
Subject: Re: dumb question--floating

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sandy (sehgal@oasis.rad.upenn.edu) writes:

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> This is obviously something simple, but I can't get the 'Floating'
> keyword to change the behavior of my base widgets at all. I assign the
> 'Group_Leader' keyword a valid widget ID during my base widget
> initialization statement, but when realized the floating base is still
> easily lost behind the window of its supposed group leader. Am I not
> understanding what floating means? The second widget base window will
> be destroyed if I close the first one, so clearly the Group_Leader is
> being accepted... I thought that's all that was needed to make one
> widget float above the other.
>
> What's wrong with this code? Why doesn't the base2 window stay in
> front?
>
> pro pleasefloat
> base1=widget_base(title='base1', xsize=400)
> base2=widget_base(group_leader=base1, title='base2', xsize=400,
> /Floating)
> widget_control, base1, /realize
> widget_control, base2, /realize
> end
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The documentation of the FLOATING keyword is pretty clear that this doesn't work on every machine, but only on those that "provide Z-order control". Since this code works on my machine (Windows) and not on yours, I conclude you must be using one of those fancier, more expensive machines that does not have "Z-order control", whatever that is.

Cheers,

David

P.S. Let's just say I don't think there is a system variable that will tell us if we have Z-order control or not. :-)

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