
Subject: Re: Widgets and classes

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Alexander Zora wrote:

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> IDL programmers,
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> I am wondering how to fix the problems that is stated this way:
> "Class of specified widget has no value"
> what does this mean? and how do I fix it?
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> This message is in reference to a widget_droplist
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> Thanks.

It just means that droplists don't have an associated value available with widget_control, droplist, get_value=val. Most widgets do have a value obtainable this way. But hope is not lost. This unfortunate bit of IDL inconsistency is overcome in most cases with:

```
sel=widget_info(droplist,/DROPLIST_SELECT)
```

Why this method instead of the get_value route? We may never know. If you are really after the list in the droplist (not just the selected list item index), you'll have to store it aside when created, and use that copy. This is the same as with widget_list. Once you set a list into either, you can't get them back out! You can also obtain the number of list elements with widget_info. See widget_info().

Good Luck,

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