

Re: Theme colors in the Vista era

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Eric Grange wrote:

Just out of Vista preview session, someone noticed that MS apps in Vista didn't care about theme colors much, and after testing, that

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ones? or all the cosmetic stuff around controls? Are applications now supposed to coordinate their own look, and damn-the-user-theme... like Office did? like websites do? Or is this just a limitation of the RC1?

Eric

Unfortunately, I think this is an external symptom of the internal schism that seems to have developed inside the Vista project. With all the resignations and reappointments, it's clear all kinds of power plays have been going on between teams. My fear is that one such power play has been between the usability team and the flashy graphic designers. I think the latter were given an inappropriate amount of influence by someone upstairs who decided early on that a very flashy-looking ui was a top priority both for keeping up with OSX and for squashing Linux.

This is sad, because Microsoft's usability work has in the past been innovative and very solid. They are huge R&D investors in usability but they seem to have really lost touch with the ideals of usability with Vista.

Paul Thurrot highlights what I fear may just be the tip of the iceberg in this story:

http://www.winsupersite.com/showcase/winvista_rc1_worst.asp

Cheers,

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