

Re: Favorite SW for vocab drills?

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Bill <ws21@xxxxxxxxxxxx> dixit:

>In article <d6qqf6\$kh\$1\$8302bc10@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>,
> "Paul Blay" <NotCheckingEmail@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:
>> Well if you'd paid attention Louise's post was in reply to
>> Jim's about JBDRILL (<http://www.csse.monash.edu.au/~jwb/jbdrill/>).

>Sorry, sloppy reply. I meant to direct the question to Jim.

I thought it was directed to me, in an oblique sort of way.

>> At which web page Tcl/Tk is mentioned about five times
>> starting with "First, you must have a working version of Tcl/Tk 8.0
>> or later on your computer" and shortly followed by "Windows and
>> Macintosh users will probably have to download and install it, e.g.
>> from <http://aspn.activestate.com/> or <http://www.tcl.tk/> "

>Wonderfully circular. Following that link produces many pages that
>already assume you know what Tcl/Tk is, and none that say *what* it is.
>Also several 404s and a page for a company called Tcl-Tk that sells
>batteries.

Funny, I don't get either the 404s or the batteries.

Anyway, since Bill's grumblings about Tcl/Tk are the first in the 3 years
or so that JBDrill has been around, I have to conclude that other people
are either more aware of Tcl/Tk, or capable of following a link and
learning a little. Just in case there are untapped Bills out there, I
have added a few instructive words about Tcl/Tk to the JBDrill page.

>I do gather, however, that Tcl is a programming language especially
>designed for handling strings, which sort of makes sense, although I've
>nevr had much trouble handling strings in Basic, Pascal, C or C++

The reason I used Tcl/Tk was not Tcl's string handling, but Tk's
spiffy window/button/etc. handling.

>Don't you just hate it when you go to one of those McDonald's where they
>don't let you go through the drive-through until you install GPS in your
>car?

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Well, to make the analogy with JBDrill work, both the hamburgers and the GPS system would have to be free. I s