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Subject: Re: Big Trouble in Little GUI

Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Sun, 17 May 2009 17:40:30 GMT

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On May 16, 10:30 am, Kathleen <101ferr...@gmail.com> wrote:

- > I was wondering if anyone knows of an add on program or extension that
- > would help resolve this problem. Possibly a known font family (and
- > scale) that closely represents the standard Windows system font. Or is
- > there anyway that I can include my system font (Tahoma) in the
- > application and load that, regardless of the machine the program is
- > running on? This way I know the font selected will always be
- > available. (That would be preferred if at all possible)

Linux and Mac are able to use true type fonts, so in principle there is nothing stopping you from copying over your Tahoma.ttf font from Windows to Linux/Mac for testing purposes. If you need to distribute an application like this, that process may be a killer.

- > Or has some genius wrote a program to make other platforms have the
- > appearance of a Windows GUI? (Yes, I know... I am probably dreaming)

You could force your users to use a Windows virtual machine like VMware! :-(

- > I am just trying to reduce the amount of neccessary reformatting. I
- > have been buiding this application for almost a year now,

Some lessons are learned the hard way. If you really need such tight formatting control with native widgets, you will probably need to reformat your GUI for each platform separately.

Craig

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