LidorSystems

Collector

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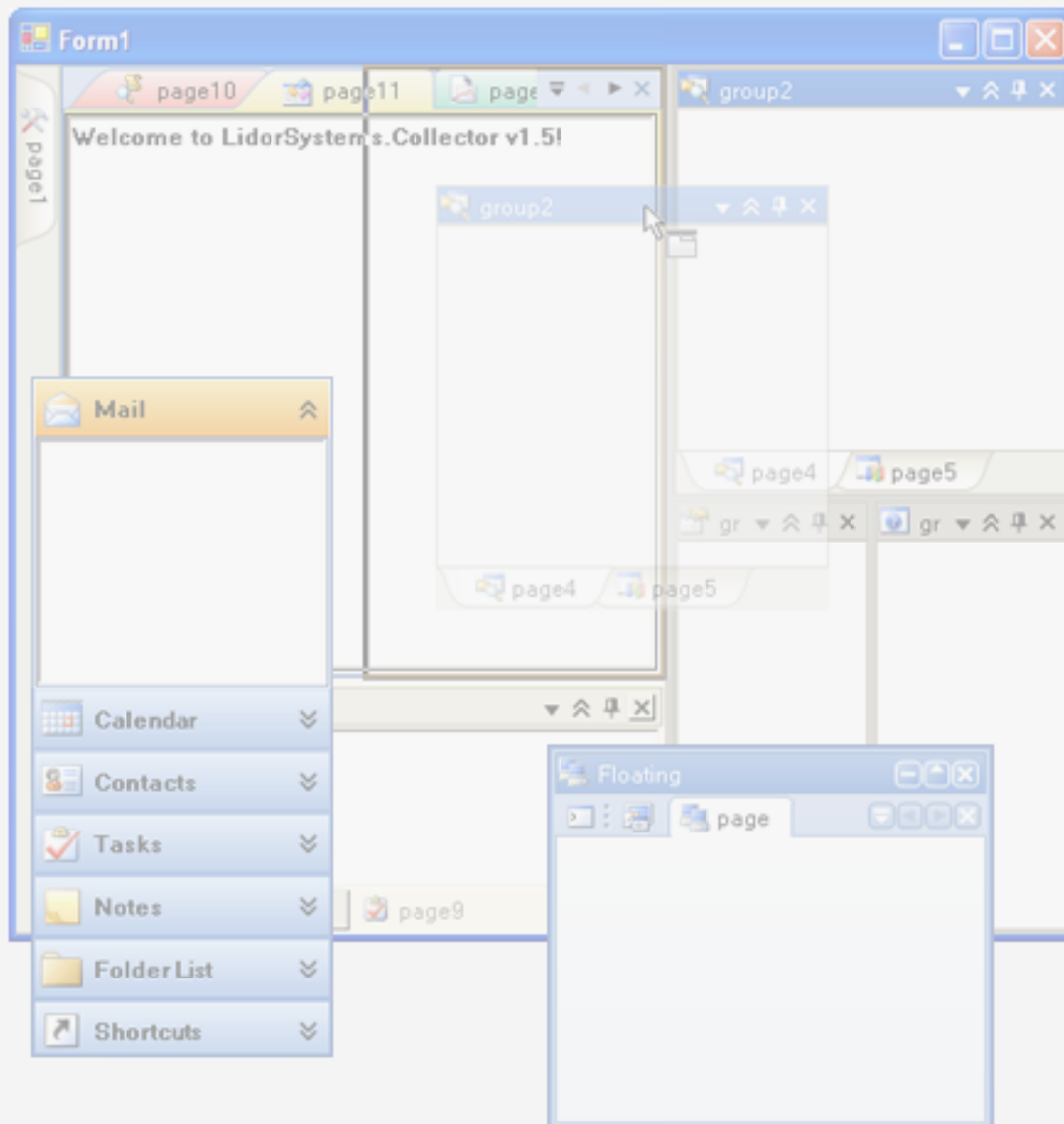Docking Windows And Tabbed Documents Management
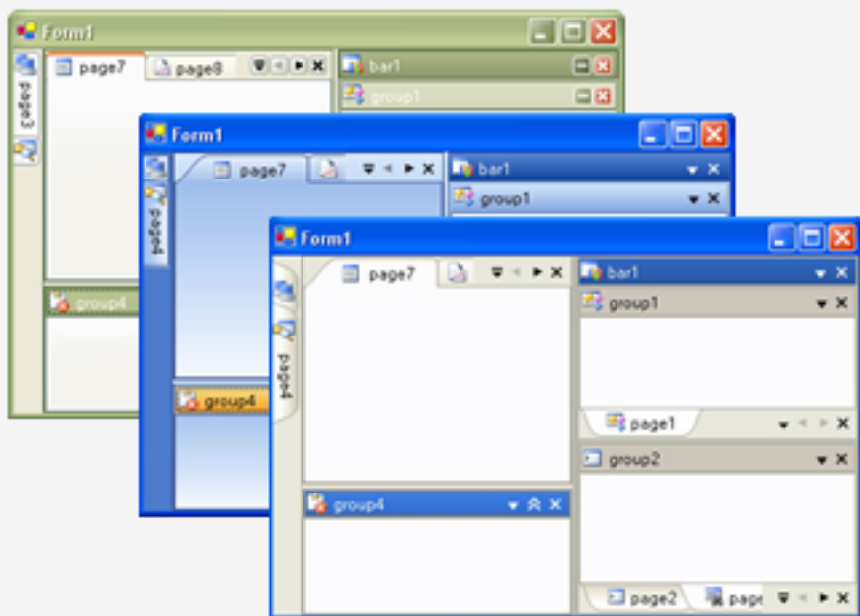
Overview

COMPONENTS FOR YOU

LidorSystems.Collector is .NET class library featuring next generation of windows docking system and tabbed documents management, bringing a new level of user interaction with your applications.

Bundled with many powerful features, it offers you a total control over tool and document window capabilities.

With the unparalleled support of WindowsXP Themes and color schemes and the most precise emulation of Office 2003, Visual Studio .NET 2003 and Visual Studio .NET 2005 look and feel, it helps you to create modern and stylish user interface in your applications, familiar to the users.

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RENDERING AND STYLES

LidorSystems.Collector ships with five renderers, which emulates the look and feel of Office 2003, Visual Studio .NET 2003, Visual Studio .NET 2005, Windows XP and Windows Classic.

Also, Windows XP Themes and color schemes are supported which gives a opportunity to design applications with interfaces familiar to the users.
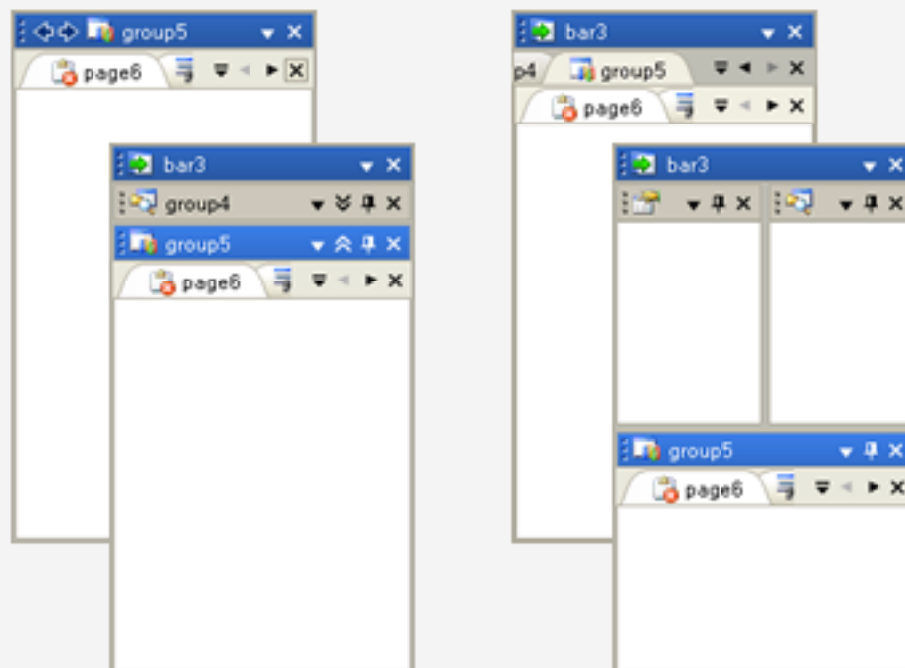
To enrich the possibilities and to ease your work, LidorSystems.Collector comes with 21 predefined color schemes and 7 fill styles, which combined with five rendering styles gives you more than 120 predefined styles! Of course, if you like you can change the renderer and style of every single part of the user interface.

VISUAL APPEARANCE

In order to help you to create wide variety of user interfaces, which consist of sections with different appearance, LidorSystems.Collector comes with four build-in Visual Appearance Styles.

They are responsible how tool and document windows are organized and displayed. You can choose from:

- ToolWindow – emulates the docking functionality of Visual Studio .NET
- Vertical - achieve the look of Outlook 2003 Navigation Pane
- Horizontal - groups are displayed with tabs in one tabstrip
- Selection - rotate through your panels with scrolling buttons, similar to Task Pane in Office products; each panel can contain multiple pages
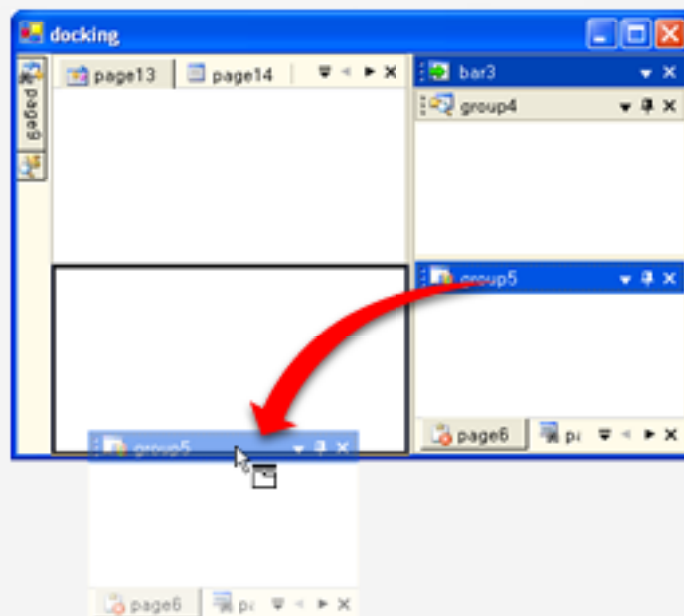
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DOCKING WINDOWS SYSTEM

Lidorsystems.Collector features a docking mechanism with WYSIWYG functionality, designed to quickly and easily create and manage complex and advanced windows layouts in your applications.

It has variety of options for docking, floating, hiding/showing and expanding/collapsing windows. You can dock/undock windows at design-time just like you can at run-time, and drag/drop operation to manipulate and arrange controls.

When the screen is overfull with tool and document windows, to maximize his real estate you can hide some of them by placing them into AutoHide mode with the pin button in the header.
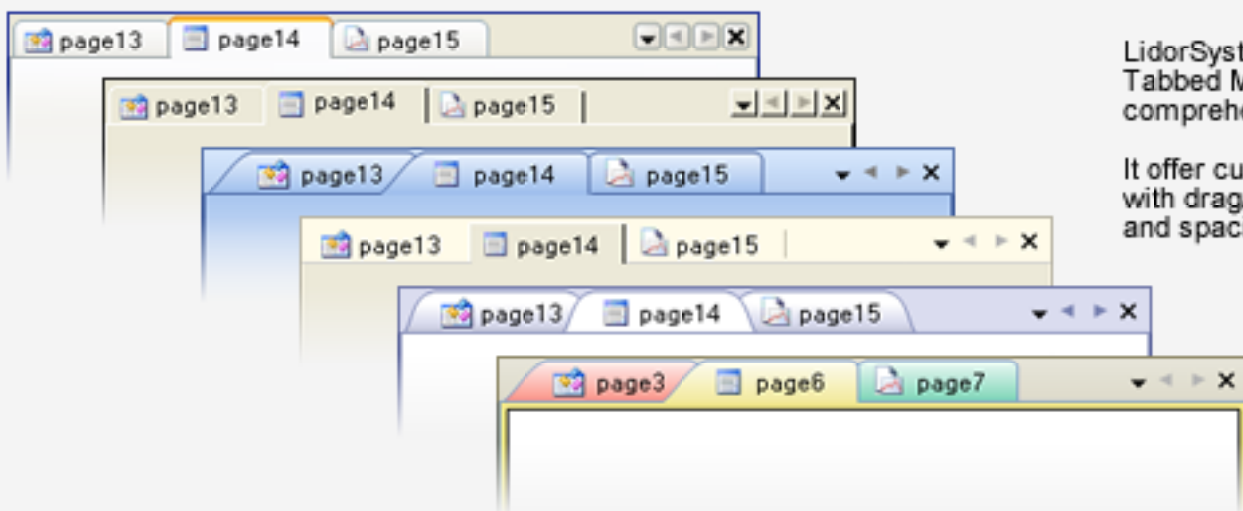
This causes them to slide from their docked state into the edge of the host container control. After they are collapsed, an auto-hide tabstrip represents the tool windows.

TAB AND TABBED MDI FUNCTIONALITY

LidorSystems.Collector unites the possibilities of TabControl and Tabbed MDI that is included in the .NET framework, in one comprehensive control.

It offer customized rendering, tab alignment on any side, reordering with drag/drop, control over tab size through font, image, padding and spacing, special mode for their appearance and more.
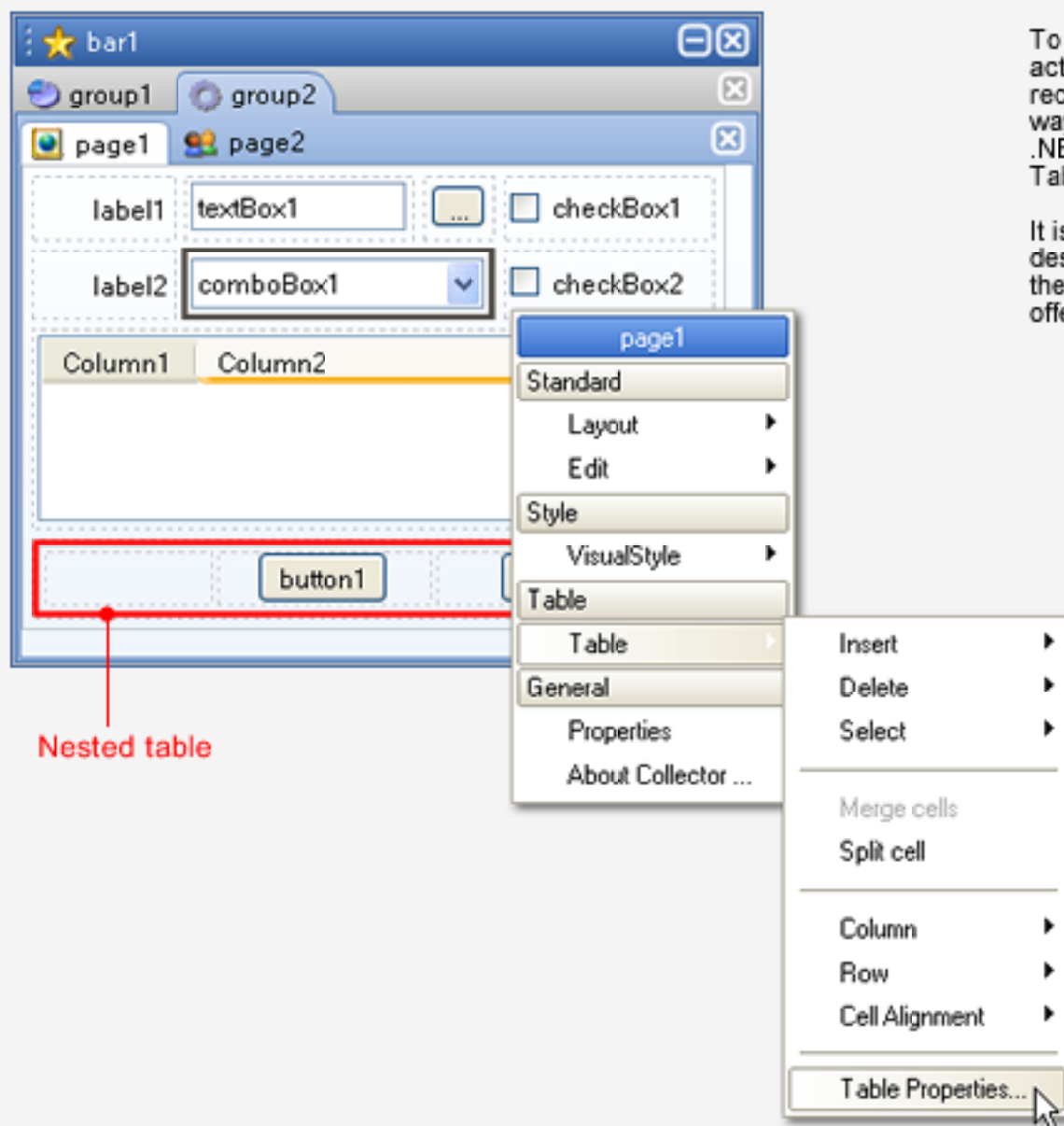
Nested table

TABLE BASED LAYOUT ENGINE

To add WinForms to the user interface, you use Page control, which acts like a container control and is the only control which can receive any WinForms or another Bar or Group control. There is two ways to place controls in Page control: the standard, Visual Studio .NET way with optional use of grid and a new way, with use of Table-based Layout Engine, introduced by LidorSystems.Collector.

It is an object for inserting, arranging and operating with controls in design-time environment. If you are familiar working with tables, then you will easy notice the advantages and benefits this object can offer you. With this table object you can:

- Align controls in nine positions,
- Choose from three different size types of rows and columns (autosized, fixed and free) to easily arrange your controls,
- Work with nested tables,
- Merge and split cells,
- Select, insert and delete rows, columns and table,
- Operate with each cell, row or column in order to form, align and arrange the controls in the cells to achieve the best look for your application,
- Right-click context menu for easy manipulation with table
- Table Properties dialog box

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