
Subject: widget_base alignment question

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I'd like to create a resizable widget app which looks kind of like this:

```
+-----+
| LEFT_ALIGNED_LABEL    RIGHT_ALIGNED_LABEL |
|                                     |
|      draw widget          |
|      some other stuff...   |
+-----+
```

but I can't figure out if this is possible in IDL. The top-level base has COLUMN set, and then into that I first place a widget_base with ROW set. But I can't figure out how to make this base span the entire width of my larger, resizable TLB. Is there a trick here, some keyword I've been missing?

It actually doesn't even have to be really right aligned, so long as it's spaced over to the right. Currently I am getting

```
+-----+
| LEFT_ALIGNED_LABEL RIGHT_ALIGNED_LABEL    |
|                                     |
|      draw widget          |
|      some other stuff...   |
+-----+
```

and when I resize the window it just adds whitespace to the right of both labels, rather than padding between or around both.

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?!

- Marshall
