
Subject: Catalyst Library

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Folks,

I still haven't heard from Vince about the details of his woes with the Catalyst Library, but since we are talking about clear instructions this morning, I thought I might pass along this note that I got last night. Here, the clear instructions are NO instructions!

I thought that I would just write a note to say how much I appreciate you making the Catalyst library open-source!

I have been an IDL programmer since about 1993 (version 3.something, I think!). I use IDL mainly for what it is good at, namely rapid development of scientific data analyses. For the past 10 years or so, I have been mainly using it as a glorified scripting language, although I did write a very large application a number of years ago.

I have just had the need to create a fairly large new GUI application and I thought that, with the benefit of knowledge of other application development in Java, I would try to create something coded to 2008 standards. Just by chance, I logged onto your site last week and I haven't looked back. The whole user interface - some 80 active elements - went up with great ease in a couple of evenings.

This is more in line with my experience with Catalyst, but I'm still wondering what it was Vince was running into. I'm interested in your experience. It is **almost** ready for its official release. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
