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Subject: modal widgets problem

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Hi all,

I read David Fanning's book about modal, blocking and non-blocking widgets, and some newsgroup articles, rather carefully, but I am still stuck with the following problem:

I have a GUI called 'display\_array\_gui' which can display an array, change min and max values, colortables etc. From display\_array\_gui, I want to call a 'histogram\_gui', which displays a histogram of the array, and I want to click into the histogram to adjust the min and max in display\_array\_gui.

While histogram\_gui is open, I want display\_array\_gui to be blocked from receiving input (e.g., its min and max fields, because they would interfere with the histogram). But when I click into the histogram, I want to have display\_array\_gui update its min and max for the display. The new min or max will be sent to display\_array\_gui through an event structure and widget\_control, .., send\_event = ...

If I use the modal and group\_leader keywords in histogram\_gui's tlb, it will block display\_array\_gui, but the display update will be delayed until histogram\_gui is closed. If I don't, then display\_array\_gui is not blocked and could in principle have parameters changed which would interfere with the histogram display.

I tried to set display\_array\_gui's tlb to insensitive when histogram\_gui is opened. That works in the first place, but seems quite unprofessional to me, and I haven't figured out yet how to make it sensitive again when histogram\_gui is closed (I might find that out with some more trying).

Any ideas?

Thanks a lot,  
Benjamin

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