
Subject: Re: GUI Builder limited to Windows platform (LONG)
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In article <72p19k\$jna\$4@gwdu19.gwdg.de>,
pit@uni-sw.gwdg.de wrote:
> In article <72evlf\$116\$1@nnrp1.dejanews.com>,
> mirko_vukovic@notes.mrc.sony.com writes:
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>> Puzzled, frustrated, I inquired. And the answer was simple enough, as
>> if they were quoting Mr. Gates from his Economist article (a couple of
>> months back). Any PC running WIntel will run their codes. But each
>> Unix vendor's Unix is different, and requires additional programming
>> effort.
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>> Thus in some sense, the Unix machine vendors have placed themselves in
>> that unenviable position, with all of their best versions of Unix.
>> Thus, for commercial written software, WIntel may be the platform of
>> choice, and the workstations are left to internally written software.
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> And, shortly speaking, it is almost complete nonsense. Almost any
> decent Unix program compiles on many flavours of Unix. There is more
> than enough Software to run on, e.g. Dec, HP, AIX, SGI and Intel-Unix,
> where you don't get a Win-version.
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> In general, if you have one unix-version, porting it to another flavour
> of unix is very little effort. If I remember correctly, a programmer of
> Informix wrote about the port to Linux: "Basically, it was just a
> 'make'.."
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> Peter
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From my (limited) contacts with commercial scientific/engineering software
developers, even C code is only "close to fully compatible" between various
vendors. I presume that this is not a Herculean task in itself, but the
testing probably is.

In addition, I was told, the GUI's are not fully compatible and thus
need additional effort.

Respectfully,

Mirko Vukovic

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