
Subject: Re: UNIX Resize Problem

Posted by [liamgumley](#) on Fri, 31 Oct 2008 14:04:34 GMT

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On Oct 31, 8:40 am, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> I have an image in a resizable top-level base widget.
> The idea here is that when the window is resized, the
> window should retain the same aspect ratio as the image.
> So, for example, when the user hits the button that will
> force the TLB to fill the display, I will get that event
> and instead of making the draw widget holding the image
> that size, I will constrain it, and the TLB should shrink
> naturally to the size of the draw widget.

David,

I write a GUI demo for my book (described in Chapter 9) where an image is displayed in a resizable widget. If you resize the GUI window, the window retains the size you selected, and the image is redrawn inside the window while maintaining the image aspect ratio. I'm not sure if this is what you want, but in any case the demo program is `imgui.pro`, and it is contained in

http://gumley.com/PIP/Sample_Programs/PIP_programs.zip

The relevant code section from the main program is

```
tlb = widget_base(column=1, mbar=mbar, title=title, $  
  /tlb_size_events)
```

and from the event handler

```
;- Get change in size of top level base  
if (info.version lt 5.4) then begin  
  xchange = event.x - info.base_size[0]  
  ychange = event.y - info.base_size[1]  
endif else begin  
  widget_control, event.id, tlb_get_size=base_size  
  xchange = base_size[0] - info.base_size[0]  
  ychange = base_size[1] - info.base_size[1]  
endelse  
  
;- Set new size of draw window  
info.draw_xsize = (info.draw_xsize + xchange) > 200  
info.draw_ysize = (info.draw_ysize + ychange) > 200  
widget_control, info.draw_id, $  
  xsize=info.draw_xsize, ysize=info.draw_ysize
```

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Subject: Re: UNIX Resize Problem
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 31 Oct 2008 14:11:52 GMT
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the equation. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: UNIX Resize Problem
Posted by [pgrigis](#) on Fri, 31 Oct 2008 14:21:38 GMT
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Ciao,
Paolo

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For all I know, this could be a KDE Window Manager problem. (The latest version of SUSE is causing all kinds of havoc around here as people's computers are updated.) But, given what I know about the vagaries of IDL widgets, I have a feeling there is a good chance the blame can be shared.

Cheers,

David

P.S. I don't know about JAVA. It's a pretty hard problem, I will give them that. And if you stick to basics, things work pretty well. It's always when I try to do something clever that I run into problems. "Meat and potatoes" should be our motto, always. :-)

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Subject: Re: UNIX Resize Problem
Posted by [liamgumley](#) on Fri, 31 Oct 2008 15:06:55 GMT
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Fair enough. I just like the idea that if I resize the window, it stays at the size I selected, rather than jumping to some other size. That's the way my Safari web browser works when I'm looking at an image, so it's a familiar behavior.

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 31 Oct 2008 15:15:16 GMT
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liamgumley@gmail.com writes:

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Yeah, I'm beginning to think you are absolutely right about this. I was being too clever. Back to basics, I think. :-)

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> sizes are reported! This, it seems to me, *is* something
> ITTVIS could correct.)

Although, God knows, if they did, probably every decently written IDL program on the planet, including ENVI, would break. :-)

Cheers,

David

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OK, I finally surrendered and gave up my quixotic quest to create windows with the correct aspect ratio. Three days is enough time spent. This version of my IMGWIN program appears to work on my SUSE machine, running KDE, but my confidence level is not terribly high for other flavors of UNIX or for the Macintosh, which I have not been able to check yet.

Would someone be kind enough to give it a quick once-over and sent me a report. It is probably best if you download a fresh version of the Catalyst Library (there have been a few minor changes). The IMGWIN program is in the applications sub-directory of that library:

<http://www.dfanning.com/programs/catalyst.zip>

Or, if you have a relatively recent version of the library, you can just download the ImgWin program:

<http://www.dfanning.com/programs/catalyst/imgwin.pro>

Thanks for your help.

Cheers,

David

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