
Subject: opinions about FOX-TOOLKIT

Posted by [fudadmin](#) on Wed, 07 Dec 2005 19:01:31 GMT

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have used FOX-TOOLKIT?

<http://www.fox-toolkit.org/>

Subject: Re: opinions about FOX-TOOLKIT

Posted by [fudadmin](#) on Wed, 07 Dec 2005 19:39:30 GMT

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Quote:

I would like to spend some words about FOX to make an example on why new and light GUI

Personally, FOX is a toolkit good enough to create professional projects, but its structure is too similar to both wxWidgets and Qt ones. I would prefer making a software with wxWidgets rather than using FOX, and another reason is the language bindings which are not updated to the latest releases or are much instable.

Nowadays, new GUI toolkits (everything in the world) must have something new and particular to be used instead of already existing projects, and IMHO, FOX is not a revolutionary project.

More <http://www.lethalman.net/?p=5>

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Posted by [fudadmin](#) on Thu, 08 Dec 2005 10:32:41 GMT

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

Quote:FOX appears to be a widget set rather than an application framework.

FOX messages are not the same as JX messages. FOX defines the messages in the target, which strongly couples each source to it, since each source has to know the appropriate message for each of its targets. This is not as serious as it seems, however, because FOX messages are designed to simulate Objective C's ability to redirect work to other objects. In this case, the source needs to know how to keep the target happy. Note that there are much cleaner ways to achieve this in C++. One method is to define a base class and then instantiate one of several derived classes at run-time to get the desired behavior.

JX, on the other hand, defines messages in the source, which promotes loose coupling since the source simply broadcasts, and each target does whatever is appropriate. This solves a different problem from that of FOX messages. JX messages help implement Model-View-Controller designs.

In addition, FOX messages consist of an integer and a void*, so one needs to cast from a void* to get the associated state. This breaks the type safety provided by C++. JX messages are objects,

so they can be downcast safely.

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 08 Dec 2005 12:41:13 GMT
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WideStudio has skinning...

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 08 Dec 2005 13:08:10 GMT
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Posted by [fudadmin](#) on Thu, 08 Dec 2005 13:58:21 GMT
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You know, I have been saying that OSX should be the next major dev task that should be completed, but the more I think about, I am changing my mind. I think the chameleon should be the next major dev task that should be finished after the BGAR business is done. I'm guessing there will be some low-level adjustments needed in core code to make this possible. Best to do the chameleon first as it will be a big hit, but while doing chameleon always have in back of your mind x-platform compatibility so you don't have to make major changes while porting to OSX and wince.

Just my thoughts over morning coffee.
Cheers

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In fact, that is exactly the plan:

- new Draw first (so we do not need to reimplement Chameleon for it..)
- then Chameleon
- then, with both available, WinCE and MacOS X

Mirek
