

# **MUIUndoc**

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## Chapter 1

# MUIUndoc

### 1.1 The Hacker's Guide to MUI

Welcome to...

The Hacker's Guide to MUI :-)

Release 1.6

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Current MUI version: 19

Hope next versions will be more documented

Get to the

index  
, or read MUIUndoc.h.

### 1.2 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Index

Index - The Hacker's Guide to MUI 1.6

New or changed: 2.7, 3.11, 3.12, 3.13, 4.11

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That's all folks! I hope this doc will get smaller. No, i'm not ←  
crazy,

the dimension of this doc is directly proportional to the amount  
of undocumented features of MUI. :-)

## 1.3 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Intro

0 The Hacker's Guide to MUI

0.1 Introduction

0.2 Installation

## 1.4 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Introduction

0.1 Introduction

This doc tries to explain you all of the "undocumented" features  
of MUI. Most of the texts are directly snapped from the MUI Mailing List,

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so the messages i reported here are copyright by the respective authors.

Please, don't ask Stefan about unofficial fetures listed here, or he may kill you :-) MUI is complex enough...so i've marked official undocumented features with [SAFE].

This doc is unofficial, read at your own risk!

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Feedbacks and/or flames to azummo@ita.flashnet.it

MUI is Copyright (c) 1997 by Stefan Stuntz

Thanks to: Jerome Fleury, Gilles Masson, Maik Schreiber, Allan Odgaard,  
Joel NewKirk, and all the others.

## 1.5 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Installation

### 0.2 Installation

1. Copy muiundoc.h in include:mui/
2. Add the line #include "mui/muiundoc.h" in your libraries/mui.h
3. Read muiundoc.h to discover some options

PLEASE, follow these rules and do not change the include's name.  
It's the only way to allow easy source exchanging.

## 1.6 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Crawling.mcc

1 What's Crawling.mcc all about?

1.1 Description

1.2 But the author says...

1.3 Another question

1.4 Little example

## 1.7 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Crawling.mcc - Description

### 1.1 Description

Crawling.mcc is a standard undocumented MUI mcc which simply create a timed-scrolling virtgroup.

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Here is an example:

```
#define MUIC_Crawling "Crawling.mcc"
#define CrawlingObject MUI_NewObject(MUIC_Crawling
```

To use `Crawling.mcc`, simply create it as any other `VirtGroup` object:

```
Child, CrawlingObject,
    TextFrame,
    MUIA_Background, MUII_TextBack,
    MUIA_FixHeightTxt, "\n",
    Child, TextObject,
        MUIA_Text_Contents, "\033cHello guys...\nThis is some text.\n"
        "I hope you like it.\nBye!\n\n",
    End,
End,
```

## 1.8 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Crawling.mcc - Warning

1.2 But the author says...

It's not public and subject to change. Be warned!

Bye, Klaus

## 1.9 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Crawling.mcc - A question...

1.3 Oh..here's another question

> Fine, but how do I make the overlap smoother?

Copy the text from top to bottom.

Bye, Klaus

## 1.10 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Crawling.mcc - Example

1.4 Little example

[....]

```
Child, CrawlingObject,
    TextFrame,
    MUIA_Background, MUII_TextBack,
    MUIA_FixHeightTxt, "\n",

    Child, VGroup,
        Child, TextObject,
```

```

        MUIA_Text_Contents, __DCOPYRIGHT
        MUIA_Text_PreParse, MUIX_C,
    End,

    [... more Textobjects here ...]

    Child, TextObject,
        MUIA_Text_Contents, __DCOPYRIGHT,
        MUIA_Text_PreParse, MUIX_C,
    End,
End,

End,

[....]

```

The TextContents of the last TextObject (the repeated one, in this case \_\_DCOPYRIGHT) have to have exactly the number of lines your Crawling object can display.

## 1.11 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Suggestions

2 Some suggestions by Stefan

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2.2 MUI\_AddClipping()

2.3 MUI\_Begin/End\_Refresh

2.4 MUIA\_Gauge\_Divide

2.5 What about \_screen(\_app(obj)) ?

2.6 Stack

2.7 MUIA\_Window\_FancyDrawing

## 1.12 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Suggestions - MUIM\_List\_CreateImage

2.1 About MUIM\_List\_CreateImage

> So is it legal to keep images in the instance data \*after\* the cleanup  
> Method, and reopen the window with images in it ?

Absolutely \*not\*.

> In order to put images into a list, you have to create a bitmap  
> object, and turn that into a "black box". Now, the problem is that I  
> want "a few" images (there could be a couple of hundred images (some  
> people like me like to pile up objects -:), but usually there will be

> a lot less --- maybe I should just skip the images if there are more  
> than 52) in a list, each of which is taken from a larger bitmap (which  
> is already remapped, and is a friend bitmap of the screen).  
>  
> So, it seems that I have to do this for every image:  
> - create a small bitmap to hold the image  
> - copy the image from the large bitmap to the small bitmap  
> - create a bitmap object around it  
> - create the blackbox (MUIM\_List\_CreateImage) object  
> - put that into the list  
>  
> Now, this seems like a lot of overhead, considering that I only want a  
> couple of 16\*16 images (ready to blast into the window) in a list  
>  
> So, the question is: can I dispose the small bitmap and/or the bitmap  
> object after creating the blackbox object? Which is almost equivalent  
> to asking: does the blackbox object contain the image?

You must not dispose the bitmap object after MUIM\_List\_CreateImage.  
MUIM\_List\_CreateImage does not copy anything, it just sets up the bitmap  
object for display. Basically, MUIM\_List\_CreateImage does the same  
"setup work" on an object that it otherwise receives when being attached  
to a window.

> Why don't we get a hook to render images?

Why would you want a hook? Hooks suck! :-) Too bad I didn't notice that  
earlier, otherwise MUI wouldn't have any strange callback hooks but  
instead methods for overloading in subclasses all over the place.

Anyway, the solution for your problem is probably easy. Hrm... MUI  
should be able to accept any subclass of area class as input for  
MUIM\_List\_CreateImage, not just bitmap classes. I know, the  
documentation speaks of Bitmap classes only, but I just checked the  
sources and see no real reason why it shouldnt work with other things  
too.

So, you could create a subclass of area class that has full access to  
your big, already remapped picture. Make it return reasonable (small,  
fixed) min/max/default sizes in MUIM\_AskMinMax and make it draw a small  
part of the big Bitmap in MUIM\_Draw. MUI won't do any sophisticated  
layout stuff on \330[] objects, it will simply render them in their  
default width & height.

That should work out well, and you only need one single  
MUIM\_List\_CreateImage on this "fake" object and not a few thousands for  
every line of your listview.

The only problem now is to tell your object what part of the bitmap to  
draw. To solve that, invent a little attribute which identifies this  
part and set it on each invocation of your display hook.

Sure, this sounds quite hacky. A cleaner solution would of course be a  
listclass that has real objects as children and not just pointers. But  
then, this is more like a virtual group than a list and is unfortunately  
slower.

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```
> Also, just for completeness: why doesn't the text engine support
> INVERSVID? Is there a good reason for that, or just the usual "99% of
> all applications don't need it"? -:)
```

The latter. Doesnt it look extremely ugly?

## 1.13 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Suggestions - MUI\_AddClipping()

### 2.2 MUI\_AddClipping()

Allan Odgaard wrote in article <33424095.7134@DIKU.DK>:

```
> Is it possible to MUI_AddClipping() to a cloned rastport, so that I do
> not need to remove it again?
```

No. MUI clipping calls should only be used on `_rp(obj)`.

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Greetings, Stefan

## 1.14 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Suggestions - MUI\_Begin/EndRefresh

### 2.3 MUI\_Begin/End\_Refresh

Daniel wrote in article <9704011053.AA11676@sparcserver.lrz-muenchen.de>:

```
> As I haven't found info about these two methods in the autodocs,
> could someone explain me what are these methods for.
>
> Are they parallel to those of intuition?
> What are their effect?
```

They are used for restoring window contents after custom scrolling operations that might have screwed up some damage regions. You probably will never need them unless you write your own list classes.

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Greetings, Stefan

```
#define LayerCovered(l) ((!(l)->ClipRect) || (l)->ClipRect->bounds!=(l)->bounds)
#define LayerDamaged(l) ((l)->DamageList && (l)->DamageList->RegionRectangle)
#define NeedZeroScrollRaster(l) (LayerCovered(l) || LayerDamaged(l))
```

// V39 only apps should probably use ScrollWindowRaster() instead.

```
static VOID MyScrollRaster(struct IClass *cl, Object *obj, LONG dy, LONG left, LONG top, LONG width, LONG height)
{ struct RastPort *rp = _rp(obj);
  struct Window *w = _window(obj);

  if (dy>0 && dy<height) ClipBlit(rp, left, top+dy, rp, left, top, width, height-dy, 0xc0);
```

```

else if (dy<0 && -dy<height) ClipBlit(rp,left,top ,rp,left,top-dy,width, ←
    height+dy,0xc0);

if (dy && (w->Flags & WFLG_SIMPLE_REFRESH))
{
    struct Layer *l = w->WLayer;

    if (NeedZeroScrollRaster(l))
    {
        UBYTE oldmask = rp->Mask;
        SetWrMsk(rp,0);
        ScrollRaster(rp,0,dy,left,top,left+width-1,top+height-1);
        SetWrMsk(rp,oldmask);
    }

    if (MUI_BeginRefresh(muiRenderInfo(obj),0))
    {
        /* find and redraw root object of window */

        Object *o = obj;

        while (_parent(o))
            o = _parent(o);

        MUI_Redraw(o,MADF_DRAWALL);

        MUI_EndRefresh(muiRenderInfo(obj),0);
    }
}
}

```

## 1.15 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Suggestions - MUIA\_Gauge\_Divide

### 2.4 MUIA\_Gauge\_Divide

Marcin Orlowski wrote in article <yam6984.1299.136418104@195.116.59.5>:

```

> Gauge.doc says:
>
>     NAME
>     MUIA_Gauge_Divide -- (V4 ) [ISG], BOOL
>
>     FUNCTION
>     If this attribute is != 0, every value set with
> [...]
>
> If so, it can't be BOOL.

```

This is a doc bug. The correct type of this attribute is ULONG.

```

--
Greetings, Stefan

```

## 1.16 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Suggestions - Stefan's anger

2.5 What about `_screen(_app(obj))` ?

Dr. Karl Bellve wrote

```
> This is my point. I think the _screen(obj) is NULL if the object has not
> been drawn yet. Therefor, I am using _screen(_app(obj)) instead, which
> works if the window of the object has not been drawn yet. This is
> important for mapping datatypes to the screen but don't have to be drawn
> at this time but later.
```

RUBBISH! NONSENSE! CRAP! EVERY WORD IN HERE IS TOTALLY WRONG! :-))

A little more detailed:

```
> I think the _screen(obj) is NULL if the object has not been drawn yet.
```

WRONG!

```
> Therefor, I am using _screen(_app(obj)) instead,
```

ACCESS TO RANDOM MEMORY!

```
> which works if the window of the object has not been drawn yet.
```

WRONG!

```
> This is important for mapping datatypes to the screen but don't
> have to be drawn at this time but later.
```

NO WAY!

Shit... nobody believes me. It doesnt matter what you "think" in this case. Important is what the MUI docs say and what I write! :)

Well, lets try again from scratch...

mui.h:

```
#define _app(obj)    [...] /* valid between MUIM_Setup/Cleanup */
#define _screen(obj) [...] /* valid between MUIM_Setup/Cleanup */
```

So... it is FUCKING ILLEGAL to use either `_app(obj)` or `_screen(obj)` before your object received a `MUIM_Setup` and after your object received a `MUIM_Cleanup`. It doesnt make any sense to use one instead of the other just because you might "think" one is valid and one is not.

This was the first point that makes your statements totally absurd. The second point follows now:

- (a) `_app(obj)`, when used correctly between setup and cleanup, returns a pointer to an object of Application class.
- (b) `_screen(obj)` is defined as `muiRenderInfo(obj)->mri_Screen`.
- (c) `muiRenderInfo(obj)` is a macro that accesses fields of the instance data

of Area class.

(d) Application class is NO FUCKING CHILD of Area class. Only objects that are to be displayed are children of Area class, like Groups, Gadgets, Text, etc. Only these objects have a `muiRenderInfo(obj)`.

(a) + (b) + (c) + (d):

`_screen(_app(obj))` is a COMPLETELY FUCKING NONSENSE which returns anything but a valid screen pointer.

So... finally... please stop confusing other programmers with these tails! MUI is complex enough, there's no need to cause more trouble with wrong advices!

Remapping of a picture has to be done in the Setup method of the custom class that displays this picture. If you dont want to do this, you loose.

--

Greetings, Stefan

## 1.17 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Suggestions - Stack

### 2.6 Stack

Hi!

If I see one more MUI program out there with less than 8k stack size, I promise to kick the programmer's ass very hard as soon as I get the chance! :-)

Is it really so difficult to put a `LONG __stack = 8192` in your source?

Is it really too much work to edit your project icons?

Does it really cause too much trouble to insert `NP_StackSize, 8192` into your `CreateNewProc()` calls?

I don't know how often you wanna hear it... well... here we go again:

```
*****
THE DEFAULT STACK SIZE OF 4K IS NOT ENOUGH FOR ANY MUI PROGRAM
AND WILL CAUSE MAJOR TROUBLE AND FANCY CRASHES SOONER OR LATER
*****
```

--

Greetings, Stefan

## 1.18 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Suggestions - MUIA\_Window\_FancyDrawing

### 2.7 MUIA\_Window\_FancyDrawing

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Christian Stieber wrote in article

```
> 5) Talking about gadgets in Area.mui subclasses: MUIA_Window_FancyDrawing
>   allows rendering inside a MUIM_Show/MUIM_Hide sequence. Does this
>   mean MUIA_Window_FancyDrawing has be used for objects containing
>   intuition gadgets (I've set it, but I'm not 100% sure because I
>   don't really know what MUIA_Window_FancyDrawing does).
```

MUIA\_Window\_FancyDrawing was a bad idea from the beginning. Besides, it has been a NOP since quite a few MUI versions. Unfortunately, the docs were not updated.

So, there's no more need to use it, and there's nothing that would justify drawing outside of MUIM\_Draw in your custom classes.

--

Greetings, Stefan

## 1.19 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Undocumented items

3 Undocumented methods & tags

3.1 MUIA\_CustomBackfill

3.2 MUIM\_Window\_Setup/Cleanup

3.3 MUIA\_Group\_Forward

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3.13 MUIV\_CrateBubble\_DontHidePointer



## 1.20 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Undocumented items - MUIA\_CustomBackfill

3.1 I was asking about and undocumented tag: :-)

```
> >MUIA_CustomBackfill
>
> What's this?
```

Nothing to worry about :)

--

Greetings, Stefan

## 1.21 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Undocumented items - MUIM\_Window\_Setup/Cleanup

3.2~MUIM\_Window\_Setup/Cleanup [SAFE]

```
> >Why don't windows subclasses receive MUIM_Setup/MUIM_Cleanup on
> >opening/closing ?
>
> >I had to notify MUIA_Window_Open to react on this.
>
> Setup/Cleanup are methods of Area class. Window is not a
> subclass of area class. What you do is subclass window
> class and put your code to setup/cleanup in the Set
> method where the attribute for MUIA_Window_Open is set. Do
> your setup when TRUE, and your cleanup when FALSE.
```

Although this might work, OM\_SET is usually not a good place to do init/cleanup stuff for windows. Better override the yet private but soon public methods

```
#define MUIM_Window_Cleanup 0x8042ab26 /* private */ /* V18 */
#define MUIM_Window_Setup 0x8042c34c /* private */ /* V18 */

struct MUIP_Window_Cleanup { ULONG MethodID; }; /* private */
struct MUIP_Window_Setup { ULONG MethodID; }; /* private */
```

MUIM\_Window\_Setup is called right before MUIM\_Setup of the root object. MUIM\_Window\_Cleanup is called right after MUIM\_Cleanup of the root object.

Usage of those methods is similar to MUIM\_Setup and MUIM\_Cleanup, ie you should do something like this:

```
MUIM_Window_Setup:
{
    if (!DoSuperMethodA(cl,obj,msg))
        return(FALSE);

    if (setup_my_stuff())
        return(TRUE);

    CoerceMethod(cl->cl_Super,obj,MUIM_Window_Cleanup);
```

```
    return(FALSE);
}
```

Note that the window is still closed when `MUIM_Window_Setup` is called. If you return `FALSE`, it will refuse to open. The parent screen, however, is already available by getting `MUIA_Window_Screen`. This allows reading some datatypes or allocating some colors or whatever else.

Anyway, `MUIM_Window_Setup` is not useful very often. In general, it's much better and cleaner if you encapsulate things in your custom subclasses of area class.

```
--
Greetings, Stefan
```

## 1.22 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Undocumented items - MUIA\_Group\_Forward

### 3.3 MUIA\_Group\_Forward [SAFE]

Steve Koren wrote in article <yam7040.2013.142054680@mail.frii.com>:

```
> Stefan, if you're listening, it'd be really nice to have a way to turn
> this feature off for group class.
```

```
#define MUIA_Group_Forward 0x80421422 /* V11 .s. BOOL */ /* private */
```

When this special attribute is found `FALSE` in the tag list of an `OM_SET` passed to group class, it won't forward the whole `OM_SET` to any of its children. It will, however, pass the `OM_SET` to area & notify class.

This attribute will go public.

## 1.23 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Undocumented items - MADF\_DRAWALL

### 3.4 MADF\_DRAWALL

Gilles MASSON wrote in article <199704090914.LAA02400@ogpsrv.unice.fr>:

```
> > while (_parent(o))
> >     o = _parent(o);
>     ^^^^^^^
>     What is this ???
```

Thats the same as getting `MUIA_Parent`, only that I can do it faster than you! :-) Basically, this loop finds the root object of the window starting with the current object.

```
> >     MUI_Redraw(o,MADF_DRAWALL);
>     ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^
>     And what is this ???
```

Uhm. Replace width `MADF_DRAWOBJECT` for now.

```
> Actually i just do a MUI_Redraw(obj,MADF_DRAWOBJECT) and it seems to
> work. What is the difference between MADF_DRAWALL and MADF_DRAWOBJECT ?
> Is it necessary to refresh the whole window when the scroll where within
> the obj bounds ?
```

Yes. There can be more damage to your window by other layer operations and you would miss to refresh these regions if you wouldnt redraw the whole thing. MUI will take care of scanning damage regions and only forward draw methods to objects that actually were damaged.

```
> Is there a way in the Draw method to know that it's
> a refresh asked by MUI ? because i make many things in it and for a
> refresh it would be better for my class to skip some parts....
```

You can simply set/delete a flags in your instance data before/after calling MUI\_Redraw().

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Greetings, Stefan

## 1.24 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Undocumented items - MUIA\_Window\_DisableKeys

### 3.5 MUIA\_Window\_DisableKeys [SAFE]

Allan Odgaard wrote in article <333F3658.5715@DIKU.DK>:

```
> Hi, how is it possible, within a custom gadget, to react on the tab key,
> if the key is configured go to next gadget???
```

You must disable MUIs TAB handling for this window in the setup method of your custom class:

```
#define MUIA_Window_DisableKeys 0x80424c36 /* V15 isg ULONG */ /* private */

set(_win(obj),MUIA_Window_DisableKeys,
    (1<<MUIKEY_GADGET_NEXT) | (1<<MUIKEY_GADGET_PREV));
```

```
>
```

```
> Will this definitely go public or keep private ?
```

Well, at least it will remain there so you can use it. But please, use it sparingly! It's not a good idea to disable MUI's keyboard handling.

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Greetings, Stefan

## 1.25 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Undocumented items - MUIM\_Window\_Snapshot

### 3.6 MUIM\_Window\_Snapshot [SAFE]

Thomas Igracki wrote in article <23D25760H0006D7FAH@igracki.jana.berlinet.de>:

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```
> Hi!
>
> Is there a method/function I can call when THE PROGRAM wants to
> snapshot the windows position/size?
> Like it does the menu in the top border, but I want to do it from my
> application, CxBar, which optionally can switch off the window
> borders, and with that, the snapshot menuitem isn't there;-(
```

```
#define MUIM_Window_Snapshot 0x8042945e /* V11 */ /* private */
struct MUIP_Window_Snapshot { ULONG MethodID; LONG flags; };
```

```
flags==0 => unsnapshot position
flags==1 => snapshot position
```

This method will be public in MUI V18.

BTW... just in case you forgot. You can unsnapshot a window by doubleclicking on the snapshot gadget.

```
--
Greetings, Stefan
```

## 1.26 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Undocumented items - MUIM\_Window\_ActionIconify

### 3.7 MUIM\_Window\_ActionIconify [SAFE]

Christian Stieber wrote

```
> > That's an interersing topic. How do others handle multiple projects
> > with MUI?
>
> One app object. SInce MUI doesn't let me iconify specific windows,
> it just isn't implemented.
```

Write a subclass of window class, override the method  

```
#define MUIM_Window_ActionIconify 0x80422cc0 /* private */ /* V18 */
```

and do whatever you wish. Make sure to give feedback!

If you dont override it, it does  

```
set(_app(obj),MUIA_Application_Iconified,TRUE);
```

```
--
Greetings, Stefan
```

## 1.27 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Undocumented items - MUIA\_Text\_HiCharIdx

### 3.8 MUIA\_Text\_HiCharIdx [SAFE]

```
SG> However if I want to create the label object by hand with
SG> the TextObject class I cannot use
SG>
```

```

SG> obj = TextObject,
SG>     MUIA_Text_Contents, "F_oo",
SG>     ...
SG>     End;

```

Just use this private tag:

```
#define MUIA_Text_HiCharIdx 0x804214f5
```

and do something like that:

```

obj=TextObject,
  MUIA_Text_HiCharIdx, '_',
  MUIA_Text_Contents, "F_oo",
  ...,
  End;

```

This tag will simply underscore the character in the string that follows the one given as his argument.

However, i'm not sure of this. Just try!

## 1.28 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Undocumented items - MUIM\_GoActive/GoInactive

### 3.9 MUIM\_GoActive/GoInactive [SAFE]

Considering the "active gadget" problem, I'm working on a solution. MUI basically does have methods like MUIM\_GoActive and MUIM\_GoInactive which indicate whether an object gets activated/deactivated. I'm not absolutely confident with their behaviour yet, so they're still private and subject to change. If you want to experiment with that, here we go:

```

#define MUIM_GoActive    0x8042491a
#define MUIM_GoInactive 0x80422c0c

```

Note that you may not send these methods yourself, they are sent to you by MUI when your object becomes the active one. Also note that these methods are still subject to change, so please don't release code based on this yet without contacting me first!

BTW, if you pass these methods to your superclass, MUI will draw the active object frame. If you don't, nothing will be drawn and you're responsible for displaying this state yourself, e.g. with a cursor. Remember not to draw anything outside of MUIM\_Draw, use MUI\_Redraw() instead!

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Greetings, Stefan

some notes:

Seems you don't get these events when selected by the tab-key; you have to physically set yourself as MUIA\_Window\_ActiveObj, e.g. when

you get a mouse-click within your bounds, then you get an MUIM\_GoActive immediately and subsequently a MUIM\_GoInactive when you get deselected... (although sometimes you don't get this event when activating a StringObject with a click).

There's also something very weird; although I'm using an MUI\_EventHandlerNode, I still get MUIM\_HandleInput method calls occasionally, which I seem to need to handle in order to be sure of picking up all MUIKEY events...

Still... Stefan never said it worked... !

Ellis.

## 1.29 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Undocumented items - MUIA\_Prop\_DoSmooth

### 3.10 MUIA\_Prop\_DoSmooth [SAFE]

This is not an option of the list, the prop object of the scrollbar does it automatically. This implies however that the linkage between your scrollbar and listobject is based on pixels, not lines.

If this is the case, simply set the

```
#define MUIA_Prop_DoSmooth 0x804236ce
```

to TRUE to enable smoothing.

## 1.30 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Undocumented items - MUIM\_Create/DeleteShortHelp

### 3.11 MUIM\_Create/DeleteShortHelp [SAFE]

Area.mui/MUIM\_CreateShortHelp

NAME

MUIM\_CreateShortHelp (V11)

SYNOPSIS

DoMethod(obj, MUIM\_CreateShortHelp, LONG mx, LONG my);

FUNCTION

Allows dynamic creation of help bubble texts.

When MUI is about to show a help bubble, it does not simply use the MUIA\_ShortHelp field of area class. Instead, it sends a MUIM\_CreateShortHelp to the object in question and uses the return value as text for the bubble.

When MUIM\_CreateShortHelp reaches area class, it just returns the contents of MUIA\_ShortHelp, so you needn't care about this method if you only have static, non-changing help bubbles.

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However, if your help bubble texts depend on some internal states of your objects or on the mouse position within your objects, you have to create a subclass which overrides `MUIM_CreateShortHelp`, creates a custom text string and returns it.

You can dynamically allocate memory here. MUI will call the method `MUIM_DeleteShortHelp` after the bubble has disappeared to give you a chance to free this memory again.

#### INPUTS

`mx` - current x position of mouse  
`my` - current y position of mouse

Since MUI does (unfortunately) not use relative coordinates at all, these two aren't relative either.

#### RESULT

You must return a pointer to a string or `NULL` if you failed to create one. MUI will not show any bubble at all if you return `NULL`, so you can use this to selectively supply bubble help only on certain areas of your object.

#### NOTES

This method is sent by MUI. Never send it yourself.

MUI will not free the string you return. You must take care of this yourself, e.g. by using static text or by freeing anything you allocated in the following `MUIM_DeleteShortHelp` method.

Even when overriding `MUIM_CreateShortHelp`, you *must* set `MUIA_ShortHelp` of your object to something different from `NULL`. MUI will find out that your object actually has a bubble help by directly checking the contents of `MUIA_ShortHelp` in the instance data of area class due to speed reasons.

#### EXAMPLE

Suggested use is something like

```
obj = NewObject(..., MUIA_ShortHelp, TRUE, ...);
```

and then override these methods in `obj`'s class.

```
ULONG MUIM_CreateShortHelp(...)
{
    STRPTR help;
    int mx = msg->mx;
    int my = msg->my;

    mx -= _mleft(obj); // make coordinates relative
    my -= _mtop(obj);

    // no bubble at all if mouse is in a 10 pixel
    // wide x-region at the edge of the object.
    if (mx < 10 || mx > _mwidth(obj)-10)
        return(NULL);
}
```

```
// allocate space for bubble text
if (! (help=AllocVec(300, MEMF_ANY)))
    return(NULL);

// fill help string with some dynamic text
sprintf(help, "Yahoo... very dynamic... %ld %ld", mx, my);

return(help);
}

ULONG MUIM_DeleteShortHelp(...)
{
    FreeVec(msg->help);
    return(0);
}
```

SEE ALSO

MUIM\_DeleteShortHelp, MUIM\_CreateBubble, MUIM\_DeleteBubble,  
MUIA\_ShortHelp

Area.mui/MUIM\_DeleteShortHelp

NAME

MUIM\_DeleteShortHelp (V11)

SYNOPSIS

DoMethod(obj, MUIM\_DeleteShortHelp, STRPTR help);

FUNCTION

Delete the string that MUIM\_CreateShortHelp might have allocated.

MUI will call this method if you returned a custom text in MUIM\_CreateShortHelp when the bubble has disappeared.

You can free memory that you allocated for the dynamic bubble text here.

INPUTS

help - the STRPTR you previously returned in MUIM\_CreateShortHelp.

RESULT

return NULL in every case.

SEE ALSO

MUIM\_CreateShortHelp, MUIM\_CreateBubble, MUIM\_DeleteBubble,  
MUIA\_ShortHelp

## 1.31 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Undocumented items - Dtpic.mui

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### 3.12 Dtpic.mui

Hi

If you don't want to compile the datatypes example (from MUIUndoc) you don't have to. Stefan did it first and placed in Dtpic.mui :-) The only missing thing is the tag value:

```
#define MUIA_Dtpic_Name 0x80423d72
```

And now you can...

```
obj=MUI_NewObject("Dtpic.mui",
  MUIA_Dtpic_Name,  "my_favourite_picture",
  End;
```

Of course I don't know if this will change in future. Please ask... you know who!

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```
O-----O
| Szymon Ulatowski      szulat@arrakis.cs.put.poznan.pl |
O-----O
```

## 1.32 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Undocumented items - MUIV\_CreateBubble\_DontHidePointer

### 3.13 MUIV\_CreateBubble\_DontHidePointer [SAFE]

Kai Hofmann wrote in article <60809241@informatik.uni-bremen.de>:

```
> The bubble comes up without problems in MUI 3.8, but then a disaster
> happens - the mouse pointer is INVISIBLE within the window as long as the
> Bubble is displayed! Moving the mousepointer outside the window will show
> another problem - when the bubble includes a part of the window border,
> the window looks ugly, because the part of the bubble is still displayed
> in BLUE (active window) color, instead of grey (inactive window).
>
> Surprise surprise, when moving the window (in blind mode, because you can not
> see the mouse pointer) - then the bubble help including the copied window
> part stays at its position (should be moved with the window).
```

The pointer problem will be fixed in the next version of MUI. A new flag,

```
#define MUIV_CreateBubble_DontHidePointer (1<<0)
```

can then be passed to MUIM\_CreateBubble to prevent MUI from hiding the pointer. You can already implement this flag if you want, it's a NO-OP in MUI 3.8.

As a workaround for 3.8, you might want to call ClearPointer() directly after MUIM\_CreateBubble to get the pointer back. Please take care not to

use this workaround if `libversion(MUIMasterBase) != 19`.

Also, the next MUI will automatically move and depth arrange bubbles along with their parent windows. There is no easy workaround for this in MUI 3.8.

Even with a new MUI, on unusual occasions, some "visually unattractive" things might still happen. This is a result of the "hacky" transparency implementation and cannot be solved completely with the current intuition and layers libraries.

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Greetings, Stefan

### 1.33 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Others

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### 1.34 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Others - Drag & Drop

4.1 Customizing Drag & Drop operations [SAFE]

Hi!

Here's the experimental API on customizing drag & drop operations, which

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means starting d&d under program control and creating custom drag images. Feel free to test it but beware... things might change. Make sure to report your experiences to this list!

To initiate D&D on an object, send it the method

```
#define MUIM_DoDrag 0x804216bb /* private */ /* V18 */
struct MUIP_DoDrag { ULONG MethodID; LONG touchx; LONG touchy; ULONG flags; }; ←
    /* private */
touchx/y are the "handle" position relative to the objects left/top.
flags has to be 0.
```

Whenever d&d is initiated (either like above or under user control), MUI will send the object some methods to create the dragging image. Override them to customize the image.

```
#define MUIM_CreateDragImage 0x8042eb6f /* private */ /* V18 */
struct MUIP_CreateDragImage { ULONG MethodID; LONG touchx; LONG touchy; ULONG ←
    flags; }; /* private */
#define MUIM_DeleteDragImage 0x80423037 /* private */ /* V18 */
struct MUIP_DeleteDragImage { ULONG MethodID; struct MUI_DragImage *di; }; /* ←
    private */
```

MUIM\_CreateImage has to return an allocated struct MUI\_DragImage:

```
struct MUI_DragImage
{
    struct BitMap *bm;
    WORD width; /* exact width and height of bitmap */
    WORD height;
    WORD touchx; /* position of pointer click relative to bitmap */
    WORD touchy;
    ULONG flags; /* must be set to 0 */
};
```

MUIM\_DeleteDragImage has to free the structure and bitmap allocated by MUIM\_CreateDragImage. If you do not override these methods, area class will create a drag image that contains a copy of the complete object.

Never send Create/DeleteDragImage methods yourself!

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Greetings, Stefan

## 1.35 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Others - Drag & Drop - Gilles says ALL!

4.1.1 All Good Things [SAFE]

Thanks to Gilless Masson for the text below:

well... go on :)

MUIM\_DragQuery, you should know what it does :)  
 MUIM\_DragDrop too.

MUIM\_DragBegin is called after a MUIV\_DragQuery\_Accept reply of DragQuery. If you call the supermethod, the dropmark will be drawn around the full object, else it will not be drawn.

MUIM\_DragReport is called after MUIM\_DragBegin, and for each mouse moves. What can be done is :

- redraw all or part of the object, but only when msg->update is TRUE.
- return one of the special values :
  - o MUIV\_DragReport\_Abort :
    - stop to use this object as dropable one.
  - o MUIV\_DragReport\_Continue :
    - continue default mui stuff (stay drop object if in object bounds)
  - o MUIV\_DragReport\_Lock :
    - keep this object as current droppable one, even if mouse is not on it !
  - o MUIV\_DragReport\_Refresh :
    - need to redraw something in the object. MUIM\_DragReport method will be re-called by MUI with msg->update set to TRUE.

Using MUIV\_DragReport\_Refresh to ask for a redraw is needed because any redraw will be clipped by the dragged layer if it is visible. When you return MUIV\_DragReport\_Refresh, MUI will close the dragged layer to permit a correct redraw, will call MUIV\_DragReport\_Refresh with msg->update set to TRUE to tell you that you can make a MUI\_Redraw(obj,MADF\_DRAWUPxxxx), and will re-open the dragged layer after.

MUIM\_DragFinish is called after MUIM\_DragReport have returned MUIV\_DragReport\_Abort (or MUIV\_DragReport\_Continue and mouse is not on the object). You can call the redraw method in it, and return 0, or call the supermethod which will erase the standard dropmark (which were drawn by MUIM\_DragBegin supermethod).

That's all folks ;) )

Gilles Masson

## 1.36 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Others - Optimized versions?

### 4.2 About 680x0 optimized versions of MUI

Hello MUI users!

I have recently been getting a lot of inquiries about processor optimized versions of the MUI libraries. Sorry, I wasn't able to reply to each of them individually. This article is meant to be a kind of a "public answer" on this topic.

There are currently *\*no\** optimized versions of MUI for 020, 030, 040 or 060 processors. These versions are planned for a later release as a special bonus for registered users. Please do not ask me about specific release dates yet, I really don't know when this will happen. Anyway, I'll do my best to let it happen quickly.

So again, processor optimized versions are not yet done but will be available some day. However, they'll only work for registered users. The public demo will always use plain 68000 code.

I apologize for including the string "generic 68000 version" in the About window of MUI 3.8. This mistake was probably the cause for the current confusion about the availability of other releases. Please be patient.

Let me answer another big part of the questions in my email folder as well. Due to popular demand, you can now use the secure First Virtual internet payment system to register MUI online. Please check our web site at <http://www.sasg.com/> for details.

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Greetings, Stefan

## 1.37 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Others - Rastport troubles

### 4.3 Rastport troubles

Hi!

You are allowed to modify the APen (SetAPen()) of a Rastport during a MUIM\_Draw method. All other values (BPen, DrawMode, Font, etc.) must be preserved. Thus, if your draw method modifies them, you have to save the previous value and restore it before the draw method exits.

If you change lots of values and your draw method is speed critical (eg because you create many instances of this object), it is suggested to clone the Rastport in your instance data and use this private copy for rendering.

Cloning of a Rastport could be done in your MUIM\_Show method like this:

```
struct MyInstanceData
{
    ...
    struct RastPort rp;
    ...
};

mydata->rp = *_rp(obj);
```

Then, in your draw method, render to &mydata->rp instead of \*\_rp(obj) and feel free to modify your private rastport at will.

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Greetings, Stefan

## 1.38 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Others - OM\_ADD/REMEMBER

### 4.4 OM\_ADD/REMEMBER

Maik Schreiber wrote in article <zFDHLM4F16aUz1@blizzy.dame.de>:

```
> Is the following behaviour guaranteed in MUI?
>
> DoMethod(group, OM_ADDMEMBER, obj); // child will be added
> DoMethod(group, OM_ADDMEMBER, obj); // nothing will happen, since it is
>                                     // added already
>
> DoMethod(group, OM_REMEMBER, obj); // child will be removed
> DoMethod(group, OM_REMEMBER, obj); // nothing will happen, since it is
>                                     // removed already
>
>
> Does the same apply to Application class with Window objects?
>
> I hope that you (Stefan) will answer both questions with yes, because that
> simplifies a lot concerning dynamic adding of children to objects.
```

This is completely wrong and can cause major trouble! Never ever do this!

--

Greetings, Stefan

## 1.39 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Others - Clipping

### 4.5 Clipping

Christian Stieber wrote

```
> clip the cells at the edges. Normal area class objects are still
> difficult to clip (lots of "assume MUI does it this way" stuff around
> the InstallClipRegion() (or whatever the function is called -:()
> (just a hint, in case Stefan reads this...)).
```

Normal area class objects are very easy to clip :) as long as you use the muimaster.library calls MUI\_InstallClipping() and MUI\_RemoveClipping(). Never ever use any other clip region calls besides those provided by MUI!

--

Greetings, Stefan

## 1.40 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Others - AboutMUI

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#### 4.6 AboutMUI calling techniques

Without notify (ie return ids):

```
case MENU_ABOUTMUI:
    DoMethod(ApplicationObject, MUIM_Application_AboutMUI, MainWindow);
```

With notify:

```
DoMethod(MENU_ABOUTMUI, MUIM_Notify, MUIA_Menuitem_Trigger, MUIV_EveryTime,
    ApplicationObject, 2, MUIM_Application_AboutMUI, MainWindow);
```

## 1.41 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Others - MUIC\_ImageDisplay & MUIC\_Popimage

### 4.7 MUIC\_Imagedisplay & MUIC\_Popimage

MUIA\_Imagedisplay\_Spec is the same for MUIC\_Popimage object as MUIA\_Pendisplay\_Spec is for MUIC\_Poppen object.

MUIA\_Imageadjust\_Type permit to choose what kind of images will be selectable in the popup window, giving it MUIV\_Imageadjust\_XXX special values.

struct MUI\_ImageSpec is the same as struct MUI\_PenSpec but for image/popimage objects.

an example:

```
Child, data->mcp_PenList = PoppenObject,
    MUIA_CycleChain, 1,
    MUIA_Window_Title, "List Pen",
    MUIA_Draggable, TRUE,
    MUIA_ShortHelp, "Adjust Color of List Pen.",
End,

Child, data->mcp_BG_List = MUI_NewObject(MUIC_Popimage,
    MUIA_CycleChain, 1,
    MUIA_Imageadjust_Type, MUIV_Imageadjust_Type_Background,
    MUIA_Window_Title, "List Background",
    MUIA_Draggable, TRUE,
    MUIA_ShortHelp, "Adjust List Background.",
End,
```

In MUIM\_Settingsgroup\_ConfigToGadgets :

```
{
    LONG ptrd;
    if (ptrd = DoMethod(msg->configdata, MUIM_Dataspace_Find, MUICFG_Pen_List))
        set (data->mcp_PenList, MUIA_Pendisplay_Spec, ptrd);
    else
```

```

    set(data->mcp_PenList, MUIA_Pendisplay_Spec, DEFAULT_PEN_LIST);
}

{
    LONG ptrd;
    if (ptrd = DoMethod(msg->configdata, MUIM_Dataspace_Find, MUICFG_BG_List))
        set(data->mcp_BG_List, MUIA_Imagedisplay_Spec, ptrd);
    else
        set(data->mcp_BG_List, MUIA_Imagedisplay_Spec, DEFAULT_BG_LIST);
}

```

In MUIM\_Settingsgroup\_GadgetsToConfig :

```

{
    LONG ptrd;
    get(data->mcp_PenList, MUIA_Pendisplay_Spec, &ptrd);
    if (ptrd)
        DoMethod(msg->configdata, MUIM_Dataspace_Add, ptrd, sizeof(struct MUI_PenSpec ←
            ), MUICFG_Pen_List);
}
{
    LONG ptrd;
    get(data->mcp_BG_List, MUIA_Imagedisplay_Spec, &ptrd);
    if (ptrd)
        DoMethod(msg->configdata, MUIM_Dataspace_Add, ptrd, sizeof(struct ←
            MUI_ImageSpec), MUICFG_BG_List);
}

```

After, a successfull

DoMethod(obj, MUIM\_GetConfigItem, MUICFG\_Pen\_List, &ptrd)  
will give a (struct MUI\_PenSpec \*) ptrd usable in MUI\_ObtainPen()  
for example.

And a successfull

DoMethod(obj, MUIM\_GetConfigItem, MUICFG\_BG\_List, &ptrd)  
will give a (struct MUI\_ImageSpec \*) ptrd usable as MUIA\_Background  
or MUIA\_Image\_Spec value.

## 1.42 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Others - MUIC\_Framedisplay & MUIC\_Popframe

### 4.8 MUIC\_Framedisplay & MUIC\_Popframe

See

chapter 4.7  
, they would probably work similar.

If someone has a complete example or a better explanation for  
both 4.7 & 4.8, simply email me!

These classes are really needed for a configurable application and they  
should be documented in the official MUI documentation.



MUIA\_Framedisplay\_Spec is defined as 0x... ,  
but i don't really know where to use the FrameSpec in an Area class.

For better understanding look there:

```
*****
** Class Tree
*****
**
** rootclass                (BOOPSI's base class)
** +--Notify                (implements notification mechanism)
** ! +--Area                (base class for all GUI elements)
** !   +--Framedisplay      (displays frame specification)
** !   !  \--Popframe      (popup button to adjust a frame spec)
** !   +--Imagedisplay      (displays image specification)
** !   !  \--Popimage      (popup button to adjust an image spec)
** !   +--Pendisplay        (displays a pen specification)
** !   !  \--Poppen        (popup button to adjust a pen spec)
** !   +--Group              (groups other GUI elements)
** !     +--Register         (handles page groups with titles)
** !     !  \--Penadjust    (group to adjust a pen)
** !     +--Frameadjust      (group to adjust a frame)
** !     +--Imageadjust      (group to adjust an image)
```

## 1.43 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Others - mad\_Flags & mri\_Flags

### 4.9 mad\_Flags & mri\_Flags

<This section is completely unofficial, results are not guaranteed>  
<The define names are invented by me. Use at your own risk >

Unofficial flags: (valid only while MUIM\_Draw)

```
#define MADF_OBJECTVISIBLE      (1<<14) // The object is visible

#define MUIMRI_INVIRTUALGROUP    (1<<29) // The object is inside a virtual group
#define MUIMRI_ISVIRTUALGROUP    (1<<30) // The object is a virtual group
```

A note for Stefan: Don't hate me... i really like knowledge :-)

## 1.44 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Others - \_parent(obj)

### 4.10 \_parent(obj)

If you want to use \_parent(obj) you need to change the structure  
MUI\_NotifyData. His priv2 field is equal to xget(obj,MUIA\_Parent).

```
<muiundoc.h>

struct MUI_NotifyData
{
    struct MUI_GlobalInfo *mnd_GlobalInfo;
    ULONG                mnd_UserData;
    ULONG                mnd_ObjectID;
    ULONG priv1;
    Object                *mnd_ParentObject; // The name may not be the real one
    ULONG priv3;
    ULONG priv4;
};

#define _parent(obj)    (muiNotifyData(obj)->mnd_ParentObject) /* valid between ←
    MUIM_Setup/Cleanup */

Please use xget(obj,MUIA_Parent) instead.
```

## 1.45 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Others - Radio.mui

### 4.11 Radio.mui

>Sounds like Radio.mui is a subclass of group.mui, isn't it ?

That would seem to be the case. It is also possible (although very likely inappropriate and illegal...) to set up a 2-dimensional radio 'group' with an improper number of children, and use MUIM\_Group\_InitChange/ExitChange, to DoMethod(radiobj,OM\_ADDMEMBER,HVSpace); and pad to a full x\*y number of components, resulting in an 'uneven' radiogroup (IE a 2\*3 grid of radiobuttons, with 5 buttons and a space lowerleft). As long as the number of 'children' is correct for the column/row setting before the window is opened, this works like a charm.

jn

In a wonderful message dated of Sun, 17 Aug 1997 11:33:55 +0100, about:Re: ←  
Horizontal radio ?  
the mighty Thomas Wilhelmi wrote:

```
>>Is there any way to have a horizontal radio buttons range instead of a
>>vertical one ?
TW>
TW> Try to set
TW>
TW>    MUIA_Group_Horiz,TRUE
TW>
TW> this should work. I'm not quite sure but I think I tried it
TW> once by myself.
```

This works!

This is so simple that I hadn't thought of it myself :)

Thank a lot.

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## 1.46 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Internals

5 MUI internals

5.1 MUIA\_Background

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## 1.47 The Hacker's Guide to MUI - Internals - MUIA\_Background

5.1 MUIA\_Background

Steve Koren wrote in article <yam6986.2967.143671672@mail.frii.com>:

> I have a MUIA\_Background problem I don't quite understand.

MUI tries to do some tricky optimizations on backgrounds. Eg, when a window is first opened, it's filled completely with the window background. The following gadget rendering will skip drawing the background again if it's equal to the windows background.

>From your explanations, it sounds like MUI messes something up here. But

I currently dont have any clue why and how and where.

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Greetings, Stefan

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5.2 AppMessage

Trond Werner Hansen wrote in article  
<Pine.SGI.3.95.970208155124.13090B-100000@storm.stud.ntnu.no>:

> What kind of "checks" does MUI do on a received AppMessage?  
> I can't get MUI apps to "understand" appmessages sent by  
> my Workbench replacement. The AppMessages are???@lied by ???Â but  
> nothing happens. (ie. no entries are added to, say, the AppWindow demo in  
> the MUI-archive)

```

#define IsAppMessage(msg) (((struct AppMessage *)msg)->am_Type== ←
    AMTYPE_APPWINDOW && ((struct AppMessage *)msg)->am_ID==APPMESSAGE_ID)

if (IsAppMessage(msg))
{
    if (((struct AppMessage *)msg)->am_UserData)
    {
        set((APTR)((struct AppMessage *)msg)->am_UserData, MUIA_AppMessage, msg);
    }

    ReplyMsg((struct Message *)msg);
}

```

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### 5.3 MUI\_DisposeObject()

For external classes, MUI stores the library base pointer in the `h_Data` field of the class structure. Thus, MUI closes libraries on `MUI_DisposeObject` only if `(cl->cl_ID && cl->cl_Dispatcher.h_Data)`:

```

VOID __asm __saveds MUI_DisposeObject(_a0 APTR obj)
{
    if (obj)
    {
        struct IClass *cl = OCLASS(obj);

        DisposeObject(obj);

        if (cl->cl_ID && cl->cl_Dispatcher.h_Data)
            CloseLibrary((struct Library *)cl->cl_Dispatcher.h_Data);
    }
}

```

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### 6 Examples

#### 6.1 Datatypes

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### 6.1 Datatypes

```

#include "symbols.h"

#include "muimaster_protos.h"
#include "muimaster_pragmas.h"

```

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```

#include <datatypes/pictureclass.h>
#include <clib/datatypes_protos.h>
#include <pragmas/datatypes_pragmas.h>

/*
** Make sure to *always* use V43 datatype tags, even if you dont
** have a gfxboard yourself and still use older datatypes.
** If you don't, your program will annoy many gfxboard-users!
** Check aminet for developer material!
*/

#include <datatypes/pictureclasext.h>

#define CLASS      MUIC_Dtpic
#define SUPERCLASS MUIC_Area

struct Data
{
    struct Library *dtbase;
#define DataTypesBase (data->dtbase)
    char *name;
    APTR dto;
    struct BitMapHeader *bmhd;
    struct BitMap *bitmap;
};

#include "copyright.h"
/* $setver$ */
static const char UserLibID[] = "$VER: \"CLASS\" 19.10 (05.02.97)\" FULLVERS;
#define VERSION 19
#define REVISION 10
#include "classheader.c"

/* ----- */

ULONG mNew(struct IClass *cl, Object *obj, Msg msg)
{
    struct Data *data;

    if (!(obj=(Object *)DoSuperMethodA(cl,obj,msg)))
        return(0);

    data = INST_DATA(cl,obj);
    ClearInstanceData(data);

    data->name = (char *)GetTagData(MUIA_Dtpic_Name,NULL,inittags(msg));

    /* tell MUI not to care about filling our background during MUIM_Draw */
    set(obj,MUIA_FillArea,FALSE);

    return((ULONG)obj);
}

```

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```

/*
** free the datatypes object.
** called from cleanup method or when setup failed somehow
*/

static VOID freedto(struct Data *data)
{
    data->bitmap = NULL;
    data->bmhd = NULL;

    if (data->dto)
    {
        DisposeDTObject(data->dto);
        data->dto = NULL;
    }

    if (data->dtbase)
    {
        CloseLibrary(data->dtbase);
        data->dtbase = NULL;
    }
}

ULONG mSetup(struct IClass *cl, Object *obj, Msg msg)
{
    struct Data *data = INST_DATA(cl, obj);

    if (!DoSuperMethodA(cl, obj, msg))
        return(FALSE);

    if (data->name)
    {
        if (data->dtbase = OpenLibrary("datatypes.library", 39))
        {
            /* tell DOS not to bother us with requesters */
            struct Process *myproc = (struct Process *)FindTask(NULL);
            APTR oldwindowptr = myproc->pr_WindowPtr;
            myproc->pr_WindowPtr = (APTR)-1;

            /* create the datatypes object */
            data->dto = NewDTObject(data->name,
                DTA_GroupID          , GID_PICTURE,
                OBP_Precision        , PRECISION_EXACT,
                PDTA_Screen          , _screen(obj),
                PDTA_FreeSourceBitMap, TRUE,
                PDTA_DestMode        , MODE_V43,
                PDTA_UseFriendBitMap , TRUE,
                TAG_DONE);

            myproc->pr_WindowPtr = oldwindowptr;

            /* do all the setup/layout stuff that's necessary to get a bitmap from the ↔
            dto      */
            /* note that when using V43 datatypes, this might not be a real "struct ↔
            BitMap *" */

```

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```

if (data->dto)
{
    struct FrameInfo fri = {NULL};

    DoMethod(data->dto,DTM_FRAMEBOX,NULL,&fri,&fri,sizeof(struct FrameInfo),0) ←
        ;

    if (fri.fri_Dimensions.Depth>0)
    {
        if (DoMethod(data->dto,DTM_PROCLAYOUT,NULL,1))
        {
            get(data->dto,PDTA_BitMapHeader,&data->bmhd);

            if (data->bmhd)
            {
                GetDTAttrs(data->dto,PDTA_DestBitMap,&data->bitmap,TAG_DONE);

                if (!data->bitmap)
                    GetDTAttrs(data->dto,PDTA_BitMap,&data->bitmap,TAG_DONE);

                if (data->bitmap)
                {
                    return(TRUE);
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
}
freedto(data);
return(TRUE);
}

```

```

ULONG mCleanup(struct IClass *cl,Object *obj,Msg msg)
{
    struct Data *data = INST_DATA(cl,obj);
    freedto(data);
    return(DoSuperMethodA(cl,obj,msg));
}

```

```

ULONG mAskMinMax(struct IClass *cl,Object *obj,struct MUIP_AskMinMax *msg)
{
    struct Data *data = INST_DATA(cl,obj);
    struct MUI_MinMax *mi;

    DoSuperMethodA(cl,obj,msg);

    mi = msg->MinMaxInfo;

    if (data->bitmap)
    {
        mi->MinWidth += data->bmhd->bmh_Width ;
        mi->MinHeight += data->bmhd->bmh_Height;
    }
}

```

```

    mi->DefWidth += data->bmhd->bmh_Width ;
    mi->DefHeight += data->bmhd->bmh_Height;
    mi->MaxWidth += data->bmhd->bmh_Width ;
    mi->MaxHeight += data->bmhd->bmh_Height;
}

/* if we have no bitmap, our object's size will be 0 */

return(0);
}

ULONG mDraw(struct IClass *cl, Object *obj, struct MUIP_Draw *msg)
{
    struct Data *data = INST_DATA(cl, obj);

    DoSuperMethodA(cl, obj, msg);

    if (msg->flags & MADF_DRAWOBJECT)
    {
        if (data->bitmap)
        {
            BltBitMapRastPort(data->bitmap, 0s/p_rp(obj), _mleft(obj), _mtop(obj), _mwidth( ←
                obj), _mheight(obj), 0xc0);
        }
    }

    return(0);
}

ULONG __saveds __asm MUI_Dispatcher(register __a0 struct IClass *cl, register __a2 ←
    Object *obj, register __a1 Msg msg)
{
    switch (msg->MethodID)
    {
        case OM_NEW          : return(mNew      (cl, obj, (APTR)msg));
        case MUIM_Setup      : return(mSetup    (cl, obj, (APTR)msg));
        case MUIM_Cleanup    : return(mCleanup  (cl, obj, (APTR)msg));
        case MUIM_AskMinMax : return(mAskMinMax(cl, obj, (APTR)msg));
        case MUIM_Draw       : return(mDraw     (cl, obj, (APTR)msg));
    }

    return(DoSuperMethodA(cl, obj, msg));
}

```

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