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Subject: howto bind shortcut key to button

Posted by [s\[1\]](#) on Wed, 19 Feb 2003 12:40:49 GMT

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Hey all,

is there a way to bind a shortcut key to a button?

I would like to do something like pressing CTRL+S while my app is in the foreground evokes myapp->save.

I didn't find anything useful on this in the manual and the ng archive, and the idl demo doesn't seem to use keyboard short-cuts.

Any ideas?

Thanks a lot,

Sebastian

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Subject: Re: howto bind shortcut key to button

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 20 Feb 2003 16:40:14 GMT

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JD Smith ([jdsmith@as.arizona.edu](mailto:jdsmith@as.arizona.edu)) writes:

- > The workaround I use: set
- > TRACKING\_EVENTS on the top-level widget base, and explicitly give the
- > appropriate widget focus when entering the application.

Unfortunately, TRACKING\_EVENTS is not completely platform independent, either. This concept is foreign to the Windows operating system, so RSI has hacked a substitute. As a result, some tracking events are missed, depending (I suppose) on where the cursor is when the tracking event "fires". You have pretty good luck if you move your cursor s-l-o-w-l-y.

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: howto bind shortcut key to button  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 20 Feb 2003 19:59:38 GMT  
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It has come to my attention that this little problem  
has been fixed in IDL 5.6. I have to admit I haven't  
tried it lately, and I haven't had a chance to test  
this since I learned about it, but it is from an  
impeccable source. :-)

So I think JD's little hack might work well on all  
platforms.

Cheers,

David

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