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Subject: Re: Can multiple windows share the same menu bar?  
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> ...  
> So what I'm asking is this: Is there a way to tell the newly opened  
> window that it should use the already-created menu bar and any event  
> handlers associated with that menu bar? I have tried passing the  
> original menu bar's widget ID to the new TLB when it is first created,  
> i.e.  
>  
> TLB = WIDGET\_BASE(APP\_MENU=TLB\_menu, [...])  
> ...  
> [ add buttons to TLB\_menu ]  
> ...  
> new\_TLB = WIDGET\_BASE(GROUP\_LEADER=TLB, APP\_MENU=TLB\_menu, [...])  
>  
> but that doesn't work - I don't even get the IDL menu, but a nearly  
> blank one with only the Help option and the Apple menu.  
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> I realize that I can achieve what I want by simply duplicating the  
> code that creates the menu bar inside my new widget, but that seems a  
> little heavy-handed (especially when it comes time to change one of  
> the options in the menu bar, because it will have to be changed in  
> five or six different places) and I just thought there might be a more  
> elegant way.

Why don't you just put the code for creating the menu bar in  
a separate procedure (with tlb\_menu as the argument)?

HTH,  
marc

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