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Thread: [\[GDI+\] Revise Theme - Efficient, Advanced, and Professional \[Update 2\]](#)

Hawk HF - March 25, 2015, 2:23 pm

Please take some time to answer the poll after reading.
Your feedback is extremely important to me.

Shoutout to [Anchronology](#) for a few of the control designs.

Hey guys. I don't have much free time any more, but I wanted to get back into front-end application development. I came across a design that I liked while browsing Dribbble in class one day and decided to recreate it using GDI. Typically I only work on this during boring lectures or down time in class, so it will probably take me a while to complete it.

Here's the design that I found on Dribbble:

And here's what I've created (so far):

The icon that you see in the lower right corner of the groupbox is a clickable button and its click event is the default event of the groupbox.

There is also an option to remove that button if you decide that it's unnecessary.

Also, the colors are 100% customizable, I've just been using the same few colors throughout the theme.

I'm not sure yet if it will be open source since I'm putting a lot of time and effort into this. I'm doing what I can to make the theme as lag-free and efficient as possible, including removing redundant invalidations and avoiding clutter in the OnPaint() event.

I'll be updating this thread as more controls are added.

Let me know what you guys think about the design. I also want to hear your opinions on whether it should be free or not.

Hiiro - March 25, 2015, 2:39 pm

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Hawk HF - March 25, 2015, 2:46 pm

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Hiiro - March 25, 2015, 2:47 pm

(Mar 25, 2015 02:46 PM)Hawk HF Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thanks for the catch.

It's an easy fix. I'll add it in when I get a chance.No problem, the coloured sides of the panels have outlines too;

if you zoom in the image in a image editor you should be able to see the design quite easily and replicate it perfectly. :P

nuk - March 25, 2015, 2:51 pm

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Yeah I understand. The poll will give me statistics on how many people liked the theme and how many didn't. If most people like the theme, I expect the demand to be high and will probably end up trying to sell it.

The results of the poll aren't really relevant right now though since the theme is not complete and there aren't many votes yet

SIM-1847363 - March 25, 2015, 3:16 pm

I love light themes since i don't see that much of them, and i must say if you make a full theme you have my support. Great job.

Hiiro - March 25, 2015, 3:38 pm

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SaketSaket - March 26, 2015, 2:28 am

I don't like lighter themes but whatever you have done is good... ;)

VEX_solutions - March 26, 2015, 7:41 am

I Voted Not A Fan As Well I'm Not A Fan Of Lighter Themes, Also The Buttons Seem A Bit Too Erm, Edged, Like They Stand Out Obnoxiously Compared To The Background.

But Good Job OP, I'm Not A Fan Of It But It Has That "Panel" Look That Is Gaining Popularity At The Moment.

St?lk?r - March 26, 2015, 9:18 am

I really like this one looks simple and clean. Will use it if your going to share it ;)

TazzyOpz - March 26, 2015, 9:42 am

Kind of reminds me of the Microsoft Office 2013 Theme. Well Done.

Tedd - March 26, 2015, 11:09 am

Looks great, I voted "Looks pretty good" just because of the lack of controls, but the controls that are there look fantastic. Always good work from you.

Hawk HF - March 26, 2015, 2:07 pm

Thanks for all the feedback guys.

I'll be adding more controls slowly but surely.

Hiiro - March 26, 2015, 8:24 pm

Here are some other control design ideas if you're interested:

Image [\(Click to View\)](#)

lazyman - March 27, 2015, 12:09 am

Its nice I really like the color, it stands out and I really like the simplicity of it

Hawk HF - March 27, 2015, 3:30 am

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Not bad. You have a pretty good eye for design.

Would you consider working with me to create a theme in the future?

zeroexp - March 27, 2015, 8:14 am

Looks awesome! Can't wait for it to be released (if you make it public, of course).

I really like light themes like this ^_^

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(Mar 27, 2015 07:18 AM)Hawk HF Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Not bad. You have a pretty good eye for design.

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I wouldn't be available 24/7 though.

temosis - April 1, 2015, 6:46 am

i see that this project is going the right direction, a contributed project.

hunters - April 1, 2015, 2:51 pm

nice theme. im waiting for this theme :P

Wallenbergs - April 1, 2015, 2:52 pm

It looks really good actually, I'm definitely waiting for this!

Hawk HF - April 2, 2015, 6:54 am

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(Apr 1, 2015 02:52 PM)Peregrin Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It looks really good actually, I'm definitely waiting for this!

Thanks, guys.

I'm working on it right now.

?C???I?x??? - April 2, 2015, 1:02 pm

Will this be up for download once you have finished it. At the moment in my opinion It looks clean as fuck <3

Nextrum - April 2, 2015, 5:44 pm

Really like how professional this is turning out to be so far. Given me a couple of ideas! Keep up the good work!

evilivid - April 2, 2015, 6:47 pm

Visually speaking the buttons are unappealing. Perhaps add more borders to give fading effects? But aside from that everything looks really nice blended together and I really like those red/greenish colored left line.

Hawk HF - April 7, 2015, 8:34 am

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Hiiro - April 7, 2015, 8:36 am

(Apr 7, 2015 08:34 AM)Hawk HF Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Posted a few updates that include decreasing the amount of RAM used in the existing controls as well as adding a basic button and progressbar. I quite like the outcome of the progress bar, great job.

Ninja - April 7, 2015, 11:55 am

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Yeah it looks good nonetheless. And for people horrible at XAML it is a nice theme.