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Subject: Re: Widget creation performance  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 03 Feb 2006 16:17:45 GMT  
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Widget_Control, tlb, UPDATE=0
..... do your widget thing here....
Widget_Control, tlb, UPDATE=1
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Cheers,

David

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Posted by [Ricardo Bugalho](#) on Fri, 03 Feb 2006 17:01:41 GMT  
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Hello,  
that solved the issue.  
Thank you David!

On Fri, 2006-02-03 at 09:17 -0700, David Fanning wrote:

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