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Chris Smith wrote:

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> *Speaking of coding stuff by hand, it's worth mentioning that a fair
> number of people (myself included, actually) hold the belief that it's
> actually easier to build Java GUIs by hand rather than use a visual GUI
> designer. The reason is that layout managers actually give you a much
> higher-level view of the GUI layout. So while a GUI builder is
> necessary, for example, in Visual Basic to prevent specifying pixel
> coordinates for everything, they can just get in the way in Java.*

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> *Before that's true, though, you'd need to learn how all the major layout
> managers actually work. I don't know, at this point, if your problems
> are with Eclipse VE, or with the layout managers you're trying to use.*

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I'm in complete agreement with Chris on this one. I often sketch the layout on a piece of paper (!) first so that I can immediately see how the pieces fit together. Then it's just a matter of coding. You can also see whether FlowLayout will do or if you require CardLayout or something even more sophisticated. It makes actual development go quite quickly...

YMMV