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Subject: Strange widget question

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Hi all,

I am trying to use pull-down menus in a way for which they were never intended and am failing miserably. I have a draw widget containing text areas and I want the user to easily change the text in any particular area by clicking on that area and having a menu of possible values pop up any one of which could be selected by moving the mouse to it and releasing the mouse button.

The way I tried to do this was to use a bulletin-board base with pull-down menu buttons hiding under the draw widget. Then when the user clicks on the draw widget, I catch the event, decide which pull-down menu I need and send an event to the appropriate button. I haven't been able to activate the menu this way. How do I tell a button to push itself? Any one have an alternative way to do this?

I know I can just pop up a new widget with a list and have the user click on the value but I was hoping to make the user-interface as simple as possible.

Thanks,

-Dyer Lytle in Tucson

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