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Subject: Re: X-windows locking up  
Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Wed, 16 Oct 2002 12:08:28 GMT  
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Dear Ian,

it's already posted but it's fine to see others do more tests on different systems.

I believe nearly the same was asked by Claudia Herklotz at 09.10.2002 with the subject "droplist doesn't work under linux"

regards

Reimar

Ian Dean wrote:

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> Hi all,  
> Sorry if this has already been posted - the original seems to have  
> disappeared.  
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> This request is really for the VMS users out there.!!!!  
>  
> Is there a known bug using the sensitive flag on a widget base under  
> OpenVMS?  
>  
> What I want is a widget structure that has greyed out areas until some later  
> stage when I need them to be made available. It is at this point the failure  
> occurs.  
>  
> For instance, the following code:  
>  
> Pro my_test  
>   tlb = widget_base(column=1)  
>   message=widget_label(tlb,value='A header')  
>   my_base = widget_base(tlb, column=1)  
>   widget_control,my_base,sensitive=0 ; Don't allow the user access yet  
>   base2 = widget_base(my_base, row=1)  
>   pulld2 = widget_droplist(base2, value=['aaa','bbb'])  
>   base3 = widget_base(my_base, row=1)  
>   pulld3 = widget_droplist(base2, value=['ccc','ddd'])  
> ; ... more such bases and widgets  
> widget_control, tlb,/realize  
> wait,5.0 ; Do some processing  
> widget_control,my_base,/sensitive ; Now make structure available  
> ;~~~~~ this is the point when the system hangs  
> end
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>  
> When I run the above under OpenVMS 7.1 and IDL 5.4 and the drop-down  
> list is originally unavailable as expected. However, when my\_base is made  
> sensitive  
> the droplist widget is enabled, but all the selections available  
> ('aaa','bbb'...) are greyed out. Furthermore, at this point the X-system  
> locks up. I can no longer size the screen, close it, minimise it.  
> All I can do is reboot - not exactly desirable.  
>  
> Note: this only happens if the droplist is in a base below the insensitive  
> base.  
>  
> Further investigation indicates that the software is expecting me to make a  
> selection, but this is not possible because they are greyed out. Hence the  
> systems is stuck on waiting for an event that can never occur.  
>  
> I believe this is only a problem with VMS, as the same code runs as expected  
> on NT  
>  
> I CAN work round it by not making my\_base insensitive, but all the lower  
> widgets insensitive. However, in the real code, there is a large structure  
> of widgets (base,buttons,pull-downs,etc) under this base, and in order to  
> make them sensitive, I'd need to set each widget to sensitive individually -  
> messy and time consuming.  
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> I would be grateful for any suggestions.  
> Regards,  
> Ian  
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a IDL library at ForschungsZentrum Juelich

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