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Subject: Re: list widget

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Hello,

Try `Selected = Widget_Info(MyWidgetList, /list_Select)`. `Selected` should contain the indices in the selection sorted in ascending order (even if selected from the bottom up.)

It is appealing to make the `INDEX` value the list selection, but then it would have to be variable in size. Since the returned event is a named structure, then the index field would have to be a pointer (so it could be pointing to a scalar, an array, etc.) If it was a pointer, then who is responsible for cleaning it up and when? You don't want to walk into that pasture without stepping with great care.

I bumped into this just recently when writing a wrapper around the list widget; I made the event structure with two special fields, `Index0` (the first index) and `SelectN` (the number of selections).

Its good to wax pragmatic.

Ben

Stuart Robertson wrote:

> Wow, you guys are getting a bit philosophical here. This is my first  
> posting and OK you definitely have my respect, but could you possibly  
> lower yourself to helping with questions like 'Why I don't get multiple  
> element output from my list widget?' please?  
>  
> Here is my widget\_definition:  
> `Widget_list(tlb,sensitive=1,/multiple,ysize=26,event_pro='an ypro')`  
>  
> So I get my array of filenames into my list widget and then try to  
> select four files by left click + shift left click below (or just  
> dragging the cursor) so it highlights the desired four file names and  
> the event.index only gives the index of the last filename.  
>  
> Is there something obvious I'm doing/not doing or some secret IDL kung  
> fu I could perform to get it to work?  
>  
> Thanks very much,  
> Stu.  
> (Of the DF academy of IDL programmers)  
>  
> Sent via Deja.com <http://www.deja.com/>

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