
Subject: Re: GUI Builder limited to Windows platform (LONG)

Posted by [davidf](#) on Tue, 10 Nov 1998 08:00:00 GMT

[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

David Foster (foster@bial1.ucsd.edu) writes:

> I probably wouldn't even use the Builder myself, but I know a lot
> of groups that are just beginning to develop widget programs, and
> this tool would be invaluable to them.

Possibly. But I'm still partial to a good book on the
subject. :-)

As it happens, I tried to use the Builder this afternoon.
I was having problems coming up with some good ideas for
an interface, so I thought I would sketch a few out with
this tool.

Granted, I didn't read anything about it. I just figured
it would be sort of easy to use. But I found it confusing,
and I found that I was futzing around with it so much that
I wasn't getting anything done. (This in itself is not
that unusual, to be fair.)

I'll probably give it another try later, but I'm
pretty sure the code it generates will not help
novices write better widget programs. Faster? Maybe,
if they can learn to use it. Easier to maintain? Not
likely. But, hey, the more people are confused,
the better my accountant and I like it. :-)

Cheers,

David

David Fanning, Ph.D.
Fanning Software Consulting
E-Mail: davidf@dfanning.com
Phone: 970-221-0438, Toll-Free Book Orders: 1-888-461-0155
Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>
