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As far as I know, they serve the same purpose. the `GROUP_LEADER` keyword to `WIDGET_BASE()` is more recent, and it's my impression that it is "preferable" to use the keyword here rather than in the `XMANAGER` call.

I have a modal popup information widget that just comes up and says "Please wait...busy doing < >...", and then after some processing the widget is killed by the calling module. In this case, since this widget doesn't generate any events, you don't register it with XMANAGER. But I **do** want it to have a GROUP_LEADER, so I declare it in the call to WIDGET_BASE() for the popup widget.

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Subject: Re: Group leader

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Imanol Echave (ccaeccai@sc.ehu.es) writes:

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- > keyword on XMANAGER and the same keyword used on a top-level base? Do they work
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In this case it doesn't matter at all whether you assign the group leader to the top-level base with the GROUP_LEADER keyword when you create the TLB or when you call XMANAGER, but this is not always the case with the TLB. For example, you should never use the EVENT_PRO keyword to assign the event procedure to a TLB; always use the EVENT_HANDLER keyword on XMANAGER. Similarly, you should never use the KILL_NOTIFY keyword to assign a clean-up routine to the TLB; always use the CLEANUP keyword on XMANAGER.

Failure to heed these warnings causes some VERY strange behaviour in widget programs. And the warnings in the documentation are worded in such a way that many people miss them. :-)

Cheers,

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