
Subject: Re: Listing all top-level widgets

Posted by [Liam E. Gumley](#) on Fri, 28 Jan 2000 08:00:00 GMT

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David Fanning <davidf@dfanning.com> wrote in message
news:MPG.12fa2fc4c60fed3989a01@news.frii.com...

> William Thompson (thompson@orpheus.nascom.nasa.gov) writes:

>

>> It used to be the case that modal widgets were allowed to have child
widgets.

>> However, this capability went away when RSI decided to move the /MODAL
keyword

>> from the XMANAGER call to the call to WIDGET_BASE. This severely
restricted

>> the usefulness of modal widgets, and we've had to emulate the /MODAL

>> functionality by having the modal-like widget desensitize its caller,
and then

>> remember to resensitize it when it's done.

>

> I've got bad news for you, Bill. On Windows NT at least, desensitized
widgets

> *still* generate events. Although if you are lucky the desensitized look
will

> discourage users from clicking all your controls just to see what happens.

:-)

Strange...

I just tried the following program in IDL 5.3 under Windows 98:

```
PRO WHELLO_EVENT, EVENT
widget_control, event.id, get_uvalue=uvalue
if (uvalue eq 'OK') then print, 'OK event detected'
END
```

```
PRO WHELLO, SENSITIVE=SENSITIVE
```

```
;- Create widgets
```

```
base = widget_base(/column, xoffset=300, yoffset=300)
```

```
label = widget_label(base, value='Hello world')
```

```
button = widget_button(base, value='OK', uvalue='OK')
```

```
widget_control, base, /realize
```

```
widget_control, button, sensitive=keyword_set(sensitive)
```

```
;- Start event manager
```

```
xmanager, 'whello', base
```

```
END
```

When I run this program with the button de-sensitized, nothing happens when I click on the button, e.g.

```
IDL> whello
```

However when the button is sensitized, it generates events as expected:

```
IDL> whello, /sensitive
```

Cheers,

Liam.

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