
Subject: Re: Buttons in Widgets

Posted by [Russell Ryan](#) on Mon, 25 Jun 2012 17:00:08 GMT

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On Monday, June 25, 2012 5:54:13 AM UTC-4, Helder wrote:

> Hi,

> I'm don't like that much how the buttons of IDL widgets look (Widget_button) even when using the /bitmap argument. I am exploring the solution of using a draw_widget, making it of the same color as the background(*) and then filling it is with my own drawing. The difference between the two methods is that the borders of the buttons will appear different: for a button widget these are defined by the IDL and for a draw widget one can have "no" borders or define how these look like. Another advantage is that one can have the effect of having an something like an icon floating on a background.

> Has anybody tried doing such things? So far it seems to do the job for me, but I haven't played too much with it yet.

> (*) Is there a way to find out what color the base widget has and/or to define it?

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> Cheers,

> Helder

It sounds like you're trying to do something like Rob Dimeo did?

http://www.ncnr.nist.gov/staff/dimeo/idl_programs.html

Check out his compound widgets (ie. the screen shot pages).

Russell
