Subject: Re: Self-compiling procedures
Posted by Michael Galloy on Tue, 19 Feb 2008 20:09:44 GMT

On Feb 19, 10:26 am, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:
> I guess I've got to get out more, but I find IDL's
> widget tools to be powerful and easy to use. I'm
> mystified about why people won't use them.

I do think that IDL's widgets are easy to use, but they look "out of place", especially on Linux and Mac. They also don't have a full set of features that you would expect to find in the native platform systems, Qt, GTK, etc. For example, displaying rich text would be useful as well as having more options for tree and tabular data. Many of these features probably seem like small things, but they add up to a much better user experience.

But I don't really want ITT VIS spending a lot of their development time building widgets. I think the best option would be to just have an interface to some widget toolkit that is already cross-platform like Qt.

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