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Subject: Re: Best way to prevent deformed IDL widgets?  
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- > Subject: Best way to prevent deformed IDL widgets?
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- > I am using IDL to create some widgets for data handling. When I create the
- > window and place the widgets in it, IDL will stretch the last widget
- > in a row so that it matches the width of the window. This means for
- > instance, that if I try and put three buttons at the bottom of a wide
- > window such as PRINT USE and CLOSE I get:
  
- > | PRINT | | USE | | CLOSE |
  
- > with the close button being stretched out of shape.
  
- > Is it possible to either (a) stretch all buttons in proportion or
- > (b) prevent this stretching mechanism by a simple method (fixing the
- > size of the widgets directly makes it awkward to update at a later
- > date)

The solution I use is to put the buttons in there own widget\_base(). You will need to give a size for this, unfortunately.

Fergus

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