## **Active Binding**

You will have noticed that the factory macros for palette fade time and palette overlap feature something special: if e.g. you fire the macro to set palette overlap to 50%, this macro handle (key or button) is highlighted as active until you set palette overlap to another value. In this case, this is very useful to always have an overview what values overlap and fade time are set to.

Having a look into the code reveals the secret:

Obviously the interesting line is this one:

```
<active binding="{propertyLink id='Palette.MasterOverlap'
converter='Math.EqualityConverter' converterParameter='0.5'}"/>
```

You could read this as

- bind the 'active'ness of this handle to a condition
- this condition is true (and the bound handle marked active) when
  - a property in this case Palette.MasterOverlap'
  - equals (see converter='Math.EqualityConverter'
  - a certain value, see converterParameter='0.5' .

Another - simpler - way would be to directly link to a property which needs to be of type Boolean:

```
<active binding="Windows.Scrolling.ScrollLock" />
```

In any case, you can only bind to properties, not to functions.

The active binding requires there to be a property, properties fire events when they change which allow the UI to update. Generally the UI does not continually call functions to get current values it depends on events to allow it to update. (Gregory Haynes)

This is the reason why currently there is no way to use active binding to show whether a trigger mapping is enabled in Trigger - Toggle Trigger Mappings v10/v11 - there are no universal properties available for this as at compile time it is not known how many trigger mappings should be supported.

Active binding is referred to in these examples:

- Change Pages with Timecode
- Programmer Fan Curves

- Palette Fire Quick Palettes and Show Active
- Release Master Release Time
- Palette Master Fade Time
- Palette Set Master Overlap
- Programmer Direction
- Release Release Priority
- Fan Curve
- Fan Grouping
- Fan Parts
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