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Subject: Ultimate++: is it a platform or framework?  
Posted by [fudadmin](#) on Wed, 08 Mar 2006 16:25:45 GMT  
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Ultimate++: is it a platform or framework?

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Subject: Re: Ultimate++: is it a platform or framework?  
Posted by [mirek](#) on Wed, 08 Mar 2006 17:15:05 GMT  
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A good question

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I found this on the internet:

Quote:

Magma avoids the term "platform," Shukla said, because it implies a physical object on which tools sit on top. There is, indeed, room for confusion. If a customizable SoC is a "platform," a workstation is a "platform" and the tools that run on it are a "platform," we're using platforms that run on platforms to design platforms.

- Richard Goering  
Design Automation for EE Times

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I agree with "framework". But "development suite" is maybe even more accurate.

Just a sidenote, U++ tends to be "virtual OS", just like Java (the same code runs on Win32 or Linux)

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Subject: Re: Ultimate++: is it a platform or framework?  
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Not sure. I believe that the difference is TheIDE?

BTW, on the www frontpage, C++ platform is now gone in favor of "C++ GUI Toolkit".

Mirek

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Wed, 08 Mar 2006 18:18:25 GMT

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fudadmin wrote on Wed, 08 March 2006 13:08KDevelop is a software development suite.  
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...?

Makes U++ a "software development suite framework"?

That is why I have used "platform" so far.

Mirek

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Actually, whatever. I have no problem using "framework" instead of "platform". Maybe it is indeed more correct. I will gradually fix all references...

Mirek

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Comments?

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more interesting definitions of "application framework":

Quote:

Frameworks are in effect skeletal or generic applications which can be fleshed out and customized into full-fledged software programs.

In recent years frameworks have been successfully implemented for a few specific application domains, most notably user interfaces, data processing, and telecommunications. A successful framework is a breakthrough because it means that developers no longer have to start from scratch: if a framework can successfully generate one user interface, it can generate any user interface.

from <http://www.wiley.com/legacy/compbooks/catalog/24875-4.htm>

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from <http://www.c-sharpcorner.com/Code/2002/JuneAppFrameworkInCS.asp>

Quote: Application frameworks, which provide a base of common services on which applications are built,

offer the benefits of extensibility, modularity, and reusability of both code and design to your applications.

from:

<http://http://www.apress.com/book/bookDisplay.html?bID=279>

Quote: The application framework represents the semifinished application that architects have developed as a basis for developers to use to construct their business applications.

from: <http://www.developer.com/design/article.php/3505651>

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And jx agree on that!

Quote:JX is an application framework, while Qt is only a widget set. (This is why KDE had to write their own large library on top of Qt.)

The JX messaging system is pure C++, as opposed to Qt's signals-and-slots system which requires a separate pre-compiler and has several limitations.

from:<http://www.newplanetsoftware.com/jx/compare.php>

Also, they say:

Quote:

JX is a full-featured C++ application framework and GUI class library for the X Window System.

That means, "C++ application framework" + "GUI class libraries" = "JX".  
and "JX"="C++ application framework".

I can't catch the logic what is framework...

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Subject: Re: Ultimate++: is it a platform or framework?  
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Should Ultimate++ be listed here:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Framework?>

or here:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Application\\_framework](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Application_framework)

or here:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Software\\_framework](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Software_framework)

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this is how Mozilla understand framework:

<http://www.mozilla.org/why/framework.html>

Mozilla=Framework+Tools+Community+etc.

But "Framework"= "XUL (UI toolkit)" + "Other libraries"

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Subject: Re: Ultimate++: is it a platform or framework?

Posted by [riri](#) on Thu, 09 Mar 2006 10:23:38 GMT

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What a metaphysic question

Ihmo,

Ultimate++ is itself is a C++ Framework, a cross-platform C++ Framework. It's the generic definition.

Now, it's real that Ultimate++ provides cross-platform GUI Toolkit, but only as part of it (the Core package has nothing to do with UI).

thelde is a tool, an application developped with upp, and can be considered as a development suite. As far as I know, thelde isn't part of the upp framework, but is part of the Upp project .

So for me, the good denomination for Ultimate++ as a toolkit is a cross-platform C++ application framework with integrated cross-platform GUI.

Thelde is the Ultimate++ framework development tool.

The Ultimate++ project provides the Ultimate++ framework and thelde development suite.

My 2 cents

Riri

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Note also that TheIDE is just another uppsrc package, and even can be used as library...

Mirek

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