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Thread: [C#/.NET Winform themes for VS15?](#)

pollingsoon - June 26, 2017, 11:28 am

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jawsh33 - June 26, 2017, 11:31 am

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That's indeed one option, but nothankzz. It looks too cheap and low quality.

It is this method that you mean

[h t t p : / / stackoverflow.com/questions/1592876/make-a-borderless-form-movable](http://stackoverflow.com/questions/1592876/make-a-borderless-form-movable)

That kinda sucks.

Ninja - June 26, 2017, 12:20 pm

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Rageline - June 26, 2017, 2:24 pm

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Washi - June 26, 2017, 2:25 pm

(Jun 26, 2017 02:05 PM)Ninja Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why would you care so much to put this effort for him in then?

Maybe... just maybe... because it's fun as he stated?

Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#) Reading is hard I know. Damn, could you even be more off topic?

@OP:

What kind of theme you want really depends on your taste. Are you looking for anything in particular? You could always try the search function to find one of those threads that have all the themes released here collected.

WPF is not necessary, albeit it is pretty damn good in terms of GUI programming. It does, however, have quite a bit of a learning curve. It really depends on whether you want to spend the time to get the hang of WPF first.

Also, what kind of errors are you getting when you tried using the theme in VS15? Maybe we can help you out with that instead?

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pollingsoon - June 27, 2017, 2:49 pm

(Jun 26, 2017 02:24 PM)Rageline Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) DevComponents/DevExpress/ActiproSoftware Thanks fot the suggestion, I will look in it and let you guys know if I don't forget to.

(Jun 27, 2017 09:23 AM)Orka Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Just to be clear, wpf != "themes"/winforms.But wait. Wiki says :

"Windows Presentation Foundation (or WPF) is a graphical subsystem by Microsoft for rendering user interfaces in Windows-based applications."

So this means I have to use XAML combined with DirectX instead ?

(Jun 26, 2017 02:05 PM)Ninja Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why would you care so much to put this effort for him in then?This question is really irrelevant..

But hey, I feel like telling it since it's no secret. Some people I just care about, and other I don't. Some people deserve my time and effort. This project was made for fun and the learning curve. Because hey what do you know. Themes? I don't know much about it, because I generally don't care about how the GUI looks but rather if the program does what it is designed for.

The project is basically some logic for updating clients data for a game a friend was working on

which is working now with dev tools to update repo/db so new or existing clients can download the data from cdn servers worldwide and always have the latest and greatest binary files and other data files such as the textures, maps, ...

ForceJew - June 27, 2017, 3:22 pm

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pollingsoon - June 27, 2017, 4:22 pm

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