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Subject: Re: Focus

Posted by [Mark Hadfield](#) on Wed, 08 Dec 1999 08:00:00 GMT

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> Yura Beletsky wrote:

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>> I wrote a widget program, where all calculations are carrying out by an

>> external Fortran-code and

>> then results are plotting by the IDL code. For the starting the  
external

>> code I use SPAWN procedure.

>> When I start the program, focus switches to Fortran-code and then, when

>> calculations are finished, focus do not return to the IDL widget  
program. I

>> see only IDLDE environment and in order to see the

>> results I have to switch to widget program manually. How to solve this

>> problem ? Is it possible to

>> return focus to the widget after finishing the external program ?

When SPAWN returns, call

widget\_control, tlb, /SHOW

where tlb is the id of the widget program's top-level base.

As to why focus does not return to where you expect it, I have found focus  
in IDLDE pretty quirky. It's never where you want it to be!

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