
Subject: Re: Simple question: promptusertext method
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Selim.Ta@gmail.com writes:

> I'm a novice in IDL, so please bear with me. I want a procedure to
> display a prompt with a text field. From what I understand,
> promptusertext is the method I should use. This said, I can't get it
> to work properly. The prompt never displays and just registers the
> user's entry as 0. Here's my code:

```
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> PRO ...  
>  
> ...  
>  
> obj = Obj_New("IDLitlMessaging")  
>  
> result = obj->promptusertext('...', answer, title='...')  
>  
> ...  
>  
> END  
>  
> What am I doing wrong?
```

If you are a novice IDL user, I seriously doubt you are programming iTools. So I don't think IDLitlMessaging is what you want. :-)

Why don't you try something a great deal simpler. Here is a simple pop-up dialog that does what you want:

<http://www.dfanning.com/programs/textbox.pro>

You use it like this:

```
answer = TextBox(Label='What is your favorite color?', $  
    Title='Type your favorite color', Cancel=cancelled)  
IF cancelled THEN RETURN
```

You can read more about how it is created here:

http://www.dfanning.com/widget_tips/popup.html

Cheers,

David

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