Subject: Re: IDL 5.0 widget bug?

Posted by davidf on Wed, 11 Mar 1998 08:00:00 GMT

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Russ Welti (on mapper) (rwelti@mapper.mbt.washington.edu) writes:

- > I'm tracking down a application freeze-up in my 4.0->5.0
- > ported IDL app. (The app is FINE in 4.0 but 5.0 is causing
- > headaches, crashes and freezes.)

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- > Note: this is in the KILL NOTIFY callback of a top level
- > base which is being killed due to the window manager's close
- > menu pick under Solaris 2.5. The widget has already disappeared
- > from the screen when the first /valid returns true above!
- > (attempts to /show or /map it fail. it seems quite INvalid)

Although the IDL manual warns you many times in many places, I don't think it gets its point across at all well. But here it is again. Do NOT use Kill_Notify on a widget that is being DIRECTLY managed by XManager. It results in weird and unpredictable behavior (e.g., see the program above).

Use the CLEANUP keyword on the XManager call to assign a Cleanup routine (exactly LIKE a Kill_Notify routine, except that it doesn't cause these problems) for widgets directly managed by XManager.

Cheers,

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