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Subject: Re: widget\_text editable and all\_events  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 25 Mar 2009 18:15:52 GMT  
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Vince Hradil writes:

- > Well, scenario 2- makes it so that you cannot just backspace out the
- > whole thing then start typing. What I would like is for the
- > validation to occur if either (1) the user hits CR or (2) the text box
- > loses focus (aha!)

It's a good idea, just not that reliable in practice. :-)

If I'm not collecting data from text widgets immediately,  
I usually put off validating what is in them until the  
user hits the Apply button, or whatever it is that sets  
the operation off and makes me require good data. Then  
I can do all my checking at once, and give the user  
feedback if they need to do something different.

Cheers,

David

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

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