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And who do you think is going to win this battle?
Any bets?

I can just tell you one thing, by the time their new "deal" expires, there will be a total devastation, and, for all practical purposes, there will be only one player left in the field, and who do you think it might be?

Sun?

Anyone wants to bet on it?

In a year or so, what is left of those very concepts Java is built upon, will be nothing but a laughing stock.

You know why?

Because Microsoft will continue developing their own version of Java and the ace in their pocket is, first of all, they control vast majority of the world software business and operating systems. They have developed technologies in other languages, operating systems and development environments that are far superior to that what Sun has to offer with all its limited impact on what is happening in the software field.

I can bet you that within a year or two, you won't even need to bother about all this JVM stuff cause it'll all be wired into all sorts of MS architectures and people wouldn't even have to bother about downloading some JVM bloatware, code named "the latest version forever".

They will be able to just double click on an app, and run it, without even bothering about all this JVM fat. Because that is what people are used to and that is what they want. They don't need all this added complexity for no reason at all.

Just about everything that JVM does or java is capable of, is ALREADY available in the ms equivalent.

So...

In order for Sun to win that deadly battle, they'd have to buy out the Microsoft itself and utilize their existing technology, going back generations in time.

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Just take the simplest thing imaginable,
laying out your GUI with your gui designer.

I can design the entire gui system with about
10 different frames in hours, and with the
modern Java tools, I have to sit and think
about gridbag constraints, that behave in violation
of the simplest logical principles:
when you increase some coefficient or constraint,
the result should be a bigger something.

When you lay out your gui elements,
you don't think in terms of "fills" or paddings.
You think in terms of how it looks.
And you don't think about rendering on different
platforms, screen resolution and font sizes.

Doing gui work on just about the best tools there are,
at least according to those raving reviews, calling
them the LEADING something in Java field,
is like writing a modern, fully distributed app,
using your hex calculator.

I designed a number of gui screens with MS forms.
A piece o cake affair. Grid snaps, drag and drop,
immediate resizing, any font you like, repositioning
components and not even worrying about what kind
of layout gadget is best suited for you job.

And with java?
Well, you have the whole layout business going
as a result. They can not even generate the code
setting those constraints properly so that their
own design time version reconciles with RUN time
version of the same thing, under the same environment.

Not only that, but just by dragging things in the
"wrong" direction, which they allow you to do,
you, all of a sudden may start getting the error
messages "incorrect constraint set, please look
at your source code" or things like that.

What?

But WHO have set it?
It is YOU, mr. java gui design code developers
and assorted architects of they very underlying
machinery.

How come you even allowed me to drag things to
the places that you consider illegal?

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Why did you ACCEPT my dragging
and then issue the error message in some other
window, i may not even have noticed with all the
clutter on your main screen?

All of a sudden, a perfectly valid gui element
is not selectable any more and it is not clear why.

But others are.

If you have a real life nested layout,
and change one of the elements in one nested layout,
all of a sudden, other layouts start producing you
all sorts of errors, and they worked just fine
just a moment ago.

What kind of "progress" do you expect to achieve
with all this superjazz,
and how many light years is it going to take you
to get there?

What a petty affair in modern age.

Why bother worrying about non-standard stuff? It would probably be
easier to just test for the Microsoft JVM in your applet at the start, and
then tell the users that they need to update Java and direct them to
useful informational web pages like these (because Sun keeps changing the
URI for the download pages; I've had many bookmarks go bad on me because
of this):

Installing Java – Java Glossary

<http://www.mindprod.com/jgloss/installingjava.html>

JRE: Java Glossary

<http://www.mindprod.com/jgloss/jre.html>

Roedy Green, by the way, has been keeping his web site up to date since

the very beginning.