
Subject: Re: Using Y_SCROLL_SIZE and COLUMN=8 on Mac widgets

Posted by [Heinz Stege](#) on Sun, 27 Oct 2013 12:12:50 GMT

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On Sat, 26 Oct 2013 18:27:56 -0700 (PDT), wlandsman wrote:

> The following simple code works fine on a PC -- displaying 8 columns of data as requested.
> But on my Mac laptop it only shows a couple of columns.

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> *****

> pro test

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> values = 's' + strtrim(indgen(200),2)

> base = widget_base()

> bgroup = cw_bgroup(base,values,column=8,y_scroll_size=600)

> widget_control(base,/realize

> *****

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> Now the IDL documentation does say that

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> "Use of the Y_SCROLL_SIZE keyword implies SCROLL. This means that scroll bars will be
> added in both the horizontal and vertical directions when Y_SCROLL_SIZE is specified. Because
> the default size of the scrolling viewport may differ between platforms, it is best to specify
> X_SCROLL_SIZE when specifying Y_SCROLL_SIZE."

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> And I can get a workaround by adding x_scroll_size = 300 for the Mac. The problem is that
> the necessary x_scroll_size depends on the length of the text being displayed (and the font size
> used). But on the PC, IDL automatically know what X size the widget should have to display 8
> columns.

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> Any suggestions for kluge to make the above code work on a Mac? Thanks, --Wayne

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> P.S. I used cw_bgroup above to keep the code simple, but the problem also exists when using
> the Column and Y_scroll_size keywords with widget_base().

I don't think, that there is an easy solution. It may be the best, to
replace cw_bgroup by two loops.

However, if you need to use cw_bgroup, you may want to try the
following calculation subsequent to your code:

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; Get the widget IDs of all buttons
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button_wids=base
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for i=0,3 do button_wids=widget_info(button_wids[0],/all_children)
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; Get the width of the scroll bar
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temp_wid=widget_text(base,xsize=1,ysize=1,/wrap,/scroll)
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temp=(widget_info(temp_wid,/geom)).scr_xsize
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widget_control,temp_wid,/destroy  
temp_wid=widget_text(base,xsize=1,ysize=1,/wrap)  
  scroll_bar_xsize=round(temp-(widget_info(temp_wid,/geom)).scroll_bar_xsize)  
widget_control,temp_wid,/destroy
```

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; Set the width of the button group widget  
geo=widget_info(button_wids[0],/geom)  
xmargin=geo.xoffset  
geo=widget_info(button_wids[175],/geom)  
widget_control,bgroup,xsize=geo.xoffset+geo.xsize+xmargin+scroll_bar_xsize
```

I didn't test this on a Mac. It works on my Windows computer (after mis-adjusting the xsize of cw_bgroup).

Please note, that you have to change the way of retrieving the button IDs, when you use the label_left or label_top keyword in cw_bgroup.

Cheers, Heinz
