
Subject: Re: Widget question

Posted by [Liam Gumley](#) on Mon, 30 Jun 1997 07:00:00 GMT

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Joel Hegg wrote:

> I'm trying to write my first widget, but the Reference Manual was a little
> confusing.

I sympathize completely. To say that the reference manual is "a little confusing" is very polite.

> Can someone please explain to me how to write a widget which
> will run another IDL program once a button is pressed?

The best advice I can give you is to try the following:

(1) Check out David Fanning's example programs at
<http://www.dfanning.com/documents/programs.html>, e.g. PROCESS for good
examples of how to write widget programs.

(2) Get yourself a copy of "Building Graphical User Interfaces in IDL"
also by David Fanning. It's available from
Research Systems, Inc.
2995 Wilderness Place
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And get a copy of David's soon-to-be-available book as soon as possible.

(3) Take a widget programming course from David.

Cheers,

Liam.

PS David pays me no commission (yet).
