
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 maintenance, not to mention non-portable.
> 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?
>
> Thanks for any pointers or hints.
>
> 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
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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
