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Subject: Re: Color text within WIDGET\_TEXT?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Sun, 03 Feb 2002 16:10:48 GMT

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Chia Chang (chia@photon.com) writes:

- > I am looking to spice up my text widget.
- > Is there a way to make it display color text.

IDL is not really into "spice", I'm afraid. You would be further ahead spending your time learning sexy new pick-up lines.

"My, that's a bold looking widget you have there."

Cheers,

Miss Manners

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Subject: Re: Color text within WIDGET\_TEXT?

Posted by [Andrew Cool](#) on Sun, 03 Feb 2002 22:29:57 GMT

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Chia Chang wrote:

- >
- > I am looking to spice up my text widget.
- > Is there a way to make it display color text.
- >
- > Regards,
- > Chia Chang

Hi,

The answer here is probably platform dependent.

Under VMS, it's all too easy by defining X Resources in your .IDLDE file.

It's taken a coupla minutes to knock up a little text widget that had a green background in the text entry field, and the colour of the text that I typed in was red. Gross combination!

I guess the same should work on \*NIXy things running X.

Example :

```
PRO text_widget
  base = widget_base(Resource_name='widgettext')
  Text_id = widget_text(base,Value=' ',/Edit,$
                        Resource_name = 'frequency')
```

```
Widget_control,base,/real
END
```

Entries in .IDLDE file:

```
Idl*widgettext*frequency*Background:green
Idl*widgettext*frequency*Foreground:red
```

HTH,

Andrew

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