> FrontWindow) then
  Facelt(nil,DoUpdt,0,0,0,8)
```

Also note that calling DoUpdt with d = 8 will reset the current port to the active window if it is a ViewIt window, but all other calls to FaceSt preserve the current port. This differs from the behavior of Facelt which resets the port to the active window each time DoLoop is called.

2. The second task is to check if there are any pending messages (= menu or pseudo-menu events) that have been posted by modules. These special messages are stored in a private queue maintained by FaceSt and ViewIt. The number of available messages is given by fMsgCount, and the next message can be removed from the queue by calling GetMsg. The vDemoLP* program leaves the loop in MyLoop after getting such a message in order to mimic the behavior of the Facelt module (which returns control from DoLoop with a menu or pseudo-menu event), but you could alternatively call a separate procedure to handle such pseudo-menu and menu events:

```
else if (fMsgCount > 0) then
```

```
begin
  FaceIt(nil,GetMsg,0,0,0,0);
  leave;
end
```

3. The third task is to process any pending events returned by `WaitNextEvent`. In general, the program must determine whether the event belongs to one of its windows or to a `ViewIt` window. If it belongs to a `ViewIt` window, then the event is passed to `FaceSt` via `fEvent` and the `DoEvt` command. The code in `vDemoXY*` illustrates the typical logic used to determine when `DoEvt` should be called. In general, do not assume that you know how to handle an event belonging to a `ViewIt` window. (You might think, for example, that you already know how to drag windows and can therefore call `DragWindow` to drag `ViewIt` windows, but doing so will rob the window of an opportunity to update its zoom states and mess up future zooming of the window.)

Menu selections returned by "MenuSelect" or "MenuKey" are most easily processed by passing them to `FaceSt`. If `FaceSt` does not know how to deal with the item (i.e., if it is not a standard item), then it posts a message back to the program that will be seen as a menu event returned by `GetMsg` (which explains why `vDemoXY*` has no routine for handling just menu selections). You could alternatively use `GetItm` to pre-process a menu selection to determine if it corresponds to a standard item, but `FaceSt` already contains such code so it does not make much sense to do this in your program.

Finally, note that it is not necessary to process events in exactly the manner shown in the `vDemoXY*` program. In some environments, for example, you may be fed events or menu selections by code that you cannot modify. In such cases, however, you can still do tasks #1 and #2 before processing an event that was passed, can still call `DoMenu` to further process a menu selection, and should still remain in a loop until all module messages have been processed.

4. The fourth task is to give idle and hook time to modules. This is done by simply using `DoEvt` to pass a null event in `fEvent`:

```
else
  FaceIt(nil,DoEvt,0,0,0,0);
```

- Switching

`FaceSt` tracks whether a program is switched in (is the top application) or out (is in the background) under System 7 or MultiFinder by updating the `fSleep` variable in `fRec`. If switched in, then `fSleep = fFrontSleep`. If switched out, then `fSleep = fBackSleep`. This scheme relies upon the feeding of "osEvt" events to `FaceSt` that indicate when the program is about to be switched in or out.

Upon receiving an "osEvt" event, `FaceSt` updates `fSleep`, notifies all affected `ViewIt` windows, and then activates or deactivates the active window if it is a `ViewIt` window. To ensure that your program sees and responds properly to `osEvt` events, both the "Accept suspend events" and "Does activate on FG switch" flags in the `SIZE` resource should be set. If these flags are not set, then no `osEvt`-type events will be seen, and `FaceSt` will not have an opportunity to notify `ViewIt` windows when a switch occurs.

- Window Kind

The "refCon" and "windowKind" fields of each window's window record are not used by `ViewIt` windows, meaning that a program can use these fields for its own purposes.

The identity of the active window can be determined from the `fActive...` variables in `fRec`. If `fActiveID = 0`, for example, then the window is not a `ViewIt` window.

To determine the identity of other windows, the window's window pointer can be passed to `GetWnd`, which then returns in `wResID` the associated `FWND` ID if it is a `ViewIt` window, or 0 if not.

A faster way to determine whether a window is a `ViewIt` window is to examine 4 bytes

within the "windowDefProc" handle associated with the window. If the window is a ViewIt window, then the 4 bytes located 6 bytes into this handle block will be equal to the fRec variable fWDEF. The following code illustrates use of this fact to check for a ViewIt window:

```
/* C, C++ */
```

```
if (fRec.fWDEF == *(long*)(6 + (long)*theHdl))...
```

```
Pascal
```

```
if (fRec.fWDEF = long(6 + ord(theHdl^)) then...
```

```
C AF FORTRAN
```

```
if (fRec.fWDEF == long(6 + long(theHdl)) then...
```

where "theHdl" is the "windowDefProc" handle from the window's window record, and "long" in the Pascal source is a type defined as "long = ^longint".

- Cursor Management

FaceSt takes no responsibility for managing the cursor when a non-ViewIt window is active. vDemoLP* handles cursor management by resetting the cursor to an arrow when a non-ViewIt window becomes the active window (indicated by fActiveID = 0):

```
if (uMenuID = 1100) and (uMenuItem = 2) then
```

```
  if (fActiveID = 0) then
```

```
    Facelt(nil,ChgCur,0,0,0,0);
```

where the use of ChgCur also ensures that fCursor in fRec is reset to -1 to inform FaceSt that the cursor will later need updating if a ViewIt window is made active. In general, if the program changes the cursor without calling ChgCur, then set fCursor to -1 so that FaceSt knows that the cursor will need updating.

- Program Termination

When quitting a program that contains ViewIt windows, these windows should first be sent two messages: a "Save Documents" message that gives the user a chance to save changes before a window is closed, and a "Clean System" message that gives the window driver a chance to clean up stuff before the program quits.

These two messages can be posted via the utility command PstNot ("Post Note"), where a = 4096 = Save Documents, and a = 32 = Clean System. In the case of Save Documents message, uResult will return with a non-zero value if the user cancels the operation (in which case you should not quit the program). vDemoLP*, for example, posts these messages when responding to its Quit menu item:

```
  Facelt(nil,PstNot,4096,0,0,0);
```

```
  if (uResult = 0) then
```

```
    begin
```

```
      Facelt(nil,PstNot,32,0,0,0);
```

```
      ExitToShell;
```

```
    end;
```

- Custom Procedures

FaceSt (and Facelt) make use of several procedures whose addresses are stored in fRec. Any of these addresses can be replaced by the address of a program procedure (Pascal type) that will then be called by FaceSt or Facelt in place of the default procedure. The procedure addresses most likely to be changed by programs using FaceSt are (where "fPtr" is the address of fRec):

address: fUpdateOther

form: procedure MyUpdateOther(fPtr:FacePtr; theWindow:WindowPtr);

purpose: Updates the content of the designated window. This procedure is called by FaceSt or ViewIt whenever it finds a window that it does not know how to update. It is usually a good idea to reset this address so that windows below modal ViewIt windows get updated when the modal window is dragged (the default procedure does nothing).

vDemoXY* illustrates resetting fUpdateOther with the address of its own update procedure:

```
/* C, C++ */
```

```
fRec.fUpdateOther = (long)MyUpdateOther;
Pascal
fRec.fUpdateOther := ord(@MyUpdateOther);
```

address: fSelectWindow
form: procedure MySelectWindow(fPtr:FacePtr; theWindow:WindowPtr);
purpose: Brings the designated window to the front. FaceSt's default procedure simply calls SelectWindow. If the program supports its own floating window scheme, then you may need to replace this procedure with one that does not bring the window above floating windows (unless SelectWindow itself has already been patched).

address: fActiveWindow
form: function MyActiveWindow(fPtr:FacePtr) : WindowPtr;
purpose: Finds the active window. FaceSt's default procedure simply calls FrontWindow. If the program supports its own floating window scheme, then you may need to replace this procedure with one that finds the topmost window beneath any floating windows (unless FrontWindow itself has already been patched).

address: fGetNewWindow
address: fGetNewCWindow
address: fDisposeWindow
form: same as corresponding toolbox call, but with additional "fPtr:FacePtr" as first argument
purpose: Creates or disposes of window. These are only used by FaceWare modules when creating or disposing of modeless windows. Substitute your own procedures in cases where the environment in which you are working requires the use of special commands to open or close windows (i.e., if it needs to perform additional operations when a window is created or destroyed).

- FSSC Menus

ViewIt supports Font, Size, Style, and Color menus that can be made available via main program menus in programs using FaceSt if a little work is done by the program to set up these menus properly. Note that this discussion only applies to main program menus, and not to the pop-up or pull-down menu controls found in ViewIt windows.

The first step is to make the FSSC menus available as hierarchical menus by adding hierarchical menu items associated with menuIDs 196 (Font), 197 (Size), 198 (Style), and 199 (Color) to one of the program's main menus.

The next step is to add code to the program's event loop that checks to see if the current context supports the FSSC menus, and, if so, then enables these menus just before MenuSelect or MenuKey is called, and disables them after returning from these calls. For example, to determine whether an active ViewIt window supports the FSSC menus, check whether an editable control is selected in the window (vSelectCtl \neq nil) and whether that control supports the "UsesFSSC" bit flag (BitTst(@cType,9)):

```
if (vSelectCtl <> nil) then
  FacIt(nil,GetCtl,0,0,0,ord(vSelectCtl));
if (vSelectCtl<> nil) and BitTst(@cType,9) then
  begin
    EnableItem(fFontMenu,0);
    EnableItem(fSizeMenu,0);
    EnableItem(fStyleMenu,0);
    EnableItem(fColorMenu,0);
  end;
theCommand := MenuSelect(fEvent.where);
if (HiWord(theCommand) <> 0) then
  FacIt(nil,DoMenu,HiWord(theCommand),...
  HiliteMenu(0);
```

```
DisableItem(fFontMenu,0);  
DisableItem(fSizeMenu,0);  
DisableItem(fStyleMenu,0);  
DisableItem(fColorMenu,0);
```

It is also possible for a non-ViewIt window to make its own use of the FSSC menus. In this case the enabling and disabling shown above must also be done if such a program window is active, and an additional step is needed to update the content of the FSSC menus to reflect the state of the program window. This can either be done using the FixFSC command when the window becomes active (and whenever its current Font, Size, Style, or Color is changed while the window is active), or by calling FixFSC just before MenuSelect and MenuKey are executed. NOTE: Avoid calling FixFSC when a ViewIt window is active since this will clobber any settings made by FaceWare modules associated with the window.

Selection of an item from an FSSC menu is automatically processed by FaceSt to determine whether the selection would change the state of the FSSC menu. If the FSSC menu would be changed, and the active window is not a ViewIt window, then FaceSt returns a program menu item event to the program (as a message returned by GetMsg), and adjusts the current port's corresponding txFont, txSize, txFace, or fgColor (or rgbFgColor) WindowRecord field to reflect the selected font, size, style, or color. In the case of a style change, txFace is set to contain just the selected style item (Plain OR Bold OR Italic...) so that the selected style can be turned on or off without affecting other styles in the window. The program can then read the updated font, size, style, or color from the window record and adjust the contents of its window accordingly.