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Subject: Re: Scrolling within a text widget  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 07 Sep 2012 19:24:46 GMT  
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Heinz Stege writes:

> here is a very basic question on scrolling the text within a text  
> widget. My program is writing messages (e.g. infos, warnings and error  
> messages) into a little text widget. I would like the widget  
> automatically to scroll down the text, so that the user always can  
> read the latest message.

Oh, my gosh! Does this bring back a lot of bad memories!  
It's like an old girlfriend showing up years later after  
you thought that nightmare was over. :-)

I don't think there is a real solution. At least I  
don't remember one, and it's pretty clear no one  
has bothered to work on widgets for at least the last  
10 years or so.

You might try `TextLineFormat` in the Coyote Library. I think  
I wrote that to break lines up into shorter lines so that  
I could keep track of them as I added them to a text widget.  
That way, I didn't have to worry about wrapping.

<http://www.idlcoyote.com/programs/textlinformat.pro>

Cheers,

David

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

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