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Subject: Re: controlling widget layout

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Richard Clark writes:

- > SPACE is useful.
- > YPAD helps a little but doesn't do quite what I was wanting. It puts
- > space both above and below the row. I was wanting space above row N,
- > or below row N-1 because there is a row N+1 where I don't want the
- > extra space... like a blank line between paragraphs in text.
- >
- > I had also experimented a little with the ALIGN and BASE\_ALIGN
- > keywords. But in my app they don't seem to have much affect at all.

I've never had much luck with the ALIGN keywords on normal widgets. They tend to change the natural width of widgets in ways I never fully understand. I do use a lot of BASE\_ALIGN keywords in base widgets. I can futz around with this layout for a couple of hours and eventually get something I like, but at the end of the day I wonder why I bothered. No one but me seems to notice, and the whole thing looks different when I put it on my clients UNIX machine anyway. :-)

Cheers,

David

P.S. I \*have\* completely re-written all the widgets as objects, however, and one of the reasons I did so was to have a great deal more control over how things lay out and align with other widgets. As least \*that\* part gives me some satisfaction. :-)

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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