
Subject: Book: Getting started with the U++ Framework
Posted by [frederik.dumarey](#) on Sun, 09 Jul 2023 12:12:45 GMT
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Hello,

Just to mention all of you that I'm currently writing a book about the U++ Framework.

It handles:

the web site,
the installation,
a full ThelDE coverage with all functions (also the layout and icon designers),
CtrlCore, CtrlLib, SQL, Turtle and Skylark detailed explanations based mostly upon existing examples,
some How to snippets for specific features (ZIP, SMTP, POP3, custom widgets, Lexical Parsing, ...),
reference guides for U++, C++20, SQL.

As we speak I'm reviewing the first part of the book (corrections and layout), it is A4 and counting 260 pages so far. I hope to have the manuscript ready and reviewed by the End of 2023. It will then be published on Amazon using Kindle services.

The main goal is to attract new people to use this beautiful framework, this should be easy, no? 8)

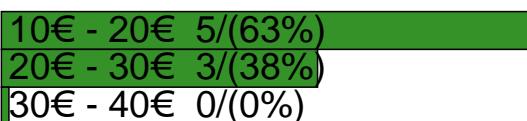
The only thing I'm still struggling with is the price. Please send me some ranges, what would you like to pay for such a book?

Thanks for any feedback,
Frederik.

Subject: Re: Book: Getting started with the U++ Framework
Posted by [frederik.dumarey](#) on Mon, 10 Jul 2023 08:23:14 GMT
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I added a poll, I would love your input!

What should the U++ book cost? (total votes: 8)



Subject: Re: Book: Getting started with the U++ Framework

Posted by [Klugier](#) on Mon, 10 Jul 2023 20:40:01 GMT

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Hello Frederik,

It would be good to have a book about U++ framework. I wish you good luck in your journey of writing the first one. I would personally see the chapter about U++ history. The framework exists for almost 20 years, and there are a lot of things to tell. In the past, I wrote master thesis about Android Builder and I wrote a chapter about U++ history. I based it on questions I asked to Mirek on Skype. Also, if you could mentioned somewhere in the book me, I would be grateful. Also, you can send the book to review. I will probably do not find a time for reading everything, but I will definitely find a time to look at some parts.

Also, we will be grateful if you could help with our documentation. The contribution in this area is easy, you can modify .tpp file from ThelDE level and provide changes via pull request on GitHub. Simple and powerful. Also, if your contribution will be valuable, you will be present in credits section of ThelDE. It is certainly something to be proud of :)

Few guidelines on my side:

- Use Ultimate++ only in historical context, for all other cases use U++. We need to make sure that new branding is in place.
- In case of prices, please make sure that the price will vary basing on region. There are some countries that are rich and they are countries that are not so rich. People in countries that are not so rich should be able to buy your book. So, I assume that the price 10 € or even less is more accurate in such cases.

- ...

Klugier

Subject: Re: Book: Getting started with the U++ Framework

Posted by [BetoValle](#) on Tue, 08 Aug 2023 12:33:10 GMT

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Hi,

good tip about evaluating price by country. For example in my , Brazil, it would be in the range of 20€ - 30€

and I believe that for each chapter, you should put 1 "basic" reference link on "what it is intended for" said library, precisely so that the reader feels welcomed. Note that the U++ ide is not for every user. I believe you can build a bridge by taking the reader's side to reach your goal.

U++ is an excellent ide, open source and has its strong point focused on Desktop, Web development. For those who have a company and want to get rid of expensive ide's like Delphi, Visual Studio is an excellent solution.

Very good initiative and good work!

"If you want to meet someone, study!"

Tks!

Subject: Re: Book: Getting started with the U++ Framework
Posted by [frederik.dumarey](#) on Tue, 08 Aug 2023 18:58:37 GMT
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Thanks for your feedback guys!
Meanwhile I'm on schedule, the book should be ready for X-mas :p

Status:

- First review and corrections have been made;
- Adding some extra examples CtrlLib GUI;
- counting 289 A4 pages so far.

I'll keep you posted, certainly when the book is published.
In the attachment, you should see the draft cover and back page.

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Subject: Re: Book: Getting started with the U++ Framework
Posted by [BetoValle](#) on Tue, 08 Aug 2023 21:24:42 GMT
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Hi,

if you haven't closed the cover of the book yet,
instead of the dark shadow between the buildings, I would consider the reflection of a sunlight, to
identify an invigorating energy!

Subject: Re: Book: Getting started with the U++ Framework
Posted by [frederik.dumarey](#) on Wed, 09 Aug 2023 12:42:51 GMT
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Something like this ? :)

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Subject: Re: Book: Getting started with the U++ Framework
Posted by [BetoValle](#) on Wed, 09 Aug 2023 18:10:52 GMT

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that's it!

I think a golden yellow background is better intuited because
the meaning of the color yellow radiates and brings life, creativity, ideas, joy!

Subject: Re: Book: Getting started with the U++ Framework
Posted by [frederik.dumarey](#) on Sun, 10 Dec 2023 13:56:14 GMT

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Good news: the book is in final proof version!

It will be uploaded to Amazon Kindle Publishing Services on 15/12/2023 :p

Special thanks to Mirek & Klugier & Bart for their support.

In the next post, I'll put the link to the book.

Subject: Re: Book: Getting started with the U++ Framework
Posted by [Klugier](#) on Sun, 10 Dec 2023 21:36:34 GMT

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Hell Frederik,

Good job with the book! You have done a titanic job. I hope readers will be as pleased as I was when reading the preliminary version for review purpose. I can not wait when it will be present on Amazon!

Klugier

Subject: Re: Book: Getting started with the U++ Framework
Posted by [koldo](#) on Mon, 11 Dec 2023 07:13:38 GMT

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What good news, I am very happy.

We already have a Christmas present!

Subject: Re: Book: Getting started with the U++ Framework
Posted by [frederik.dumarey](#) on Mon, 18 Dec 2023 08:46:19 GMT

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Good news: the book has been published: :p

https://www.amazon.nl/dp/B0CQHX84VZ?ref_=pe_93986420_7749575_20

It was published on Amazon Holland first, but will be available worldwide on Amazon in the upcoming days!

Subject: Re: Book: Getting started with the U++ Framework
Posted by [BetoValle](#) on Mon, 18 Dec 2023 11:42:38 GMT

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Very good!
A good gift for Christmas and increase development purposes for the years to come!

Subject: Re: Book: Getting started with the U++ Framework
Posted by [frederik.dumarey](#) on Mon, 18 Dec 2023 15:37:41 GMT

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The version that exists today is a paperback version.
If there is any interest in a hardcover or kindle version, please let me know.
I could make this too.

Subject: Re: Book: Getting started with the U++ Framework
Posted by [EspressoMan](#) on Sat, 30 Dec 2023 09:13:32 GMT

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I placed my order today. Hopefully it will arrive in NZ in mid January. I look forward to reading it and hope it will speed up my assimilation to U++.

IMHO, I can tell that the current U++ documentation has taken a lot of work by many people and they have done a good job. However, from the perspective of a recent new user, I'm finding the presentation and organization of the documentation is outdated and could do with a makeover. I cannot know the attrition rate of would be converts to U++, but I know plenty of people who would simply throw their hands in the air in frustration and go the QT way. If we want to attract and retain new users, it must be made less time consuming than hunting through the current set of docs and forum posts, often with no beneficial result.

Well done on publication of your book.
Cheers!

Subject: Re: Book: Getting started with the U++ Framework
Posted by [frederik.dumarey](#) on Sat, 30 Dec 2023 11:45:53 GMT

Hello EspressoMan,

Quote: I cannot know the attrition rate of would be converts to U++, but I know plenty of people who would simply throw their hands in the air in frustration and go the QT way. If we want to attract and retain new users, it must be made less time consuming than hunting through the current set of docs and forum posts, often with no beneficial result.

That's exactly what I wanted to achieve with the Getting Started book :p
I can tell you meanwhile that the first copies have been distributed, so just a little more patience...

I'm curious to know if you like(d) the book, give me a public or private message if you want!

Thanks for buying the book, and have a great time reading it!
Happy 2024.

Subject: Re: Book: Getting started with the U++ Framework
Posted by [Klugier](#) **on** Sat, 30 Dec 2023 21:20:04 GMT

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Hello EspressoMan,

Thank you for your feedback in the context of documentation! I decided to improve our documentation site a little bit to accelerate navigation by adding a table of contents and adding numeration to the headers. Now, it should be much easier to find the documentation for the package of interest. Here is the updated documentation website from the development build:

The changes related to the website will be available tomorrow. Please let me know what you think about these changes and if they improve your experience. Also, if you have any valuable feedback, please share it with us. We have limited resources, but maybe there is something we can do.

So, my question to you is:

- How can we improve the experience of early adopters? What exactly is missing, or what is difficult to do?
- What are your recommendations? Any ideas or mockups are welcome.

For your remarks about QT, please noticed that they have several permanent employees that only work on documentation. Competing with the is out of scope now. However, we can catch up with the help of the community. Please keep in mind that contribution to documentation is easy. Just modify .tpp file and create PR to our main repository.

Klugier

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Subject: Re: Book: Getting started with the U++ Framework

Posted by [EspressoMan](#) on Fri, 05 Jan 2024 02:33:13 GMT

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Hi Klugier - PM sent...

Subject: Re: Book: Getting started with the U++ Framework

Posted by [koldo](#) on Thu, 11 Jan 2024 07:21:03 GMT

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Jojojo!

As I have been a good boy this year, look what the Three Wise Men have brought me.
In the next few days I will read it and I will comment on it.

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Subject: Re: Book: Getting started with the U++ Framework

Posted by [koldo](#) on Fri, 12 Jan 2024 22:49:30 GMT

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Hi all

Reading the book has made me realise how comprehensive U++ is.

The book is full of information, and serves as a good introduction to U++ for a basic C++ programmer. If you have colleagues who want to start with U++, I recommend it.

Even if you are experts, I think it is interesting because it gives you an up-to-date overview.

A great work, with many hours of work behind, with a lot of information (it's not a pocket book, it's a big book!), but with a lot of pictures that make it easier to understand.

I would buy it if I were you, it's not a lot of money for the help it can give you.

Subject: Re: Book: Getting started with the U++ Framework

Posted by [frederik.dumarey](#) on Sat, 13 Jan 2024 12:40:05 GMT

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Hello Koldo,

I'm glad you like the book :)

It gives me satisfaction, and motivates me for writing other books about the fantastic U++ Framework!

Have a great time,

Frederik.
