
Subject: Mac Aliases / Text Widget Carriage Returns
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I am fairly new to IDL programming and could use some advice on 2 recent problems:

1) I'd like to make a Macintosh alias (icon) that would call IDL and automatically run my program. I'd prefer not to use the "use startup file" under "preferences" since this ties up IDL. On Windows, this is easy since the a 2nd icon can be set up to run IDL with a command line argument while leaving the original icon free to run a general IDL session. Is there something equivalent on the Mac or a work-around? Can AppleScript do this?

2) When using word wrap with a text widget, I have not been able to insert blank lines with a carriage return. Is there a newline character that can be used in text strings? The text widget seems to want 1 continuous, unbroken string. This also makes the program listing unwieldy because there does not seem to be the equivalent of "\$" for use inside of a string. My kludge was to call the text from a file and use hyphens instead of blank lines to separate paragraphs in the text widget. Would like to do it better.

Thanks,
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