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Subject: Re: Concurrent widget program.  
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Imanol Echave wrote:

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> Hi people:  
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> I've a little question: Is it possible to run two IDL programs concurrently? My  
> problem is that I run a time expensive IDL program into a widget program, and  
> I'd like to continue managing widgets while the other program is processing. Any  
> advice?

If you have IDL 5.0+ then you can use the /NO\_BLOCK keyword in your call to XMANAGER; this prevents IDL from "blocking" (where processing stops at the XMANAGER call) until the widget is destroyed.

Your command line will reappear after starting this program, and new programs may be started and their events will be handled properly. This was one of the best features of IDL 5.0, IMHO.

Look up NO\_BLOCK keyword under XMANAGER in the Online Help.

Dave

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