

# GFXprim library introduction

“minimalistic graphics and widget library”

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# About GFXprim

- Minimalistic software 2d graphics
- Includes a widget library
- Written for Linux
  - Quite a lot of the code should be OS independent
- LGPLv2.0+



# What makes it unique?

- Optimized for speed and low memory consumption
  - Apps can run fine on 300Mhz PXA270 with 32MB of free RAM
  - Stripped libraries around 1MB in size
- The dependencies are fairly minimal
  - most can be disabled upon compilation
- Modular and flexible
  - Apps can run, without any changes, under X11, framebuffer, etc.



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# Why is GFXprim unique?

- C code for different pixel types and sizes is generated  
Uses a python based template engine
- Sane widget API that's not riddled with abstraction



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# When and how it all began?

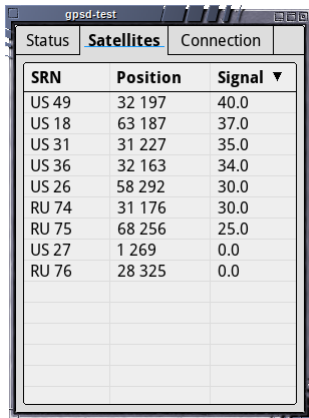
- Somewhere around 2010 I've played with sharp zaurus PDAs
- I had Debian and upstream kernel running
- X11 was not usable, etc.
- I wanted GUI something like PalmOS had
- It's my "toy" project for a bit more than 10 years now



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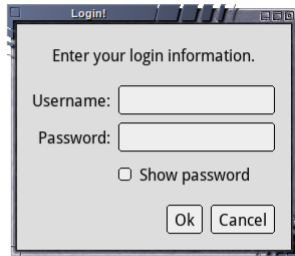
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Fast forward to 2020 it's finally there.



The screenshot shows a window titled "gpsd-test" with three tabs: "Status", "Satellites", and "Connection". The "Satellites" tab is active, displaying a table with three columns: "SRN", "Position", and "Signal". The table contains the following data:

SRN	Position	Signal
US 49	32 197	40.0
US 18	63 187	37.0
US 31	31 227	35.0
US 36	32 163	34.0
US 26	58 292	30.0
RU 74	31 176	30.0
RU 75	68 256	25.0
US 27	1 269	0.0
RU 76	28 325	0.0



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Login!". It contains the text "Enter your login information." followed by two input fields: "Username:" and "Password:". Below the "Password:" field is a checkbox labeled "Show password". At the bottom of the dialog are two buttons: "Ok" and "Cancel".



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# What are the usecases?

The initial end goal was fast GUI on embedded hardware  
however these days GFXprim can be used for:

- Drawing basic graphic primitives, e.g. line, circle, text, etc.  
support anti-aliasing is on TODO though
- Conversion between different image formats  
jpg, png, webp, tiff, gif, bmp, pnm, jp2, pcx, psp, psd, ico
- Image processing library  
e.g. point filters, convolutions, dithering, resamplings...



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- Graphics library that can draw on and get input from X11, framebuffer, aalib, SDL, Linux input
- Widget library in C that has (hopefully) sane API



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The widget library implements:

- basic widgets  
buttons, radiobuttons, sliders, checkboxes, text input, tables, etc.
- dynamic layouts
- layouts from JSON
- dialog support



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# Widgets

```
{
  "version": 1, "cols": 2, "rows": 2,
  "widgets": [
    ...
    {
      "rows": 2,
      "widgets": [
        {
          "type": "tbox", "text": "admin",
          "uid": "uname", "on_event": "login_callback"
        },
        {
          "type": "tbox", "hidden": true,
          "uid": "pass", "on_event": "login_callback"
        }
      ]
    },
    {
      "type": "button", "label": "Ok",
      "on_event": "login_callback"
    }
  ]
}
```



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# Widgets

```
static gp_widget *pass, *uname;

int login_callback(gp_widget_event *ev)
{
    if (ev->type != GP_WIDGET_EVENT_WIDGET)
        return 0;

    if (uname)
        printf("Username: '%s'\n", uname->tbox->buf);

    if (pass)
        printf("Password: '%s'\n", pass->tbox->buf);

    return 0;
}
```



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# Widgets

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    void *uids;

    gp_widget *layout = gp_app_layout_load("login-example", &uids);
    if (!layout)
        return 1;

    pass = gp_widget_by_uid(uids, "pass", GP_WIDGET_TBOX);
    uname = gp_widget_by_uid(uids, "uname", GP_WIDGET_TBOX);

    gp_widgets_main_loop(layout, "Login!", NULL, argc, argv);

    return 0;
}
```



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- Home Pages:

<http://gfxprim.ucw.cz>

- GIT repository:

<https://github.com/gfxprim/gfxprim>

- Mailing list:

<https://www.ucw.cz/mailman/listinfo/gfxprim>

- Packages:

<http://gfxprim.ucw.cz/packages.html>

