
Subject: Re: widget_text, CW_FIELD

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 17 Mar 2008 14:48:54 GMT

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No.

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- > and display the colored text in the text space created by
- > 'widget_text'.

No.

You can have any text color you like, as long as it is black.

Next question?

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

Subject: Re: widget_text, CW_FIELD

Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Mon, 17 Mar 2008 15:23:42 GMT

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On Mar 17, 8:26 am, steverajiv <Rajiv.Paneersel...@gmail.com> wrote:

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Mike

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Posted by [Jim Pendleton](#), [ITT Vi](#) on Mon, 17 Mar 2008 17:39:37 GMT

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<mgalloy@gmail.com> wrote in message
news:c8314ac7-2fa9-4c47-a720-e0480a36d070@13g2000hsb.googlegr oups.com...

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Here's another unreasonable solution. Use a WIDGET_TABLE with a single element. You can specify both a background color and a foreground color.

Jim P

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Subject: Re: widget_text, CW_FIELD

Posted by [Rajiv.Paneerselvam](#) on Tue, 18 Mar 2008 08:19:25 GMT

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regards,

Rajiv

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1. Use xyouts or IDLgrText. Sure it can be editable. For an example of this, add text to any iTools display. I'm not sure that that example will teach you anything about doing it, but it does prove it is possible.

2. No, I don't use Windows. But if there is some COM object out there that does what you want, you could add it to your IDL application (on Windows).

Again, these solutions are not easy at all, especially if you are talking about multi-line wrapping text like an editor window. A single line might not be too bad, but making it editable will be a major pain.

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