We work around this problem by putting a tiny draw widget beside each
text widget and using plots to fill the draw widget with the desired color.
So, you wind up with a colored square next to each text widget. I
actually prefer this look, with all the text widgets the same, not different
colors.

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LC's No-Spam Newsreading account wrote in message ...
> I have been requested by a colleague to evaluate usage of IDL vs other
> environments (e.g. VB or perhaps HTML) for the construction of a simple GUI
> which should assist in the manufacturing and storage of masks for a
> spectrograph.
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> I'm pretty sure that IDL will be suited for this, and could take advantage
of
> some experience available in-house.
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> The final thing should run on an NT systems.
> While I'm doing my evaluation on Unix.
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> In this respect it is quite important for us to have a clear COLOUR CODING
to
> tell the operator which thing belongs to which of 4 quadrants. For instance
we
> would have four text widgets with the names of the masks loaded in the
various
> slots of four cabinets. We wish the background of the widgets to be
coloured.
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> Apparently this is not a "normal" attribute of a WIDGET_TEXT.
> I solved the problem (for demonstrating a prototype) under Unix and X with
> a statement like :
>
> sct1 = WIDGET_TEXT(scts,XSIZE =8,YSIZE = 15,VALUE = a,
resource_name='quad1')

>
> where I define colours in an X resource file with things like
>
> Idl*voe*quad1*background: red
>
> but this mechanism is intrinsically unportable to NT, and the documentation
> gives no hints about colour attributes for text widgets under NT.
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> Any idea ?
> Other than using a DRAW widget instead of a TEXT widget ?
> I would sorely regret to be forced to use another language *just* because
of
> this.
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