

Re: any free java gui IDE's?

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Joseph <karloj@bigpond.com> wrote:

>hi

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>are there any free java IDE's out there..i've downloaded the sdk as i need
>to construct a GUI interface...maybe there are some IDE's out there that
>provide drag and drop component functionality? (ie drop button on form
>etc?) I'm currently using the XEmacs editor to code...it has a java JDE
>menu, but that's about it it seems..

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>thank you

>Joseph

Netbeans (www.netbeans.org) is free and Open Source. I think you will find it the best choice. Borland's JBuilder Foundation (<http://www.borland.com/jbuilder/foundation/>) is also a free download. Oracle's JDeveloper (<http://otn.oracle.com/products/jdev/content.html>) is a free download but the license severely restricts what you can do with programs you write if you do not pay for it.

Eclipse (www.eclipse.org) is a popular Open Source IDE and there are free or cheap plug-ins like <http://www.cloudgarden.com/jigloo/index.html>, http://www.assisiplugins.com/index_start.html and <http://www.eclipse.org/vep/> that provide WYSIWYG GUI development.

Sun One Studio 4 Community Edition, which is derived from Netbeans, is still available, without charge, from <http://jsecom16d.sun.com/ECom/EComActionServlet?StoreId=8&PartDetailId=FJCI9-401-TL9M&TransactionId=tr> but has been superseded by Studio 5. Sun suggest you use Netbeans if you want a free version.

IBM has a free version of Visual Age for Java at <http://www7.software.ibm.com/vad.nsf/FrameData/Master?OpenDocument&FSet=1&Doc3=4589&Title=Overview&> It has a limit on the number of classes in your application and, in any case, has been superseded by Websphere Studio Application Developer (<http://www-3.ibm.com/software/awdtools/studioappdev/>). Websphere is based on Eclipse but has many enhancements including a WYSIWYG editor for GUI's. It is not free but a 60 day trial is

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available.

The popular IntelliJ IDEA (<http://www.jetbrains.com/idea/index.html>) also includes a GUI builder. It is not free but you can download a 30 day trial.

I believe that this is a complete list of free Java IDE's that include a WYSIWYG GUI builder and contains references to all the commercial vendors of such a product. Please submit a follow-up if you have a correction.