
Subject: Re: Cross platform Widget_Table

Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Tue, 24 Feb 2004 22:33:57 GMT

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Ben Tupper wrote:

>
> Hello,
>
> I have been skittering around all day with widget tables. It's quite a
> (re)learning curve everytime I use 'em.
>
> I have set up the program to "autosave" every time the user changes the
> contents of a field. So, I have set up the table with EDITABLE = 1 and
> ALL_EVENTS = 0 (events for end-of-line insertion only). This is the
> behavior I desire and it works fine... but, I wonder if the end-of-line
> insertion is the same on all platforms.
>
> Here's a little example on a Mac OSX...
>
> (1) User edits a value and hits <return>
>
> this generates 2 "WIDGET_TABLE_CH" events, the first has ev.CH = 10B
> and the second has ev.CH = 13B
>
> (2) User edits a value and hits the keyboard up-arrow or down-arrow
>
> this generates a single "WIDGET_TABLE_CH" event with ev.CH = 13B
>
> (3) User edits a value and hits the keyboard <tab> or <shift-tab>
>
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> this week.
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> Are these the end-of-line insertion events same on other systems? I
> have pasted simple test code below if your willing to test it.

For both

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{ x86 linux unix linux 5.5a Feb 7 2002    32    32}
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and

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{ ibmr2 AIX unix AIX 5.5 Aug 28 2001    32    32}
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I get the same behaviour as yours. Hitting return generates the ev.CH = 10B AND ev.CH =

13B events.

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IDL> .run blah
% Compiled module: TABLE_WIDGET_EXAMPLE3_QUIT_EVENT.
% Compiled module: TABLE_WIDGET_EXAMPLE3_TABLE_EVENT.
% Compiled module: TABLE_WIDGET_EXAMPLE3.
IDL> TABLE_WIDGET_EXAMPLE3
% Compiled module: XMANAGER.
EditEvent: 13 <--- down arrow
EditEvent: 13 <--- tab
EditEvent: 10 <----- <return>
EditEvent: 13 <--'
```

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Subject: Re: Cross platform Widget_Table
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 24 Feb 2004 22:53:40 GMT
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On my Windows machine (Windows 2000, IDL 6.0):

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all in the event handler for TABs (my machine beeps at me
like I'm doing something wrong!) or arrow keys (although I
move to a new cell on both tabs and arrows.

There you go. Don't you love it! :-)

Now, where is that medicine... :-(

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Cross platform Widget_Table

Posted by [btf](#) on Tue, 24 Feb 2004 23:02:36 GMT

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> David
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Thanks Paul and David,

I know what you mean, David. I thought that fer-sure some expert would wrap the widget table up in a friendly object. (Eh-hem) I, too, avoid them when I can. But I seem to be working with vectors of structures as a handy way to organize flat databases.

On the Winders machine, are you sure you have edited (changed) the cell value before hitting TABs? It isn't enough to simply select the cell (at least not on my platform).

If it is true that you can change the value of the cell then hit TAB without generating an end-of-line event then I might have a wee problem.

Thanks,
Ben

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Yep, change the value, hit TAB. I get a chirp which makes me look over my shoulder, but no event reported from your event handler. The new value "sticks" and I move to the next cell.

Cheers,

David

P.S. Let's just say an object isn't what I would wrap this

up in. Around my house, we use old newspaper for this kind of thing. :-)

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