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Subject: Constructive Cticism

Posted by [pveach1](#) on Thu, 06 Aug 2009 15:09:51 GMT

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On another subject, I have been trying to get some special effects into my program. Currently I am using Win32 API directly to implement animations and transparency. It occurred to me that most C++ libraries just implement (re-implement) the same basic controls. It would be nice if U++ had an FX (Special Effects) package that dealt with these issues rather than each of us "Rolling our own" FX package. This would make it easier to implement Animated or Skinned controls like toasters, layered and masked windows, etc.

U++ already has strong GUI support, a good FX package with Advanced Controls would give it Superior GUI support.

Overall a great effort, Ultimate++ developers deserve an A++.

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Subject: Re: Constructive Cticism

Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 06 Aug 2009 16:18:17 GMT

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Just to make it sure, is the problem that the file is not in the "project"?

Mirek

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Subject: Re: Constructive Cticism

Posted by [koldo](#) on Thu, 06 Aug 2009 20:55:13 GMT

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Hello pveach1

Do you have an example of this ?

Animated or Skinned controls like toasters, layered and masked windows, etc

Best regards

Koldo

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Subject: Re: Constructive Cticism

Posted by [pveach1](#) on Fri, 07 Aug 2009 20:27:57 GMT

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Luzr,

Correct. It's from a VS2008 project. I'm not clear how to make a nest/package for it and I don't want to maintain two different source files. What I'd like to do is, compile and link this file without having to continually do a "Build All".

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Subject: Re: Constructive Cticism

Posted by [pveach1](#) on Fri, 07 Aug 2009 20:38:56 GMT

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koldo,

I have a win32 api based toaster window (animates up, then disappears, animates down), it has alpha channel based tranlucency.

But the best example of what I'd like is the Dojo wijits and Dojox. The Accordion Pane, Fisheye, drop down calendar

It seems a shame that there are better widgets for Internet browsers than for desktop applications.

Cheers

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 08 Aug 2009 09:12:26 GMT

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What do expect as result of such compile? Executable or just error-check? Is result supposed to be console or gui app or dll?

There is sort of problem with this as all info about target and kind of compilation is always stored in the main package..

Mirek

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