
Subject: Re: ? Keyboard events in idl 4.0.1 ?

Posted by [David Foster](#) on Mon, 25 Jan 1999 08:00:00 GMT

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Peter Cornelius wrote:

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> Hello,
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> I would like to use the keyboard arrow keys to move around my cursor
> on a draw widget (actually, to change its position variable's values)
> since it's more convenient this way than fiddling about with a shaky
> hand :-)
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> Any help appreciated.
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> Thanks in advance,
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> Peter.

Peter -

You should get in touch with JD Smith, as he has done some very clever trickery to get around this problem.

Dave

Here's the text of a recent submission by JD:

But I suppose I should add that not **all** attempts at widget trickery fail. One of the trickiest widget manipulations I've come up with is the hotkey widget, which allows textual events to be processed on draw (or other) widgets, by hiding a text widget behind it (see posts from last year). I use this technique in almost all of my widget applications. So, by all means, keep pushing the limits.

Just don't be surprised if the limits snap.

JD

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