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Subject: Re: New Widgets Needed

Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Thu, 30 Oct 2008 17:01:06 GMT

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David Fanning wrote:

> Paul van Delst writes:

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>> Hmm. Given the direction that "updating" the graphics capabilities has gone (i.e. direct  
>> to object) I'm apprehensive at the thought of the same thing happening to widgets.

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> Yes, you are probably right to worry about this. I wouldn't  
> say I had a great deal of faith, either. But, on the bright  
> side, tying the new widgets to iTools would probably really  
> spur the development of that Next New Thing in somebody's  
> garage that will replace IDL. :-)

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> Cheers,

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> David

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> P.S. MatLab must have it's own problems, or there would  
> probably be more defections. Any thoughts on that? As a  
> retired person, I'm ready to explore more options than  
> I used to be. :-)

matlab has its issues too. I have some opinions on that but, being (for now) a cursory matlab user, I'll keep 'em to myself.

I actually think that the idea of IDL object graphics, and IDL OO stuff in general is great. It's just the execution of the idea that has caused the suffering and gnashing of teeth. The IDL OG stuff has the "everything including the kitchen sink" smell to it that makes doing stuff more difficult. I fear the same approach will be taken with any new widget stuff.

cheers,

paulv

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