
Subject: Re: widget_base alignment question

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 17 Feb 2005 04:25:30 GMT

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Marshall Perrin writes:

- > Having read through the IDL documentation on widget_base, and
- > skimmed through all the widget stuff in Dave Fanning's most excellent
- > book, I'm still stuck on this one. This is easy in GTK! Why is it so
- > hard (or at least obscure) in IDL?!

Oh, let's not start. :-)

I need this kind of thing from time to time, too.
It usually takes less time to look for a layout that
doesn't have the requirement than it does to code the
damn thing up, but here is what I do.

I calculate the size of the TLB. Then the size of the
things I want to put into that row base. I do some subtraction
to get the size of the "space" I want between the things in
the row base. I have a "spacer" object or widget that I use
to insert itself in the right location. Just a label widget
with nothing written on it. Of course, after doing all the
calculations I have to subtract a fudge factor of 17 or 23
or something like that. It varies with the platform and the
time of the month. (Or maybe it's the phase of the moon, I
can't remember.)

Anyway, when it's done it looks great on my machine and
lousy everywhere else. :-)

Cheers,

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