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Subject: Re: xmanager, /managed

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Two months later, I want to report another experience with this issue. By the way, David seems to have removed the article from his website -- he doesn't seem to like the thing any more :-).

Even though I don't really understand why (see the previous messages in this thread), the "widget\_control, /managed" did solve one issue I found quite disturbing before: If you have a non-blocking widget program with a draw widget on the display, but then want to plot something from the command line, it will be plotted in the draw widget unless you manually open a new plot window first. With the statement above (see code attached), a new plot window pops up automatically as desired.

However, by pure chance I discovered now that this statement caused another problem I had been chasing for weeks now: I am using a GUI program with a draw widget to display images. The user can mark a rectangle in the image by dragging the mouse with the left mouse button held down. On Windows, everything worked fine, but on Linux the rectangle was not shown while dragging, only the final rectangle appeared after releasing the left mouse button. After commenting out the "widget\_control, tlb\_id, /managed" line, it works in Linux as well.

Attached is a sample program with the relevant code extracted from my real application, for the ones who care. It requires David's fsc\_color(). Try to drag a rectangle in the image. On Windows, everything should be fine, but on Linux the rectangle doesn't show up while dragging (at least that's how it behaves for me). Commenting out the "widget\_control, /managed" near the end solves this (but introduces the problem mentioned in the beginning).

I should mention that besides keeping track of colors in the GUI program, as David recommends in his book, I also try not to mess with the command line's color vectors and decomposition state. Even while the widget program is running, I want to be able to quickly tvscl another array from the command line with a nice b-w color table rather than the GUI's color table with some plot line colors loaded at the top. Unfortunately, the code becomes quite ugly. Maybe object graphics is the way to go, but I haven't had the time to learn that.

Benjamin

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;;-----  
PRO test_mouse_update_display, info
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old_window = !d.window

;; Store the currently active color vectors and decomposition state,
;; so that we don't mess with the command line's colors.
tvlct, old_r, old_g, old_b, /get
device, get_decomposed=old_decomposed

;; Now load sm_gui's color vectors
tvlct, *info.r, *info.g, *info.b
device, decomposed=0

wset, info.draw_wid
tv, bytscl(*info.image, top=info.ncolors-1)+1

;; draw rectangle
IF info.draw_rectangle THEN BEGIN
  x1 = info.rectangle_firstcorner[0]
  y1 = info.rectangle_firstcorner[1]
  x2 = info.rectangle_secondcorner[0]
  y2 = info.rectangle_secondcorner[1]
  plots, [x1, x1, x2, x2, x1], [y1, y2, y2, y1, y1], $
  /device, color=info.green
ENDIF

;; Restore the previous color state in case somebody's working
;; on the command line in parallel
device, decomposed=old_decomposed
tvlct, old_r, old_g, old_b
wset, old_window

```

END

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;;-----
PRO test_mouse_event, event

catch, error
IF error NE 0 THEN BEGIN
  catch, /cancel
  ok = error_message(/traceback, /error)
  IF n_elements(info) GT 0 THEN $
    widget_control, event.top, set_uvalue=info, /no_copy
  return
ENDIF

widget_control, event.top, get_uvalue=info, /no_copy

old_window = !d.window

```

```
wset, info.draw_wid
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```
CASE event.id OF
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```
  info.draw_id: BEGIN
```

```
    CASE event.type OF
```

```
      0: BEGIN ;; button pressed
```

```
        CASE event.press OF
```

```
          1B: BEGIN ;; left button pressed
```

```
            ;; store the current color vectors (will be  
            ;; restored after button release)
```

```
            tvlct, r, g, b, /get
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```
            device, get_decomposed=decomposed
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```
            *info.old_r = r
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            *info.old_g = g
```

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            *info.old_b = b
```

```
            info.old_decomposed = decomposed
```

```
            device, decomposed=0
```

```
            tvlct, *info.r, *info.g, *info.b
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            info.mouseclick_x = event.x
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            info.mouseclick_y = event.y
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            ;; to erase any previous rectangle
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```
            info.draw_rectangle = 0
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```
            info.drawing_rectangle = 0
```

```
            test_mouse_update_display, info
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            info.drawing_rectangle = 1
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            ;; create a pixmap window to store the
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            ;; original image (without the box)
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            window, /free, /pixmap, $
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              xsize=200, ysize=200
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            info.pixmap_window_id = !d.window
```

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            device, copy=[0, 0, 200, 200, $
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              0, 0, info.draw_wid]
```

```
            info.rectangle_firstcorner = [event.x, event.y]
```

```
            test_mouse_update_display, info
```

```
          END ;; left button pressed
```

```
          ELSE: BEGIN ;; middle or right button pressed
```

```
            ;; do nothing
```

```
          ENDELSE ;; middle or right button pressed
```

```
        ENDCASE ;; event.press
```

```
      END ;; button pressed
```

```
      1: BEGIN ;; button released
```

```
        CASE event.release OF
```

```
          1B: BEGIN ;; left button released
```

```
            IF info.drawing_rectangle THEN BEGIN
```

```
              info.rectangle_secondcorner = [event.x,
```

```
event.y]
```

```
              ;; destroy pixmap
```

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              wdelete, info.pixmap_window_id
```

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        info.drawing_rectangle = 0
        IF (info.rectangle_firstcorner[0] NE $
            info.rectangle_secondcorner[0]) AND $
            (info.rectangle_firstcorner[1] NE $
            info.rectangle_secondcorner[1]) THEN $
            info.draw_rectangle = 1 ELSE $
            info.draw_rectangle = 0
        test_mouse_update_display, info
    ENDIF
    ;; restore previous color vectors
    tvlct, *info.old_r, *info.old_g, *info.old_b
    device, decomposed=info.old_decomposed
END ;; left button released
ELSE: BEGIN ;; middle or right button released
    ;; do nothing
    ENDELSE ;; middle or right button released
ENDCASE ;; event.release
END ;; button released
2: BEGIN ;; cursor motion
    IF info.drawing_rectangle THEN BEGIN
        wset, info.draw_wid
        ;; erase the last box
        device, copy=[0, 0, 200, 200, $
            0, 0, info.pixmap_window_id]
        ;; draw new box
        x1 = info.rectangle_firstcorner[0]
        y1 = info.rectangle_firstcorner[1]
        x2 = event.x
        y2 = event.y
        plots, [x1, x1, x2, x2, x1], [y1, y2, y2, y1, y1], $
            /device, color=info.green
    ENDIF ;; drawing rectangle
END ;; cursor motion
ENDCASE ;; event.type
END
info.update_id: BEGIN
    test_mouse_update_display, info
END
ENDCASE

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wset, old\_window

widget\_control, event.top, set\_uvalue=info, /no\_copy

END

;;-----

PRO test\_mouse\_cleanup, tlb\_id

widget\_control, tlb\_id, get\_uvalue=info, /no\_copy

ptr\_free, info.image

ptr\_free, info.r

ptr\_free, info.g

ptr\_free, info.b

ptr\_free, info.old\_r

ptr\_free, info.old\_g

ptr\_free, info.old\_b

END

;;-----

PRO test\_mouse

on\_error, 2

;; First, store the existing color vectors and decomposition state

device, get\_decomposed=old\_decomposed

tvlct, r\_old, g\_old, b\_old, /get

;; Load b-w linear color table into all available colors to make

;; sure plot and background colors are right

device, decomposed=0

loadct, 0

ncolors = !d.table\_size-8 ;; number of colors for image display

;; Now, load b-w linear color table, but leave plot, background and

;; some other colors untouched.

loadct, 0, bottom=1, ncolors=ncolors

black = fsc\_color('black', !d.table\_size-2)

white = fsc\_color('white', !d.table\_size-3)

green = fsc\_color('green', !d.table\_size-4)

red = fsc\_color('red', !d.table\_size-5)

blue = fsc\_color('blue', !d.table\_size-6)

tvlct, r, g, b, /get

;; And restore the old color vectors in case somebody wants to work

;; on the command line in between

tvlct, r\_old, g\_old, b\_old

device, decomposed=old\_decomposed

;; store the current graphics window

old\_window = !d.window

;; define the widgets

```
tlb_id = widget_base(/col)
draw_id = widget_draw(tlb_id, xsize=200, ysize=200, $
    /button_events, /motion_events, $
    retain=2)
update_id = widget_button(tlb_id, value='Update Display')
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widget_control, tlb_id, /realize
widget_control, draw_id, get_value=draw_wid
```

```
info = {tlb_id: tlb_id, $
    draw_id: draw_id, $
    draw_wid: draw_wid, $
    update_id: update_id, $
    image: ptr_new(dist(200)), $
    ncolors: ncolors, $
    r: ptr_new(r), $
    g: ptr_new(g), $
    b: ptr_new(b), $
    black: black, $
    white: white, $
    green: green, $
    red: red, $
    blue: blue, $
    old_r: ptr_new(/allocate_heap), $
    old_g: ptr_new(/allocate_heap), $
    old_b: ptr_new(/allocate_heap), $
    old_decomposed: 0, $
    mouseclick_x: 0L, $
    mouseclick_y: 0L, $
    draw_rectangle: 0, $
    drawing_rectangle: 0, $
    pixmap_window_id: 0L, $
    rectangle_firstcorner: [0L, 0L], $
    rectangle_secondcorner: [0L, 0L]}
```

```
test_mouse_update_display, info
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```
widget_control, tlb_id, set_uvalue=info, /no_copy
```

```
:: this will avoid that one of the draw widgets will become the
:: current graphics window for command line use
widget_control, tlb_id, /managed
wset, old_window
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```
xmanager, 'test_mouse', tlb_id, /no_block, $
    event_handler='test_mouse_event', $
    cleanup='test_mouse_cleanup'
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END

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