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Subject: Re: plotting on a draw widget

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David Sheerin wrote:

>  
> Hi  
> I would like to be able to place my cursor over a picture in a draw  
> widget, tap the left mouse button and a square of n x n (defined in  
> software) white pixels drawn on the picture and all x and y coordinate  
> values sent to an array. I have selected the BUTTONS\_EVENTS keyword in  
> the draw widget and used the WSet command to make it the current  
> graphic window but what else?? How do I use the event structure??

David -

First, a gentle reminder to RTFM, specifically, the section under  
WIDGET\_DRAW where it discusses the event structure.

You will use EVENT.TYPE to determine the type of event; this will be  
0 for a button press. For a left button press, EVENT.PRESS should be  
1. EVENT.PRESS and EVENT.RELEASE are bitmasks for the three buttons,  
so the values are associated like so:

1 : left button  
2 : middle button  
4 : right button

A typical event handler dealing with draw widget events might have  
a section that looks something like:

```
TYPE = STRMID( TAG_NAMES(EVENT, /STRUCTURE_NAME), 7, 100)
```

```
CASE ( TYPE ) OF  
"BUTTON": BEGIN  
    ...  
END  
"DRAW": BEGIN  
    CASE ( EVENT.TYPE ) OF  
    0: BEGIN          ;*** BUTTON PRESS/RELEASE ***  
        CASE ( EVENT.PRESS ) OF  
        1: BEGIN      ;*** LEFT ***  
            ...  
        END  
        2: BEGIN      ;*** MIDDLE ***  
            ...  
        END  
        4: BEGIN      ;*** RIGHT ***  
            ...  
    END  
END
```

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        END
      ELSE:
    ENDCASE
  END
1: BEGIN      ,*** BUTTON RELEASE ***
  ...
  END
2: BEGIN      ,*** MOTION ***
  ...
  END
3: BEGIN      ,*** VIEWPORT (SCROLLBAR) MOVED ****
  ...
  END
4: BEGIN      ,*** VISIBILITY CHANGED ***
  ...
  END
  ELSE:
  ENDCASE
END
ENDCASE

```

Yours may be quite different if you want to process button presses and releases similarly.

Once you have determined that you have a left button press, you use EVENT.X and EVENT.Y to build a list of vertices for your square that you pass to POLYFILL to fill your polygon. You can then use POLYFILLV to return the subscripts of the array elements inside the polygon. Note that these will be one-dimensional subscripts! You can convert these to 2D subscripts with:

```

xcoors = indices mod xdim
ycoors = indices / xdim

```

where indices are the 1D subscripts and xdim is the x dimension of the window.

Hope this helps.

Dave

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