Subject: Re: controlling widget layout Posted by Jean H. on Wed, 22 Aug 2007 16:43:53 GMT

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- > I've checked the documentation about the X,Y OFFSET and SIZE keywords.
- > It looks pretty ugly and high maintanance, not to mention non protable.
- > Well, at least we don't have to worry about cross platform issues-- we're
- > mostly linux, a little solaris. But there are issues with monitors of
- > varying sizes and resolutions to consider.

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- > Does anyone know any tricks or shortcuts that might help? I'm still
- > fairly new to writing widget applications, have I missed something
- > that should have been obvious?

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> Thanks for any pointers or hints.

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> Richard

Hi.

the easiest trick is probably to write a (few) blank line before your group!

Jean

Subject: Re: controlling widget layout Posted by David Fanning on Wed, 22 Aug 2007 16:57:37 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

## Richard Clark writes:

- > Does anyone know any tricks or shortcuts that might help? I'm still
- > fairly new to writing widget applications, have I missed something
- > that should have been obvious?

You need to become intimate with XPAD, YPAD, and SPACE keywords for WIDGET\_BASE. :-)

If you are worrying about space issues, you must be programming for Windows XP. It is the worst. I pretty much have resorted to XPAD=0 and YPAD=0 as defaults. If I don't, there is no room left for graphics. :-(

Cheers,

David

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David Fanning, Ph.D.

Subject: Re: controlling widget layout

Posted by David Fanning on Wed, 22 Aug 2007 17:00:21 GMT

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Jean H. writes:

> the easiest trick is probably to write a (few) blank line before your group!

I think there might be better approaches. :-)

Cheers.

David

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Subject: Re: controlling widget layout

Posted by rclark on Tue, 28 Aug 2007 17:10:05 GMT

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## David Fanning wrote:

- You need to become intimate with XPAD, YPAD, and SPACE
- > keywords for WIDGET\_BASE. :-)

Thanks for the tip.

## SPACE is useful.

YPAD helps a little but doesn't do quite what I was wanting. It puts space both above and below the row. I was wanting space above row N, or below row N-1 because there is a row N+1 where I don't want the extra space... like a blank line between paragraphs in text.

I had also experimented a little with the ALIGN and BASE\_ALIGN keywords. But in my app they don't seem to have much affect at all.

Richard