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Subject: Re: Floating base widget

Posted by [Marc Schellens](#) on Fri, 19 Nov 1999 08:00:00 GMT

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Daniel Peduzzi wrote:

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> David Fanning wrote in message ...  
>> Daniel Peduzzi (peduzzi@mediaone.net) writes:  
>>  
>>> I would like to create a window which can never be obscured by its  
>>> group leader, but I can't seem to force the window to remain "on top."  
>>>  
>>> According to the IDL documentation, by setting the "floating" keyword  
>>> when creating a top-level base, the "floating base widget will always  
>>> appear above the base specified as the group leader."  
>>  
>> The documentation must have been talking about Windows  
>> machines, because this floater really does float on my  
>> Windows NT machine. No way I can get the first widget on  
>> top of the second.  
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>  
> Argh...I'm definitely not seeing the same behavior, even  
> though the docs do include Motif in the above description. :-(  
>  
> My intent was to present the user with a list of options  
> in a popup window, triggered by a 3rd mouse button click  
> in a draw widget. Depending upon the (x,y) location of the  
> mouse click, the items in the list (selectable by the 1st  
> mouse button) could be different.  
>  
> Everything works well except that the pop-up can get lost  
> behind other windows, and it becomes a pain to look for because  
> of its size. A floating base would have solved that problem.  
>  
> I guess what I'm trying to simulate is what happens when  
> a user right-mouse-clicks on a bare desktop in a Microsoft  
> environment (or close enough.)  
>  
> Can anybody point me in the right direction here?  
>  
> Dan  
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> Dan Peduzzi  
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Perhaps you can use something like this:

IF widget\_info(ID,/VALID\_ID) then widget\_control,ID,/show

after every event (as last line in your eventhandler).

were ID is the ID of your 'floating' window.

This will re-raise you 'floating' window then.

Even though /FLOATING works fine on my Solaris machine.

So I guess this might be a problem of the window manager.

I am using KDE for Solaris.

hope this helps,

:-) marc

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