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Subject: Re: Realizing a widget only once  
Posted by [helaha](#) on Thu, 15 Apr 2004 06:36:27 GMT  
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Reimar Bauer <R.Bauer@fz-juelich.de> wrote in message  
news:<c5k8qh\$5iq1\$1@zam602.zam.kfa-juelich.de>...

> Ahammer Helmut wrote:

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>> Is there any possibility to open and realize a widget only once, even

>> it is called several times? The widget is mainly a draw widget for

>> images and is called from an other program or widget like this:

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>> DISPLAYIMAGE, Image = Image

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>> The first call, or if there is no such widget present, should really

>> realize the widget. The second call should not realize a second

>> widget, but only put the new data (image) to the draw widget.

>> I think the /OVERPLOT keyword for IIMAGE does equivalently what I

>> want, but I can't follow the itools syntax for this feature.

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>> Thank you for every input,

>> Helmut Ahammer

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> Dear Helmut,

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> the only thing you need to know is the id of the draw widget. You do not

> need to copy this information elsewhere. You must only ask for it.

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> If the draw widget is already realized then you can get the id of the

> widget by it's uname.

> id=WIDGET\_INFO(event.top,FIND\_BY\_UNAME='DRAW\_WINDOW')

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> How to use uname you could see here:

> [http://www.fz-juelich.de/vislab/software/idl\\_samples/Widgets/Oberflaechen](http://www.fz-juelich.de/vislab/software/idl_samples/Widgets/Oberflaechen)

> wid5.pro

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> Further examples you'll find at

> [http://www.fz-juelich.de/vislab/software/idl\\_samples](http://www.fz-juelich.de/vislab/software/idl_samples)

> IDL-Beispielsammlung.html

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> cheers

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> Reimar

Thank you very much,

my display widget (a tlb widget) works already with the drawID and setting of the UVALUE for the event handling in a similar way as is done in your widget example (Oberflächchen). But how is this done between two tlb widgets? Perhaps I can store the drawID into a global variable or pointer and put the new image from the second tlb direct into the draw widget of the display widget.

Thanks, Helmut

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