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Subject: Re: GUI Builder or lack of!

Posted by [davidf](#) on Tue, 21 Dec 1999 08:00:00 GMT

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Dave Brennan (9147261b@clinmed.gla.ac.uk ) writes:

- > I can understand from a seasoned programmers point of view why GUI builders
- > would seem ugly and be more of a hinderance than a help. However, working in a
- > hospital I have only a limited time to spend programing in IDL (and other
- > languages too), as I have other commitments. The GUIbuilder would at least
- > allow simple things to be programmed quickly with a front end the
- > radiologists could relate to. (Have to be very user friendly!)

For a couple of hundred dollars (a fraction of what you are paying for IDL maintenance, by the way) you could have someone write you a widget template that \*looked\* like a radiology thingy and was basic enough to allow you to do 80 percent of the simple things you are going to want to do with it. It would be easy to use, simple to modify and extend, have automatic file output, etc., etc. (Come to think of it, you could steal just about any widget program on my web page and have pretty much the same thing.) You would never miss the widget builder again. :-)

- > Anyway there is only one thing that I ask for, from Santa,
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- > IDL equality for all!

Hard to argue with that. My own list has only one item: consistent color handling on all IDL-supported platforms. :-)

Cheers,

David

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