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Subject: Re: /MODAL makes widgets disappear  
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D. Mattes ([dmattes@u.washington.edu](mailto:dmattes@u.washington.edu)) writes:

> IDL gurus! i have a strange one for you, and i hope you can help. i  
> created a widget that can runs as a modal widget if a group is  
> specified. this widget has some CW\_FIELD widgets contained in it, no big  
> deal, right? well, i get some strange behaviors...  
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> on WINDOWS platform:  
> no strange effects, nice.  
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> on UNIX platform:  
> if the widget is managed in modal mode (by setting the /MODAL keyword for  
> the top level base), none of the CW\_FIELD widgets appear!!! yet, if the  
> widget is not run as a modal widget, the CW\_FIELD widgets \*ARE\* there!  
>  
> any insights into this problem? specifically, a way around it would be to  
> not use the /MODAL keyword for the top level base, but i need the modal  
> effect. is there another way to achieve this, say with xmanager?

Henk, pay attention. \*This\* is what is known as a  
"red herring". :-)

Cheers,

David

P.S. Just to amuse me, could you try substituting my  
COYOTE\_FIELD compound widget for your CW\_FIELD compound  
widget. It should be a drop-in replacement, pretty much.  
But we are \*really\* going to have to see some code, because  
my modal widgets are filled with CW\_FIELDS (or their  
equivalents) and I've never heard of this. :-)

[http://www.dfanning.com/programs/coyote\\_field.pro](http://www.dfanning.com/programs/coyote_field.pro)

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