
Subject: Re: Wt/Motif Interface (was: Real Number on PV-WAVE)
Posted by [Mark D. Williams](#) on Wed, 01 Dec 1999 08:00:00 GMT
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"R. Kyle Justice" wrote:

- > Actually, I primarily develop in a UNIX environment (I would not recommend
- > Wt if you want cross-platform independence. Definitely stick with the Ww
- > functions).

- > : Now, I suppose this is all fine and good for someone coming to the task
- > : with a good familiarity with UNIX/Motif. It is admittedly problematic and
- > : not quite desirable for the programmer coming to PV-WAVE from either
- > : a Visual Basic or MSVC++ background.

- > I don't know if you meant to imply that I am coming from the perspective/
- > background of a Windows programmer (*shudder* :-P).

No, I didn't mean to imply this. My post more reflects my current bias as one whose primary development background is on a UNIX platform, but in my current job, what development work I do is almost all on Windoze, both in PV-WAVE and Visual Basic. PV-WAVE on Windows requires some shifts in thinking, and a different bag of tricks to get the sometimes-quirky Ww layer into behaving on Windows--like spinning a WwTimer off to allow event processing to catch up, or the helpful WtProcessEvent(..., /Drain).

- > PS And I have not even mentioned "secret" keywords known only by VNI tech
- > support and the few that gain access to this "gnosis" (i.e. /Raise for
- > WtSet and /Fast for SPAWN. If you know others, please e-mail me!).

These are good ones to know, for sure! About the only other "secret" WtSet keywords I have played with in the past involved using /Manage and /UnManage along with /Child for a WwOptionMenu to explicitly set the selected item.

- > Anyway, this stuff would be pretty mind-boggling for a brilliant Xlib guru

Ah, sometimes I long for good ol' UNIX.

Regards,
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