

## Chapter III-14 — Controls and Control Panels

You can also provide custom labels in two waves, one numeric and another providing the corresponding text label. For example:

```
NewPanel  
Make/O tickNumbers= {0,25,60,100}  
Make/O/T tickLabels= {"Off","Slow","Medium","Fast"}  
Slider speed, pos={86,28}, size={74,73}  
Slider speed, limits={0,100,0}, value= 40  
Slider speed, userTicks={tickNumbers,tickLabels}
```

Often it is sufficient to query the value using **ControlInfo** and you there is no need for an action procedure. If you want to do something every time the value is changed, or to implement a repeating slider, then you need to create an action procedure.

Igor calls the action procedure when the user drags the thumb, when the user clicks the thumb, when the user clicks on either side of the thumb, and when a procedure modifies the slider's global variable, if any. For a repeating slider, it calls the action procedure periodically while the user clicks the thumb.

See the **Slider** operation on page V-874 and **Repeating Sliders** on page III-418 for further information.

### Handling Slider Events

A slider can call your action procedure only when the mouse is released (live mode off) or it can call it each time the slider position changes while the mouse is pressed (live mode on). This section demonstrates how to create both kinds of sliders.

Enter this code in the procedure window of a new experiment. Then execute

```
SliderDemoPanel()
```

in the command line and play with both sliders.

```
Window SliderDemoPanel() : Panel  
    PauseUpdate; Silent 1           // building window...  
    NewPanel /W=(262,115,665,287)  
  
    TextBox Title0, pos={46,21}, size={139,15}, fSize=12, frame=0, fStyle=1  
    TextBox Title0, title="Live Mode Off"  
    Slider slider0, pos={197,23}, size={150,44}, proc=Slider0Proc  
    Slider slider0, limits={0,2,0}, value=0, live=0, vert=0  
  
    TextBox Title1, pos={52,114}, size={135,15}, fSize=12, frame=0, fStyle=1  
    TextBox Title1, title="Live Mode On"  
    Slider slider1, pos={197,113}, size={150,44}, proc=Slider1Proc  
    Slider slider1, limits={0,2,0}, value=0, live=0, vert=0  
EndMacro  
  
Function Slider0Proc(sa) : SliderControl // Action procedure for slider0  
    STRUCT WMSliderAction &sa  
  
    switch(sa.eventCode)  
        case -3:          // Control received keyboard focus  
        case -2:          // Control lost keyboard focus  
        case -1:          // Control being killed  
            break  
        default:  
            if (sa.eventCode & 1) // Value set  
                Printf "Value = %g, event code = %d\r", sa.curval, sa.eventCode  
            endif  
            break  
    endswitch  
  
    return 0
```