
Subject: Re: Help with WIDGET_TEXT (non-) events
Posted by [Ken Knighton](#) on Thu, 15 Feb 1996 08:00:00 GMT
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zawodny@arbd0.larc.nasa.gov (Joseph M Zawodny) wrote:

> Hello,

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> I have an application where I am currently using a non-editable
> text widget to display a variable length list. The text widget has a
> YSIZE of 1 and SCROLL set. This way only one item (the "current" item)
> is displayed and the user can change the "current" item using the
> vertical scroll bar.

What you need is a compound widget with a label or text widget and a couple of arrow buttons to change the current value being displayed. A quick and dirty implementation of a "spinner" widget that handles sequential numeric values rather than a list of strings can be found at:

<ftp.rsinc.com>

compound widget:
</pub/training/solutions/spinner.ex3>

arrow bitmap function:
</pub/training/ascii/arrows.pro>

program to test compound widget:
</pub/training/ascii/spintest.pro>

These routines are used in RSI's training courses. The spinner widget could be fairly easily modified to store a string array as part of its state variable and display the value of the current index rather than a number. A text widget could be used rather than the label widget to get around the problem of sizing.

By the way, there are some other excellent examples in these same directories. These programs go along with the training manuals which RSI sells or which come included with the courses they teach.

I hope this helps.

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