Subject: Re: Itools tutorial on Mac OS X?

Posted by Rick Towler on Mon, 04 Aug 2003 19:41:50 GMT

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Ummmm... Yeah. What is so hard about (hypothetically speaking, of course)
finding an old "windoze" PC to run the webEx presentation on? Nobody is
asking you to <gasp> actually use IDL on it.

Dick, did you try picking up the latest client?

http://www.webex.com/downloads_webex.html

If the answer is "Yes" then I find it hard to blame RSI for a compatibility
issue in the webEx client. From a quick glance at their website, WebEx
clearly markets their product as a cross platform solution that probably
covers about 95% of IDL's user base. Instead of (hypothetically)
complaining, maybe you can suggest a better product for them to use in the
future?

-Rick

"Joseph B. Gurman" wrote in message ...
> If I were actually discussing a real beta program, I would most likely be
> in violation of a non-disclosure agreement, so please bear in mind that
> _everything_ I say in this message is hypothetical.
>
> Let's suppose I was a beta tester for a hypothetical product called
> Ineluctably Desirable Lingo (a product of Rastafarian Scholastics, Inc.,
> of Badgag-by-the-Flatirons, Colorado). Let's further posit that I was
> testing said product on the Magnificent OS Eggs, but that the EyeTules
> Tootorials (as well as all the other Tootorials) were incompatible with
> the Magificent OS Eggs. Let's get wild and crazy and say I called the
> Teggs Upport at Rastafarian Scholsatics, Inc. and asked what I should do
> if I wanted to learn enough about EyeTools that I could perform some
> useful beta testing. I was told, and (hypothetically speaking) I quote,
> "Get a Windoze machine and use that." Really (hypothetically).
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> Let's say I've been beta testing software for the Rastamen of Badgag for
> ten or twelves years. Let's also say I don't have a stinkin' Windoze
> security cesspit-from-hell and never will. What do you imagine my
> (hypothetical) reaction would be?
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> I would thank the Upport person for his "help," deinstall the Lingo beta
> from my Eggs machine, and just not think about it again. I might wonder
> who was going to beta test the LIngo under those circumstances, but that
> would be Somebody Else's Problem.
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> Now, continuing to speak hypothetically, I might assume that the OS Eggs
> version of the EyeTules feature might lack a little robustness, as a
> result of less than adequate testing, in such a case. I might even be
> reluctant to spend development resources on applications using EyeTules,
> at least until it had been through a few product cycles. No big deal for
> me, though it might mean I wouldn't buy quite as many Lingo licenses as I
> might have, were I (hypothetically) more enthused about the purportedly
> neat, new feature. Too bad I would never have known how to use it, in this
> hypothetical instance.
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>   Joe Gurman
>   Not A Science Agency / Greenbelt's Sunny, Fine Climate
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> In article <BB4C9EAE.B71%rfrench@wellesley.edu>, "Richard G. French"
> <rfrench@wellesley.edu> wrote:
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>> In my eagerness to find out what IDL6.0 is all about, I went to
>> http://www.rsinc.com/idl/whatsnew.asp and clicked on Using iTools
Tutorial,
>> Part I, on my Mac running OS X. Unfortunately, the tutorial uses Webex,
and
>> there is a message box that says that "Playback of this file requires a
>> newer version of WebEx Player, which is not yet available for your
operating
>> system."
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>> Has anyone running Mac OS X succeeded in getting this to work?
Frustrating!
>>
>> Dick French