piratalp wrote on Mon, 24 September 2007 21:05sergei wrote on Mon, 24 September 2007 14:28AFAIK that's the difference between copyright and patent - if you reinvent copyrighted stuff you're fine, if you reinvent a patent you still can get sued
But if that's US-only it's of less concern.

Read your original post again, it states that ribbon-like software made BEFORE the patent with no m$ specs help will not fall into patent infringement

Quote:
You're giving me too much credit   I wanted to get these colors too, went to MSDN for some info: http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/system.drawing.syst emcolors.aspx (scroll down). But a dumper might not be such a bad idea when the skin is complete, so many nice XP themes could be converted to U++ skins

Looking forward for office-style U++.

I don't think it will be necessary, just screenshot + gimp, it's what I'm doing to rip Office 2007 Blue palette..

Your office-style sentence is ambiguous, both .NET 2.0 (Office 2003) and Ribbon (Office 2007) falls there, however I'm planning to make also an Office 2003 skin when Ribbon is completed (both are gradient skins, one doing linear light-to-dark gradient, the other with a two-step gradient bringing a glass-like efect)

Regards

That's fine for now, but patents might work retractively. Especially M$ patents in the US

I see that you took a different approach from what I've assumed. With gimp you're just hardcoding the palettes for the themes, right? I thought you found a transformation from system colors to professionalcolortable-like palette. With such a transformation themes could be converted to palettes.