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Subject: Re: Variable size of widget\_lists

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Robbert Verweij (verweij@science-and-technology.nl) writes:

> when I create a WIDGET\_LIST with a fixed number of characters and lines  
> (i.e. I give xsize and ysize) and put some initial fields using value  
> everything works fine.  
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> However, if I later update this list using widget\_control, <listID>,  
> value='something else' (or an array or whatever...), IDL decreases the  
> Xsize of the list if the text is shorter than the allowed space. When  
> it's longer it neatly gives me a scroll bar, but why can't IDL not just  
> keep to my setting? I know XSIZE etc are 'just hints', but can I not  
> 'Strongly Suggest' IDL this :).

By all means "strongly suggest". I even have a list  
of four-letter words that have proved effective in  
other situations (hammer on thumb, that sort of thing).  
But I have the impression IDL must be deaf \*and\* dumb  
on occasion, at least when it wants to be. Have you  
tried SCR\_XSIZE? That sometimes gets its attention, at  
the risk of reduced flexibility.

Cheers,

David

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