
Subject: Re: widget_text

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David Fanning wrote:

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> J.D. Smith (jdsmith@astrosun.tn.cornell.edu) writes:
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>> Come now David, there's always a way!
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> Oh, I didn't argue there wasn't a *way*. But Lisa asked
> for a "better way". I have to admit that I'm still not
> sure this qualifies under that criterion. Although I will
> say in its favor that I learned at least two new
> text widget keywords and at least one more caveat
> with respect to "cross-platform" compatibility. :-)
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> Cheers,
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> David
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And I thought Lisa's issue was she didn't want to go through the mess of

widget_control,....,/APPEND

widget_control,....,SET_TEXT_TOP_LINE=...

every time she wanted to add a message line... not that packaging it in a procedure is an unheard of trick... But the real advantage of this method is that it works without having to trust a state variable line count (since the widget itself is queried for the number of lines it contains). It is therefore well suited to the creation of a single text box for messages originating from mostly unrelated applications (sort of like a console), without each application having to worry about what the others are up to. And furthermore, we've got to exercise all of those various keywords to make sure RSI isn't just fattening up the manual with made up material!

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