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Subject: Capturing draw events

Posted by [Phil Williams](#) on Sat, 22 Jun 1996 07:00:00 GMT

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Widget programmers,

I was wondering if anyone out there can help me out with a problem....

Here's the situation. I have a widget with several control panels created with compound widgets. They all have state structures which I save in the uvalue of the first child of the base. These structures typically have the ids of any child widgets that I need access to.

When one of these panels is displayed I want to send any draw events to a different procedure to process the event and update child widgets of that panel. However, the following does not work:

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pro panel_draw_event, draw_event, parent
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stash = WIDGET_INFO(parent, /CHILD)
WIDGET_CONTROL, stash, GET_UVALUE=r, /NO_COPY
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```
widget_control, r.textwidgetid, $
set_value=string(draw_event.x) + string(draw_event.y)
```

```
WIDGET_CONTROL, stash, SET_UVALUE=r, /NO_COPY
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end
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From the main widget I pass the event structure and the mainbase id of the panel from when it was originally created. I have checked panel\_draw\_event to make sure that parent was indeed the correct value and it is. Can I only retrieve the structure r if the handler and the parent are the same? If so, how can I work around this?

Any pointers would be greatly appreciated...

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Subject: Re: CAPTURING

Posted by [Christian Soeller](#) on Thu, 31 Oct 1996 08:00:00 GMT

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There are programs around to do just that. Which is the right one for you depends on your platform. If you use unix or vms with the X window system the shareware program xv is one that does it nicely (it is the grab function in that package). On SGI machines you have the program snapshot to do it. Other manufactures may ship similar programs with their machines.

There will be equivalents for Windows, Macs, etc.

Hope this helps,

Christian

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Subject: Re: CAPTURING

Posted by [Tim Patterson](#) on Thu, 31 Oct 1996 08:00:00 GMT

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If you're on an X-windows system, XV is a good way to capture windows (or parts of windows). It saves in a number of formats, and is free for educational use. It will save in gif, ps and a number of other formats.

Tim

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Posted by [Craig DeForest](#) on Thu, 31 Oct 1996 08:00:00 GMT

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Use xwd, a free program (which comes with X) that dumps an X window to a file. It's a real, genuine program, not an IDL routine. You invoke it from the UNIX command line.

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David

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\* Sometimes I go about pitying myself, and all along my  
\* soul is being blown by great winds across the sky.  
\* -- Ojibway saying  
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Posted by [James Tappin](#) on Thu, 31 Oct 1996 08:00:00 GMT

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The only way I know of is to start up a second terminal and use some screen capture tool (e.g. xwpick).

The main problem with trying to automate this seems to be that there doesn't seem to be a way of converting the IDL widget identifier to the one the X-server is using (a useful addition to WIDGET\_INFO for a future release????) as then xwpick could be spawned with the ID as an argument and thus save the manual operations.

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Subject: Re: CAPTURING

Posted by [brian.jackel](#) on Sun, 03 Nov 1996 08:00:00 GMT

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In article <davidf-ya023080003110961146480001@news.frii.com> davidf@fortnet.org (David Fanning) writes:

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For PC-Windows (WFWG and Win95), one can simply select the widget and hit Alt-PrintScreen. This puts the current window (the widget) into the clipboard, which can be pasted into the graphics program of your choice. Of course, it would be nice to have a platform independent IDL function which would put the widget into a pixmap...maybe in IDL 5?

Brian Jackel

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Posted by [David Foster](#) on Mon, 04 Nov 1996 08:00:00 GMT

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If you're using Solaris, you can use the built-in Snapshot utility. I've used it to create images of our programs for publications and for the RSI newsletter. You can specify a rectangular region of the screen, or grab a particular X-window.

BTW, you can get XV at [http://smc.vnet.net/solaris\\_2.5.html](http://smc.vnet.net/solaris_2.5.html)

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