Subject: Re: C++ FQA
Posted by mirek on Sat, 10 Nov 2007 14:14:53 GMT

mdelfede wrote on Fri, 09 November 2007 09:52
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well, a well written lib should do what the coder will, *not* what the user is missing. Before using C++ hacks to overcome libs limitations, you have 3 solutions :
1) Patch the sources, if you have them
2) Ask the original programmer to enhance the lib
3) Just find another lib that suit your needs

And if neither is possible? You quit the job?

Well, you must agree that the cases on which neither of the 3 solutions is possible are very rare... and yes, in such a case, I'd quit the job

Ciao

Max

Interesting, I find them quite common. E.g. U++ has to use similar trick with X11, because X11 polutes the global namespace with too many simple names as "Font".

There it no chance Xlib.h being changed and in order to use X11, I cannot use different library. I cannot realistically patch the sources too. Or, BTW, you can consider that hackery as "patching sources from outside" It is dirty, but at least it is possible.

Mirek