

Re: Great SWT Program

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In article <5526fb6e-bc34-4666-ac83-4ef72e34e546@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, <twerpinator@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Dec 28 2007, 9:39 pm, b...@xxxxxxxxxx (Bent C Dalager) wrote:

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No
more filing their tax returns electronically; it's back to filling out their tax forms in pen, on physical paper, with a cheap solar calculator as the only computational aid, and submitting them by paper mail. In envelopes. With stamps. That cost money. And may not get delivered on time even if mailed before the deadline.

Not that it matters, but in the US, as I understand it, tax forms postmarked by the deadline are considered to have been filed on time, whenever they actually get delivered. Perhaps things are different wherever you live. Just sayin'.

[snip]

This is what would happen if you *succeeded* and they became proficient with emacs, resulting in everything that ISN'T emacs becoming hard for them to use, because of course only one of emacs and everything else can be easy to use at a time.

I have been told, by more than one person, in other newsgroups, that with sufficient practice one can become the equivalent of bilingual, equally at ease with emacs and applications that follow the, um, "prevailing standard for Windows applications"?

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(Funny how nostalgia buffs in the computer field always seem to favor stuff from that particular era. It's never earlier, e.g. punched cards or toggling everything in manually after each reboot, for some reason, and never later, like old-skool Windows 3.x era stuff, either. I wonder why?)

Perhaps it's that punched cards really **were** awkward and annoying, whereas those text-mode tools were not, once one learned to use them?

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ObDisclaimer: I don't speak for my employers; they return the favor.

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