
Subject: Re: Mac top level widget

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In article <379607CC.D860B5E6@cmdl.noaa.gov>, Pavel Romashkin
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> David Fanning wrote:

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>> Pavel Romashkin (promashkin@cmdl.noaa.gov) writes:

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>>> I must say that, on the good side, IDL native object

>>> graphics on the screen of my Mac work just as fast as direct graphics -

>>> totally unbelievable (I had not tried to print yet :-).

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>> Uh, huh. Get back in touch with us soon. :-)

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> No way, not on this! I am not even going to allow a user to print from this

> application - let them be happy it at least calculates reasonable values :-)

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>> I don't know one way or the other about this, but it

>> sounds like a lot of other, similar bugs on this and other

>> platforms. I would definitely run it by the folks at RSI.

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> Will do that. I heard, nobody at RSI stays on the Mac development position

> for too long :-)

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>>> P.S. I heard, Mac is the buggiest platform to run IDL :-)

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>> I heard it is the hardest operating system to write code for.

>> Probably explains the bugs. :-)

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> I think it is the wierdest of all platforms. At least my Mac clone does not

> let me get bored: for instance, I can be typing and then discover that my

> application silently quit, without a beep or any sort of error message.

> Fun, huh? I had this happened most often with MS Word - I guess MS is

> trying to sabotage the competitor platform ... Then I get to locate where

> the hell did I make the last change, before it crashed. IDL quit on me just

> once so far, it did not like my Macintizing of the Unix code :-)

> Cheers,

> Pavel

Which MacOS are you using? Pauses are usually due to an extension or HD driver. While I do simple things in IDL on a MAC and therefore do not stress it, I have found, in general, that of all the systems I have to use, the SUN is thne most stable. Considering the limitation place on the software restrictions place by IS, Windows 95/98/NT is not nearly

as stable compared to the Mac as claimed. (I had 3 crashes today.)
BTW, MacOS X is UNIX, therefore if one wants to replace the Mac GUI
with x-windows one can.

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