
Subject: Re: How do I change colors?

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Dimitris Papamichail wrote:

>
> Hi,
> I would like to ask, if anybody knows, how can I change colors of
> widget elements. For example, I have a big base that contains other
> smaller widget bases. I would like every one of them to have a different
> color. How is that possible?
> Are there any structures that hold values like color for every widget?
> Thanks.

I think that the only way to have widgets of different colours is to use the `RESOURCE_NAME` keyword to add a unique resource name to each widget base, and then edit your `.Xresources` file to assign a different colour to each of the bases.

As the manual says, you'll need some Motif experience to do this.

If your widget base really is huge and contains lots of other widgets it may also be rather confusing to the user. You might find it easier to separate some of the smaller widget bases into their own windows to simplify things.

Another alternative you might want to look at is the one used by the Xpalette program where you can bring up different colour slider combinations in the same area by selecting using a droplist widget. This just maps in and maps out already constructed widget bases and so is pretty fast and allows you to stack a lot into one space. It's great if you don't need access to all the sliders/buttons/etc. at once.

Tim
