
Subject: Re: Problem with TextBox from dfanning.com
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 11 Aug 2004 13:09:21 GMT
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Lloyd Watkin writes:

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> I'm using David Fanning's widget from his website. I have come across
> a problem however. Here is my calling sequence:
>
> IFCANCELLED: ; Label if box is cancelled
> inputvalue = TextBox(Title="Please enter value:", Label=inputname,
> Cancel=cancelled, value=string(inputvalue2))
> IF (cancelled OR (inputvalue EQ "")) THEN begin
>     warning = DIALOG_MESSAGE("A value must be
> entered",TITLE="Warning!")
> stop
>     GOTO, IFCANCELLED
> endif
>
> The problem is that if I enter a null string or click the cancel
> button I get the following error message back out:
>
> "WIDGET_LABEL: String expression required in this contact: LABEL."
>
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Cheers,

David

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