
Subject: Re: Memory Problems

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> On another note, I was wondering if it is feasible to run a widget
> application as a background application (e.g. with a forked idl to
> support it). I have some widgets for which it would be useful to be
> able to use the idl command line without having to quit the widget. It
> is quite frustrating to quit and relaunch a large widget application
> whenever I just need to perform a small side calculation.
>

I put a "pause" button in my widget:

PRO Widget_Event, event

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...
case (button) of
  "pause" : begin
    print, "Paused--type .con to the IDL prompt to continue"
    Widget_Control, base, sensitive=0
    stop
    print, "(resumed)"
    Widget_Control, base, /sensitive
  end
...

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The documentation suggests this won't work, but I use it all the time.
