
Subject: Re: Status Bar Help

Posted by [davidf](#) on Thu, 19 Nov 1998 08:00:00 GMT

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Bernard Puc (bpuc@va.aetc.com) writes:

> I have a status bar widget which shows progress of a file read when
> that read involves a loop. Are there any ways of doing the same
> thing but for a single read without a loop? I have large image
> arrays which can take many seconds to load and would like a
> graphical feedback as to the progress.

If you know how long it is going to take to read the file, more or less, you could implement the progress indicator with a Timer event. The problem is that you couldn't do anything useful with a Cancel button, since you couldn't interrupt the read.

Given this, why not save yourself the trouble and just do an Hourglass while the read is going on?

I realize that a progress indicator makes the user feel a bit more secure that *something* is going on. Even though, in this case, it probably isn't what the user thinks it is. Still, good programs certainly take user psychology into account. That is, *IF* you can understand user psychology. :-)

Cheers,

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