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Subject: Re: WIDGET\_DRAW event.press/release values for mouse wheel events..undocumented?

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Yes, I have encountered this too. We use intel linux systems with pc type wheel mice.

Neither the bu... I mean feature, nor its fix (in version 6.4) seems to be documented.

After checking event.type for UP, DOWN, or MOTION mouse events, check for PRESS or RELEASE values >4.

Here is a code snippet from a heavily modified version of Fanning's DRAWBOX\_WIDGET example procedure that I use to get around it. It looks like you've already found the same fix.

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; Deal only with DOWN, UP, and MOTION events.  
IF event.type GT 2 THEN RETURN
```

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; I said deal only with DOWN, UP, and MOTION events.  
; skip wheel events that button_events=1 picks up in versions < 6.4  
if event.press gt 4 or event.release gt 4 then return
```

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; Get the info structure.  
Widget_Control, event.top, Get_UValue=info, /No_Copy
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In article <fa1ldp\$c4\$1@news.nems.noaa.gov>,  
Paul van Delst <Paul.vanDelst@noaa.gov> wrote:

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> Hi All,  
>  
> IDL> print, !version  
> { x86 linux unix linux 6.2 Jun 20 2005    32    64}  
>  
> I have the following widget_draw setup:  
>  
> dw_id = widget_draw( tlb_id, $  
>                      /button_events, $  
>                      event_pro = 'wplot_draw_event', $  
>                      xsize = dw_xsize, $  
>                      ysize = dw_ysize )
```

>  
> When I press/release the left/middle/right button I get the usual:  
>  
>       press/release value  
> left       1  
> middle     2  
> right      4  
>  
> Now, I have one of those mice where the middle "button" is also a wheel. Being a  
> fat-fingered type, sometimes when I press the middle button in my apps, I sometimes also  
> move the wheel up or down. For those cases the event.press/release values are:  
>  
>       press/release value  
> roll up     8  
> roll down   16  
>  
> and the event.type values are still 0 or 1 (for mouse button press and release) even  
> though I'm not depressing the wheel/button (event.clicks always remains 0)  
>  
> Is this behaviour documented anywhere? The wheel\_events keyword to widget\_draw is not set  
> (and it's ignored for non-windows machines anyway). I googled the clip archives but didn't  
> find anything. The widget\_draw docs didn't  
>  
> Is this just a poor mans method of emulating wheel events for non-windows systems?  
>  
> cheers,  
>  
> paulv

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