

MacTcl/TkAqua BOF Tips & Tricks

EuroTcl 08

7 June 2008

Daniel A. Steffen
`das@users.sf.net`

Possible Topics

- Application bundles, single file executables
- Info.plist
- Universal binaries, MachO binaries, codesign/thinning issues
- Deployment target, weak linking, SDKs
- CoreFoundation notifier, CFRunLoop
- Xcode projects for Tcl & Tk
- TclTkAquaBI

TkAqua Topics

- System colors, system fonts
- Ttk frames
- `::tk::unsupported::MacWindowStyle style`
- `wm attributes`
- `wm overriddenirect, wm transient`

Application Bundles

- .app directory structure
 - Info.plist, Icon
- embedded libraries
 - @executable_path/../Frameworks
 - install_name_tool
- embedded scripts/resources
- single file executables
 - `-sectcreate __TEXT __tk_rsrc Tk.rsrc`

Info.plist

- Bundle identifier
- Icon, Display name
- Localizations
- Document Types
- Min OS Version
- single file executables:
 - `-sectcreate __TEXT __info_plist Info.plist`

Universal MachO binaries

- Universal binaries:
 - multiple `-arch` options: `CFLAGS='-arch i386 -arch x86_64 -arch ppc -arch ppc64'`
 - configure overrides
 - or use `lipo`
- *kits, codesign/thinning issues
 - `tcl` as arch: build universal MachO binary in pure `tcl`
 - `-sectcreate __TEXT __tcl ?`

Deployment Target

- `MACOSX_DEPLOYMENT_TARGET`
- `-mmacosx-version-min=`
- Default changed in Leopard
- `-DMAC_OS_X_VERSION_MIN_REQUIRED`
- `-DMAC_OS_X_VERSION_MAX_ALLOWED`
- `__attribute__((weak_import))`
- `-isysroot /Developer/SDKs/MacOSX10.4u.sdk`

CoreFoundation Notifier

- `--enable-corefoundation`
 - required for TkAqua
- always uses notifier thread
 - atfork handlers
- Custom runloop sources, observers
- Cocoa embedding
 - upcoming CF notifier changes

Xcode projects

- tcl/macosx/README, tk/macosx/README
- Tcl.xcode, Wish.xcode for Xcode 2.4/2.5 on 10.4/10.5
- Tcl.xcodeproj, Wish.xcodeproj for Xcode 3.1 on 10.5
- Targets
 - Tcl, tcltest, tests
 - Tk, tktest, tktest-X11
- Configurations

System Colors

- colors.n
 - `systemDialogBackgroundActive`
- patterns not colors
- Appearance.h
- `systemTransparent`
- Ttk frames
- `button -highlightbackground`

System Fonts

- named fonts
- font.n
 - `systemSmallSystemFont`
- Appearance.h

MacWindowStyle

- `::tk::unsupported::MacWindowStyle style`
- `document {standardDocument inWindowMenu liveResize}`
 - `utility {closeBox sideTitlebar}`
- `MacWindows.h`
- ideally set before window creation

TkAqua wm attributes

- -alpha
- -fullscreen
- -modified
- -notify
- -titlepath
- -topmost
- -transparent

overrideredirect, transient

- `wm overrideredirect`
 - simple window class, no activates
 - set before window creation
- `wm transient`
 - parent becomes window group owner
 - no window class changes
 - `wm attr -topmost` if also `overrideredirect`

Thanks

<http://categorifiedcoder.info/>