
Subject: Frustration with TABLE GUI in IDL

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I am trying to make an application with the IDL GUI Builder for manipulation and display of measured spectra (1D histograms $y=f(x)$).

As part of that, I want to fit peaks with certain sets of functions which needs exchange of the order of 50 parameters between the user and the IDL application (read/write).

I thought from the manuals that TABLE would be the right widget and I have put a TABLE WIDGET into my application but with very little success:

I am able to write something into a cell and as soon as I enter <RETURN>,

I get an interrupt to the right function in the code but the string which I had entered has disappeared from the screen and I did also not yet manage to transfer the string to the application. In addition, I have not been able to write something to the cells from within IDL.

There is no example in the huge set of manuals. In the *.pro examples of the installation set I found only 2(!) with tables but there the cell contents are set at widget definition time (WIDGET_TABLE) and after that they are never again changed.

Does somebody have a simple example on how to perform read / write to cells in an table?

Thanks
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P.S. I am using IDL 5.4 on a PC with w98

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