
Subject: Re: Variable size of widget_lists

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 10 Sep 2002 13:54:41 GMT

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Robbert Verweij (verweij@science-and-technology.nl) writes:

> when I create a WIDGET_LIST with a fixed number of characters and lines
> (i.e. I give xsize and ysize) and put some initial fields using value
> everything works fine.
>
> However, if I later update this list using widget_control, <listID>,
> value='something else' (or an array or whatever...), IDL decreases the
> Xsize of the list if the text is shorter than the allowed space. When
> it's longer it neatly gives me a scroll bar, but why can't IDL not just
> keep to my setting? I know XSIZE etc are 'just hints', but can I not
> 'Strongly Suggest' IDL this :).

By all means "strongly suggest". I even have a list
of four-letter words that have proved effective in
other situations (hammer on thumb, that sort of thing).
But I have the impression IDL must be deaf *and* dumb
on occasion, at least when it wants to be. Have you
tried SCR_XSIZE? That sometimes gets its attention, at
the risk of reduced flexibility.

Cheers,

David

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