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Subject: Re: ComboBox appearance

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 09 Jul 2004 18:41:00 GMT

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balogna writes:

- > Is it just me or do the combobox widgets look really bad? The dropdown
- > list only contains one element with a microscopic scroll bar on the side.
- > Is there any way to get the list to dropdown more?

That sounds weird. Let's see how you are defining it. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Posted by [balogna](#) on Fri, 09 Jul 2004 18:57:03 GMT

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I added the /DYNAMIC\_RESIZE keyword in an attempt to fix this issues but it made no difference to the dropdown part.

Initially the combobox always contains just one element, and then more are added as the user loads files using the line:

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Widget_Control, state.dlist, COMBOBOX_ADDITEM=filename
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But when you add another item the dropdown list still only displays one option at a time with really tiny scrollbars on the side. Thanks for your time.

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Humm. Yes, I see. I think I have heard of this before, but it doesn't act this way in the Windows version I am using (6.03). Hard to say if it is an IDL version problem or a Windows/X Windows problem. I wonder if you could pass null string values to the combobox when you initialize it so that it gets set to some reasonable size initially? As you added items, you could delete blank items. Ugly, though, even if it worked. :-(

Cheers,

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