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Subject: Re: Text widget error checking

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Brad Wallet writes:

- > Can anyone give me some tips/pointers on how to best do error checking
- > in a text widget? I have a text field, and I want to make sure that it
- > remains a value that can be converted into an integer using reads. Any
- > suggestions?

I use FSC\_FIELD when I want to restrict a text field to a particular kind of value. Set the value of the widget and whatever type the value is, that is what you can put into the field. You can also restrict the number of digits or decimal places you want, etc.

[http://www.dfanning.com/programs/fsc\\_field.pro](http://www.dfanning.com/programs/fsc_field.pro)

Call it "up front" checking, rather than "after the fact" checking. :-)

Cheers,

David

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