## **Himalia**

At the beginning, I defined Himalia as a **language for service-oriented user interfaces**. It's still the definition you can see in the <u>index page of the website</u>. But it had a problem: nobody knew what it was and they used to say something like: "aaahh". Nobody has ever asked me a second question, but it wasn't the idea here  $\ensuremath{\boldsymbol{\omega}}$ 

Then, Andrés Aguiar, defined it as a model-driven tool for user interfaces.

The first time I read it I found it simplified, but then... I understood. You can't say everything in the first sentence, and really you don't want to do it. When you try, you loose the chance to get the people interested. Although this definition doesn't define the technology and focuses only in the tool (Himalia Guilder), it's a very good introduction that everybody understand.

But now, my new answer is that Himalia is a **user interface builder,** that is the <u>guilder definition</u> after all. Why? I don't want to carry on the Himalia's shoulders all the problems of the model-driven tools' history. Himalia wasn't made just for modeling, it was made for modeling and *running* a user interface; for the *specification time*, the *design time* but also for the *runtime*. We want something else that writing down the models in a paper and admire them, that is the purpose of most of the formal modeling languages. So, this definition make sense for the real Himalia goal: to build user interfaces. Simple.

Keep it in mind, **Himalia is a user interface builder**, and more, **Himalia is** *the* **user interface builder**, until someone copy us.

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