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Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Sun, 27 Oct 2013 01:27:56 GMT

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Subject: Re: Using Y_SCROLL_SIZE and COLUMN=8 on Mac widgets

Posted by [Heinz Stege](#) on Sun, 27 Oct 2013 12:12:50 GMT

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On Sat, 26 Oct 2013 18:27:56 -0700 (PDT), wlandsman wrote:

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I don't think, that there is an easy solution. It may be the best, to replace cw_bgroup by two loops.

However, if you need to use cw_bgroup, you may want to try the following calculation subsequent to your code:

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; Get the widget IDs of all buttons
button_wids=base
for i=0,3 do button_wids=widget_info(button_wids[0],/all_children)

; Get the width of the scroll bar
temp_wid=widget_text(base,xsize=1,ysize=1,/wrap,/scroll)
temp=(widget_info(temp_wid,/geom)).scr_xsize
widget_control,temp_wid,/destroy
temp_wid=widget_text(base,xsize=1,ysize=1,/wrap)
scroll_bar_xsize=round(temp-(widget_info(temp_wid,/geom)).scr_xsize)
widget_control,temp_wid,/destroy

; Set the width of the button group widget
geo=widget_info(button_wids[0],/geom)
xmargin=geo.xoffset
geo=widget_info(button_wids[175],/geom)
widget_control,bgroup,xsize=geo.xoffset+geo.xsize+xmargin+scroll_bar_xsize

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I didn't test this on a Mac. It works on my Windows computer (after mis-adjusting the xsize of cw_bgroup).

Please note, that you have to change the way of retrieving the button IDs, when you use the label_left or label_top keyword in cw_bgroup.

Cheers, Heinz
