

# Programming in Graphical Environment

## Windows API Lecture 3

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## Keyboard Input

- Keyboard input sent to foreground window's thread's message queue
- Recipient: focal window (or active window, if none have focus) of that thread
- Received as keystroke messages `WM_KEYDOWN`, `WM_KEYUP`, `WM_SYSKEYDOWN`, `WM_SYSKEYUP`
- `SYS` variants generated for:
  - `Alt` and any key pressed while it is down
  - `F10` and any following key
  - every key if no window has focus
- `SYS` keystrokes usually need to be passed to `DefWindowProcW` (to handle menu, system shortcuts, etc.)
- Keystroke messages inform about particular keys on keyboard (via *virtual-key codes*), not characters user intended to type

## Auto-Repeat Feature

- While key held down, `WM_KEYDOWN` or `WM_SYSKEYDOWN` send repeatedly at certain interval
- If not removed from queue fast enough, auto-repeating messages for a given key-press will be combined

Configured via `SystemParametersInfo`

- `SPI_GETKEYBOARDDELAY`, `SPI_SETKEYBOARDDELAY` — delay to first repeated message (between 0 —  $\sim 250ms$ , and 3 —  $\sim 1s$ )
- `SPI_GETKEYBOARDSPEED`, `SPI_SETKEYBOARDSPEED` — auto-repeat speed (between 0 —  $\sim 2.5$  times per second, and 31 —  $\sim 30$  times per second)

## Character Messages

- Conversion done by passing messages to `TranslateMessage`, which posts (if message translated):

Message	Translated from
<code>WM_CHAR</code>	<code>WM_KEYDOWN</code>
<code>WM_SYSCHAR</code>	<code>WM_SYSKEYDOWN</code>
<code>WM_DEADCHAR</code>	<code>WM_KEYUP</code>
<code>WM_SYSDEADCHAR</code>	<code>WM_SYSKEYDOWN</code>

- `WM_DEADCHAR`, `WM_SYSDEADCHAR` for characters that combine with next one to form composite character (e.g. umlaut on German keyboard)

## Keyboard Message Parameters

### wParam

- **KEY** messages — virtual-key code (ASCII codes for digits, uppercase letters, various **VK\_** constants, e.g. **VK\_RETURN**, **VK\_NUMPAD0**, etc.)
- **CHAR** messages — character code (**wchar\_t** for Unicode windows)

### lParam

- **LOWORD**(**lParam**) — how many combined auto-repeated messages it represents (usually 1)
- **HIWORD**(**lParam**)&0xFF — scan-code, driver-dependent, usually ignored
- **HIWORD**(**lParam**)&**KF\_ALTDOWN** —  Alt pressed flag
- **HIWORD**(**lParam**)&**KF\_EXTENDED** — extended flag, differentiates duplicated keyboard keys (e.g. left and right control, return and numpad return, etc.)
- **HIWORD**(**lParam**)&**KF\_REPEAT** — previous key state, i.e. if key was down before this message (0 for first **DOWN** message; 1 for **UP** and auto-repeated **DOWN** messages)
- **HIWORD**(**lParam**)&**KF\_UP** — transition flag (0 for **DOWN**, 1 **UP** messages)

(for **CHAR** messages, copy from **DOWN** or **UP** message it was translated from)

## Key State

Application can check current key states (via their virtual-key code):

- Input-synchronized, i.e. at the time of last message retrieved from queue:

```
SHORT GetKeyState(int virtualKeyCode);  
BOOL GetKeyboardState(BYTE keyStates[256]);  
BOOL SetKeyboardState(BYTE keyStates[256]);
```

- Asynchronous, interrupt-level, as physically pressed at time of call:

```
SHORT GetAsyncKeyState(int virtualKeyCode);
```

- If `BYTE state` — key state (return by `GetKeyState`, `GetAsyncKeyState` or `keyStates` element)
  - `state&0x80` — flag (high bit) set if key is down
  - `state&0x01` — flag (low bit) set if key is toggled (toggleable keys only: NumLock, CapsLock, ...)





## Media Keys

Some special keys (media, power management keys, etc.) additionally generate `WM_APPCOMMAND`

- `wParam` — handle to window that received input (recipient or child)
- `lParam`:
  - `GET_APPCOMMAND_LPARAM(lParam)` — specific command type, eg.:  
`APPCOMMAND_BROWSER_HOME`, `APPCOMMAND_MEDIA_PLAY`, `APPCOMMAND_VOLUME_DOWN`, ...
  - `GET_DEVICE_LPARAM(lParam)` — device which generated input  
(usually `FAPPCOMMAND_KEY` for keyboard)
  - `GET_KEYSTATE_LPARAM(lParam)` — down-state of shift, control keys, mouse buttons  
(see next slide [▶ here](#))
- Return `TRUE` if message processed
- Generated by `DefWindowProcW` in response to keys, mouse x-buttons, ...
- When passed to `DefWindowProcW` propagated to parent window

## System-Wide Hot-Keys

```
BOOL RegisterHotKey(HWND hWnd, int id, UINT modFlags, UINT vkCode)
```

- Registers system wide hot-key
- `hWnd` — recipient window (can be `nullptr`)
- `id` — hot-key id (application-defined, must be between `0x0000` and `0xBFFF`)
- `vkCode` — virtual-key code of key that needs to be pressed
- `modFlags` — modifier keys that must be held (, , , ); if auto-repeat enabled
- To remove call `UnregisterHotKey`

### WM\_HOTKEY

- Received when hot-key pressed
- `wParam` — hot-key id
- `lParam`:
  - `HIWORD(lParam)` — virtual-key code
  - `LOWORD(lParam)` — flags of modifier keys held



## Key Code Conversion

Besides `TranslateMessage`, various other function can translate between key codes and text:

- `int GetKeyNameW(LONG lParam, LPWSTR str, int len)` — retrieves string representing key
- `MapVirtualKeyW` — converts virtual-key code  $\leftrightarrow$  scan-code, virtual-key code  $\rightarrow$  character code
- `ToAscii`, `ToUnicode` — (virtual-key code, scan-code and keyboard state)  $\rightarrow$  characters
- `ToAsciiEx`, `ToUnicodeEx` — as above, but for specific keyboard layout

Keyboard layout (locale identifier):

- determines input language, mapping between physical keys, virtual key-codes and generated characters
- `GetKeyboardLayout`, `ActivateKeyboardLayout` — access current layout
- `GetKeyboardLayoutList` — available layouts
- `GetKeyboardLayoutNameW` — string representing layout
- `LoadKeyboardLayoutW`, `UnloadKeyboardLayout` — manage custom layouts

## Caret

- Temporary resource, indicates window has keyboard focus
- One caret per message queue, only one thread window can own it (just like focus)
- Blinking rectangle (or bitmap), inverts pixels under it
- `BOOL CreateCaret(HWND hWnd, HBITMAP bmp, int w, int h)`
  - Creates caret owned by `hWnd`
  - `w, h` — caret width and height (pass 0 to use default)

<code>bmp</code>	Caret Shape	Underlying Pixels
0	rectangle	invert all ( <i>black</i> caret)
1	rectangle	invert every other ( <i>grey</i> caret)
bitmap handle	bitmap	XOR with bitmap pixels
- `HideCaret, ShowCaret` temporarily hides/restores caret (uses hide counter)
- `DestroyCaret` destroys it
- Create caret on `WM_SETFOCUS`, destroy on `WM_KILLFOCUS`
- `GetCaretPos, SetCaretPos` to modify caret position (its top-left corner in owner's client coordinates).

## Mouse Input



- Mouse represented by cursor on screen
- Input represents mouse movement, change of button states, wheel movement
- Messages usually sent to window under cursor (under one selected pixel, *hot spot*)
- Supports up to 5 buttons (left, right, middle, two x-buttons) and 2 wheels (vertical, horizontal)
- Call `GetSystemMetrics` to check capabilities:
  - `SM_MOUSEPRESENT` — if mouse installed
  - `SM_CMOUSEBUTTON` — number of buttons available
  - `SM_MOUSEWHEELPRESENT` — if vertical wheel available
  - `SM_MOUSEHORIZONTALWHEELPRESENT` — if horizontal wheel available
  - `SM_SWAPBUTTON` — if left and right buttons swapped

## Mouse Messages

- Button Messages: `WM_[NC|][L|R|M|X]BUTTON[DOWN|UP|DBLCLK]`  
(e.g. `WM_LBUTTONDOWN`, `WM_NCXBUTTONDOWNBLCLK`, ...)
- One set of messages for both x-buttons
- X-Button messages propagated to parent by `DefWindowProcW`
- `DefWindowProcW` sends `WM_APPCOMMAND` on `WM_XBUTTONDOWN`, `WM_NCXBUTTONDOWN`  
Usually: browser forward, back command, device `FAPPCOMMAND_MOUSE`. See previous slide [▶ here](#)
- Move message: `WM_MOUSEMOVE`, `WM_NCMOUSEMOVE`
- Wheel messages: `WM_MOUSEWHEEL`, `WM_MOUSEHWHEEL`
- Mouse tracking events: `WM_MOUSEHOVER`, `WM_NCMOUSEHOVER`, `WM_MOUSELEAVE`, `WM_NCMOUSELEAVE`
- Client and Non-Client Area:
  - `NC` prefixed if event over window's frame (non-client area)
  - otherwise, event over window's client area
  - Non-client area messages need to be passed to `DefWindowProcW`
- Double-click and tracking events must be enabled (see next slide here)

## Mouse Message Parameters

- **lParam** — mouse position, use `GET_X_LPARAM`, `GET_Y_LPARAM` to extract
  - For non-client messages, position in screen coordinates
  - For client area messages, position in window's client coordinates
- **wParam**
  - `GET_KEYSTATE_WPARAM(wParam)` (client area messages) — modifier keys and mouse buttons down-state flags:

<code>MK_CONTROL</code>		<code>MK_SHIFT</code>	
<code>MK_LBUTTON</code>	left mouse button	<code>MK_RBUTTON</code>	right mouse button
<code>MK_MBUTTON</code>	middle mouse button	<code>MK_XBUTTON1</code>	x-button 1
<code>MK_XBUTTON2</code>	x-button 2		
  - `GET_NCHITTEST_WPARAM(wParam)` (non-client area messages) — hit-test value (see next slide)
  - `GET_WHEEL_DELTA_WPARAM(wParam)` (wheel messages) — wheel rotation distance, usually multiples of `WHEEL_DELTA` (120).
  - `GET_XBUTTON_WPARAM(wParam)` (x-button messages) — `XBUTTON1` or `XBUTTON2`
- Exceptions: **lParam**, **wParam** unused in `WM_MOUSELEAVE`, `WM_NCMOUSELEAVE`

# Mouse Hit-Testing

## WM\_NCHITTEST

- Sent only when mouse in client area (frame hit-testing done automatically by the system)
- Allows client area regions to be treated as part of window frame
- `lParam` — mouse position in screen coordinates (use `GET_X_LPARAM`, `GET_Y_LPARAM` to extract)
- Return value indicates position over window elements, examples:
  - `HTCLIENT` — windows client area
  - `HTTOP`, `HTLEFT`, `HTBOTTOMRIGHT`, ... — edges/corners of window's sizing border
  - `HTMINBUTTON`, `HTMAXBUTTON`, `HTCLOSE`, `HTHELP` — caption bar buttons
  - `HTBORDER`, `HTCAPTION` — non-sizing border, caption bar
  - `HTSYSTEMMENU` — in system menu or over child's close button
  - `HTVSCROLL`, `HTHSCROLL`, `HTMENU` — window scroll bars, main menu
- Subsequent mouse message will be non-client unless `HTCLIENT` returned.
- Automatic behaviour handling of regions pretending to be non-client areas limited
  - Only works if real corresponding frame element visible
  - Doesn't properly simulate caption buttons, etc.

## Opt-In Messages

Double-click messages:

- Enabled if window class has `CS_DBLCLKS` style
- Arrive in a sequence with other messages: `DOWN`→`UP`→`DBLCLK`→`UP`

Mouse tracking messages:

- `TrackMouseEvent` to selectively enable, cancel or query current tracked mouse events
- `HOVER` messages — mouse remains stationary for a time over client/non-client area
- `LEAVE` messages — mouse leaves client/non-client area
- When `HOVER` or `LEAVE` message arrives, tracking is disabled.
- Call `TrackMouseEvent` again (e.g. in mouse move message) to re-enable

# Mouse Activation

## WM\_MOUSEACTIVATE

- Sent when user clicks inactive window or a child of inactive window
- Before `WM_ACTIVATE`, etc.
- `lParam` — top-level parent window handle
- `HIWORD(wParam)` — mouse message type identifier of event that caused activation
- `LOWORD(wParam)` — hit-test result for mouse position where event occurred
- Return
  - `MA_NOACTIVATE`, `MA_NOACTIVATEANDEAT` to prevent window activation
  - `MA_ACTIVATEANDEAT`, `MA_NOACTIVATEANDEAT` to prevent further processing
- `DefWindowProcW` propagates message to parent window.



# Mouse Capture

**HWND** `SetCapture(HWND hWnd)`

- Sets mouse capture to window
- Window will receive all mouse messages, even if cursor moves outside of it
- Only foreground window can capture mouse, when user clicks window of another process moving it to foreground, capture is automatically released.
- Useful for dragging: capturing on `BUTTONDOWN` guarantees `BUTTONUP` will be received, even outside of window.

**BOOL** `ReleaseCapture()` — releases capture held by a current thread's window (if any)

**HWND** `GetCapture()` — retrieves current thread's window holding capture (if any)

**WM\_CAPTURECHANGED** — received when window is losing capture (user action or `ReleaseCapture`)

## Mouse Cursor

- Show/hide cursor (internal shown/hidden counter, visible  $\geq 0$ ):

```
int ShowCursor(BOOL show)
```

- Current mouse cursor position:

```
BOOL SetCursorPos(int x, int y), BOOL GetCursorPos(POINT* p)
```

- Mouse cursor confinement (also affects future `SetCursorPos`):

```
BOOL ClipCursor(const RECT* rc), BOOL GetClipCursor(RECT * rc)
```

- `BOOL GetCursorInfo(CURSORINFO * pci)`

- `cbSize` — `sizeof(CURSORINFO)`, must be set before call
- `flags` — 0 if cursor hidden; `CURSOR_SHOWING` if show; `CURSOR_SUPPRESSED` forced invisible (e.g. when using touch or pen input)
- `hCursor` — current cursor shape
- `ptScreenPos` — current cursor position

```
struct CURSORINFO{
    DWORD    cbSize;
    DWORD    flags;
    HCURSOR  hCursor;
    POINT    ptScreenPos;
};
```

- For customization of cursor appearance, see next slides [▶ here](#)

# Mouse Configuration

## SystemParametersInfoW

- `SPI_GETMOUSESPEED`, `SPI_SETMOUSESPEED` — mouse speed from 1 to 20
- `SPI_GETMOUSE`, `SPI_SETMOUSE` — mouse acceleration parameters
- `SPI_GETMOUSEHOVERTIME`, `SPI_GETMOUSEHOVERWIDTH`, `SPI_GETMOUSEHOVERHEIGHT`, `SPI_SETMOUSEHOVERTIME`, `SPI_SETMOUSEHOVERWIDTH`, `SPI_SETMOUSEHOVERHEIGHT` — period of time and rectangle within which mouse must stay to generate mouse hover event
- `SPI_GETMOUSEWHEELROUTING`, `SPI_SETMOUSEWHEELROUTING` — if mouse wheel button events received by window under cursor or window with focus
- `SPI_GETWHEELSCROLLCHARS`, `SPI_GETWHEELSCROLLLINES`, `SPI_SETWHEELSCROLLCHARS`, `SPI_SETWHEELSCROLLLINES` — characters/lines to scroll for `WHEEL_DELTA`
- `SPI_SETDOUBLECLICKTIME`, `SPI_SETDOUBLECLKWIDTH`, `SPI_SETDOUBLECLKHEIGHT` — max time and distance between clicks to generate double-click event (also `GetDoubleClickTime`, `SetDoubleClickTime`)
- `SPI_SETMOUSEBUTTONSWAP` — if left/right mouse buttons swapped (also `SwapMouseButton`)

# Simulating Input

- `UINT SendInput(UINT count, INPUT inputs[], int size)`
  - `count` — number of elements in `inputs`
  - `inputs` — array of input events to generate
  - `size` — `sizeof(INPUT)`

```
struct INPUT {
    DWORD type; // INPUT_MOUSE, INPUT_KEYBOARD or INPUT_HARDWARE
    union {
        MOUSEINPUT    mi;
        KEYBDINPUT     ki;
        HARDWAREINPUT  hi;
    };
};
```

- Legacy functions: `keybd_event`, `mouse_event`

# Simulating Keyboard Input

- `wVk` — virtual-key code
- `wScan` — scan-code or Unicode character
- `time` — event timestamp in ms (0 to auto-generate)
- `dwExtraInfo` — value associated with event (`GetMessageExtraInfo` to retrieve)
- `flags`
  - `KEYEVENTF_KEYUP` — key is released (otherwise pressed)
  - `KEYEVENTF_EXTENDEDKEY` — extended (duplicate) key
  - `KEYEVENTF_SCANCODE` — `wScan` as scan-code identifies key, `wVk` ignored
  - `KEYEVENTF_UNICODE` — Unicode character `wScan` as `VK_PACKET` keystroke  
`wVk` must be 0 and `KEYEVENTF_KEYUP` must be set.  
mostly for non-keyboard input, e.g. handwriting, voice recognition, ...

```
struct KEYBDINPUT {  
    WORD        wVk;  
    WORD        wScan;  
    DWORD       dwFlags;  
    DWORD       time;  
    ULONG_PTR   dwExtraInfo;  
};
```

## Simulating Mouse Input

- `dx`, `dy` — position (normalized coordinates) or movement
- `mouseData` — amount of wheel movement or which x-button was pressed (`XBUTTON1`, `XBUTTON2`)
- `time`, `dwExtraInfo` — same as for keyboard
- `flags` — combination of flags:
  - `MOUSEEVENTF_MOVE`, `MOUSEEVENTF_WHEEL`, `MOUSEEVENTF_HWHEEL`, `MOUSEEVENTF_LEFTDOWN`, `MOUSEEVENTF_LEFTUP`, ... — event type, can be combined (don't combine wheel, x-button flags, down and up flags for the same button)
  - `MOUSEEVENTF_ABSOLUTE` — `dx`, `dy` indicate position instead of relative movement
  - `MOUSEEVENTF_MOVE_NOCOALESC` — prevent coalescing of mouse move messages
  - `MOUSEEVENTF_VIRTUALDESK` — indicates normalized coordinates for virtual desktop
- Normalized coordinates (0, 0) to top-left and (65535, 65535) to bottom-right corner of primary display or entire virtual desktop (`MOUSEEVENTF_VIRTUALDESK`)
- Relative mouse movement subject to post-processing (mouse speed, acceleration)

```
struct MOUSEINPUT {  
    LONG        dx;  
    LOGN        dy;  
    DWORD       mouseData;  
    DWORD       dwFlags;  
    DWORD       time;  
    ULONG_PTR   dwExtraInfo;  
};
```

## Other Input Methods

- Raw Input:
  - Input from all Human Interface Devices (HIDs, includes mouse, keyboard), disabled by default
  - `GetRawInputDeviceList`, `GetRawInputDeviceInfo`
  - `RegisterRawInputDevices` — enables raw input from selected devices, `GetRegisteredRawInputDevices`
  - Unbuffered reading: `WM_INPUT`, `GetRawInputData`, `RAWINPUT`
  - Buffered reading: `GetRawInputBuffer`
  - Very complex, read docs! (or use wrapper library: Direct Input, XInput, etc.)
- Touch Input: `RegisterTouchWindow`, `WM_TOUCH`, `SetGestureConfig`, `WM_GESTURE`
- Ink input

## Resources

- Binary data often embedded in executable or library file (.exe, .dll, .mui)
- Standard (predefined) resource types:
  - icons, cursors, images (bitmaps, enhanced metafiles)
  - fonts,
  - menu and dialog box templates,
  - string- and message-tables, keyboard accelerator tables,
  - executable/library version information, manifest files
- Applications can define own custom resource types
- Resource identified by executable or library's module handle, type, name and locale id
- Module handle:
  - For current process's main executable use its `HINSTANCE`
  - `LoadLibraryW`, `LoadLibraryExW`
  - `GetModuleHandleW`, `GetModuleHandleExW` — if library already loaded
- Resource type and name:
  - String or integer identifier
  - `MAKEINTRESOURCEW(id)` to convert integer to resource type/name
  - `IS_INTRESOURCE(name)` to check if type/name is integer or string



## Embedding Resources

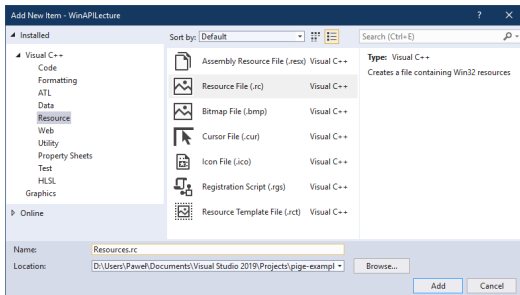
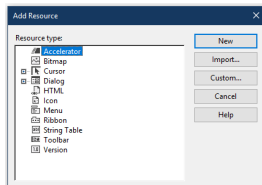
- Resource definition (.rc) file defines tables, templates, names of external files
- Resource Compiler (rc.exe) compiles resources into an object file linked with output binary
- When adding resources to project, Visual Studio adds .rc file automatically if needed

Project » Add » Resource

- Alternatively, empty .rc file can be added:

Project » Add » New Item » Visual C++ » Resource  
Resource File (.rc)

- In addition, resource.h file is generated. It will contain symbolic constants for identifiers of resource types, names, commands, ...



# Embedding Resources

## Resources.rc Example:

```
// Microsoft Visual C++ generated resource script.
//
#include "resource.h"

#define APSTUDIO_READONLY_SYMBOLS
...
#undef APSTUDIO_READONLY_SYMBOLS
////////////////////////////////////
// Polish (Poland) resources
#if !defined(AFX_RESOURCE_DLL) || defined(AFX_TARG_PLK)
LANGUAGE LANG_POLISH, SUBLANG_DEFAULT

#ifdef APSTUDIO_INVOKED
...
#endif // APSTUDIO_INVOKED
////////////////////////////////////
//
// Bitmap
//
IDB_BMPCARET           BITMAP           "caret.bmp"

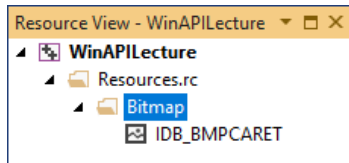
#endif // Polish (Poland) resources
////////////////////////////////////
#ifdef APSTUDIO_INVOKED
...
#endif // not APSTUDIO_INVOKED
```

## resource.h Example:

```
// Used by Resources.rc
//
#define IDB_BMPCARET

// Next default values for new objects
//
#ifdef APSTUDIO_INVOKED
...
#endif
```

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## Accessing Embedded Resources

- Enumerating resource types in module:

`EnumResourceTypesW`, `EnumResourceTypesExW`

- Enumerating resource names of a given type in module:

`EnumResourceNamesW`, `EnumResourceNamesExW`

- Enumerating language variants of resource (given by type and name) in module:

`EnumResourceLanguagesW`, `EnumResourceLanguagesExW`

- Loading resources (general case, use for application-defined resource types):

① `HRSRC FindResourceW(HMODULE module, LPCWSTR rName, LPCWSTR rType)`

② (optional) `DWORD SizeofResource(HMODULE module, HRSRC res)` — size of resource data

③ `HGLOBAL LoadResource(HMODULE module, HRSRC res)`

④ `void* LockResource(HGLOBAL resData)` — pointer to resource data

No *unlocking/unloading/freeing* of `HRSRC`, `HGLOBAL` or `void*` necessary (or even possible)!

- Always prefer resource type-specific loading functions!

# String Tables

- Associate resource names with strings
- `LoadStringW`
  - Allows to retrieve pointer to string and its length
  - Or copy the string to a buffer
  - Strings might not be null-terminated!

```
wstring clsname(100, L'\0');
//Option 1: Copy string to buffer
auto len = LoadStringW(hInst, IDS_WINDOWCLASS,
    clsname.data(), clsname.length());
clsname.resize(len);
window::register_class(hInst, clsname);
```

```
const wchar_t* text;
//Option 2: Obtain pointer to string
//and string length
len = LoadStringW(hInst, IDS_WINDOWTITLE,
    reinterpret_cast<LPWSTR>(&text), 0);
window w{ wstring(text, len) };
```

```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// String Table
//
STRINGTABLE
BEGIN
    IDS_WINDOWTITLE    "Witaj Świecie!"
    IDS_WINDOWCLASS    "MyWindowClass"
END
```

ID	Value	Caption
IDS_WINDOWTITLE	102	Witaj Świecie!
IDS_WINDOWCLASS	103	MyWindowClass

# Bitmaps

`HANDLE LoadImageW(HINSTANCE hInst, LPCWSTR name, UINT type, int cx, int cy, UINT flags)`

- Loads bitmap, cursor or icon, set `type` to `IMAGE_BITMAP`, `IMAGE_CURSOR` or `IMAGE_ICON`
- `cx`, `cy` — desired cursor/icon size, pass `LR_DEFAULTSIZE` for system default, 0 for actual size
- Some useful `flags`:
  - `LR_LOADFROMFILE` — loads from external file instead of resource
  - `LR_SHARED` — multiple calls for the same resource will return the same handle
- `hInst` — module that contains the resource, pass `nullptr` system resources and external files
- `name` — resource name (use `MAKEINTRESOURCE(ID)` when passing integer ids), or path to a file
  - For system bitmaps, cursors, icons, use identifiers prefixed: `OBM_`, `OIC_`, `OCR_`
  - Define `OEMRESOURCE` before including "`windows.h`" to access them
  - System cursors and icons must be loaded as shared!
- When no longer needed, non-shared images must be released, depending on `type`, using:

<code>IMAGE_BITMAP</code>	<code>DeleteObject</code>
<code>IMAGE_CURSOR</code>	<code>DestroyCursor</code>
<code>IMAGE_ICON</code>	<code>DestroyIcon</code>

## Cursors and Icons

Very similar resources, share many characteristics, functions and often can be used interchangeably

- Shape defined by
  - XOR mask — color map of cursor/icon
  - AND mask — 1bpp transparency map, transparent pixels are XOR-ed with background (optional for 32bpp color map)
  - hot-spot — selected pixel corresponding to cursor/icon position (usually center for icons)
- Almost identical file formats for icons (.ico) and non-animated cursors (.cur) — .ico doesn't define hotspot
- Additional file format for animated cursors (.ani)
- File formats can store multiple shapes for different resolutions and/or color depths

# Cursor

## Creating cursor:

- `LoadImageW` — see previous slide [▶ here](#)
- `HCURSOR LoadCursor(HINSTANCE hInst, LPCWSTR resName)`
  - Loads shared cursor from resource with system default size
  - For system cursors pass `nullptr` as `hInst`, and for `name` use one of `IDC_` constants: `IDC_ARROW`, `IDC_IBEAM`, `IDC_WAIT`, ...
  - System cursors can be replaced using `SetSystemCursor`
- `LoadCursorFromFileW` — loads a shared cursor from `.cur` or `.ani` file with system default size
- `CreateCursor` — creates cursor programmatically (from XOR and AND masks) — avoid, loading should be preferred

Destroying non-shared cursor: `DestroyCursor`

# Cursor

## Setting cursor appearance:

- `HCURSOR` `SetCursor(HCURSOR c)` — change cursor shape (`nullptr` hides it)  
Note: window class cursor must be `nullptr`, otherwise by default it's restored on mouse events (see below)
- `hCursor` of `WNDCLASSEXW` on window class registration
- `SetClassLongPtrW` with `GCL_HCURSOR` (affects all window of a class)
- `WM_SETCURSOR` message sent before each mouse message (after hit-testing), use to `SetCursor`
  - `wParam` — handle to window containing mouse cursor
  - `LOWORD(lParam)` — hit-test result
  - `HIWORD(lParam)` — mouse message type identifier
  - `DefWindowProcW` propagates message to parent before processing, sets arrow over non-client area or class cursor over client (if available)
  - Return `TRUE` to halt further processing (e.g. child's window procedure)



# Icons


## Creating icon:

- `LoadImageW` — see previous slide [▶ here](#)
- `HICON LoadIconW(HINSTANCE hInst, LPCWSTR resName)`
  - Loads shared icon from resource with system default size
  - For system icons pass `nullptr` as `hInst`, and for `name` use one of `IDI_` constants:  
`IDI_INFORMATION, IDI_SHIELD, IDI_WINLOGO, ...`
- `CreateIcon` — creates icon programmatically (from XOR and AND masks) — avoid, loading should be preferred
- `DuplicateIcon` — creates non-shared copy
- `ExtractIconW, ExtractIconExW` — extract large icon/large and small icons from `.exe, .dll` or `.ico`
- `ExtractAssociatedIconW, ExtractAssociatedIconExW` — extract large icon from file or from executable of a program associated with it

Destroying non-shared icons: `DestroyIcon`

# Icons

## Icon Sizes:

- Large system icon
  - Default for various icons and cursors loading functions
  - `GetSystemMetrics` with `SM_CXICON`, `SM_CYICON`
  - Used in `Alt` + , taskbar, etc.
- Small system icon
  - `GetSystemMetrics` with `SM_CXSMICON`, `SM_CYSMICON`
  - Displayed e.g. on window caption bar

## Setting icons

- For executable icon, first icon resource is used
- `hIcon`, `hIconSm` of `WNDCLASSEXW` (for large and small icon) on window class registration
- `SetClassLongPtrW` with `GCLP_HICON`, `GCLP_HICONSM` (affects all windows of a class)

## Cursor and Icon Functions

- `BOOL GetIconInfo(HICON icon, ICONINFO* info)`
  - Retrieve cursor or icon data
  - Pass any of `IDC_` or `IDI_` constants for system cursors and icons
  - `info.fIcon` — `true` if icon, otherwise cursor
  - `info.hbmMask` — AND mask
  - `info.hbmColor` — XOR mask
- `HICON CreateIconIndirect(ICONINFO *info)` — creates non-shared copy of cursor/icon (even if cursor is created `DestroyIcon` must be used to release it!)
- `CreateIconFromResource`, `CreateIconFromResourceEx` — Creates icon/cursor from binary resource data (e.g. obtained from `LoadResource`)

```
struct ICONINFO{
    BOOL    fIcon;
    DWORD   xHotspot;
    DWORD   yHotspot;
    HBITMAP hbmMask;
    HBITMAP hbmCOLOR;
};
```

# Menu Types

- Menu Bar, a.k.a. top-level menu
  - One per window
  - Only for top-level windows
  - Always visible, drawn at the top of window, below caption bar
  - `CreateMenu` — creates empty menu bar
- Pop-up menu, a.k.a. drop-down menu
  - Not visible until activated
  - For submenus, context menus, system menu
  - `CreatePopupMenu` — creates empty pop-up menu
  - Displayed in system-managed pop-up window
- Regardless of type, menus must be destroyed by `DestroyMenu` when no longer needed
- Menu can contain multiple menu items, each optionally associated with a pop-up submenu.

## Menu Bars

`HMENU GetMenu(HWND hWnd)` — Retrieves window's menu bar

`BOOL SetMenu(HWND hWnd, HMENU hMenu)`

- Replaces window's menu bar (previous menu bar needs to be retrieved before call)
- Pass `nullptr` to remove it

`BOOL GetMenuBarInfo(HWND hWnd, LONG obj, LONG item, MENUBARINFO* info)`

- If `item` is 0 retrieves menu bar `info` properties:
  - `OBJID_MENU` — window's menu bar
  - `OBJID_SYSMENU` — window's system menu bar (i.e. pseudo-menu bar with one empty item whose submenu is the window's system menu)
- `item`  $\geq 1$  — Retrieves properties (size/position, focus) of menu bar items (1-based index)

```
struct MENUBARINFO {
    DWORD cbSize; //sizeof(MENUBARINFO)
    RECT rcBar; //menu item size/pos
    HMENU hMenu; //menu bar handle
    BOOL fBarFocused : 1;
    BOOL fFocused : 1;
};
```

`BOOL DrawMenuBar(HWND hWnd)` — Redraws window's menu bar (call after changes to menu bar)

# Menu Properties

**MENUINFO** — Used to retrieve or set menu properties

- **fMask** — which properties set or retrieve:
  - **MIM\_STYLE**, **MIM\_MAXHEIGHT**, **MIM\_BACKGROUND**, **MIM\_HELPID**, **MIM\_MENUDATA**
  - **MIM\_APPLYTOSUBMENUS** — modifies all submenus
- **dwStyle** — menu style flags, some options:
  - **MNS\_NOCHECK** — doesn't reserve space for item check-marks
  - **MNS\_CHECKORBMP** — item bitmap drawn in the space of a check-mark
  - **MNS\_MODELESS** — set to prevent thread entering modal loop when menu is active (i.e. messages not retrieved via main message loop; manual menu handling might be required)
  - **MNS\_NOTIFYBYPOS** — sends **WM\_MENUCOMMAND** instead of **WM\_COMMAND**
- **cyMax** — maximum height before scroll bar appears (0 for screen height)
- **hbrBack** — menu background brush
- **dwContextHelpID** — context help id
- **dwMenuData** — application specific value

```
struct MENUINFO {  
    DWORD cbSize; //sizeof(MENUINFO)  
    DWORD fMask;  
    DWORD dwStyle;  
    UINT cyMax;  
    HBRUSH hbrBack;  
    DWORD dwContextHelpID;  
    ULONG_PTR dwMenuData;  
};
```

## Menu Functions

- `GetMenuInfo`, `SetMenuInfo` — retrieve, set menu properties
- `BOOL GetSystemMenu(HWND hWnd, BOOL revert)`
  - Retrieves a (copy of) system pop-up menu
  - It will be used as system menu for the window and can be modified
  - Pass `true` as `revert` to return to default system menu
- `BOOL TrackPopupMenuEx(HMENU menu, UINT f, int x, int y, HWND hWnd, TPMPARAMS* p)`
  - Displays and tracks selection in context (pop-up) menu — modal loop
  - `x, y` — intended menu location in screen coordinates
  - `hWnd` — owner window
  - `p` — rectangle that menu should not overlap
  - Flags `f` define:
    - position of menu in relation to `x, y` (alignment, overflow)
    - animation used to display menu
    - which mouse buttons can select items
    - how selection is reported (message to window, returned value)
- `EndMenu` — ends (deactivates, hides) windows active menu

## Menu Item Properties

- Text label
  - Use & to select the following letter as access key (mnemonic)
  - Use \t to separate label in two columns (usually command label and corresponding shortcut — although such shortcuts don't work automatically)
- Menu item (command) identifier
- Optional sub-menu (such items usually don't act as commands, as clicking them just expands sub-menu)
- Current state, whether item is disabled, checked, highlighted, default (default item is selected when parent item of its submenu is double-clicked)
- Optional bitmap, displayed next to label where check-mark would appear (possible to provide two bitmaps for checked and unchecked state)
- Alternatively menu item can be a separator (only valid in pop-up menus)



# Menu Item Properties

**MENUITEMINFOW** — Used to retrieve or set menu properties

- **fMask** — which properties to set or retrieve:
  - **MIIM\_FTYPE, MIIM\_STATE**
  - **MIIM\_ID** — command identifier via **wID**
  - **MIIM\_SUBMENU** — submenu handle via **hSubMenu**
  - **MIIM\_BITMAP** — item bitmap via **hbmpItem**
  - **MIIM\_CHECKMARKS** — bitmaps for checked, unchecked state via **hbmpChecked, hbmpUnchecked** (**nullptr** resets to default)
  - **MIIM\_DATA** — application defined value via **dwItemData**
  - **MIIM\_STRING** — label string via **dwTypeData** (**cch** for its length)
- **fType** — menu item type flags, e.g.:
  - **MFT\_SEPARATOR** — item is a separator (pop-up menus only)
  - **MFT\_RADIOCHECK** — defaults to radio-mark instead of check-mark for checked state
  - **MFT\_MENUBREAK, MFT\_MENUBARBREAK** — new row (menu bar), column (pop-up menu, optional bar)
  - **MFT\_OWNERDRAW** — allows custom item drawing by window owning the menu
- **fState** — current state flags **MFS\_DISABLED, MFS\_CHECKED, MFS\_HILITE, MFS\_DEFAULT**

```
struct MENUITEMINFOW {
    //sizeof(MENUITEMINFO):
    UINT cbSize;
    UINT fMask;
    UINT fType;
    UINT fState;
    UINT wID;
    HMENU hSubMenu;
    HBITMAP hbmpChecked;
    HBITMAP hbmpUnchecked;
    ULONG_PTR dwItemData;
    LPWSTR dwTypeData;
    UINT cch;
    HBITMAP hbmpItem;
};
```

## Menu Item Functions

Accessing items, changing properties:

- `GetMenuItemCount` — retrieve number of items in a menu
- `GetMenuItemInfoW`, `SetMenuItemInfoW` — retrieve or set menu properties
- `CheckMenuRadioItem` — simultaneously check one item and uncheck all others in a range

Modifying menus:

- `InsertMenuItemW` — adds item to menu
- `DeleteMenu`, `RemoveMenu` — removes menu item, former destroys submenu, latter does not — it must be retrieved before the call
- `GetMenuDefaultItem`, `SetMenuDefaultItem` — retrieve or change default item in a menu

Measuring items:

- `MenuItemFromPoint`
- `GetMenuItemRect` (must be visible)
- `GetSystemMetrics` with `SM_CXMENUCHECK`, `SM_CYMENUCHECK` — default check-mark size

Note: Items identified by index or command identifier, the latter often recursively searching through submenus

## Menu Item Functions

Legacy functions — superseded, although sometimes might be easier to use:

- retrieving properties: `GetMenuItemID`, `GetMenuState`, `GetMenuStringW`, `GetSubMenu`
- changing state: `CheckMenuItem`, `EnableMenuItem`, `HiliteMenuItem`
- adding, modifying items: `AppendMenuW`, `InsertMenuW`, `ModifyMenuW`, `SetMenuItemBitmaps`

Legacy item variant:

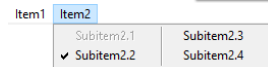
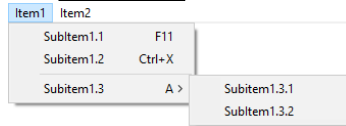
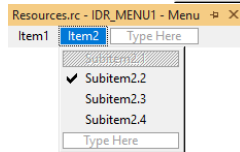
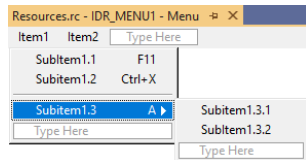
- Bitmap instead of text label
- Can be achieved via `SetMenuItemInfoW` with:
  - `fMask`: `MIIM_TYPE`
  - `fType`: `MFT_BITMAP`
  - `dwTypeData`: bitmap handle
- Owner-drawn items should be preferred for custom visual appearance

# Menu Templates

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Menu
//
IDR_MENU1 MENU
BEGIN
  POPUP "Item1"
  BEGIN
    MENUITEM "SubItem1.1\tF11",      ID_ITEM1_SUBITEM1
    MENUITEM "Subitem1.2\tCtrl+X",  ID_ITEM1_SUBITEM2
    MENUITEM SEPARATOR
    POPUP "Subitem1.3\tA"
    BEGIN
      MENUITEM "Subitem1.3.1",      ID_SUBITEM1_SUBITEM1
      MENUITEM "SubItem1.3.2",     ID_SUBITEM1_SUBITEM2
    END
  END
  POPUP "Item2"
  BEGIN
    MENUITEM "Subitem2.1",          ID_ITEM2_SUBITEM2, GRAYED
    MENUITEM "Subitem2.2",          ID_ITEM2_SUBITEM3, CHECKED
    MENUITEM "Subitem2.3",          ID_ITEM2_SUBITEM4, MENUBARBREAK
    MENUITEM "Subitem2.4",          ID_ITEM2_SUBITEM5
  END
END

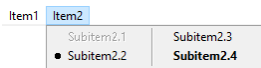
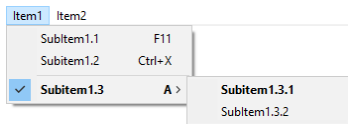
```



# Menu Templates

```
//
IDR_MENU2 MENUEX
BEGIN
  POPUP "Item1",
  BEGIN
    MENUITEM "SubItem1.1\tF11",
    MENUITEM "Subitem1.2\tCtrl+X",
    MENUITEM "",
    POPUP "Subitem1.3\tA",
    BEGIN
      MENUITEM "Subitem1.3.1",
      MENUITEM "SubItem1.3.2",
    END
  END
END
POPUP "Item2",
BEGIN
  MENUITEM "Subitem2.1",
  MENUITEM "Subitem2.2",
  MENUITEM "Subitem2.3",
  MENUITEM "Subitem2.4",
END
END
```

Identifier	Type flags	Style Flags
ID_ITEM1		
ID_ITEM1_SUBITEM1		
ID_ITEM1_SUBITEM2		
ID_ITEM1_SUBITEM3	MFT_SEPARATOR	MFS_CHECKED   MFS_DEFAULT
ID_SUBITEM1_SUBITEM1		MFS_DEFAULT
ID_SUBITEM1_SUBITEM2		
ID_ITEM2		
ID_ITEM2_SUBITEM2		MFS_DISABLED
ID_ITEM2_SUBITEM3	MFT_RADIOCHECK,	MFS_CHECKED
ID_ITEM2_SUBITEM4	MFT_MENUBARBREAK	
ID_ITEM2_SUBITEM5		MFS_DEFAULT



# Menu Templates

**HMENU** `LoadMenuW`(**HINSTANCE** hInst, **LPCWSTR** name)

- Loads menu template or extended menu template from resource
- Creates menu bar
- To store context menus as template
  - Define menu bar template with context menu as submenu
  - Load template
  - Use `GetMenuItemInfow` or `GetSubMenu` to retrieve pop-up menu

## Menu Messages

- `WM_COMMAND` — menu item selected (if menu is not `MNS_NOTIFYBYPOS`)
  - `HIWORD(wParam)` — 0 for menus
  - `LOWORD(wParam)` — selected item's command identifier
- `WM_SYSCOMMAND` — system menu item selected (as discussed before)
- `WM_MENUCOMMAND` — menu item selected (if menu is `MNS_NOTIFYBYPOS`)
  - `wParam` — item's index
  - `lParam` — handle of menu that contains the item
- `WM_MENURBUTTONUP` — menu item right-clicked
  - `wParam, lParam` as in `WM_MENUCOMMAND`
  - can be used to display context menu for item (`TrackPopupMenuEx` with `TPM_RECURSE`)
- `WM_INITMENU` — menu bar clicked or `Alt` pressed (`wParam` — menu handle)
- `WM_INITPOPUPMENU` — pop-up menu is becoming active
  - `wParam` — pop-up menu handle
  - `LOWORD(lParam)` — index of parent menu item
  - `HIWORD(lParam)` — `TRUE` if submenu of window menu bar
- `WM_UNINITPOPUPMENU` — pop-up menu was destroyed (`wParam` — pop-up menu handle)

# Menu Messages

- **WM\_CONTEXTMENU**
  - Sent by `DefWindowProcW` on `WM_RBUTTONDOWN`, `WM_NCRBUTTONDOWN`, `↑` + `F10` or `VK_APPS` key release
  - `lParam` — mouse screen coordinates when clicked (use `GET_X_LPARAM`, `GET_Y_LPARAM`)
  - `wParam` — handle of window which received mouse click (or keyboard input)
  - `DefWindowProcW` propagates message to parent/displays system menu caption bar clicked
  - Can be used to display context menu (`TrackPopupMenuEx`)
- **WM\_ENTERMENULOOP**, **WM\_EXITMENULOOP** — start/end of menu modal loop  
(`wParam TRUE` — if context menu)
- **WM\_ENTERIDLE** — periodically sent when modal loop is idle
  - `wParam` — `MSGF_MENU` for menu modal loop
  - `lParam` — handle of window containing the menu
- **WM\_MENUSELECT** — sent when user hovers over/clicks items in a menu
  - `LOWORD(wParam)` — item index
  - `HIWORD(wParam)` — item flags (type/state, see docs!)
  - `lParam` — menu handle



## Keyboard Accelerators

- Associate shortcuts (character or virtual key code + modifiers) with command identifiers
- Loading accelerator table from resource:

HACCEL LoadAcceleratorsW(HINSTANCE hInst, LPCWSTR name)

ID	Modifier	Key	Type
ID_ITEM1_SUBITEM1	None	VK_F11	VIRTKEY
ID_ITEM1_SUBITEM2	Ctrl	X	VIRTKEY
ID_ITEM1_SUBITEM3	None	A	ASCII
ID_ACCEL1	None	m	ASCII
ID_ACCEL2	Alt + Shift	VK_OEM_PLUS	VIRTKEY

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Accelerator
//
IDR_ACCELERATOR1 ACCELERATORS
BEGIN
    VK_F11,          ID_ITEM1_SUBITEM1,    VIRTKEY, NOINVERT
    "X",             ID_ITEM1_SUBITEM2,    VIRTKEY, CONTROL, NOINVERT
    "A",             ID_ITEM1_SUBITEM3,    ASCII, NOINVERT
    "m",             ID_ACCEL1,          ASCII, NOINVERT
    VK_OEM_PLUS,     ID_ACCEL2,          VIRTKEY, SHIFT, ALT, NOINVERT
END

```

- Creating accelerator table dynamically:

HACCEL CreateAcceleratorTableW(ACCEL acc[], int count)

```

struct ACCEL {
    BYTE fVirt;
    WORD key;
    WORD cmd;
};

```

# Keyboard Accelerators

```
int TranslateAcceleratorW(HWND hWnd, HACCEL acc, MSG* msg)
```

- Messages retrieved from queue need to be passed to enable accelerators
- If return value is non-zero, message is handled and should not be processed further
- Commands sent as `WM_COMMAND` or `WM_SYSCOMMAND`
  - `HIWORD(wParam)` — 1 for accelerators (`WM_COMMAND` only)
  - `LOWORD(wParam)` — accelerator command identifier
- Accelerators cooperate with window's menu bar and system menu
  - `WM_SYSCOMMAND` is sent only if accelerator command identifier matches one of system menu's items': `SC_CLOSE`, `SC_MINIMIZE`, ...
  - Accelerators matching menu items don't generate messages when item is disabled or window is minimized (latter only applies to menu bar)
  - If accelerator matches menu bar item and window isn't disabled, menu messages are sent: `WM_INITMENU`, `WM_INITPOPUPMENU`, etc. — as if user selected item manually

# End of Windows API Lecture 3

Thank you for listening! 😊