
Subject: Re: Is that window open??

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In article <33427754.41C6@irc.chmcc.org>, Phil Williams <williams@irc.chmcc.org> writes:

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> How would I check to see if a window ID is still open in a widget
> program?
>
> Here's what I did
> oldwin = !d.window
> wset, info.wid
>
> ; some code here
>
> ;--- restore the oldwin
> wset, oldwin
>
> and it crashes with
> % WSET: Window is closed and unavailable.
```

Use CATCH to trap the error signal and act accordingly. For example:

```
oldwin = !d.window
WSET, info.wid
```

```
; some code here
```

```
CATCH, err_status
CASE err_status OF
-324 : BEGIN
; do what you want when the window is closed
PRINT, 'warning .....'
END
```

```
ELSE : WSET, info.wid
ENDCASE
```

```
CATCH, err_status, /CANCEL
```

As in any other structured language, IDL doesn't define these error signals as constants. Hence programmer is at a disadvantage, if RSI changes them with each version.

Hope it helps.

-M. Hegde
