
Subject: Re: Self-compiling procedures

Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Tue, 19 Feb 2008 21:00:34 GMT

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On Feb 19, 1:27 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> I don't know anything about Qt, but I'm sure it's terrific.

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> The problem with relying on 3rd party software, though, is that

> when something goes wrong (and it **always** eventually goes wrong),

> it is too easy for software developers to point the finger at

> one another. I would prefer to know who I am suppose to be

> yelling at. For example, are my current problems (IDL seems to

> become unresponsive to me at times, usually in the middle

> of an IDL course) caused by ITTVIS or by the fine folks doing

> the Eclipse development?

It doesn't matter, you get to yell at the ITT VIS people in either case. The fact that they use other software to create their end product doesn't absolve them from guilt if their product doesn't work.

And the widget libraries are already third-party software. It's just that IDL creates a common cross-platform interface for differing widget toolkits, then has to deal with all the issues that come up between different GUI systems on different platforms. Why not push that off to (successful) systems that already do that like Qt, GTK, wxWidgets, SWT, etc?

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