
Development (Don't let Rainmeter die!)

Posted by Kaelri - 2009/02/08 09:58

Hello. I'm the developer of Enigma, a Rainmeter skin which has gained a fair bit of popularity since being featured on Lifehacker.

I mention this by way of demonstrating that there is a huge demand for Rainmeter out there - maybe even enough to rival Rainlendar. Even though it's been years since the last update, Rainmeter is still a wonderful platform for desktop customization and I expect to continue using it for quite a while yet. However, both users and developers would hugely appreciate an update to the program. :)

I decided to post this request openly to allow others to express their support for Rainmeter's future. Or other opinions, as the case may be.

I know you've said that you don't have the time for the project. If that's still the case, then would you consider allowing another developer to take the reigns? (I assume you'd retain ownership and such; the legalities are not a big deal to the rest of us as long as the app remains freeware.) If you're interested, I'm sure I could come up with a list of desired improvements as well.

If not, then, well, the least I can do is thank you for creating my undisputed platform-of-choice.

Kaelri

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Re:Development (Don't let Rainmeter die!)

Posted by kenzo - 2009/02/08 16:49

Hi,

I am also Rainmeter lover and one of skin maker =)

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It is right surely :-O

Google Trends: Rainmeter and more...

Rainmeter is a old style customize tool. However, a setup is so simple and easy. Compared with other applications, I think that this is the forte of Rainmeter.

I as well as him am wishing resumption of development eagerly.

I believe Rainmeter will never die. : |

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Re:Development (Don't let Rainmeter die!)

Posted by Kebas - 2009/02/10 10:13

Completely agreed! I've made different skins myself and love Rainmeter! I would like the continuing of Rainmeter also! Kebas.

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Re:Development (Don't let Rainmeter die!)

Posted by Rainy - 2009/02/10 12:55

Rainlendar still takes most of my free time so I don't have much time for other projects. The best thing probably would be if someone else continued the Rainmeter development (it's licensed under GPL so it doesn't even require my permission).

Anyway, while we are waiting for volunteers :-)) I moved the project to Google Code and changed the <http://www.rainmeter.net> to point to there too. Feel free to add the feature requests and bug reports to the issue database. If there is something that might interest me or something that people really really want I might be able to spend few days improving Rainmeter as well.

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Re:Development (Don't let Rainmeter die!)

Posted by kenz0 - 2009/02/10 16:53

I'm sorry that there is no time of your development of Rainmeter :(But I think that it is glad that the project of Rainmeter newly started up :)

Thanks

Re:Development (Don't let Rainmeter die!)

Posted by Dave_W - 2009/02/13 17:59

Both of you in the same place? Ace.

Having seen Kaelri's amazing Enigma configs on Lifehacker, I got looking at Rainmeter. Although I have since downloaded other configs to learn the syntax for various things I want to do, I'm sure I'm not alone in having a new Rainmeter setup that looks...let's say enigmatic. ;-)

Rainy - amazing app you've made here. It's so much more useful than clunky Vista/7 "gadgets", it's actually alarming.

Really pleased to see that some steps are being taken to update the app, I'll be following with interest. In the meantime, could anyone point me to any sort of Rainmeter community or resource?

Let me explain: I downloaded Enigma and I read the Rainmeter manual. Unfortunately I'm not really much of a programmer, so although I understood that Rainmeter could do other things to just what Enigma does, even with the help of the manual I couldn't get from one to the other. My solution in the end was to yomp around Deviant Art and some other places, grab Rainmeter skins that looked like they might do what I wanted to do, and cannibalise them. You'd probably weep if you could see my .ini files, they're a mess.

If there's a community out there somewhere so that I could discuss with people cleverer at this sort of thing than I am, that would be really helpful.

EDIT: Sorry, I realise that the obvious answer might be "you're on the only one we know of". Um...yeah, I'm not always that bright.

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Posted by kinnison - 2009/04/09 12:35

I wish to lend my powers to this project.

I downloaded the source and I will be working in a few ideas I had last night about this.

So I will do some minor improvements and release a few binaries, and if the community support my work I will continue releasing new versions.

I really hope you enjoy my work, and if the community wants to, I'll be very glad of being part of the official coding team.

Thx,
Kinnison
Brazillian user.

Re:Development (Don't let Rainmeter die!)

Posted by Rainy - 2009/04/13 05:53

Good way to involve yourself in Rainmeter development is to send patches for the issues at the project page:
<http://code.google.com/p/rainmeter/issues/list>

You can also add your ideas and suggestions to there.

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Re:Development (Don't let Rainmeter die!)

Posted by btodoroff - 2009/04/13 10:53

I'd say the news of Rainmeter's death has been greatly exaggerated. ;) I plan to keep plugging away at improvements and encourage everyone to stop by Google Code and let us know what you want to see in upcoming versions. There are plenty of coding and non-coding tasks that people can pitch in on, so there is something for everybody, and all the tools are available for free.

Thanks,
Brian

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