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Posted by [Helder Marchetto](#) on Thu, 19 Dec 2013 12:40:06 GMT

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ellipse (or object) is not moved and the rest is moved. I think this is solvable, but I didn't spend
time on it yet
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>>>> 2) this seems to be an intrinsic drawback of this method: when clicking on the "unmovable"
object, the mouse cursor will stay as it is until another object has been clicked. Not terrible, but not
elegant.
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>>>> I hope I'm not the only one in need for this and if you have suggestion on how to improve
this... very welcome!
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>>> So the solution for problem 1) (see above) is to substitute the lines with:
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>>> RETURN, ~ISA(oWin.GetSelect(), 'ELLIPSE')
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>>> o = oWin.GetSelect()

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>>> IF ISA(oWin.GetSelect(), 'ELLIPSE') && (o.NAME EQ self.Name) THEN RETURN, 0 $
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>>> ELSE RETURN, 1
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>>> and to add an Init method:
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>>> FUNCTION AvoidMovingObj::Init, Name

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>>> self.Name = Name
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>>> void = {AvoidMovingObj, inherits GraphicsEventAdapter, Name:"}

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>>> and then to set the event_handler property like this:
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>>> e.window.EVENT_HANDLER=Obj_New('AvoidMovingObj', 'Obj1Name')
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>>> That solves that...
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>> If you put your "steady" objects as "annotation" objects (TEXT, ELLIPSE, POLYLINE, etc..) bu
using /RELATIVE keyword, I guess that you will get what you want.
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> Nice, thanks.
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> However, you can still select, pan, move and rotate the object by clicking on it. This is not very
useful when overlaying a grid and the mouse is constantly going over the grid and if you click on it

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you might move/change it.

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> But yes, coordinates are now normalize for this object and don't change when the underlying
object is changing in size or position (pan).
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Please note that by using WINDOW handler functions combined with HitTest function, you might
get a finer control over what should be moved and what should be not.
alx.
