
Subject: Re: Native Icon Themeing
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Hi James,

I like the new look of the fileselector!

But for my personal apps I would always use the host / native file selector. Only if I need some special functionality I would try to build my own file selector.

I guess this depends on the audience who you are targeting. If your app is for a wide range of users out there in the wild, wild internet I think it is best to come as close as possible to common "standards". Everything which behaves or looks different may be rejected easily by a user.

You see this with many successful apps for example at [downloads.com](#). Usually these apps can be installed painlessly. The look and feel is nice and follows the common standard. Well "skinning" may be seen as a "standard" too for some kind of apps.

And even a different look of a file selector may cost some users...

Things are more relaxed for apps written for individual companies or a limited audience. Many apps I have seen which cost millions of dollars for one license are often hard to install and well sometimes look like ... not so good ...

For the time I consider a different looking file selector not as a big problem. The internals far outweigh some rough corners.

I guess this is not only true for windows.
Many GNOME and KDE users react very allergic for GUIs which look like XP...

Anyway, I prefer the new file selector.

- Ralf
