

# **An IVIB Primer**

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## **Abstract**

Unicon's improved visual interface builder program IVIB offers many more types of widgets than its precursor, VIB. IVIB also supports colors and fonts, allowing the programmer a wider variety of appearances. Using IVIB requires at least a passing familiarity with the object-oriented paradigm, especially in order to customize an interface, or extend it with new behavior. This primer explains the rudiments of using IVIB Version 2 in glorious click-by-click detail.

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## Introduction

Most applications these days provide easy to use, graphical interfaces. For the Unicon programmer, several options are available to create such an interface. One option is to use the graphics facilities described in the book "Graphics Programming in Icon" [Gris98]. The Icon Graphics book includes chapters on writing user interfaces using the widgets library and its interface builder, VIB. Unfortunately, these facilities are hard to customize, either with new widgets or with attributes such as colors or fonts. Another option for MS Windows programmers is to write an interface using MS Windows native facilities available from Icon; they are documented in Icon Project Document 271, but are very limited.

This report describes how to use Unicon's new GUI toolkit and its interface builder program, IVIB. This package was written by Robert Parlett with minor improvements by the authors. Compared with the existing Icon-based tools, Mr. Parlett's toolkit is elegant, feature-rich, extensible, and deep. Unless you are familiar with similar class libraries, IVIB and its GUI toolkit may seem daunting in its complexity. This report demystifies typical uses of IVIB Version 2. We hope you come to enjoy it as much as we have. A great deal of additional documentation on these tools can be found in the book "Programming with Unicon" [Jeff01].

## Part I A Simple IVIB Application

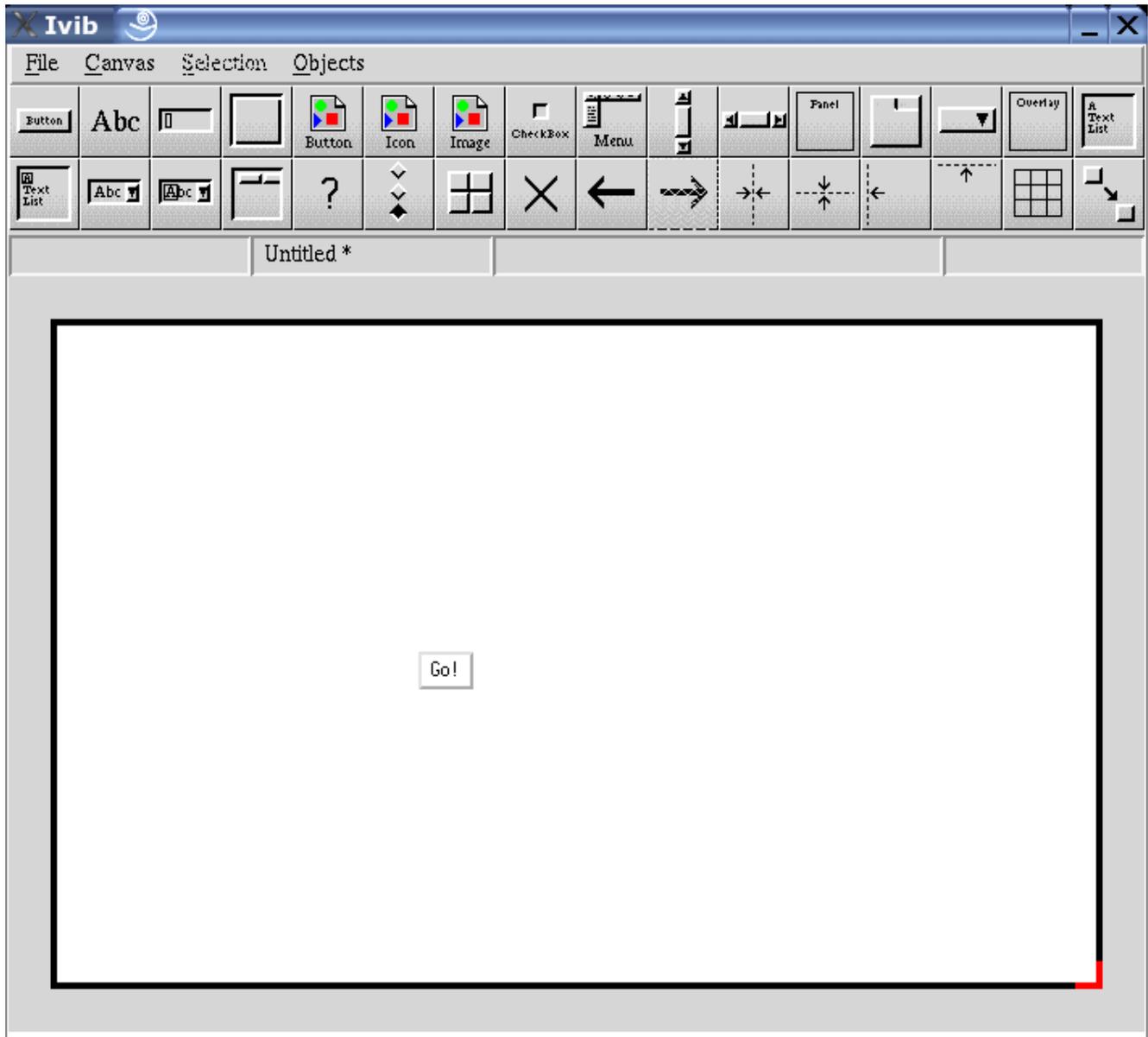
### Hello, Ivib

Before we delve into a real application, let us create a rhetorical program with a single button that executes a procedure when we click on it. For the sake of tradition, let's suppose our procedure `p()` is as follows. Go ahead and type this procedure in using the `ui` program or your favorite text editor, and save it to a file named `p.icn`.

```
procedure p()
  write("hello, world")
end
```

To start building our GUI, execute the `Ivib` program. Below its title bar it has a menu bar with `File`, `Canvas`, `Selection`, and `Objects` menus, and below that it has a tool bar that allows you to easily create many kinds of widget in the GUI library. Below the toolbar is the main `Ivib` drawing area, called the canvas.

The `Button` widget is the top leftmost widget in the toolbar. Go ahead and click on it; a button labeled "Button" appears in the upper left area of the canvas. You can drag it approximately to the center of your canvas area. To modify aspects of the widget's functionality or appearance, right click on it and select `Dialog` from the popup menu. The widget's setup dialog allows you to change all aspects of the widget. The top half of the dialog controls properties relevant to all widgets, such as position on screen, graphical attributes, and what variable name will hold the widget. The bottom half of the dialog controls properties specific to the particular type of widget being modified (in this case, a `TextButton`). `TextButtons` have a `Label` attribute that contains the text on the face of the button. Click in that text area and change "Button" to "Go!". Then click on the `Okay` button at the bottom of the dialog. Your resulting screen might look something like this:



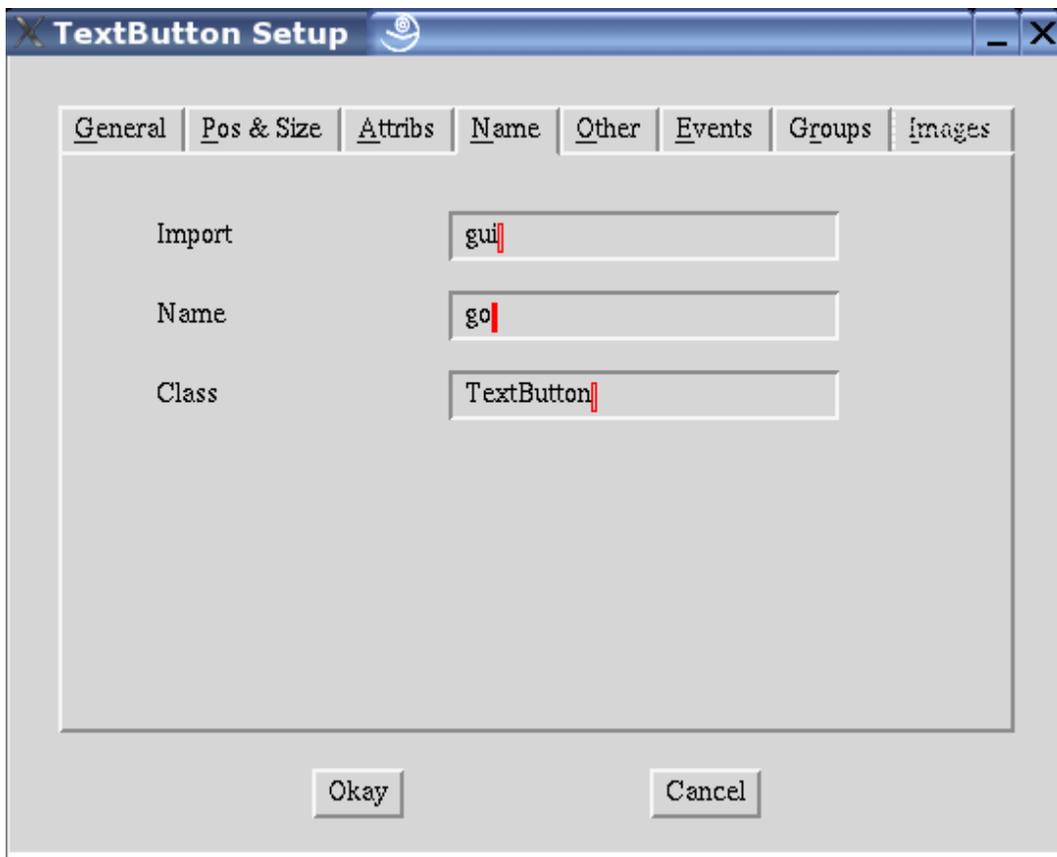
At this point, you have created a graphical interface with a button on it. When you save this as go.icn, Ivib will generate the Unicon source code for the graphical interface, with the Ivib representation of that graphical interface encoded as a strange looking comment at the end of the file. If you compile it, you can produce a working program, but it won't do anything when the Go! button is pressed.

## Ivib and Event-driven Programming

Event-driven programming is writing code in terms of responses to events. You don't own the control flow, the GUI library does. The GUI library calls certain methods in response to each event; your options are to either stick your application code directly in those method bodies, or stick calls to your code in those method bodies.

Suppose our procedure `p()` given above is located in a file `p.icn`, which will hopefully be true by now. What we want to do is make the interface call `p()` whenever the button is pressed. An object (whose class is a subclass of `Dialog` in package `gui`) owns the control flow and processes user input. Each user activity (key press, mouse click) in the `Dialog` is turned into an `Event` object and sent to the interface object being manipulated (the button, scrollbar, or other widget that was "clicked"). In Ivib, the object's dialog has an `Events...` tab that allows the programmer to associate a different *handler* method with code to handle each kind of event. To sum up: an interface has a corresponding `Dialog` class. For each widget `foo` you can optionally ask for a class variable `foo` that holds the actual widget object reference, and can write methods that are called when an event occurs on that widget.

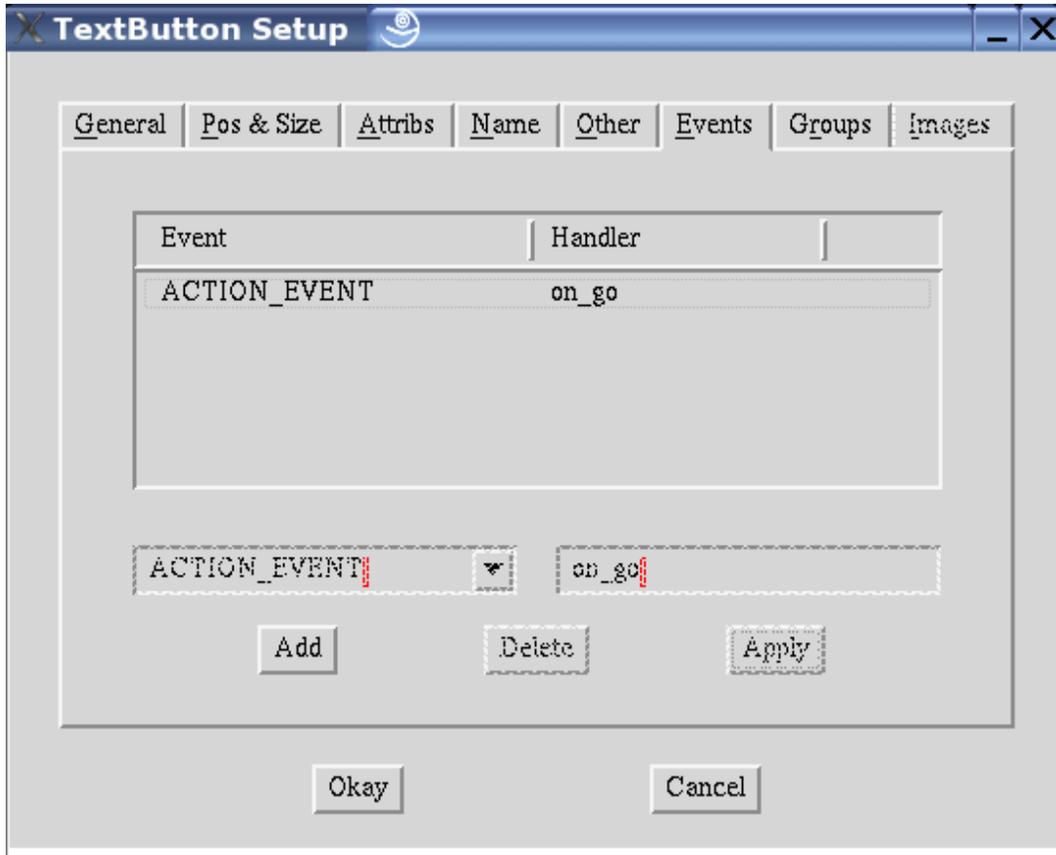
In order for our button to call our procedure `p()`, we need to find out (or assign) the button's variable name. To do this, select the button, right click on it, and open its `Dialog`. The `Name` tab contains a `Name` field that determines the variable name for this widget. Change the name from `"text_button_1"` to `"go"`. Your dialog should look something like this:



Click Okay to exit the dialog. Save the ivib session (File...SaveAs) in file `go.icn`.

At this point, you can compile `go.icn` as a standalone program that does nothing (unicon `go`). But it might be

more interesting to tell the dialog what code to execute (namely, a call to the procedure p() mentioned earlier) when the "go" button is clicked. Go over to the Events tab, click on Add, and associate a method on\_go() with ACTION\_EVENT by clicking the Apply button.



Click OK, and then save your file. At this point if you go into file go.icn and look at the code, the Dialog has an empty method

```
method on_go(ev)
end
```

into which we can insert a call to p() using the ui IDE, or emacs or another text editor:

```
method on_go(ev)
  p()
end
```

Save go.icn with this call to p() added, and then compile go.icn and p.icn together (unicon go p), and run it (./go). If successful, this application will run as described and write "Hello, world" to standard output when you click the button.

**Warning!** Editing your file with Ivib and a text editor at the same time makes it easy for you to overwrite

work done in one tool when you save in another tool. The safest thing is to Quit Ivib when you are editing code, and quit your editor when you do an Ivib session. In the future we will make Ivib smarter about trying not to lose your work, and probably integrate it into an IDE so the text editor and Ivib sessions always know when to switch back and forth.

## A Simple IVIB Application

For a more realistic example, we are going to create a simple application that will demonstrate the use of Buttons, Text List boxes, Menu Bars, Labels, multiple screens, File Input/Output, and error handling. Our application will contain a main screen with a Menu Bar and a Button. A File Selection Dialog box listing all the files in a directory will be displayed when the button is pressed. The Menu Bar will have options to Exit, display the About Box, and display a Help File.

This dazzling example is given in glorious click-by-click detail in order to familiarize you with IVIB and to teach you many of its capabilities by osmosis. All you should have to do is follow the instructions. Hopefully you will feel recklessly capable of writing similar applications on your own afterwards.

### The Main Screen

First, create a directory where you can save all the files created for this application. Change into this directory, and launch Ivib (if Ivib is already running, you can click on the File menu's New item). You will see a blank canvas. We are now going to create a Menu Bar. In particular, we will have a File menu that pulls down to an Exit command and a Help menu that pulls down to an About box and a Help command.

### Menu Bar

**Add a Menu Bar** by clicking on the Menu component from the Ivib Menu. A Menu Bar with an Edit me item will be added to the canvas. Right click on it and select the dialog option. The MenuBar setup in the bottom box of the dialog will look like this:

```
|
|
|-----Edit me
| |
| |
|
```

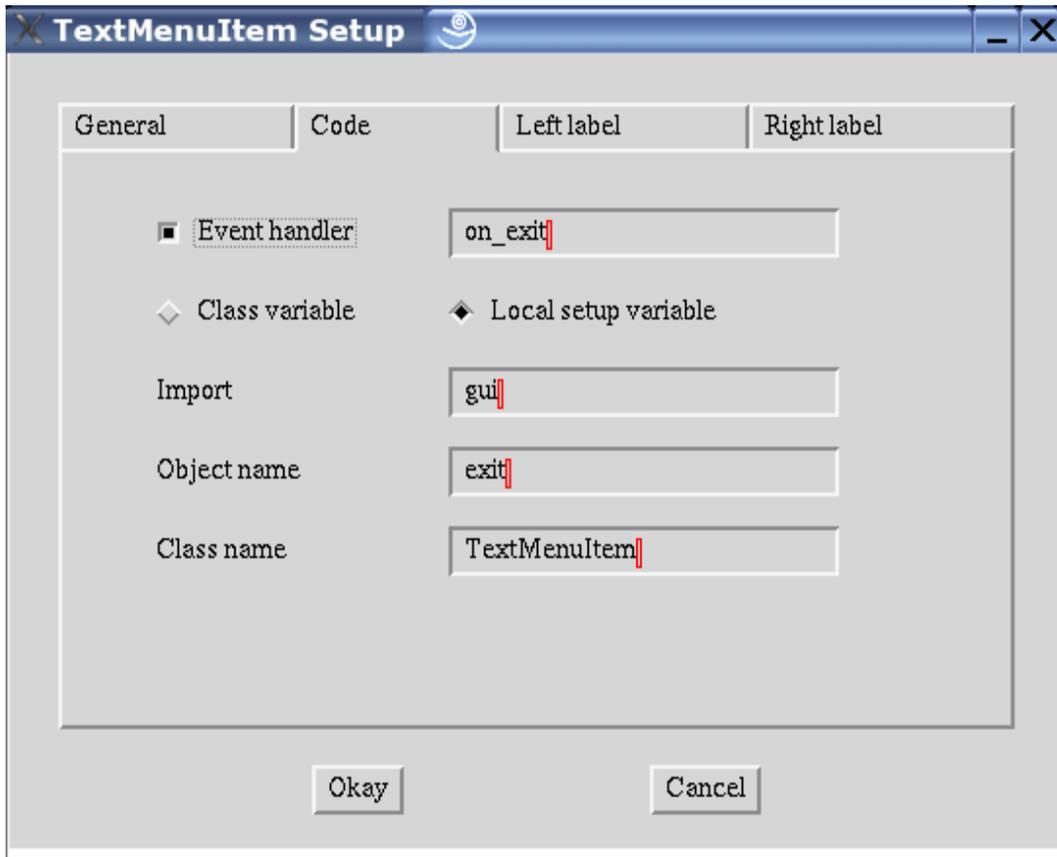
**Add the File menu.** Select Edit me, hit the edit button, and change the Label field to File. Click Okay.

The tree will now look something like this:

```
|
|
|-----File
| |<-----click here and Add label
```

**Add the Exit command.** Highlight the branch by clicking in the position shown above. The Add label button will become available; click on it. A new branch labeled Edit me will be added to the branch. Edit this branch by clicking on the Edit button, change the Label field to say Exit, and switch to the Code tab. Change the object

name to exit and then click the Event handler checkbox to create an on\_exit() handler method. Before you click OK the screen should look like:



Press Okay.

The tree will now look something like this:

```

|
|
|-----File
| |
| |-----Exit(Txt)
| |
|<-----click here to add a menu item

```

**Add the Help menu** from the trunk of the tree. Highlight the branch by clicking in the position shown above. The Add Menu button will become available; click on it. A new branch labeled Edit me will be added to the tree. Edit this branch by clicking on the Edit button, change the Label field to say Help, and click Okay.

The tree will now look something like this:

```
|
|
|-----File
|  |
|  |-----Exit(Txt)|
|  |
|
|-----Help
|  |<-----click here to add a menu label
|
```

**Add the About command.** Highlight the branch by clicking in the position shown above. The Add label button will become available; click on it. A new branch labeled Edit me will be added to the branch. Edit this branch by clicking on the Edit button, change the Label to About... and select the Code tab. Change the object name to about and then click the event handler to create an on\_about() handler method. Click Okay.

The tree should now look something like this:

```
|
|
|-----File
|  |
|  |-----Exit(Txt)
|  |
|
|-----Help
|  |
|  |-----About
|  |<-----click here, Add a label
|
```

**Add the Help command.** Highlight the branch by clicking in the position shown above. The Add label button will become available; click on it. A new branch labeled Edit me will be added to the branch. Edit this branch by clicking on the Edit button, change the label to Help, and switch to the Code tab. Change the object name to help, and then click the Event handler checkbox to create an on\_help() event handler method. Click Okay. The tree will now look something like this:

```

|
|-----File
| |
| |-----Exit(Txt)
| |
|
|-----Help
| |
| |-----About(Txt)
| |
| |-----Help(txt)
|

```

Hit Okay.

## Buttons and Labels

**Add a Button to the canvas**, by clicking on the Button Component from the Ivib Menu Bar. Move the Button to somewhere near the left side of the canvas. Right click on the Button and select the dialog option. Change the label to say List Files, then select the Name tab. Change the name to ListBtn and then select the Events tab. Click on Add to create an on\_ListBtn handler method, then click on Apply, and then click Okay.

**Add a Message Box Label** to the canvas by clicking on the Label component (designated "Abc") on the Ivib menu bar. Move the label to the bottom of the canvas. Resize the width to almost the size of the canvas and resize the height to about the same height as the button.

Right click on the Message Box and select the dialog option. Change the label to be empty, then click on the Name tab. Change the name to MsgBox, then click on the Other tab. Click on the Class variable radio button and the Draw Border checkbox so that there will be a border around our message box.

Select the **Attribs Tab** click Add and replace the Edit and me to fg and red respectively. This will change the foreground color to red.

```

Attrib  Value
fg      red

```

Click the **Apply** button to save the attribute.

Press the Add button and replace the Edit and me with the values below. This will change the font attributes.

```

Attrib  Value
font    serif,18,bold

```

Hit the **Apply** button to save the changes

Hit Okay.

**Enter the canvas attributes.** Select the Canvas menu option Dialog prefs...

On the **Attribs** tab change the background from pale gray to yellowish white by selecting Add and changing the fields as follows:

Attrib	Value
bg	yellowish white

Hit the **Apply** button to save the changes

On the **Methods** tab, leave the Generate main() procedure button on so the box is checked. We **want** to put our main procedure in this file.

On the **Code** tab, change the Name field to maindialog.

**Name** maindialog

Hit Okay.

From Ivib, go to the File menu and save the file.

File->Save as: main.icn

Make sure you save them in the directory you made for this application

## The About Box

We want to create a small canvas for our About box. The About box will contain one Text List containing application information. From Ivib, go to the File menu and select New and a blank canvas will appear. Resize the canvas by dragging the bottom right corner so it is about 3/4 the original size.

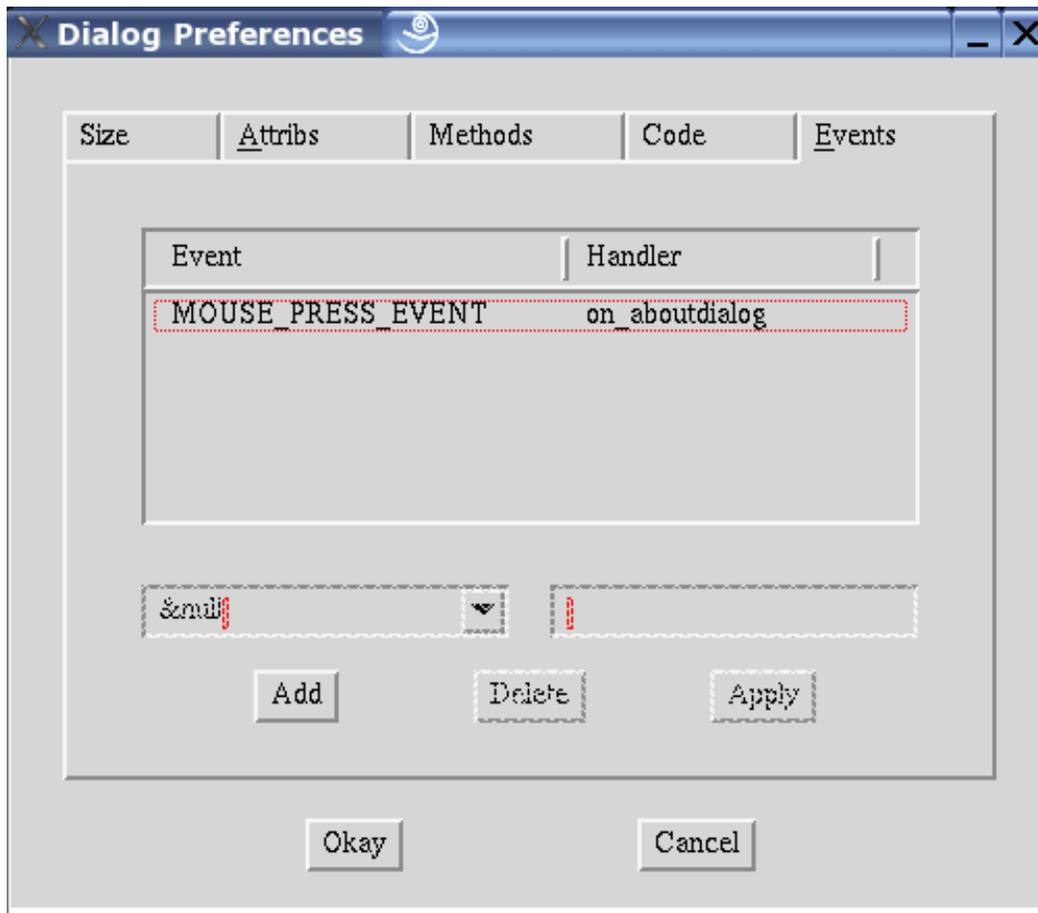
Add a Text List Box by clicking on the Text List component on the Ivib Menu Bar (this is the one in the upper right corner). Move it to the center, then right click on it to get the dialog selection. Under the **Name** tab, change its name to AboutTxtLst, then select the **Other** tab and click on the Class variable radio button. Hit Okay.

**Add the canvas attributes.** Select the Dialog prefs... item from the Canvas menu.

On the **Attribs** tab, Add an attribute label with value About Ivib Primer. Click Apply.

On the **Methods** tab, **un**-click the Generate main() procedure button so the button is **not** down. We do not want a main procedure in this file.

On the **Code** tab, change the name to aboutdialog. Finally, on the Events tab, click Add and change the event to MOUSE\_PRESS\_EVENT and change the method name to on\_aboutdialog (this method will quit the dialog). Click Apply. The screen should look like:



Click Okay.

From Ivib, go to the File menu and save the file with the name about.icn.

File->Save as: about.icn

Make sure you save it in the directory you made for this application.

## The Help Screen

We want to create another small canvas for the Help information. This canvas will contain a Text List, a Cancel Button and a Label for messages. From Ivib, go to the File menu and select New and a blank canvas will appear. Resize the canvas by dragging the bottom right corner so it is about 3/4 the original size.

**Add a Text List Box** to this canvas by clicking the Text List component from the Ivib Menu Bar. Move it to the center and then right click on it to get the dialog attributes. Select the **Name** tab, and change the name to HelpTxtLst. Select the Other tab, and click on the Class variable radio button. Click Okay.

**Add a Button** to the canvas, by clicking on the Button Component from the Ivib Menu Bar. Move the Button to

somewhere near the bottom of the canvas below the text box.

Right click on the Button and select the dialog option. Change the Label to Close, and select the Name tab. Change the name to CloseBtn. On the Events tab, click Add to create an on\_CloseBtn() handler method. Click Apply, and then Okay.

**Add a Message Box** to the canvas by clicking on the Label component (Abc) on the Ivib menu bar. Move the label to the bottom of the canvas and resize it to be almost the length of the canvas.

Right click on the Label and select the dialog option. Change the Label field to be empty.

On the **Name** tab, change the name to MsgBox. On the **Other** tab, select the Class variable radio button. Click the **Draw Border** check box so that there will be a border. Click Okay.

**Add the canvas attributes.** Select the Ivib Canvas menu's **Dialog prefs...** item. On the **Attribs** tab, Add the attribute label with value Ivib Primer Help. On the **Methods** tab, **un**-click the Generate main() procedure button so the box is not checked. We do not want a main() procedure in this file.

On the **Code** tab, change the name to helpdialog. Click Okay.

From Ivib, go to the File menu and save the file.

File->Save as: help.icn

Make sure you save the file in the directory you made for this application.

You can exit out of Ivib now with the File menu's Quit item.

## Adding the code

The code is now done for the GUI components. It is in the files main.icn, about.icn, and help.icn.

If you look at the file main.icn you will notice Ivib created a class called maindialog and various methods that are associated with the components we added. For example, method on\_about() will be the method used when you click on the about menu item on the menu bar. Method init\_dialog() is the first method called when the class is created. It is a good place to initialize variables. It is our job to write the code for these methods.

If any of the components are not spelled correctly, correct them using Ivib to keep the program code consistent with the graphics. However, when you change the names using Ivib, Ivib will add your new names, but not delete the old names. You may want to search the file for any references to the old names and remove all methods and references to the old names. If you do not remove the old names, your code will still work, but you will have unused methods and objects cluttering up the file. **Also, remember Unicon is case sensitive. All references to the objects must be the same case.**

**Main Dialog Class.** Edit the file main.icn using your favorite editor. This file contains the main procedure, which starts the application by displaying the main screen. Some of the methods in the file main.icn are shown below:

```
import gui
```

```

$include "guih.icn"
#
# maindialog is the class created by Ivib in the file main.icn
#
class maindialog : Dialog(MsgBox)
...
method on_ListBtn(ev)
end

method on_about(ev)
end

method on_exit(ev)
end

method on_help(ev)
end
...
end # dialog class

```

Find the main() procedure and change it if needed so it looks as shown below. This will cause the main screen to be displayed when the program starts up.

```

procedure main()
local d
d := maindialog()
d.show_modal()
end

```

Add code so the About Canvas is displayed when the About Menu item is selected. Add the following code to on\_about():

```

method on_about(ev)
aboutdialog().show_modal()
end

```

Add code so the Help Canvas is displayed when the Help Menu item is selected. Add the following code to on\_help():

```

method on_help(ev)
helpdialog().show_modal()
end

```

We also need to add code to terminate the application when the Exit menu item is selected. Add the dispose() function to on\_exit().

```

method on_exit(ev)
dispose()
end

```

Save this file as **main.icn**. Make sure you save it in the directory you made for this application.

## Makefile

The following instructions mainly apply to Linux/UNIX users. Now we need to create a makefile to compile and

link all our code together.

Create another file named **makefile** and enter the following. Be careful to follow make's syntax by beginning the unicon command lines with tab characters; some text editors (such as "edit") convert these to spaces on you, which may cause the make (or nmake) program to fail. For example, if you just copy and paste these lines from your web browser, you will not have tab characters pasted where they need to be; sorry! Notepad, or better yet a real programmer's editor, will preserve your tab characters.

```
#
# makefile
#
CFLAGS=-c
main.exe: main.u about.u help.u
    unicon -G -o main.exe main.u about.u help.u

about.u: about.icn
    unicon $(CFLAGS) about

help.u: help.icn
    unicon $(CFLAGS) help
main.u: main.icn
    unicon $(CFLAGS) main
```

Make sure you save it in the directory you made for this application

At the shell/command-line prompt enter:

```
...% make
```

Hopefully, there are not any errors at this point.

## Running The Program

Note: On Windows if you are lucky you might have a similar command "nmake". If no make or nmake is available you can enter at the shell/command prompt:

```
...% unicon -G main.icn about.icn help.icn
```

At the shell/command prompt enter:

```
...% main
```

(On Linux if the current directory is not on your PATH you can say ./main)

When successful, the main screen will be displayed. You should be able to hit the menu items and view the help and about dialogs.

**The About Box.** Edit the file about.icn using your favorite editor. Some of the methods in the file about.icn are shown below

```
#
# aboutdialog is the class created by Ivib in the file about.icn
#

class aboutdialog : Dialog(AboutTxtLst)
  ...
  method init_dialog()
  end
  method on_aboutdialog(ev)
  end
  ...
end # aboutdialog
```

We need to fill the Text List with the About information. We could actually have done this from inside Ivib, but just for fun let's add code to `init_dialog()` so the Text List is filled when the canvas is displayed. Edit **about.icn** and add the following code to the `init_dialog()` and `on_aboutdialog()` methods.

```
method init_dialog()
  local l
  l := [
    "This is an example application",
    "To demonstrate an About Box",
    "Also, how to show another form",
    "Plus: using Makefiles with",
    "Ivib"
  ]
  AboutTxtLst.set_contents(l)
end

method on_aboutdialog(ev)
  dispose()
end
```

**The Help Screen.** Edit the file help.icn using your favorite editor. Some of the methods in the file help.icn are shown below.

```
#
# helpdialog is the class created by Ivib in the file help.icn
#

class helpdialog : Dialog(HelpTxtLst, MsgBox)
  ...
  method init_dialog()
  end
  method on_CloseBtn(ev)
```

```

end
...
end # helpdialog class

```

The help screen will read in a text file and display it in the text list we created. We'll add code to the method `init_dialog` to open the help file and display it. Edit the file **help.icn** and add the following code to the method `init_dialog()`:

```

method init_dialog()
local l, helpfile, fd
  helpfile := "help.txt"
  if fd := open(helpfile) then {
    MsgBox.set_label("File " || helpfile || " ")
    l := [] # create an empty list
    while put(l, read(fd)) # read lines, put in list
    close(fd)
    HelpTxtLst.set_contents(l)
  }
else
  MsgBox.set_label("Cannot open help file: " || helpfile)
end

```

We also need to add code to terminate the application when the Cancel Button is clicked. Add a call to the `dispose()` function to `on_CloseBtn`.

```

method on_CloseBtn(ev)
  dispose()
end

```

You will also need to create a text file named `help.txt` with any information you find helpful.

**The Main Screen.** The main dialog will demonstrate the use of file dialog box. It will open a file dialog when the List Button is pressed and display the selected file in a message box. First we need to link in the `FileDialog` class from the Unicon class library. Add the link statement before the `maindialog` class declaration as follows:

```

import gui
$include "guih.icn"
link filedialog # this the line you add

```

Add the following code to the `on_ListBtn` method. The file dialog will be displayed when the List button is pressed and the selected file will be displayed in the `MsgBox`.

```

method on_ListBtn(ev)
local s, fd
  fd := FileDialog()
  fd.set_attribs("label=Select file demonstration")
  fd.show_modal(self)
  s := fd.get_result() | fail
  if /s | s==" " | s[-1]=="\" then {
    MsgBox.set_label("Select a file")
    return
  }
  MsgBox.set_label("File : " || s || " was selected ")
end

```

The application is now complete. Use the makefile or Unicon command to compile and link the program and run the application as described in the **Makefile** section above. Now you can go back and add labels, or resize components as needed.

## **Part II: Another Simple IVIB Application**

The following example demonstrates how to create a simple application that uses modeless dialogs, edit dialog features, tab sets, and overlays. The application will contain a main screen with a table, overlay and tab set. The main screen will call an edit dialog that will have cut, copy, paste, undo, and redo features. This example will illustrate:

- 1) modeless dialogs
- 2) tab sets, overlays
- 3) capturing table events double clicks, right clicks, column clicks
- 4) copy, cut, paste from clipboard
- 5) using buttons and keeping selected regions for copy, cut, paste
- 6) single undo/redo instead of default compound undo/redo
- 7) tab jumps to components

### **Modeless Dialogs**

We are going to create a main dialog that contains a table of games. After you select one of the games from the table, a modeless dialog will be displayed. First, create a directory where you can save all the files created for this application. Change into this directory, and launch Ivib. You will see a blank canvas.

Enter the canvas attributes. Either right click on the Canvas for Dialog or go to the file menu option Canvas->Dialog prefs.

On the **Code Tab** enter:  
**Name** dialogmain

On the **Methods Tab**, leave the Generate main() procedure checkbox 'on' so the box is checked. We want to put our main procedure in this file. Leave all the other checkboxes on on the Methods Tab checked also.

On the **Attribs Tab**, Hit Add and replace Edit me with:  
Attrib            Value

font            sans,12

**Hit Apply**

This will set the default font to sans 12 for every component in this dialog.

**On the Events Tab**

Hit Add and scroll down to **CLOSE\_BUTTON\_EVENT**. Enter 'on\_dialogmain' for the Event Handler. We will use this method to capture the Windows X (close). Event at the top right of the Dialog.

**Hit Apply**

Hit **Okay** to close Dialog Prefs.

**Add a Button to the canvas**, by clicking on the Button Component from the Ivib Menu Bar. Move the Button to somewhere around the left side of the canvas. Note: you can resize the canvas or the button by dragging the right bottom corner to make it larger/smaller.

Right Click on the Button to add some attributes as follows:

On the **General Tab** enter:

**Label** Modeless

**On the Other Tab**

Check the **Class variable** checkbox

**On the Name Tab**

**Name** text\_button\_modeless

**On the Events Tab**

Hit the Add Button

**Under Event**

Scroll down to **BUTTON\_RELEASE\_EVENT**

**Under Handler** enter (it may be automatically added)

**on\_text\_button\_modeless**

**Hit Apply**

This will create a method '**on\_text\_button\_modeless**' that will be invoked by a **BUTTON\_RELEASE\_EVENT**

**Hit Okay**

You may need to resize the button so the text will fit.

Add an Exit Button by clicking on the Button icon on the Tool Bar.

Right Click on the Button to add some attributes as follows:

**On the General Tab:**

Enter:

**Label** Exit

On the **Name Tab** enter:

**Name** text\_button\_exit

On the **Other Tab** check the:

**Class variable** checkbox

On the **Events Tab**:

Hit the Add Button

Under Event: Scroll down to **BUTTON\_RELEASE\_EVENT**

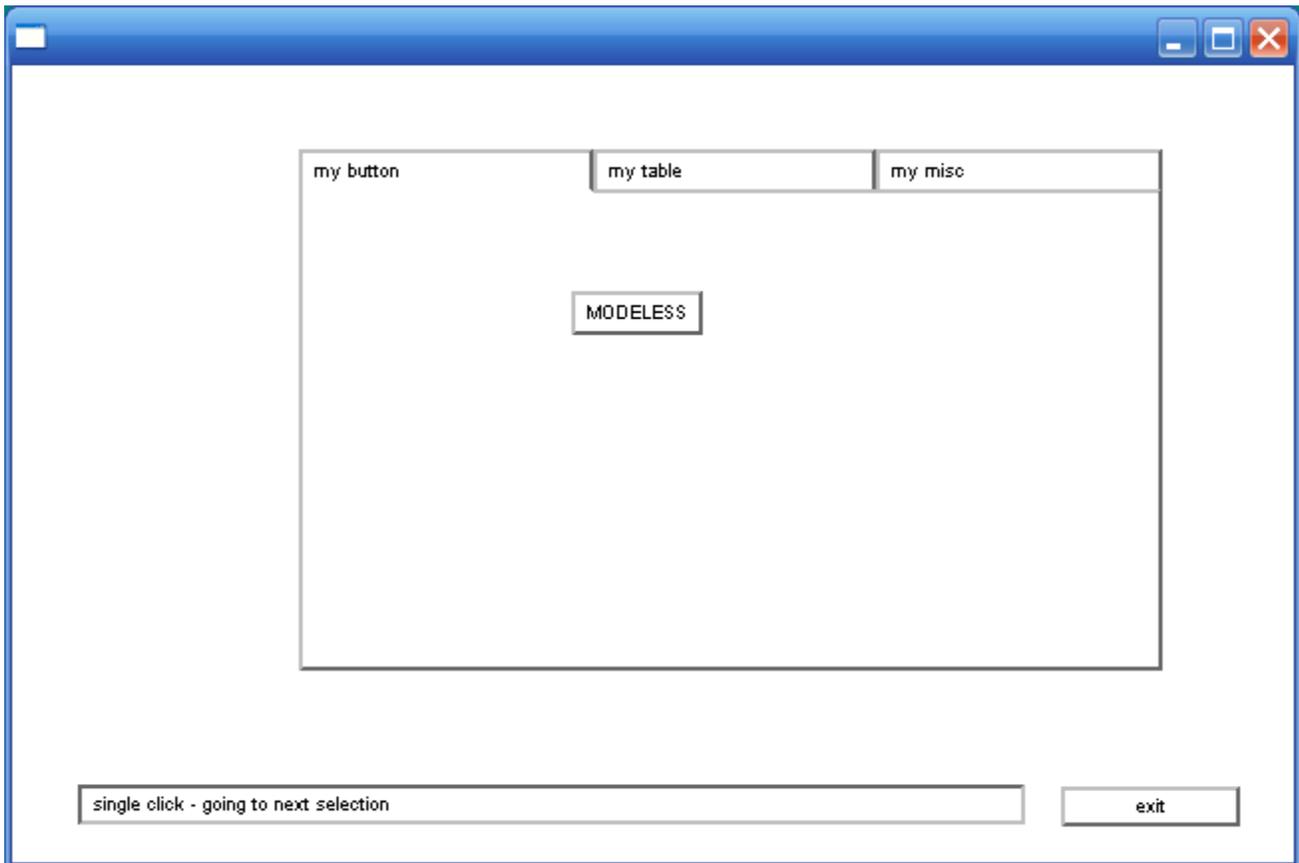
Under Handler: Enter (it may be automatically added)

**on\_text\_button\_exit**

Hit **Apply**

Hit **Okay**

Move the exit button to the bottom right side of the dialog (main.icn) as shown below :



**main.icn**

**Add a Message Box Label** to the canvas by clicking on the Label component (Abc) on the Ivib menu bar. Move the label to the bottom of the canvas and resize it to be almost the width of the canvas. Refer

to the screen shot of main.icn. The message label is the long rectangle at the bottom of main.icn. Right Click on the Label to add some attributes as follows:

On the **Other Tab** check the:

**Class variable** checkbox

Click the **Draw Border** check box so that there is a border.

On the **Name Tab** enter:

Name **label\_msgbox**

On **General Tab** enter:

Label : (make it blank - this label will be our message box)

Hit **Okay**

From the Menu, Slect File->Save As and enter main.icn

File->Save as: **main.icn**

Make sure you save them in the directory you made for this application.

**Create an Edit Dialog** by going to the Ivib menu to File->New. A blank canvas will appear.

**Enter the canvas attributes.** Either right click on the Canvas for Dialog or go to the file menu option Canvas->Dialog prefs.

On the **Code Tab** enter:

**Name** dialogedit

On the **Methods Tab**, Uncheck the Generate main() procedure checkbox . So the checkbox is NOT checked. We **DO NOT want** to put a main procedure in this file.

On the **Attribs Tab**, Hit Add and replace Edit me with:

<u>Attrib</u>	<u>Value</u>	
label	Edit dialog	<b>Hit Apply</b>
font	sans,12	<b>Hit Apply</b>

This will add a title to the top of the canvas and change the default font to sans. You can also add different background and foreground colors by using the attributes bg and fg.

On the **Events Tab** :

Hit Add and scroll down to **CLOSE\_BUTTON\_EVENT**. Enter on\_dialogedit for the Event Handler and hit Apply. We will use this method to capture the Windows X (close) Event at the top right of the Dialog. Note Ivib may have added another event handler – please delete it. The close\_button\_event handled by the on\_dialogedit method should be the only ONE. Hit Okay to close Dialog Prefs.

Add an Exit Button by clicking on the Button icon on the Tool Bar.

Right Click on the Button to **add some attributes** as follows:

On the **General Tab** enter:

**Label** Exit

On the **Name Tab** enter:

**Name** text\_button\_exit

On the **Other Tab** check the:

**Class variable** checkbox

On the **Events Tab** hit the Add Button

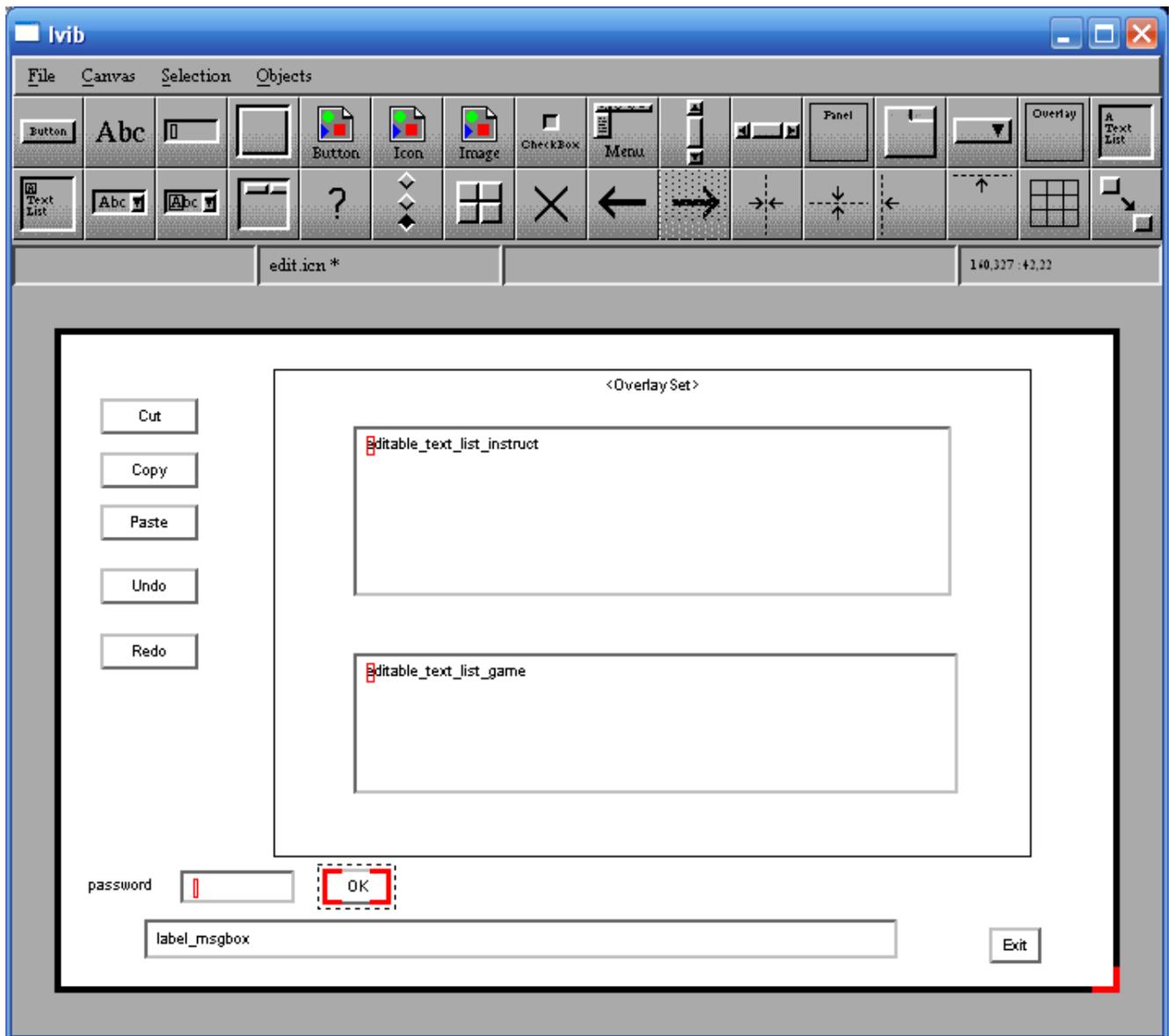
Under Event: Scroll down to **BUTTON\_RELEASE\_EVENT**

Under Handler: Enter **on\_text\_button\_exit** (it may be automatically added)

Hit **Apply**

Hit **Okay**

You may need to resize the button so the text will fit. Move the Exit button to bottom right corner as shown below:



## edit.icn

**Add a Message Box Label** to the canvas by clicking on the Label component (Abc) on the Ivib menu bar. Move the label to the bottom of the canvas and resize it to be almost the width of the canvas. Refer to the screen shot of edit.icn. The message label is the long rectangle at the bottom of the screen shot of edit.icn.

Right Click on the Label to add some attributes as follows:

On the **Other Tab** check the:

**Class variable** checkbox

Click the **Draw Border** check box so that there is a border.

On the **Name Tab** enter:

Name **label\_msgbox**

On **General Tab** enter:

Label : (make it blank - this label will be our message box)

Hit **Okay**

From Ivib, go to the File menu and execute these two commands:

File->Save as: edit.icn

Make sure you save them in the directory you made for this application

Close Ivib.

3) Using an editor, open up main.icn

**Caution!** Because you are saving files using Ivib and your editor, make sure that you save your file using the text editor before changing the graphics using Ivib. Also, make sure that you refresh the buffer (get the the latest) in your text editor after you change the graphics using Ivib. If you are nervous about writing over your changes you can make a backup copy to see how this works. Using the Gnu Emacs editor is a good idea, since it reminds you to refresh the buffer if Ivib has changed anything.

Also, if you renamed any variables, the old names and their methods may still be there.

Note: all variables are case sensitive so CancelBtn is not the same as cancelbtn. For example, if you forgot to uncheck 'generate main procedure', the main procedure will still remain. You will need to manually remove the main procedure and uncheck it in Ivib.

**Edit main.icn** and add the highlighted code to the on\_modeless method

```
method on_text_button_modeless(ev)
  dedit := dialogedit()
  dedit.show_modeless() # show edit dialog
  dispatcher.message_loop(dialogmain())
end
```

The third line 'dispatcher.message\_loop(dialogmain())' makes the modal Main dialog the parent of the modeless Edit dialog. When using modeless dialogs, at least one dialog must be modal. In this case, it is the main dialog. You only need to add this line once. If you call a modeless dialog from dedit, the edit dialog, you will not need this line.

Also, add dispose() to the on\_text\_button\_exit() method to close the dialog.

```
method on_text_button_exit(ev)
  dispose()
end
```

Add the following code to on\_dialogmain so the dialog will close for the X event

```
method on_dialogmain(ev)
  if \ev.param = -11 then #windows x box
    on_text_button_exit(ev)
end
```

Save main.icn

**Edit edit.icn** and add the bolded code to on\_text\_button\_exit() to close the dialog.

```
method on_text_button_exit(ev)
  dispose()
end
```

Also add the bolded code to 'on\_dialogedit'.

```
method on_dialogedit(ev)
  if \ev.param = -11 then #windows x box
    on_text_button_exit(ev)
end
```

Save edit.icn

Compile the program:

```
>unicon -o demo -G main.icn edit.icn
```

Run the program

```
>demo
```

When the main dialog comes up, you can click on the 'Modeless' button and a new edit dialog will appear. Notice you can go back and forth from main dialog to edit dialogs. Every time you click, a new dialog will be created. This is different from the show\_modal dialogs where the focus was only given to one dialog at a time.

We may not want our users creating too many dialog boxes. Let's add Some code to limit them to one only. If they click on the modeless button, and there is already a dialog open, we will set the focus on the already opened dialog box.

#### **In main.icn:**

Add the global variable **dedit** at the top of main.icn (before the class declaration). This is the edit dialog variable that will tell us if the dialog is open.

## global dedit

Add the following **bolded** code to the `on_text_button_modeless` method and the `int_dialog` method.

```
method on_text_button_modeless(ev)
  local winedit

  if \dedit then {
    if winedit := dedit.get_win() then {
      Raise(winedit)
      dedit.set_focus(dedit.label_msgbox)
      return
    }
  }

  dedit := dialogedit()
  dedit.show_modeless()      # show edit dialog
  dispatcher.message_loop(dialogmain())
end

method init_dialog()
dedit := &null
end
```

Save `main.icn` in the correct directory.

**In `edit.icn`:** Add the following bolded line to the `on_text_button_exit` method:

```
method on_text_button_exit(ev)
  dedit := &null
  dispose()
end
```

This sets the global variable `dedit` to `&null` when the Dialog is closed. It can be closed by hitting the exit button or by hitting the X button in the right top corner.

Save the file. Compile and run the program. You will get only one edit dialog no matter how many times you hit the 'modeless' button.

## Tables and Tabs Sets

**Do not be confused!** Tables with a capital T are GUI components that arrange elements into rows and columns; they are not the same thing as the “table” data type.

**Add a Tabset to the `main.icn` canvas**, by clicking on the Tabset Component from the Ivib Tool bar. It is the fourth component from the right on the top row. Move the Tabset to somewhere around the middle of the canvas. Enlarge it so it is similar to the screen shot of `main.icn`

Right Click on the TabSet to add some attributes as follows:

On the **Other Tab** check the:

**Class Variable** checkbox

On the **Name Tab** enter:

**Name** tab\_set\_demo

On the **General tab** you see:

tab\_item\_1\*

Click on it and an Edit box will appear :  
Change it as follows to create a tab for the button:

**Label:** My button

**Name:** tab\_item\_btn

Hit **Apply**.

Now create another tab for a table by hitting **Add**. 'tab\_item\_2' will be added and highlighted.  
Change it as follows to create a tab for the Table

**Label:** My Table

**Name:** tab\_item\_table

**Class variable** should be checked

Hit **Apply**.

Now create a third tab by hitting **Add**. 'tab\_item\_3' will be added and highlighted.

Change it as follows to create a tab for the Table

**Label** My misc

**Name:** tab\_item\_misc

Hit **Apply**

Hit **Okay** and the dialog box will close. You will need to enlarge horizontally the dialog so that the three tabs appear in order. Refer to the screen shot of main.icn at the end of this document.

Move the modeless button from the main canvas to the my button tab.

Right click on the Tabset to open the **Tabset Setup** dialog box. At the bottom, on the General Tab, you see:

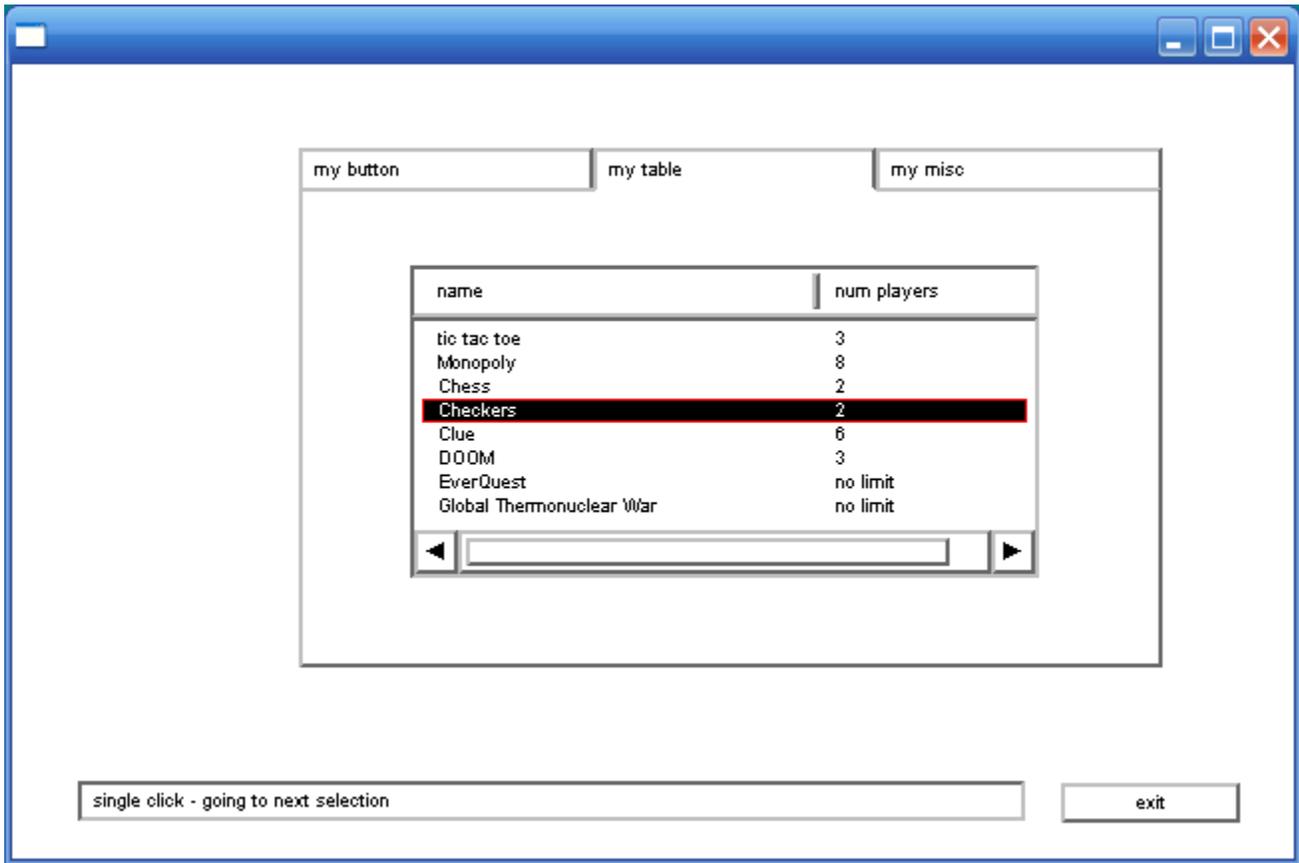
tab\_item\_btn\*

tab\_item\_table

tab\_item\_misc

The \* after tab\_item\_btn indicates it is the tab item, you are currently editing. Click on **tab\_item\_table** so it is highlighted, then hit the **which** button. Now tab\_item\_table should have the star. Hit Okay, and you will now see on the main dialog that the tab\_item\_table tab can be edited.

Add a table to this tab, by clicking on the Table Component on the Ivib Tool Bar. It is the fourth component from the left in the bottom row. Move the table from the main canvas to the my table tab. Resize it as shown in the screen shot of main.icn below:



**main.icn**

We are going to add some columns in the table so **right click on the table** to get the **Table Setup Dialog**.

On the **Other Tab** check the:  
**Class Variable** checkbox

On The **General Tab** in Table Setup,  
 Hit the Add button.

Now we will add the first column to our information table. Add the following to the **General Tab**:

**Label** :Name

**Width**: 200

**Align** l

**Name**: table\_column\_1

(class variable should be checked)

Click **Apply**

Add another column by clicking the **Add button**:

**Label** :# of Players

**Width**: 125

**Align** l

**Name**: table\_column\_2

(class variable should be checked)

Click **Apply**

On the **Selection Tab**, the drop down box that says No selection, change this to **Select One**. Note: If you change it to Select Many, then they can select multiple rows by Control Shift and Click (mouse) at the same time.

On the **Events Tab**

Hit the Add Button

Under Event: Scroll down to **MOUSE\_RELEASE\_EVENT**

Under Handler: Enter **on\_table\_1** (it may be automatically added)

Hit **Apply**

This will create a method 'on\_table\_1' that will be invoked by a **MOUSE\_RELEASE\_EVENT**

**Note:** Make sure that this is the only event added. Sometimes Ivib initially adds an 'ACTION\_EVENT'. Please delete all other events.

Click **Okay** to close the setup Dialog. You will probably need to make the Tabset and the Table larger as shown in the screen shot of main.icn.

From The Ivib Menu, Save As **main.icn**.

Add the following **bolded** code to the init\_dialog method in **main.icn**:

```
method init_dialog()
local lst
lst := [{"tic tac toe","3"}, {"Monopoly","8"}, {"Chess","2"}, {"Checkers","2"},
["Clue","6"],["DOOM","3"],["EverQuest","no limit"],["Global Thermonuclear War","no limit"]]
table_1.set_contents(lst)
dedit := &null
end
```

Save main.icn. Compile and run the program. You should be able to click on the tabs to display the three different tabs. Notice the My table Tab is displayed first. We can change this by setting the **Which** back to tab\_item\_btn in Ivib if we want the button tab to show initially.

## Capturing Events, Click Counts and GoTo

We are now going to add code so that an edit dialog box will come up every time we double click on one of the games in the table. We will add a global variable editdlg that is a table of dialogs. The keys for the table are the positions in the table. This example will demonstrate:

- 1) double click
- 2) Finding the selected positions and the contents of the table using **get\_contents** and **get\_selections**
- 3) Setting the position of the table by using **set\_selections** and **go\_to**.

4) Using Events to capture the right click and the Windows X close.

Add the following global variable to **main.icn**. This is the table that will keep track of all the dialogs

**global editdlg**

Also, add two more lines to the **init\_dialog** method. The first new line initializes/creates the table editdlg. The second new line sets the click delay so we can distinguish double clicks from single clicks.

```
method init_dialog()
local lst
lst := [{"tic tac toe","3"}, {"Monopoly","8"}, {"Chess","2"}, {"Checkers","2"}, {"Clue","6"}, {"DOOM","3"}, {"EverQuest","no
limit"}, {"Global Thermonuclear War","no limit"}]
table_1.set_contents(lst)
dedit := &null
editdlg := table()
set_double_click_delay(100000) # set click delay for double click
end
```

Add the following code to the method **on\_table\_1**:

```
method on_table_1(ev)
local posn, poslst, msg, gamelst, cc
poslst := []
posn := 0
game := ""
gamelst := []
cc := 0

if \ev & \ev.source & \ev.type & \ev.param then
  write("sc ", image(ev.source), " type ", image(ev.type), " param ", image(ev.param))
else
  return

if \ev.param = -6 then { #right click
  posn := table_1.get_table_content().get_line_under_pointer() | 0
  if posn < 1 then return

  table_1.set_selections([posn]) # add to selected list, highlight it
  table_1.goto_pos(posn)
  table_1.set_cursor(posn)
  label_msgbox.set_label("right click demo at pos "||posn)
  self.display()
  return
}
#
# returns list of selected items in this case only one because 'select one' is set for the table
poslst := table_1.get_selections() | []
if *poslst > 0 then
  posn := poslst[1] # the selected position
else
  return
# returns a list of lists with 2 items game and number players
```

```

gamelst := table_1.get_contents()

# get the selected name of the game from the table, the first item in the list
game := gamelst[posn][1]

cc := get_click_count()
if cc > 1 then {
    game := game || " double click "
# create a global table editdlg to keep track of all the open dialogs
if not member (editdlg, posn) then {
    (editdlg[posn] := dialogedit(posn,game))
    editdlg[posn].show_modeless()
}
else {
    Raise(editdlg[posn].get_win())
    editdlg[posn].set_focus(editdlg[posn].label_msgbox)
}
return
} # end cc > 1

if posn >= *gamelst then
    posn := 1
else
    posn += 1

table_1.set_selections([posn]) # add to selected list, highlight it
table_1.goto_pos(posn)
table_1.set_cursor(posn)
label_msgbox.set_label("single click - going to next selection ")
label_msgbox.display()
end

```

### Save main.icn.

First, this code will write the `ev.param`, `ev.type` and `ev.code` to determine what the `ev.param` is for a right click. It is -6, so if there is a right click, it is displayed in `MsgBox` and the selected position is highlighted and returns out of the method. Second, this code gets the selected item from a list of selected items by calling `get_selections`. Since we have set the table in `Ivib` to 'select one', only one item may be selected. So the list is either a one item list or empty if nothing has been selected. We can get the table contents by calling `get_contents`. For tables, it will return a list of lists where each list (inside the big list) represents a row of size equal to the number of columns. In this example, we only have two columns; games and players. If an item is double clicked, then the edit dialog for the selected game and position is displayed.

This example also demonstrates the use of the `goto_pos`, `set_cursor` and `set_selections` methods. If an item is single clicked, then the selection is moved to the next position unless it is the last position. If it is the last position, then it is moved to the first position. This is a pretty stupid thing to do, but it does demonstrate these features.

We are also passing the game name and its position to the edit dialog. So two variables will need to be added to the class definition for dialogedit in edit.icn as follows:

```
class dialogedit : Dialog(posn, msg, label_msgbox, text_button_exit)
```

**Note:** Add them as the first two – the **order is important**. Also, **note** that Ivib will not alter them, but it will add new components in front of them. This means that you must move them back to the beginning if you add new components using Ivib.

Since we now have more multiple dialogs, we need to make sure they are set to &null when the edit dialog terminates. Therefore, the following **bolded** code will also need to be added to **edit.icn**.

```
method init_dialog()
if \msg & \posn then
  label_msgbox.set_label(posn||" "||msg)
end

method on_text_button_exit(ev)
  delete(editdlg,posn)
  dedit := &null
  dispose()
end
```

**Save edit.icn.** Compile and run the program. If you right click on any of the rows in the table, 'right click demo at position x' will be displayed in the message label. If you double click on any of the games, you will see either a new dialog or an existing dialog will be raised to the front. The new dialog will display the chosen game and it's position. If you single click, the cursor position goes to the next game or to the beginning if you are on the last game. This program also writes to standard output the values of ev.source, ev.type, and ev.param every time the mouse is released on the table.

## Overlays, and Hour Glasses

Open up edit.icn using Ivib. Add an Overlay to the edit.icn canvas, by clicking on the Overlay Component from the Ivib Tool Bar. It is the second component from the right in the top row. Move the Overlay to somewhere around the middle of the canvas. Enlarge it so its width and length are about twice the default size (see the screen shot of edit.icn). The overlay works very much like the Tabset component. It allows the program to hide components.

Right Click on the Overlay to add some attributes as follows:

On the **Other Tab** check the:  
**Class Variable** checkbox

On the **Name Tab** enter:  
Name overlay\_set

**On The General Tab** you see:  
overlay\_item\_1\*

Click on it and an Edit box will appear. Change the name as follows: This will be the initial overlay

**Name:** overlay\_item\_blank

**Hit Apply.**

Create a second overlay by hitting **Add and** overlay\_item\_2 will be added and highlighted. Change the name as follows:

**Name:** overlay\_item\_edit

**Hit Apply.**

Click on **overlay\_item\_edit** so it is highlighted, then hit the **which button**. Now **overlay\_item\_edit** should have the star. **Hit Okay** to close the setup dialog

**Add an EditableText List Box** to the overlay by clicking the **EditableText List** component from the Ivib Menu Bar. It is the first one from the left in the second row. Move it on top of the Overlay and resize it (see the screen shot of edit.icn). Now, right click on it to get the dialog attributes

On the **Other Tab** check the:

**Class Variable** checkbox

On the Name **Tab** enter:

**Name** editable\_text\_list\_instruct

**Hit Okay.**

**Add another EditableText List Box** to the overlay by clicking the **EditableText List** component from the Ivib Menu Bar. It is the first one from the left in the second row. Move it on top of the Overlay and move it directly under the editable\_text\_list\_instruct editabletextlist.. (see the screen shot of edit.icn) Now, right click on it to get the dialog attributes

On the **Other Tab** check the:

**Class Variable** checkbox

On the Name **Tab** enter:

**Name** editable\_text\_list\_game

**Hit Okay.**

Set the overlay back to the blank overlay by right clicking on the Overlay to change the which. At the bottom in the OverlaySet Setup panel, Click on **overlay\_item\_blank** so it is highlighted, then hit the **which button**. Now **overlay\_item\_blank** should have the star. Hit Okay.

## **Copy, Cut, Paste, Undo and Redo**

**Add 6 Buttons.** Move the buttons to the left of the overlay set (see screen shot of edit.icn).

Right Click on each the Buttons to add some attributes as follows:

On the **Other Tab** check:

**Class Variable**

On the **Name Tab** enter:

**Name** text\_button\_cut

On the **General Tab** enter:

**Label** Cut

On the **Events Tab** add:

Event	Handler
BUTTON_RELEASE_EVENT	on_text_button_cut

**Make SURE this is the ONLY event. Delete any other events that may have been added by Ivib.**

**Hit Apply**

**Hit Okay.**

Do the same for the remaining buttons as follows:

**Name** text\_button\_copy

**Label** Copy

**Name** text\_button\_paste

**Label** Paste

**Name** text\_button\_undo

**Label** Undo

**Name** text\_button\_redo

**Label** Redo

**Name** text\_button\_ok

**Label** OK

We are going to create code to add and verify the password. First **Add a label** to the canvas by clicking on the Label component (Abc) on the Ivib menu bar. Move the label below the buttons (see screen shot of edit.icn). Right Click on the Label to add some attributes as follows:

On the **Name Tab** enter:

**Name:** label\_pw

On General Setup:

**Label :** Password

On the **Other Tab** check the:

**Class Variable** checkbox

**Hit Okay.**

**Add a textfield** to the canvas by clicking on the **textField** component on the Ivib tool bar. This is the component third from the top left. Move the textfield below the buttons and just to the right of the label\_pw (see screen shot of edit.icn). You may need to resize it. Right Click on the textfield to add some attributes as follows:

On the **Other Tab** check:

Class Variable

On the **Name Tab** enter:

**Name** text\_field\_pw

**Hit Okay.**

You will probably want to resize it. Refer to the screen shot of edit.icn. Save the Dialog in Ivib as **edit.icn**.

Now edit the source file **edit.icn**. Remember to refresh the Ivib changes.

Notice that in the class declaration, the components: `text_button_copy`, `text_button_cut`, `text_button_paste`, `text_button_redo`, `text_button_undo`, `text_button_ok`, `editable_text_list_instruct`, `editable_text_list_game`, `overlay_set`, `text_field_pw` have been added before **posn and msg**. You will need to move them to the end because we are passing **posn and msg** from the main dialog and they must be the first and second variable.

The class variables should look something like this when you are finished:

```
class dialogedit : Dialog(posn, msg , text_button_copy, text_button_cut, text_button_paste, text_button_redo,
text_button_undo, text_button_ok, editable_text_list_instruct, editable_text_list_game, overlay_set,
text_field_pw , text_button_exit, label_msgbox, overlay_item_blank, overlay_item_edit, label_pw ..... )
```

We are going to let the user enter the game instructions only if they type in the password and hit the OK button. The overlay is initially set to **overlay\_item\_blank** because we set the **which button** in Ivib. However, when the correct password is typed, then the overlay will switch over to **overlay\_item\_edit** so the instructions can be entered. If the wrong password is typed and the OK button is hit, then we will make the user wait. This demonstrates the use of the hour glass mouse pointer. (Although, usually we use the hourglass when the program is processing). Add the following bolded code to edit.icn as follows:

```
method init_dialog()
if \msg & \posn then {
  label_msgbox.set_label(posn||" "||msg)
  editable_text_list_game.set_contents([msg])
}
text_field_pw.set_displaychar("*") # replace characters with * in password
end

method on_button_ok(ev)
local pw, t2, wait
pw := ""
label_msgbox.set_label("")
label_msgbox.display()

pw := text_field_pw.get_contents()
if pw == "joshua" then {
  overlay_set.set_which_one(overlay_item_edit)
  label_msgbox.set_label("Enter Game Instructions ")
  label_msgbox.display()
}
else {
  t2 := &time
  WAttrib(win,"pointer=" || ("wait"|"watch")) # change mouse pointer to hourglass
  label_msgbox.set_label("Incorrect Password Please wait ")
  while &time - t2 < 5000 do
    wait := 1
  WAttrib(win,"pointer=arrow") # change mouse pointer to arrow
  label_msgbox.set_label("OK try again ")
  label_msgbox.display()
}
```

```
}  
end
```

Save edit.icn. Compile and run the program. Double click on a game to get to the edit screen. You will see that if you type in the correct password ('joshua'), and hit Ok, the blank edit box where you can type in instructions will be visible. Hard coding passwords is not a good idea, but this example demonstrates the use of overlays and replacing the characters with stars. If you type in the wrong password, you will have to wait.

Open up edit.icn using your editor.  
Add the following code to the `init_dialog` method:

```
method init_dialog()  
  text_button_copy.clear_accepts_focus() # keeps selected region  
  text_button_cut.clear_accepts_focus()  
  .....  
  .....  
end
```

**NOTE:** This code is necessary to allow the selected region in the editable text list to be selected. Otherwise, the selected region will be lost when the event of hitting the buttons is invoked.

Now add the following code for copy, cut, paste, redo and undo.

```
method on_button_cut(ev)  
  editable_text_list_instruct.handle_cut()  
end  
method on_button_copy(ev)  
  editable_text_list_instruct.handle_copy()  
end  
method on_button_paste(ev)  
  editable_text_list_instruct.handle_paste()  
end  
method on_button_undo(ev)  
  editable_text_list_instruct.handle_undo()  
end  
method on_button_redo(ev)  
  editable_text_list_instruct.handle_redo()  
end
```

Save edit.icn and compile and run the program.

```
unicon -o demo -G main edit myeditabletextlist
```

You should be able to copy/cut/paste/undo/redo in the **editable\_text\_list\_instruct** box. However, you may want to copy text from other sources. We need to be able to cut/copy and paste using the Windows clipboard. To do this we will need to create a subclass for our EditableTextList. We will create a new file `myeditabletextlist.icn` that will inherit all the methods of `editabletext list` except for:

```
handle_copy  
handle_paste
```

## handle\_cut

Create a new file myeditabletextlist.icn and copy in the following code:

---

```
#
# myeditabletextlist subclass of EditableTextList to
# allow clipboard operation in Cut/Copy?paste
#
import gui
link graphics
import undo
$include "guih.icn"
```

```
class myeditabletextlist : EditableTextList()
```

```
  method handle_cut(e)
    start_handle(e)
    if has_region() then {
      copy_to_clipboard(get_region())
      delete_region(e)
    }
    end_handle(e)
  end
```

```
  method handle_copy(e)
    start_handle(e)
    if has_region() then {
      copy_to_clipboard(get_region())
    }
    end_handle(e)
  end
```

---

```
#
method copy_to_clipboard(l)
  local large_str, i

  if /l | *1 = 0 then fail
  large_str := l[1]

  every i := 2 to *1 do
    large_str ||:= l[i]

  WAttrib("selection=" || large_str)

  return large_str

end
```

---

```
#
method get_list_from_clipboard()
  local large_str, l, str, start, blank1, tab1, p
  blank1 := ''
```

```

tab1 := '\t'
start := 1
end1 := 1
str := ""
p := 1
large_str := ""
large_str := WAttrib("selection")
if /large_str then fail
l := []

while end1 := upto("\n",large_str,start,0) do {
  str := large_str[start:end1]
  if p := upto(&ascii--blank1,str) then
    str := str[p:0]
    put(l, str)
    start := end1 + 1
  }
str := large_str[start:0]
if p := upto(&ascii--blank1--tab1,str) then
  str := str[p:0]
  put(l,str)

return l
end

```

---

```

#
# insert_cr is a global variable to tell paste
# to add a line feed after each line
method get_pasteable_clipboard(insert_cr)
  local x, t, s, c
  x := []
  t := ""

  x := get_list_from_clipboard() | fail

  every j := 1 to *x do t := t || trim(string(x[j])) || " "

  # Apply the filter to the string to paste
  s := ""
  every c := !t do {
    if member(printable, c) then
      s ||:= c
    }
  if *s = 0 then
    fail
  return s
end

```

---

```

#
method handle_paste(e,insert_cr)
  local s, ce, ed

  start_handle(e)

```

```

if s := get_pasteable_clipboard(insert_cr) then {
  ce := CompoundEdit()

  if has_region() then {
    ed := EditableTextListDeleteRegionEdit(self)
    ed.redo()
    ce.add_edit(ed)
  }
  ed := EditableTextListPasteEdit(self, s)
  ed.redo()
  ce.add_edit(ed)

  undo_manager.add_edit(ce)
  changed := 1
}
end_handle(e)
end
#_____
end # myeditabletextlist class

```

Now open up edit.icn using Ivib. Right click on the Overlay set and switch to overlay\_item\_edit. Right click on the top edit box text\_list\_instruct to get the dialog box.

### On the Name Tab,

Change the Class to myeditabletextList.

(Make sure this is all in lower case to match the class in myeditabletextlist.icn)

Hit **Okay**

and save edit.icn

This will allow all cut/copy/pastes into editable\_text\_list\_instruct to use our subclass to pick up the windows clipboard.

unicon -o demo -G main edit myeditabletextlist

Now, when you run demo you should be able to use the instructions edit box (editable\_text\_list\_instruct) to cut, copy, paste from other documents.

## Tab Jumps, Compound Undo/Redos and Table column events

There are a few more things we will add top the demonstration

- 1) tab jumps
- 2) compound undos/redos
- 3) using events on table columns

### Tab jumps.

Open up edit.icn using your editor. Be sure to refresh to the changes from Ivib from above.

Add the following code to the init\_dialog method:

```
method init_dialog()
```

**editable\_text\_list\_game.clear\_accepts\_focus() # allows tab jump or disables tab insert**

```
.....  
.....  
end
```

NOTE: This code will not allow the tab to jump to the `editable_text_list_game` box. It will disable any type of input to it. After completing this Tutorial, you may want to make `editable_text_list_game` a 'myeditabletextlist' component so you can use the tabs, copy, cut, paste, undo, redo from the buttons. This will require that events are used to determine which edit box (`editable_text_list_game` or `editable_text_list_list`) to apply the function.

You may want to use the tab key to jump from one component to another. In our demo, the tab key just inserts a tab into the first text box in `edit.icn`. Suppose, we would like the tab key to jump to another component. To do this, you need to add the following methods to the subclass `myeditabletextlist.icn`:

```
method keeps(e)  
  # This component keeps all events.  
  return e ~=== "\t"  
end  
#-----  
method handle_event(e)  
  
  if (e === "\t") then  
    return  
  
    (\self.vsb).handle_event(e)  
    (\self.hsb).handle_event(e)  
    if e === (&lpress | &rpress | &mpress) then  
      handle_press(e)  
    else if e === (&ldrag | &rdrag | &mdrag) then  
      handle_drag(e)  
    else if e === (&lrelease | &rrelease | &mrelease) then  
      handle_release(e)  
    else if \self.has_focus then {  
      case e of {  
        Key_Home : handle_key_home(e)  
        Key_End : handle_key_end(e)  
        Key_PgUp : handle_key_page_up(e)  
        Key_PgDn : handle_key_page_down(e)  
        Key_Up : handle_key_up(e)  
        Key_Down : handle_key_down(e)  
        Key_Left : handle_key_left(e)  
        Key_Right : handle_key_right(e)  
        "\b" : handle_delete_left(e)  
        "\r" | "\l" : handle_return(e)  
        "\^k" : handle_delete_line(e)  
        "\^a" : handle_select_all(e)  
        "\^e" : handle_end_of_line(e)  
        "\d" | "\^d" : handle_delete_right(e)  
        "\^x" : handle_cut(e)  
        "\^c" : handle_copy(e)  
        "\^v" : handle_paste(e)  
        "\^z" : handle_undo(e)
```

```

        "\^y" : handle_redo(e)
        default : handle_default(e)
    }
}
end

```

Compile and run the program. Notice that the tab key makes the cursor jump from component to component. If you want to order the tab jumps, go into Ivib, hit control-shift and simultaneously select the text\_button\_paste, text\_button\_undo, text\_button\_redo, text\_field\_pw, text\_button\_ok, text\_button\_exit in that order respectively. While still holding the control-shift, go to the Selection Item on the menu and select 'Reorder'. Now you can tab jump from top to bottom.

## Compound Undos and Redos

If you use undo and redo in our demo dialog, you will notice that the Undo undoes 'compound edits' instead of single edits. If you would like to undo single edits, you will need to create a subclass of the undomanager. Create a file **myundomanager.icn** and copy the following code in to it.

```

import undo
# UndoManager is a CompoundEdit. Until it is closed it allows undos and redos
# within its list of edits, moving a pointer into the list appropriately.
#
class myundomanager:UndoManager(limit, index)
method add_edit(other)
    if \closed then
        return self.CompoundEdit.add_edit(other)
    while *l >= index do
        pull(l)
        put(l, other)
        index += 1

    while (*l > limit) & (index > 1) do {
        index -= 1
        pop(l)
    }
end
end # class

```

Now, **edit myeditabletextlist.icn**, and add initially code to use MyUndoManager. Add this code right before the class end statement:

```

initially(a[])
    wordlist := []
    noedit := 0
    tab_move := &null
    self.LineBasedScrollArea.initially()
    self.set_accepts_focus()
    undo_manager := myundomanager() # use local undomanager
    printable := cset(&cset[33:0]) ++ '\t\n'
    tab_width := 8
    set_wrap_mode("off")
    self.cursor_x := self.cursor_y := 1

```

```
    set_fields(a) # insert initially before class end statement
# NO END STATEMENT FOR INITIALLY
```

```
end # class myeditabletextlist.icn
```

Compile and link

**unicon -o demo -G main edit myeditabletextlist myundomanager**

Run the demo again to test the single undos/redos.

## Tables Column Events

So far we have just been using the table on the main screen to select The games (rows). We may also want to use the 'Name' column or The #Players column. In this example, we will sort the columns when a column is selected. The columns are actually components (subclasses of TextButton), and can be reached via the `get_column(n)` method of Table, where n is the index of the column.

Edit main.icn. Add a class variable **table\_1\_col\_select** to the class declaration. We will use this variable to tell us if the column has been clicked.

```
class dialogmain : Dialog( table_1_col_select,tab_item_btn, .....
```

Add the following bolded lines to the end of `init_dialog`:

```
method init_dialog()
```

```
.....
.....
```

```
table_1_col_select := 0 # class variable initialize
on_table_1() # Listen for events
end
```

Next we need to add code to `on_table_1` which is triggered by a `MOUSE_RELEASE_EVENT` to listen for a column event.

Add the following bolded code to the beginning of the method `on_table_1()`:

```
method on_table_1(ev)
  local posn,poslst,msg,gamelst,cc
  poslst := []
  posn := 0
  game := ""
  gamelst := []
  cc := 0
table_1.get_column(1).connect(self, "on_table_column_1", MOUSE_RELEASE_EVENT)
if table_1_col_select = 1 then {
  table_1_col_select := 0
  return
}

table_1.get_column(2).connect(self, "on_table_column_2", MOUSE_RELEASE_EVENT)
if table_1_col_select = 1 then {
```

```

    table_1_col_select := 0
    return
}
if \ev & \ev.source & \ev.type & \ev.param then
.....
.....
end

```

Add the following to methods to handle the events. These methods Sort the selected columns:

```

#_____
method on_table_column_1()
local lst,k,slst ,T
lst := []
slst := []
table_1_col_select := 1
lst := table_1.get_contents()
T := table()

every k := 1 to *lst do
insert(T,lst[k][1],lst[k][2])

lst := []
lst := sort(T,1)

table_1.set_contents(lst) # sort by table key

end

```

```

#_____
method on_table_column_2()
local lst,k,slst ,T
lst := []
table_1_col_select := 1
lst := table_1.get_contents()
T := table()
every k := 1 to *lst do
insert(T,lst[k][1],lst[k][2])

lst := []
lst := sort(T,2) # sort by table elements
table_1.set_contents(lst)
end
#_____

```

Compile and run. When you click on the table columns, they should sort by Name or number of players. This demonstrates the use of table columns. This concludes this Tutorial.

## **Conclusions and Future Work**

Using IVIB is easy, but really becoming proficient with it requires some familiarization and a certain comfort level with object-oriented programming. We believe this GUI toolkit is easier to learn than most competing tools. We plan to merge traditional IDE code editing, compiling, and executing capabilities into Ivib in a future release.

It is possible to use Ivib with regular procedural code, and it would be easy to extend Ivib to call a procedure for each event. This would allow Icon programmers to benefit from the new GUI toolkit. We would be happy to see this added to Ivib.

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