

Quick Overview of
**Enlightenment Foundation
Libraries and E17**

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E17

Evolution

E17 - HISTORY

- e 0.1 - 1997
- e 0.13 - 1997
- e 0.16 - 2000
- e 0.17 - 2004 (officially started)

The Quest For Enlightenment

E17 - HISTORY

- window manager was not enough
- desktop shell was the future
- fancy file manager
- integrated shelves (panels) and gadgets
- efficiency - as usual

Evas (stateful canvas) - 2000

E17 - HISTORY

- introduction of windowless concept
- hardware acceleration
- I/O abstraction (not bound to X11 anymore)
- based on imlib2/imlib experience

Ecore (system abstraction) - 2000

E17 - HISTORY

- main loop (timers, idlers, animators, fd-handlers)
- x11, fb, opengl, directfb, win32...
- touchscreen (tslib)
- input method framework (IMF)
- threads

Edge (Theme Abilities) - 2004

E17 - HISTORY

- based on ebits experience (2001-2003)
- eet: easy all-in-one distribution, efficient reading
- embryo: dynamic scripted behavior
- relative and absolute positioning
- scalable yet pixel-perfect elements
- states and animated transitions
- designer-friendly

Eina (data types) - 2008

E17 - HISTORY

- originally spread into Ecore_Data and Evas_Data
- initial work by turran, cedric and myself
- first lgpl code to reach svn
- highlights: lists, stringshare, log, module - SPEED!

Elementary - 2008

E17 - HISTORY

- new concept, replacing EWL, ETK and E17's widgets
- aggregate every EFL technology into a toolkit
- focused on mobile/touch
- innovative separation of finger-size and reading-size (dpi)

WebKit-EFL - 2009

E17 - HISTORY

- officially announced and proposed to WebKit
- maintained since then by Samsung and ProFUSION
- depends on Edje, Evas and Ecore
- not bound to toolkit (Elementary) or X11

EFL 1.0 - 2010

E17 - NOW

- core EFL released as 1.0 in 2010
- official statement "it's ready!"
- API/ABI stability
- preparation for E17

What's next?

E17 - FUTURE

- e17 release (ASAP)
- e18 to use elementary
- get back to short release cycle
- rewrite everything yet again, endlessly? :-)

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FreeDesktop.Org - ADOPTION

- slowly but improving
- menus
- desktop entries
- icon theme
- systray
- ... slow due too many specification problems!

FreeDesktop.Org - PROBLEMS

- standards try to fit the lowest common denominator
- performance is neglected
- xml being overused
- everyone have to work around problems (caches, etc)
- specifications designed in "works for me" basis

Examples

FreeDesktop.Org - PROBLEMS

- thumbnail
- xembed
- systray
- desktop entry and menus
- icon theme

Suggestions

FreeDesktop.Org

- efficiency should be considered from beginning:
- optimize for common case (memory, disk and cpu)
- mmap()able binary formats
- .desktop/menu should be pre-processed
- reduce daemons and IPC

Community

FreeDesktop.Org

- small but brave community
- lack of high-level development tools (languages, editors)
- lack of releases and packages blocked our user base growth
- poor press releases, marketing and media coverage
- we welcome your help! :-)

Q&A, Thanks!

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