Subject: Re: Q: Xmanager explanation?
Posted by davidf on Wed, 08 Dec 1999 08:00:00 GMT

David L. Keller (davekeller@pop.omah.uswest.net) writes:
>
> Using IDL in two different projects about 10 years apart,
> I have yet to figure out what 'Xmanager' does for me.
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> I realize that I have to keep track of widget ids, which
> I do by creating a common array of NAME and ID pairs:
>   a = {nameandnumber, wnam : "", wnum : 0L}
> I call a simple routine to add to the list of widgets:
>   add2namenumber,'DataMenu',data_menu_id
> To retrieve a widget id, I have a function 'wnum' that
> converts the NAME to the NUMBER (ID):
>   widget_control,wnum('DataMenu'),blah, etc=andSoOn)
>
> I am more comfortable going through this effort myself,
> because I -dont- know what xmanager does for me. Ok, I
> do know that it keeps track of the widget id's, but as
> I say, I'd rather do it myself and understand it.
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> I also don't trust Xmanager in that I am not sure that
> I can trust it with the 'interrupt' magic, and type IDL
> commands at the same time.
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> Anyone able to clearly explain what I get with xmanager?
> What it's drawbacks might be?

Uh, Dave. It's almost the millennium. :-)

Cheers,

David
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