
Subject: Re: Canceling or clearing TIMER events
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 07 Sep 2007 15:38:21 GMT
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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

Subject: Re: Canceling or clearing TIMER events
Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Fri, 07 Sep 2007 17:14:11 GMT
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In my simple test case below, it seems like IDL is smart enough not to send an event to widget that doesn't exist. At least I get no error messages when I kill the widget between events (i.e. with an event still "out there"). Did you just want to clean up properly or was there something you need to do with that event?

```
pro test_event, event
  print, 'Got event'
  widget_control, event.id, timer=5.0
end
```

```
pro test
  tlb = widget_base(/column)
  draw = widget_draw(tlb)
  timer = widget_base(tlb, uname='timer')

  widget_control, tlb, /realize
  widget_control, timer, timer=5.0
  xmanager, 'test', tlb
end
```

Mike

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