Subject: Re: REAL menues or just "button menues" Posted by hahn on Mon, 01 Apr 1996 08:00:00 GMT

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Harald Schoenfeld <hs@undine.physik.uni-erlangen.de> wrote:

- > Hi,
- > when I look at the widget builder, there are objects called
- > "pull down menues" that can be used like the menues that usually
- > come at the top of every normal windows program.
- > But while in real windows programs the menues are white, just with
- > the text to select with the mouse, the "menues" in the widget builder
- > are grey buttons. Know what I mean?

When I look at my news reader which I currently use to write this reply it has the same grey button that look exactly like those the WIDED presents. I do this running both IDL and the news reader from MS Windows 3.1.

- > Are these strange things the only type of "menues" you can
- > do with the builder or idl?

The WIDED is limited in its capabilities, however, the IDL windows toolkit has its limitations: As all widgets should run on every windowings system (OSF Motif, MS Windows (different flavours!), Mac) there are either several restrictions you have to live with or you must pay a lot of money for a GUI buider.

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- > The main demo program has a real menue. Is that perhaps done with
- > normal Win 3.11 code?

The demo program is written in IDL and the source code comes with IDL. Actually, it is interpreted each time you activate it. Thus, if you like parts of I you can copy that part to your local disk and modify it. I did so several times to gain performance. All programs are well documented and provide a good entry for beginners. In order to make the programs better readable some tricky code to speed up performance was avoided...

BTW the demo programs are stored in c:\rsi\idl40\examples\general

> Btw, anybody using idl not with a workstation but with win 3.11 at all?

Sure, what's your problem?

There is a German www page for IDL on our webserver:

 $http://wwwpc.hrz.th-darmstadt.de/prog/grafik/idl-4_0.htm$

with a couple of links to other web and ftp servers.

Hope this helps Norbert