
Subject: The TAB key is alive!

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Recently, there was a post to this newsgroup about how give the input focus to a text widget without using a mouse. I posted a follow-up that worked on my system (IBM RS6000, AIX 4.1, IDL 4.0), but, unfortunately, not on the original poster's system. I've been doing some tinkering, and much to my surprise, I found that this feature (changing the focus without using a mouse) seems to be built in! I invoked the .pro file I posted here earlier, and I was able to cycle around using the tab key, which not only gave the focus to the next text widget, but also the next button widget! Once the "Done" button had the focus, I hit the space bar and the widget was destroyed! Wow! My Friday suddenly improved.

OK, this isn't Earth-shattering stuff, but it's a groovy little feature I wasn't aware of, and I thought there must be at least one other person out there who can appreciate the groovity of it.

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PS. And you can bet I'll be using that once-dormant tab key a little more often.

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My opinions		- Talking Heads
