
Subject: generic text box window

Posted by [sailfalmouth](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2001 23:47:51 GMT

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Does anyone know if the code to `dialog_message` or `Dialog_Pickfile` is available to look at anywhere? Or, could you point me in the right direction to creating something like this? Thank you,

Brian

Subject: Re: generic text box window

Posted by [btt](#) on Wed, 19 Dec 2001 22:18:08 GMT

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Brian Bell wrote:

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Hello,

Martin Schultz has written a set of object based GUIs for just the kind of thing you are looking for. You can find a link to his resources at either Liam Gumley's links page (www.gumley.com) or David Fanning's (www.dfanning.com). Martin's GUI for the text field can be realized with built in 'Cancel'/'Accept' or 'Dismiss' buttons.

Ben

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Subject: Re: generic text box window
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 19 Dec 2001 23:18:33 GMT
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Brian Bell (sailfalmouth@yahoo.com) writes:

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It has already been done. You can find it here:

<http://www.dfanning.com/programs/textbox.pro>

Cheers,

David

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