
Subject: Re: cannt disable widget timer event?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 30 Jan 2006 13:21:20 GMT

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- > WIDGET_CONTROL, my_widget, Timer_interval= 0.2

Widget timer events are one-shot events. If you don't set them, they don't happen. Simple as that.

- > Am I asking to much from IDL?

Probably. I think you should ask for no events from your IDL programmer :-)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: cannt disable widget timer event?

Posted by [Weihua FANG](#) on Tue, 31 Jan 2006 02:30:17 GMT

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hi, David,

thanks for your reply.

the problem is that I have to set and cancel timer event again and again in my application.

David Fanning wrote:

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Subject: Re: cannt disable widget timer event?
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 31 Jan 2006 02:53:22 GMT
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Well, that's not the *problem*, that's the *solution*. :-)
In any case, that's how it works.

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Subject: Re: cannt disable widget timer event?
Posted by [Weihua FANG](#) on Tue, 31 Jan 2006 03:10:26 GMT
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hi,

just found that setting timer to a negative value would disable timer event. :-)

seems it is not documented in the help.

David Fanning wrote:

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 31 Jan 2006 04:03:52 GMT
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Weihua FANG writes:

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Uh, huh. And how is that different from NOT setting
the next timer event?

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Subject: Re: cannt disable widget timer event?

Posted by [Weihua FANG](#) on Tue, 31 Jan 2006 05:32:03 GMT

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Hi, David,

here is a example of my code. I cancel timer event by setting a negative value. How will you do that?

PRO timer_example_event, ev

```
WIDGET_CONTROL, ev.ID, GET_UVALUE=uval
IF (TAG_NAMES(ev, /STRUCTURE_NAME) EQ 'WIDGET_TIMER') THEN BEGIN
  PRINT, 'Timer Fired'
  WIDGET_CONTROL, ev.TOP, TIMER=1
ENDIF
```

```
CASE uval OF
  'timer' : BEGIN
    WIDGET_CONTROL, ev.TOP, Timer = 1
    END
  'otherjobs' : BEGIN
    print, 'other jobs here'
    END
  'stoptimer' : BEGIN
    ; set a negative value to slope timer
    WIDGET_CONTROL, ev.TOP, TIMER=-1
    END
ELSE:
ENDCASE
```

END

PRO timer_example

```
base = WIDGET_BASE(/COLUMN, UVALUE='base')
```

```
b1 = WIDGET_BUTTON(base, VALUE='Fire event', UVALUE='timer')
b2 = WIDGET_BUTTON(base, VALUE='Other job', UVALUE='otherjobs')
b3 = WIDGET_BUTTON(base, VALUE='Stop Timer', UVALUE='stoptimer')
WIDGET_CONTROL, base, /REALIZE
XMANAGER, 'timer_example', base, /NO_BLOCK
```

END

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 31 Jan 2006 05:48:54 GMT
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I'd do it by removing the line that sets the timer in
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Posted by [Weihua FANG](#) on Tue, 07 Feb 2006 10:43:52 GMT

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