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Subject: widget

Posted by [Jean Marc Delvit](#) on Mon, 06 Nov 2000 08:00:00 GMT

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How to get a value from a widget box and not from the prompt in IDL?

thanks

JMD

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1) [delvit.vcf](#), downloaded 161 times

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Subject: Re: Widget

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 18 May 2004 23:36:29 GMT

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Anand writes:

> Can anyone help me out with IDL widgets. I created a widget to  
> display the image and from there I opened one more image to show a  
> region in that image in a different widget. After I close the new  
> widget my old widget does not seem to be my current graphic window.  
> So when I try to perform some mouse commands it by default open a new  
> IDL window. Can some one tell me how do I make my old widget the  
> current graphic window after I close the current widget. I used  
> widget\_control, ev.top,/destroy, to destroy the top widget.

Oh, dear. :-(

You might have a look at ZIMAGE. It might even do exactly what you are trying to do. You *\*definitely\** need to know what window is the current graphics window (the one you will be drawing into) in a widget program. You do it by doing a WSET to the window index number. This number is the *\*value\** of the draw widget:

```
Widget_Control, drawWidgetID, Get_Value=wid  
WSet, wid
```

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Widget

Posted by [natha](#) on Tue, 17 Nov 2009 16:47:01 GMT

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we don't know what are you trying to do.... do you use the XMANAGER properly ? the definition of your GUI is it correct ?  
give us more information....  
cheers,

nata

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Subject: Re: widget

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 07 Oct 2011 19:11:52 GMT

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Marco Otto writes:

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>  
> 1. read a .sav file  
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Oh, dear! I'm off to Australia in a few hours, so I won't be able to help. But, I will tell you that nearly everything about this program is wrong. :-)

Ben Tupper, or someone else, may take pity on you. Or, I'll give you some help when I get back. But, just briefly, I think you want to use the IDL\_Savefile object to query your save file and get the variable names, and I \*think\* (can't really tell for sure) you want to build a pop-up dialog widget:

[http://www.idlcoyote.com/widget\\_tips/popup.html](http://www.idlcoyote.com/widget_tips/popup.html)

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>

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

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Subject: Re: widget

Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Fri, 07 Oct 2011 19:47:39 GMT

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On 10/7/11 1:11 PM, David Fanning wrote:

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```

Try the program listed below; it's not hard to write, but the explanation would be (MUCH) longer than the program. For a full explanation, I would see one of the fine books available to learn IDL (<http://www.ittvis.com/language/en-US/Support/IDLBooks.aspx>). To try it, do:

```
IDL> a = 1
IDL> b = 2
IDL> c = 3
IDL> save, a, b, c, filename='test.sav'
IDL> mg_sav_selection, 'test.sav'
```

The user interface is pretty simple: change the test in the text box at the bottom to the name you want to call the variable and then select the variable you want to import from the list.

```
pro mg_sav_selection_event, event
  compile_opt strictarr
  on_error, 2

  widget_control, event.top, get_uvalue=pstate
  uname = widget_info(event.id, /uname)
  case uname of
    'var_list': begin
      varname_text = widget_info(event.top, find_by_uname='varname_text')
      widget_control, varname_text, get_value=varname
      (*pstate).s->restore, ((*pstate).varnames)[event.index]
      (scope_varfetch(varname, /enter, level=1)) $
        = scope_varfetch(((pstate).varnames)[event.index])
    end
    'varname_text': ; no need to do anything
    else: message, 'unknown widget event'
  endcase
end

pro mg_sav_selection_cleanup, tlb
  compile_opt strictarr

  widget_control, tlb, get_uvalue=pstate

  obj_destroy, (*pstate).s
  ptr_free, pstate
end
```

```
pro mg_sav_selection, sav_filename
  compile_opt strictarr

  s = obj_new('IDL_Savefile', sav_filename)
  varnames = s->names(count=nvars)
  if (nvars eq 0L) then return

  tlb = widget_base(/column, title='Select variables from ' + sav_filename)
  var_list = widget_list(tlb, value=varnames, xsize=20, ysize=10, $
    uname='var_list')
  varname_text = widget_text(tlb, value='varname', xsize=20, /editable, $
    uname='varname_text')
  widget_control, tlb, /realize

  state = { s: s, varnames: varnames }
  pstate = ptr_new(state, /no_copy)
  widget_control, tlb, set_uvalue=pstate

  xmanager, 'mg_sav_selection', tlb, /no_block, $
    event_handler='mg_sav_selection_event', $
    cleanup='mg_sav_selection_cleanup'
end
```

Mike

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Modern IDL, A Guide to Learning IDL: <http://modernidl.idldev.com>

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Subject: Re: widget

Posted by [Marco Otto](#) on Fri, 07 Oct 2011 21:14:43 GMT

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Thank you Mike,

that was fast, "pitiful" enough and more over very help full!!!

Best regards

Marco

PS: I will definitely read more books in the future - even some on  
IDL :-)

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