
Subject: Widget Colors
Posted by [tai](#) on Fri, 24 Jun 1994 18:19:06 GMT
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Does anyone know how to change the colors of programs using widgets?
Reading black on blue text is bruising my eyes. I suspect this has
something to do with my X11R5 windowing setup, but I can't find any
mention of blue in my .twmrc or .Xdefaults. I guess I'd prefer black
on grey. Thanks.

Alan Tai

Subject: Re: Widget colors
Posted by [David Foster](#) on Mon, 14 Dec 1998 08:00:00 GMT
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Vinay L. Kashyap wrote:

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> Apparently, not anymore? Have the resource names changed, or are
> there other ways to set the colors?
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> Thanks,
> Vinay

I believe this should still work. Did you remember to use xrdb
to update the resources?

Dave

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Subject: Re: Widget colors

Posted by [kashyap](#) on Tue, 15 Dec 1998 08:00:00 GMT

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I found out that, at least on our system (SunOS 2.5+/CDE) IDL (5.1) only looks at the .Xdefaults file, and doesn't seem to care about the .Xresources, even when you do xrdb.. which is very strange and probably has to do with some quirk of CDE.

Vinay

In article <367572E5.5FBB@bial1.ucsd.edu>,
David Foster <foster@bial1.ucsd.edu> wrote:

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Subject: Re: WIDGET COLORS

Posted by [natha](#) on Fri, 13 Mar 2009 15:32:15 GMT

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Another question is how to change the widget font.

I used: font='-adobe-helvetica-bold-r-normal--12-*-*-' but is not a super nice font.

Anybody can give me a nice font definition?

Thanks

Subject: Re: WIDGET COLORS

Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Fri, 13 Mar 2009 17:01:25 GMT

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Llo wrote:

> Hi people,

>

> Anybody knows how to change the default widget colors? The IDL

> widgets are so ugly and do something presentable is sometimes

> difficult.

> Anyway, how to change the WIDGET_TEXT background color ? The picture

> showed in the manual is white but my widget_text is grey. It depends

> of the OS ?

>

> Thanks,

> Llo

Yes, the color of the WIDGET_TEXT does depend on the OS. The only way I know of changing colors, is that on Unix only, to use xdefaults. We use the following to make the background of a WIDGET_TEXT white:

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Idl*v*XmText*background: white
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Subject: Re: WIDGET COLORS

Posted by [natha](#) on Fri, 13 Mar 2009 17:37:07 GMT

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Ok, thank you.

I don't wanna use this beacause I'll run my widget in Win.. but thank you anyway.

By de way, do you know how to describe a nice font ?
My example was: font='-adobe-helvetica-bold-r-normal--12-*-*' and is
not nice.

thanks, llo

Subject: Re: WIDGET COLORS
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 13 Mar 2009 17:50:47 GMT
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llo writes:

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> you anyway.
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> not nice.

Uh, that doesn't look like a windows font. Could
that be your problem? :-)

Choose something in your Windows/Fonts directory.

Cheers,

David

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David Fanning, Ph.D.
Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming (www.dfanning.com)
Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

Subject: Re: WIDGET COLORS
Posted by [natha](#) on Fri, 13 Mar 2009 18:13:38 GMT
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Ok,

How to construct nice IDL multiplatform widgets ?
There is a way to do that ?

Nice font, nice colors, etc...

Subject: Re: WIDGET COLORS

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 13 Mar 2009 18:28:27 GMT

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Ilo writes:

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You are asking WAY too much now!

Cheers,

David

P.S. Let's just say I've found if you stick to Windows,
your widget programs are almost always happy. :-)

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David Fanning, Ph.D.

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