
Subject: Interrupting a widget application

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Hi!

I have written a widget application which, once the START button is pressed, does lots of huge, time consuming calculations.

My first solution was to create another widget, containing an ABORT button. I used WIDGET_EVENT to check whether the button was pressed, and this worked okay. I just would prefer not to have a second window only for this purpose.

So I added the button directly to the main widget. Surprisingly, this works. I use WIDGET_EVENT(abort_button, /nowait, /save_hourglass), which does not return an event for the button, but it triggers the XMANAGER somehow to enter the event routine for the button. There I set a global variable to indicate that the button was pressed, so I can exit the calculation routine.

But there is a problem: WIDGET_CONTROL,/hourglass does not work any more, and I don't understand why this is the case.

That is why I wrote this posting. After writing this, I just realized that another call of WIDGET_EVENT for any widget sets the cursor back to the normal state. Hm. No problem any more. But I typed this stuff anyway, and maybe this could be interesting to someone, so why not just hit the SEND button right n
