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Subject: Re: compile a routine wich include a commun  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 24 Jan 2006 16:26:44 GMT  
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Paul Van Delst writes:

> I wonder why RSI decided to implement pointers this way? Or, to rephrase, why they called  
> the implementation they chose a pointer?

Originally they were called "handles", but that annoyed  
pretty much everyone. :-)

Cheers,

David

P.S. And before *that* they were called user values of  
unrealized top-level base widgets. But that's really going  
too far back in history, probably. :-)

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