

Public Support - Support Request #17471

Prevent updating label names

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Department: SUPPORT	Affected Products:
Requester's Priority: Normal	Platform:
Support Level: 2nd Level	Topic: ADTF::Common
Resolution: Solved Issue	FAQ Links:
Description	
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<p>please think twice when in future you update the names and CIDs of components since it may need a lot of followup work on updating documentation (not only for you).</p> <p>Just one example from ADTF 3.14: you newly introduced the Qt5 prefix for many components. Your documentation was partially updated but you have still mixes of old and new names. Here just some example https://support.digitalwerk.net/adtf/v3/guides/tutorial_filter_javascript.html where you for example can find 2 different old variants for the brand new "Qt5 Media Description Display" in one document.</p> <p>I would suggest to not change names every two or so minor versions. While this affects only documentation material it is even worse when cids get changed (like recently with some cids in the device toolbox)which makes it necessary to reconfigure the projects.</p>	
Lösung	
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History

#1 - 2022-05-12 06:47 - hidden

- Status changed from New to Customer Feedback Required

- Department set to SUPPORT

Hi Jochen,

regarding the label names, we will proceed changing them in future if it's important for upcoming plans (like here Qt5 vs Qt6) or help the customer (better spelling) or to harmonize spelling.

Of course we have to adapt them everywhere, I will recheck but as far after a quick search you found the only remaining place where its missing... If this would be the only problem in ADTF, I would have a good sleep :-)

In doxygen its easier because we can refernce names using pages, in the guides its different.

This will be improved by upcoming concepts to combine the documentations in some way, so thanks for reporting.

About changing class ids we are totally in the same page, we prevent changing them.

We changed some two times (ADTF 3.4 and Device TB 3.8) so not every two minors...

Of course this should not happen and as you see we wont change class ids in the same manner than label names (see MD Display... sorry Qt5 Media Description Display vs demo_md_...) because otherwise, as you said, sessions getting incompatible.

We used the early chance to correct the substream spelling due to license issues and violations.

We are not planning to change class ids in future.

#2 - 2022-05-12 11:05 - hidden

Now I think i found out each remaining former Qt related string and replace for an upcoming delivery!

#3 - 2022-05-12 13:50 - hidden

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#4 - 2022-05-12 14:19 - hidden

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To be fair, this is a different approach to our business, our documentation and training is always version specific.

But for now, I will have this is my mind and will have an eye on it before changing.

For now, the label names seem good to me and I dont see any changes.

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The issue was, we have a mix of with and without Qt Prefix and other components with or without ADTF prefix.

This was important to harmonize that and we use it, to use Qt5 instead of Qt for all.

Because when we create a Qt6 dependent XSystem and components, then the user can differ (as mentioned, cannot be upgraded from qt5 to qt6 without breaking binary comptaibility).

But this is future.

#5 - 2022-05-17 15:51 - hidden

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#6 - 2022-05-18 10:04 - hidden

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Hi Florian,

thanks for the detailed information! Now I think I get closer to understand the future concept.

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Thank you! Ticket can be closed.

#8 - 2022-05-19 06:23 - hidden

- Project changed from 7 to Public Support
- Subject changed from On updating filters and service names to Prevent updating label names
- Description updated
- Status changed from Customer Feedback Required to To Be Closed
- Private changed from Yes to No
- Resolution set to Solved Issue
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The label name is only to differ in component view to select the correct one.

The CE creates the mapping label name <-> CID and knows the related plugin description, this is the ground truth and isn't change (and won't be). So in the component view you have to entries

- Qt5 Media Description Display
 - pointing to demo_qt_media_description_display.ui_filter.adtf.cid
 - dependency qt_xsystem.osborn.services.adtf.iid (auto added)
- Qt6 Media Description Display
 - pointing to qt6_media_description_display.ui_filter.adtf.cid
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The CE will check and decline using both XSystem Dependencies in one system while it will be added (manually as service or automatic as dependency).

In the Property Editor the user can figure out which component is used within the graph (no matter if renamed or not).

The Launcher uses Qt5 or Qt6 depending on the used XSystem within the System File.

And yes, having the same Session for both worlds means 2 graphs and two systems, which are not combinable.

Ticket can be closed.

OK

#9 - 2022-05-19 07:56 - hidden

Ah I see, new cids for the qt6 versions. Then it is clear.

BR,
Jochen

#10 - 2023-02-09 07:58 - hidden

- Status changed from To Be Closed to Closed