

Medley Interlisp

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What have we been doing?

+ Adapting the system to current environments and standards

hardware: keyboard, mouse, display, CPU (64bit, little endian)

software: standard C, Unicode, Posix, UI Guidelines

+ Lower barriers to entry

+ Demonstrate unique and original features

+ Help with revival of other applications built using system

+ Improve maintainability for future users

+ Gather and update documentation

Who might use Medley Interlisp?

- Retrocomputing enthusiasts
- Researchers, IDE tool creators, looking into ideas
- Software and AI historians (present and future)
- Software archivists (SPN, technical infrastructure)
- Developers of new applications

Who is involved?

- + Some of original developers from Xerox PARC (in 70's)
- + Developers of s using Interlisp (recursive revivers)
- Open Source contributors
- Students of computer science and history
- + Friends, enthusiasts, and ... you?

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(OPEN-URL "https://github.com/orgs/interlisp/people")
(MEDLEY-CONTRIB "medley")
(MEDLEY-CONTRIB "maiko")
(MEDLEY-CONTRIB "online")
(MEDLEY-CONTRIB "Interlisp.github.io")
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More on Modernizing Medley

Goals

- Adapt Medley UI to current hardware
- Make Medley work more like current applications for comfort

Mouse: Wheel Scroll, Window move on title, Window resize on corner. Warning: Exec windows. Consolation: you can do it all with menus. Reduction: some menus are invoked by "middle" mouse button which on some mice is hard to press.

Keyboard: Desired state: compatible keystrokes. Subtasks: decide what keystrokes do what; slash through umpteen layers of keyboard re-interpretation.

Display: Color, high-resolution displays, modern fonts.

Reduce Barriers to Entry

- Running Online

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OPEN-URL("https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mI3Ga5LyI1I")
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OPEN-URL("https://online.interlisp.org")
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- Installation Instructions

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OPEN-URL("https://interlisp.org/running/")
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More notes on Running on Modern Systems

- about K&R C and C standards; type declarations, big-endian vs. little endian, 32 bit vs 64 eliminating errors, file-system changes, process handles, bugs left over from 24- to 28-bit address space
- docker, installers, CO/CI(?), two levels of virtualization
- online.interlisp.org: connect in seconds.
- Mysteries in the code we inherited, "software archeology"
- Robust "loadup process", all day vs seconds
- bytecode virtual machine aids portability.

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fb {li}<maiko>bin/makefile-*. *-x
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Linux, Mac, Windows (WSL1, WSL2, Cygwin)

Docker, FreeBSD, OpenBSD, SunOS5
x86_64, i386, arm7l, arm64, and older

Getting Involved

- *Try things out, report new problems, or new reproducible cases*
- *Clean up old issues*

`(OPEN-URL "https://github.com/interlisp/medley/issues")`

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