
Subject: Re: iimage tool

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 15 Jun 2004 14:35:32 GMT

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Posted by [Francois](#) on Tue, 15 Jun 2004 15:14:04 GMT

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Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Tue, 15 Jun 2004 15:54:37 GMT

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I've never used iimage, but when I used the iSurface tool, I could walk to the local coffee shop and back before the thing was displayed (that's an exaggeration, but I hope you get my point :o). Maybe your problem is similar? What happens if you use iimage as above, and then go to lunch? Is the image displayed upon your return?

paulv

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I don't know. Maybe something is not set-up correctly
in your distribution. This works for me every time.

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Posted by [Francois](#) on Tue, 15 Jun 2004 19:36:02 GMT

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Any idea about how to wait iimage has finish before keeping running the code ?

Thank you,

"Francois" <leduc_francois@hotmail.com> wrote in message
news:1087312505.266740@news.drenet.dnd.ca...

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 15 Jun 2004 20:04:47 GMT
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Subject: Re: iimage tool

Posted by [Francois](#) on Wed, 16 Jun 2004 12:32:19 GMT

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Hello,

Yes. Breakpoints are only there for debugging. But even without breakpoints, it jams...

In the following code:

```
pro testing
  im = dist(512)
  iimage, im
  t=1
  print, 'hello'
end
```

the image im is being displayed after the "print hello". It is not normal.

The execution of the code should pause while iimage is running.

Like using XROI...

So if I put a breakpoint at line "t=1", then iimage jams. Nothing happens.

And the breakpoint is after the call of iimage...

Have a nice day.

Francois.

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 16 Jun 2004 13:54:48 GMT

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No, iTools are always non-blocking widgets, as far as I can tell. I see no keyword that can be set to make it block.

- > So if I put a breakpoint at line "t=1", then iimage jams. Nothing happens.
- > And the breakpoint is after the call of iimage...

Oh, that is odd. You're right.

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Wonderful. Please let us know what they have to say about this. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: iimage tool

Posted by [Francois](#) on Wed, 23 Jun 2004 15:50:54 GMT

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Hello,

Concerning the iimage command, here is the answer from RSI.

- > If you call an iTool from within a program, the iTool will not start responding to events until focus is returned to the Main level (The IDL command line). You can get around this by periodically checking for events using the WIDGET_EVENT routine. The following example demonstrates how this

- > can be done:

```
.*****  
,
```

```
pro test_widget_event, check_events = check_events
```

```
iimage, dist(300)
```

```
check = keyword_set(check_events)
```

```
for i = 0, 100 do begin
```

```
  print, i
```

```
  wait, 0.1
```

```
if check then $
```

```
void = widget_event(/nowait)
```

```
endfor
```

```
end
```

```
.*****  
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Run the program with the CHECK_EVENTS keyword to have the program check for events from the iTool while in the FOR..DO loop.

Cheers,

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Research Systems, Inc. A Kodak Company

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Posted by [Mark Hadfield](#) on Thu, 24 Jun 2004 01:28:27 GMT

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Have you noticed that FSC_SURFACE exhibits the behaviour? :-)

The no-event-handling-while-waiting-at-a-breakpoint issue applies to all (non-blocking) widget programs. Some will display a graph in this situation, some will show an empty window (probably waiting for an expose event), but in all cases you can't interact with them because the widget queue is stopped.

This has frustrated me for some time. When I stop a program at a breakpoint I want to be able to make use of the full range of visualisation tools, not just blocking widgets and non-widget commands.

I recall this being discussed on the group, but I don't recall any simple workaround being offered. (I vaguely recall there might have been one, but I didn't pay enough attention to the thread, and a Google search right now hasn't found anything.)

Based on Daryl Attencio's code, I came up with the routine below (currently called MGH_YIELD, but I'm sure there's a better name).

The idea is that you have stopped at a breakpoint and you want to use IPLOT (or FSC_SURFACE or whatever) to look at the variables. Or, as in Francois's case, your code has called one of these routines before the breakpoint.) So you launch IPLOT (if it's not already active) then type MGH_YIELD at the IDL prompt. The command-line goes grey but you can manipulate your widgets to your heart's content. When you want to recover the command line, you go back to IDLDE and press Ctrl-Break (on Windows) to interrupt MGH_YIELD. This dumps you in MGH_YIELD, whence you can use Ctrl-UpArrow, or "return" at the IDL prompt, to get back to the breakpoint. (This is the fragile part of the whole procedure. It's easy to get lost in the call stack--you can use "help, /TRACEBACK" to check where you are.)

This seems to work robustly under IDLDE in Windows

It might well be that the widget loop in MGH_YIELD could be wrapped in a simple widget application with an Interrupt button, so that control returns to the point where the application was launched.

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National Institute for Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA)

```
pro MGH_YIELD
  while 1B do begin
    wait, 0.1
    void = widget_event(/NOWAIT)
  endwhile
end
```
