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Subject: Moving between text-entry widgets...

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I have several IDL applications I am building, each of which has multiple data-entry fields. For simplicity, I am building the data-entry screens using the CW\_FORM function. Most of the data fields are for entering integers, but some are button groups.

Unfortunately, using the mouse to go between these fields is a royal pain, especially during debugging.

The Question: What is the easiest way to setup the TAB-key on the keyboard to go between data fields? (and similarly, Shift-Tab to go backwards through the fields). I am not overly attached to the Compound Widgets built into IDL (yet), so if it is easier to re-build my widgets using objects, I can do this to make the addition of the TAB-key to switch between fields easier.

I would appreciate any tips.

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