
Subject: Lack of KeyMods parameter in the ::MouseUp function call -> Feature request

Posted by [Helder Marchetto](#) on Wed, 30 Dec 2015 23:25:01 GMT

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Posted by [chris_torrence@NOSPAM](#) on Tue, 05 Jan 2016 21:16:04 GMT

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On Wednesday, December 30, 2015 at 4:25:08 PM UTC-7, Helder wrote:

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Posted by [Helder Marchetto](#) on Tue, 05 Jan 2016 21:20:29 GMT

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