

---

Subject: Re: TEXT FIELD in a CONTEXT MENU ?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 25 May 2009 20:00:40 GMT

[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

---

nata writes:

```
> I want to display a CONTEXT MENU (pop-up or shortcut menu) with a
> WIDGET_TEXT or CW_FIELD. I don't know if it's possible because, right
> now, when I try to add a text component, the IDL gives me the
> following message: Parent is of incorrect type.
>
> base=WIDGET_BASE(parent,/COLUMN,/FRAME,/CONTEXT_MENU)
> option_1=CW_PDMENU(base,['0\ option 1'],/CONTEXT_MENU)
>
> ;; here is where I've the problem -----
> option_text=WIDGET_TEXT(base,VALUE='text')
> ;;
> -----
> WIDGET_DISPLAYCONTEXTMENU, event.id, event.x, event.y, base
>
> Is there a correct way to add a text field in a CONTEXT MENU ? If not
> how can I do something similar?
```

Only button widgets are allowed as children of a contextmenu base widget. What you want to do isn't possible with context menus.

You are free, of course, to build your own pop-up dialog widgets in any way you like.

Cheers,

David

--

David Fanning, Ph.D.

Fanning Software Consulting, Inc.

Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>

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

---