ebojd wrote on Tue, 06 March 2007 17:52"Qt is GPL, so linking to it never was an option."

Ummm... I *thought* Qt was not GPL, but their own license -- namely non-commercial was free and comercial licensing was rather expensive.

Regardless of the above, why would linking to a GPL library not be an option?

The gratis version went through numerous license changes over the years. Now the QPL has been superceded by the GPL. Also, in the past Qt/X11 hat a special status. The gratis version for windows used to be a major release behind. Now it is the same license on all supported platforms.

Upp is BSD licensed. Once it was linked to Qt, all releases from then on would become GPL'ed once and for all and with it all applications developed with upp. That is how the GPL works. gtk is LGPL, leaving the upp source and applications built with it unaffected.
In other words, if upp used Qt for theming, then for developing proprietary apps with upp, the commercial Qt license would apply, and you'd pay through the nose.

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