
Subject: (non)exclusive buttons in menu bars

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Right here, in Netscape's composing window, there are buttons in the menu bar which work as nonexclusive buttons: I can set options directly by selecting the button.

AFAIK that's not directly possible in IDL (why??), but maybe someone already wrote some routines for that?

A workaround should be possible. I'm thinking of a modified version of WIDGET_BUTTON. Maybe the button text should be given via a TITLE keyword, and the state (on/off) via the VALUE keyword. Somehow this state should be shown in the title, by adding (On) / (Off) or s.th. like that. When it is selected, let an event handler toggle this state and update the title. FUNC_GET_VALUE and PRO_SET_VALUE make setting the states transparent.

Something like that. Should be possible, shouldn't it? Has anybody already thought about this, or perhaps written such a routine?

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