Subject: Re: Widget_base woes
Posted by Richard French on Thu, 24 Nov 2005 15:02:18 GMT
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"Peter Albert" <peter.albert@gmx.de> wrote:

> did you ever create HTML pages using tables? That sure helps, as it is
> the same principle of nesting. The problem with widgets is that the ROW
> and COLUMN keywords just work weired. Setting ROW=n will create n rows
> in the end, however, subseqent elements are put in subsequent columns.

Dear Peter:
Many thanks for your very lucid explanation! I am going to digest it along
with my Thanksgiving Day turkey. I especially appreciate the very first part
of your answer, in which you show how (and why) the strange example fails in
a simple case. I use this all the time in my own classes: "You might think
that this would be a great place to use Fourier series, but let's see why it
isn't." Students get a lot more out of seeing why a plausible but wrong
solution is wrong, than by having the prof say, 'We'll let u =tanh^-1 (y^2),
and then the differential equation looks just like a forced harmonic
oscillator' - Uh, how did you do that????

I'm very grateful to you.

Dick French