

Re: Is it time for another Tcl/Tk book?

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On Aug 25, 11:46 pm, "Kuberan Naganathan" <kube...@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

I for one think it's time that someone write a Tcl/Tk book covering the latest developments in tcl/tk.

Anyone care to comment?

Areas of interest:
(Brent Welch doesn't really get into any of these...)

1. Latest features of tcl8.5

Well, the original Welch book, now augmented with info by Hobbes and company, can't have gotten into this because it was released before most of 8.5's features.

2. Object oriented tcl programming in incr Tcl or one of the other OO extensions.

The problem here is that no one agrees on what OO extension to use. Trying to write something that is extension-agnostic seems like more work than most people would be willing to go. There's still quite a bit of confusion in my mind about the whole purpose of the core OO work planned for Tcl 8.6, so I don't know if anything could be done around that.

3. Tcllib coverage with programming examples.

This sounds like a whole book, by itself.

4. Tcl development tools. (Open source and otherwise.)

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Perhaps this might be useful.

5. Tcl tricks. (Like writing dynamic procs w/ stuff like set w \$w etc...
This sort of stuff isn't obvious at all from the 11
syntactic rules of tcl...)

Figuring out the specific tricks to write about would be the trick.

Who needs publishers? How about an e-book? (Perhaps a combination of open
source and for profit sections?)

Any thoughts?

Do you really have to have a piece of tree in hand for all of this? Or
would some electronic form be as good?

Are you just wanting something to read, or would you like to write
some part of the above? What is needed are people willing to write –
the Tcl developers are trying to focus on getting Tcl 8.5, 8.6, and
9.0 out the door... there isn't a lot of time left to start writing
new books.

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