
Subject: Re: WIDGET_COMBOBOX

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 07 May 2004 13:36:33 GMT

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David Fanning writes:

- > If *you* want to do it, you include it in the list.
- > Otherwise, what is the point?

Let me put this another way.

The point of a combobox is to allow the user to make a choice that the programmer didn't anticipate. If the programmer *had* anticipated it, he would have included it on the list of possible choices.

If you, as the programmer, want to make an unanticipated choice for the user, then you are following the principles of Thinking For You, which we have already decided earlier this week is NOT the IDL way. Hence, IDL makes it impossible to make this program design error. :-)

Cheers,

David

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