Subject: Re: Status Window

Posted by Rick Towler on Sat, 14 Aug 2004 00:45:51 GMT

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Lloyd Watkin wrote:

> Hi all,
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> For my phd I'm updating some old f60 code to idl. Something I've been
> looking about for information on is how I can have a window where I
> can post status messages.
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> In other words I'd like to divert all my print statments from the
> output log window to a window. This is because I hope to distribute
> the code with the IDL VM to other users when it's complete/nearly
> complete to see what features people would like added/improved.
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> Any ideas on how I'd go about this. Preferrably I'd like to have
> something where I could use commands similar to:
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> statuswindow, "Calculations Starting", /newline
> statuswindow, /resetwindow
>
> etc, and obviously I'd need it to remain "on top". If anyone could
> pass on any advice or point me in the right direction I would be very
> grateful.

I wrote something alone these lines when porting a console only IDL
program to the VM. It is basically a drop in replacement for PRINT with
some object setup and cleanup that you need to handle at the beginning
and end of program execution.

This is the spot where I would put the link to it but I'm just finishing
up a big server migration and all of our user webpages are offline. If
you are interested I can send you the file directly.

-Rick