
Subject: Re: How to know a window id is valid
Posted by [davidf](#) on Fri, 20 Sep 1996 07:00:00 GMT
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In article <51sbok\$8j@post.gsfc.nasa.gov>, Gary Fu writes:

> Is there a command to tell that a window id created by a
> draw window widget is valid for WSET to use ?

Quite often in widget programs you have your graphics windows separated from your control panels. This makes it easy to resize your graphics windows, for example. It also makes it easy for the user to close graphics windows.

For this reason, you have to be sure the window is still around before you draw into it. What I typically do is keep the draw widget ID around in the info or state structure that contains all the information I need to run my widget program. Before I draw into the draw widget, I check to make sure it's still a valid widget ID.

If the widget ID is NOT valid, the user must have closed the graphics window. I simply make another. I often know the last size and position of the window that the user closed, so I can put up a virtually identical window.

A typical draw widget event handler might look like this:

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PRO EXAMPLE_DRAW, event
WIDGET_CONTROL, event.top, GET_UVALUE=info, /NO_COPY

IF NOT WIDGET_INFO(info.drawID, /VALID_ID) THEN BEGIN

    graphicsbase = WIDGET_BASE(XOFFSET=info.xoffset, YOFFSET=info.yoffset)
    info.drawID = WIDGET_DRAW(graphicsbase, XSIZE=info.xsize,
YSIZE=info.ysize)
    WIDGET_CONTROL, graphicsbase, /REALIZE

ENDIF

WIDGET_CONTROL, info.drawID, GET_VALUE=wid
WSET, wid
PLOT, data
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WIDGET_CONTROL, event.top, SET_UVALUE=info, /NO_COPY  
END ; ***** of EXAMPLE_DRAW event handler
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Hope this helps.

Yours,

David

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