

Native Application Builder (eWideStudio)

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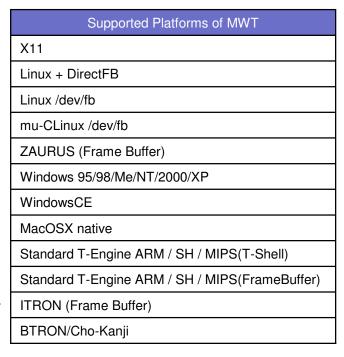
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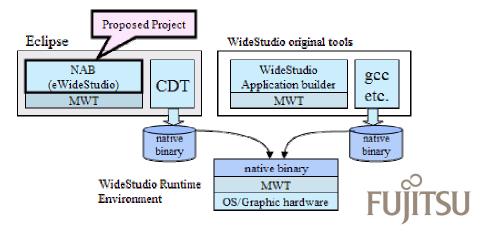


Background

- NAB was born from WideStudio/MWT
 - Open source software of multi-platform GUI tools.
 - •For making a desktop GUI application on a PC.
 - •For building and running GUIs on embedded devices.
- WideStudio/MWT is composed by 2 part,
 - ■Visual GUI application builder (like as a VE),
 - •Multi-platform GUI library (MWT: Multiplatform Widget Toolkit).
- Light weight / Variety parts
 - •GUI parts: simple buttons to complex tree list.
 - •non-GUI parts: event handling, threading/synchronization, Client-Server functions
- Source code interchangeability
 - ■Win32, Linux/X-window, ITron...

NAB started at WideStudio/MWT.
But it aim for an extensible framework for various tools.

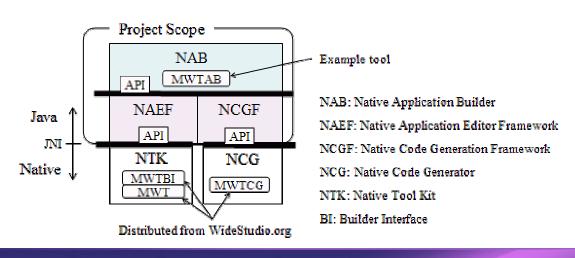




Architecture



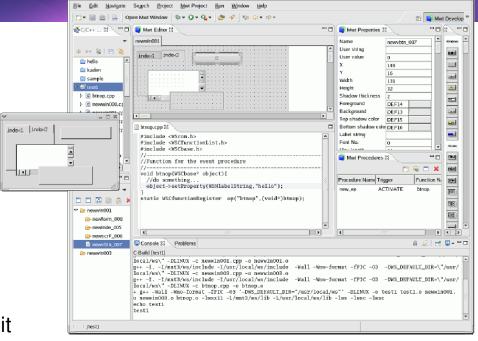
- "Framework and example Tool" model.
 - NAEF (Native Application Editor Framework)
 - Application visual editing framework
 - Built on the NTK (Native Tool Kit).
 - NCGF (Native Code Generation Framework).
 - Source code generation framework
 - Cooperate with NAEF for driving a NCG (Native Code Generator).
 - NAB (Native Application Builder)
 - MWTAB (MWT Application builder) as example.





Functions

- Example application MWTAB provides...
 - GUI Edit
 - Like as the VE
 - WYSIWYG GUI editing
 - Edit attribute visually
 - C/C++ Source Code Generation and Edit
 - Automatic event procedure source code generating
 - Edit freely by hand
 - Application Build/Execution
 - Generate executable application
 - Application can be executed in the Eclipse environment.
- MWTAB needs
 - CDT
 - MWT library plug-ins (distributing from WideStudio.org.)





Participation



- Proposed project lead and initial committers
 - Shigeki Moride, Fujitsu (proposed Project lead)
 - Shun-ichi Hirabayashi, Fujitsu / WideStudio.org Founder
- Interested parties
 - Fujitsu
 - WideStudio Development Team (WideStudio.org)
 - Eclipse Japan Working Group
- Relationship with WideStudio project
 - Proposed committer Mr. Hirabayashi is a founder of WideStudio.
 - Relation of NAB and WideStudio can be kept intimate.
- Developer / User community
 - WideStudio community have a many users and developers.
 - ML have thousands of subscribers from over 20 countries.
 - FTP site counts 800,000 downloads.
 - Expect many users come to NAB.
 - Community will grow up quickly.



Project Goals and Scope



- Started at WideStudio/MWT, but it aim for an extensible framework.
- Future directionality of the project
 - Standard of Cross GUI development platform.
 - Minimal resource devices platform, cooperating with eRCP and others.

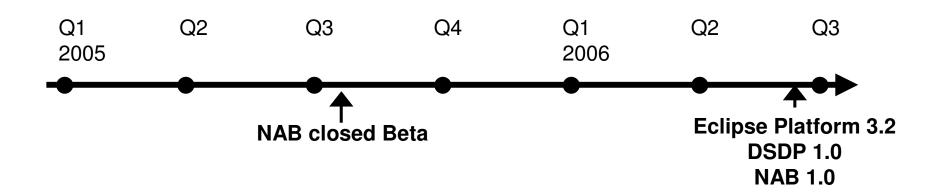
Overlap with other Eclipse Projects

- Feedback embedded cross platform enhancement to CDT.
- Cooperation with eRCP, SWT, AWT.



Roadmap





NOTE: Depending on the nature of the changes in the DSDP project and the NAB.



Current Status



- Preliminary discussions held with Wind River (2005 5/25)
- NAB closed beta released on (2005 8/24).
- Ready to release almost complete NAB.
- Will have Short Talk at EclipseCon 2006.

