
Subject: Re: collecting data files

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clive_cook59@hotmail.com wrote:

> Ok, so how do i write a timer event?

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Choose some widget in your GUI to generate the timer event. With

`widget_control, id, timer=x`

you will generate a timer event in that widget in x seconds. Note that this happens only once, so for a continuous timer you have to include this line of code again in the event handler itself.

To distinguish the timer event from other events: The most simple thing is to choose a widget which otherwise doesn't generate events, like a label widget. Otherwise, you have to check the event structure name in the event handler for 'WIDGET_TIMER'.

Check the IDL reference for the TIMER keyword to WIDGET_CONTROL for more information, or go to Programming in IDL -> Creating Graphical User Interfaces -> Widget Application Techniques.

Benjamin
