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Thread: [Question about UI Frameworks ?](#)

.cYRil. - December 3, 2016, 3:25 am

hi there

it's been a while I have this question that how UI Frameworks like OSSkin VisualStyler works !

the question is how it works ?, it only needs to import the skin to form and it turns into it's skins unlike the gdi , how it skins the forms and controls ? is it changes inheritances or definitions of controls or what ?

any idea would be appreciate.

Zilog80 - December 3, 2016, 4:45 am

From the site you posted:

Quote:Do you need your applications to have a professional appearance without investing in a 3rd party GUI framework?

And then you see:

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SIM-1847363 - December 3, 2016, 6:14 am

Okay. How they do it is like we do it; You put what you want the "skin" or theme to do in the sub new inheriting and changing the parent has sees' fit. The majority of most gdi designers and developers including me(I can't speak for everyone) don't do this is because I think the people here want the option to control over what they want the theme to do in the first place.

Now that I said a super secret gdi developer technic(not really); You can't be running around thinking your a hot dank meme poster just becuz you learned the ultimate 360 no-scope trix.

.cYRil. - December 3, 2016, 10:45 am

(Dec 3, 2016 05:45 AM)Zilog80 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Professional appearance? Really? Maybe 10 years ago.did I compared their works to the work of gdi desingers here ?!,besides they provided an application to turn the most XP themes into their themes.

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(Dec 3, 2016 07:14 AM)Kevin. Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You put what you want the "skin" or theme to do in the sub new inheriting and changing the parent has sees' fit.
do you think they use form designer to set things up ?

mrkoolaid - December 3, 2016, 11:28 am

ok, check it out, <http://pastebin.com/search?q=c%23+theme> that is a bunch of themes for your .net apps, that's how they do it. (add the class, start the form, then stop it. once you have started and stopped the program with the class, most of the time it will show up in your toolbox window)

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mrkoolaid - December 3, 2016, 12:22 pm

(Dec 3, 2016 01:05 PM)HellGate Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) ah, many thanks I didn't know how to search before you reply !

i spend a lot fo time on github and pastebin, there are others also. pastebin.ca, pastiebin.com.

also, how about this one... <http://pastebin.com/search?q=c%23+runpe>

idb. - December 5, 2016, 1:39 am

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Or it uses a legitimate skinning engine that gives the themeing control to the end user instead of the developer which is absolutely a better way to go than doing built in themes like everyone else does. Are you implying that HF themes are better than Winamp themes? Guess which method Winamp uses for skinning.