

Japi is an open source free software GUI toolkit, which makes it easy to develop platform independent applications. Written in JAVA and C, provides the JAVA AWT and SWING Toolkit to non object oriented Languages like C, Fortran, Pascal and even Basic and **GnuCOBOL**

easy to use

is easier to learn and use than all common APIs. Since its not object-oriented, its possible to learn even with little experience in programming.

platform independent

currently supports all Win32 platforms, Linux and Solaris. Porting your application between platforms is as easy as recompiling.

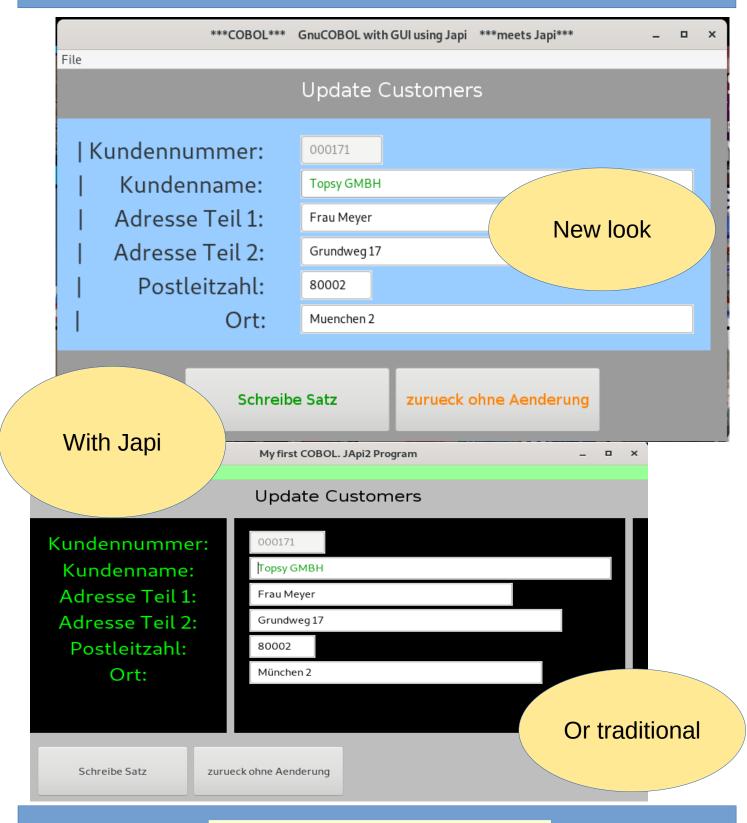
And GnuCOBOL!

language independent

provides an interface to common C, Fortran and Pascal Compilers. For Basic Programmers there is a Basic Interpreter running on Unix and WIN32.

Source:http://www.japi.de/





You use COBOL commands, no curled brackets etc.

MOVE J-FRAME("***COBOL*** GnuCOBOL with GUI using Japi ***meets Japi***") TO WS-FRAME
MOVE J-SETCOLORBG(WS-FRAME, z155, z155, z155) TO WS-RET *> grey
MOVE J-SETFONT(WS-FRAME, J-HELVETIA, J-PLAIN, z24) TO WS-RET

- 1. make a frame
- 2. give it a color
- 3. give the font a certain size

MOVE J-SETPOS(WS-FRAME, z500, z200) TO WS-RET MOVE J-SETSIZE(WS-FRAME, z1400, z800) TO WS-RET

- 4. Put the frame on a certain position on the screen
- 5. and give it a certain size

MOVE J-TEXTFIELD(WS-FRAME, z35) TO WS-VNAME
MOVE J-SETCOLOR(WS-VNAME, z0, z153, z0) TO WS-RET

- 6. You want to put an I-O-field
- 7. In the RGB color of your choice

MOVE J-LABEL(WS-FRAME, "Kundenname: ") TO WS-LABEL-KDNAM

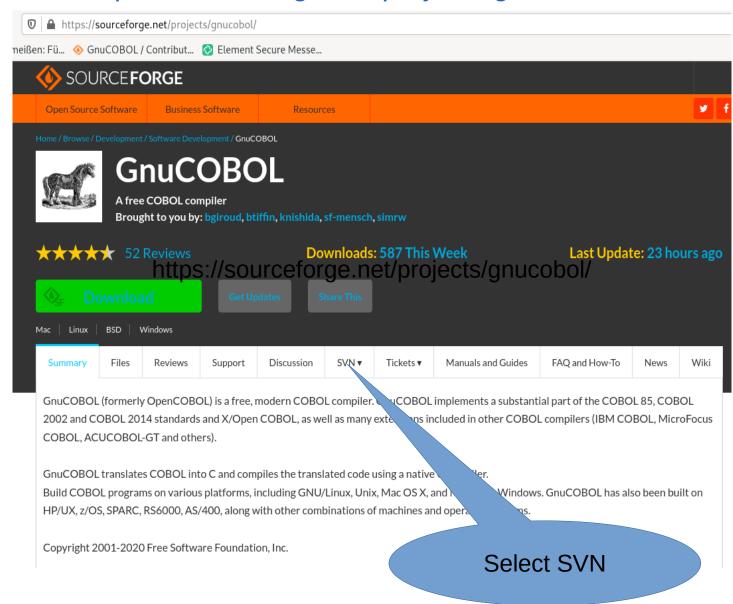
8. and add a label to your field
9. till n... is COBOL code

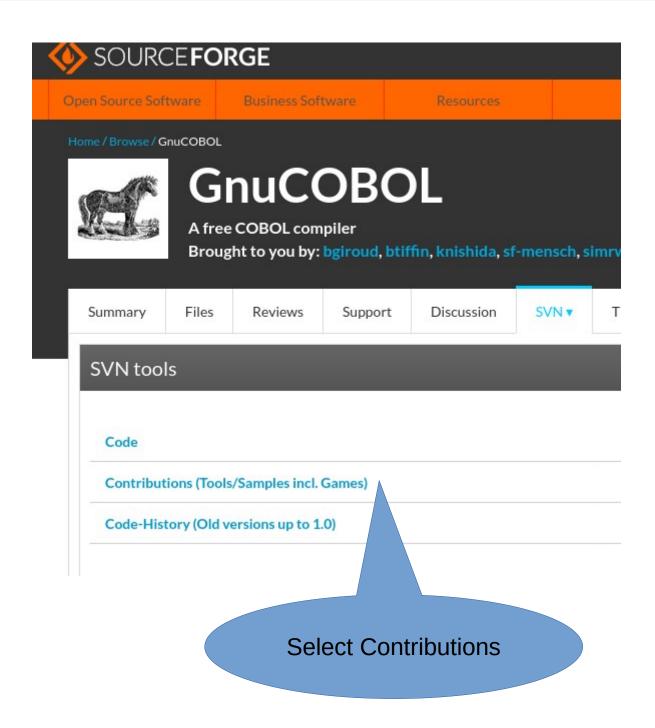
Installation

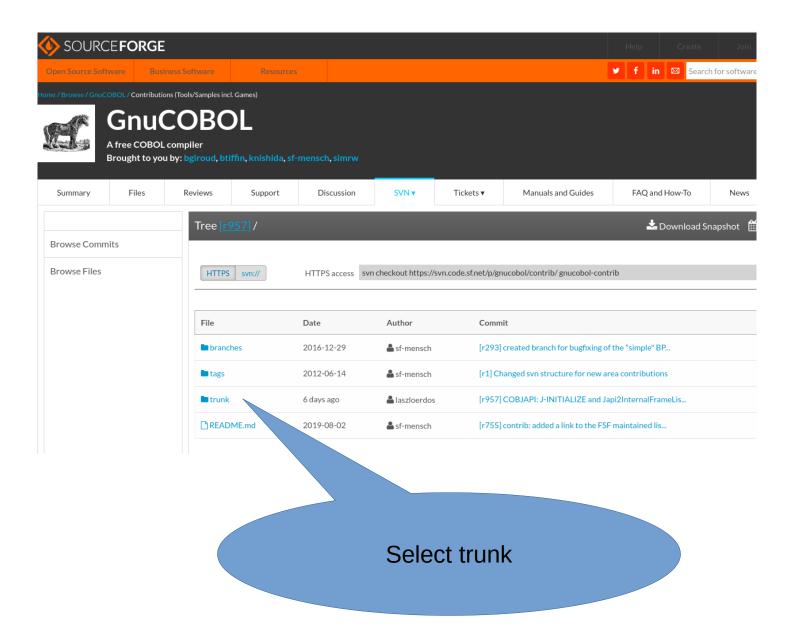
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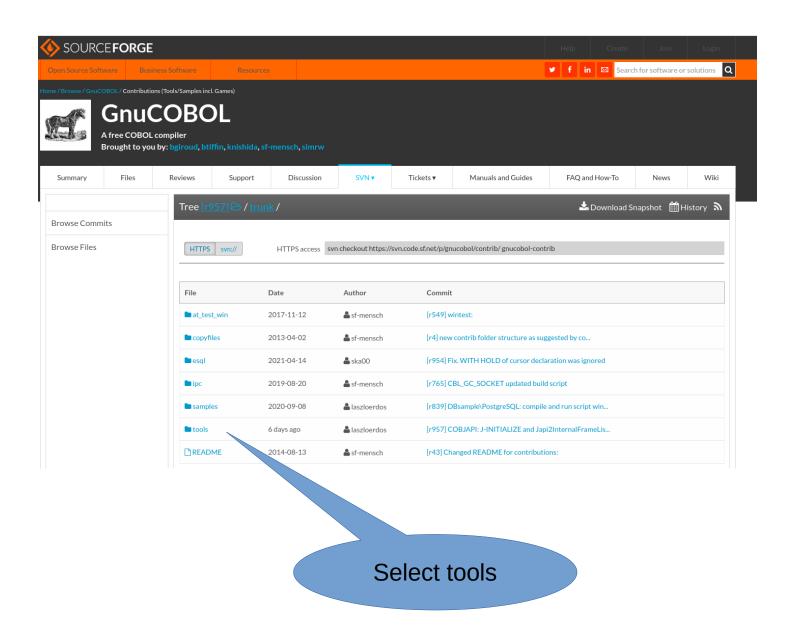
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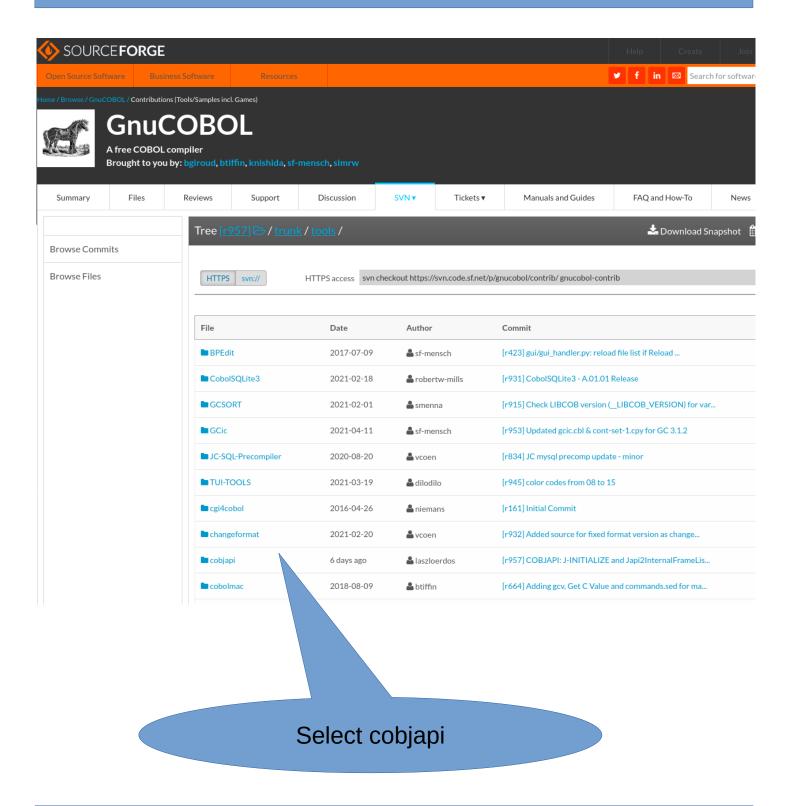
https://sourceforge.net/projects/gnucobol/

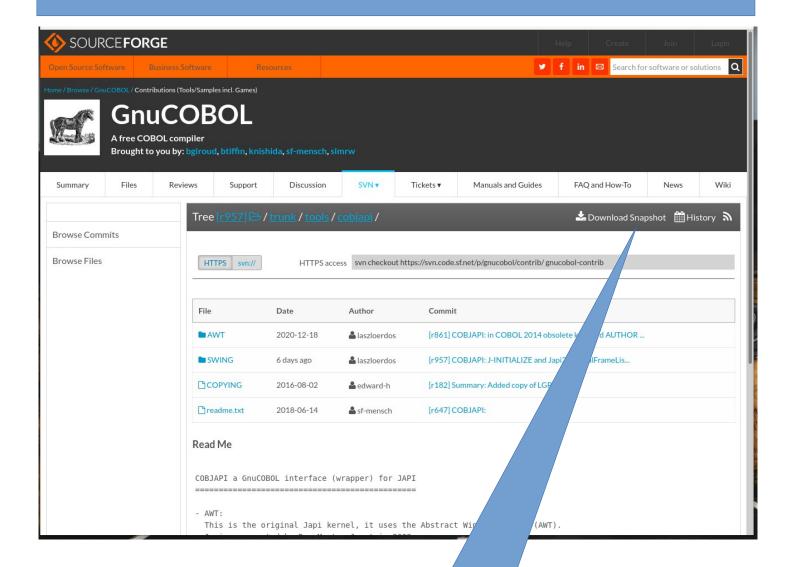






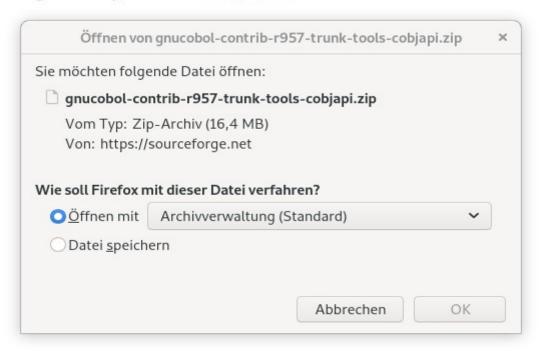




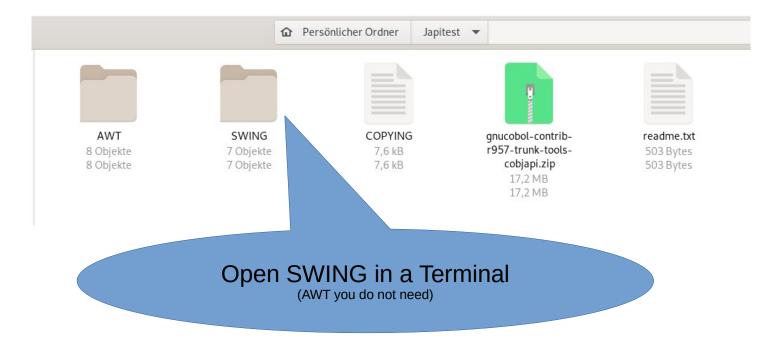


And select "Download Snapshot"

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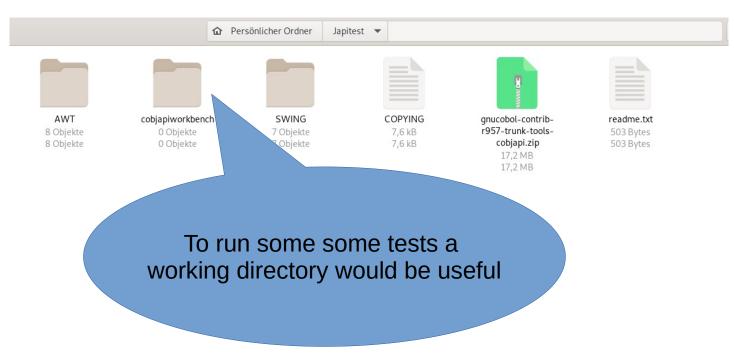


Unpack and move the 5 Objects into to a directory of your choice (in this example we use /home/erich/Japitest)



In the terminal say <make> to compile cobjapi.cob (which is the connection from your GnuCOBOL programs to the japi server), japilib.c, imageio.c, fileselect.c and all the examples

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erich@santiago:~/Japitest/SWING$ make
make -C src_c
make[1]: Verzeichnis "/home/erich/Japitest/SWING/src_c" wird betreten
cobc -02 -c japilib.c
cobc -02 -c imageio.c
cobc -02 -c fileselect.c
cobc -02 -b -o libjapi.a japilib.o imageio.o fileselect.o
make[1]: Verzeichnis "/home/erich/Japitest/SWING/src_c" wird verlassen
make -C src_cobol
make[1]: Verzeichnis "/home/erich/Japitest/SWING/src_cobol" wird betreten
cobc -02 -free -c cobjapi.cob
cobjapi.cob:184: Warnung: handling of parameters passed BY VALUE is unfinished;
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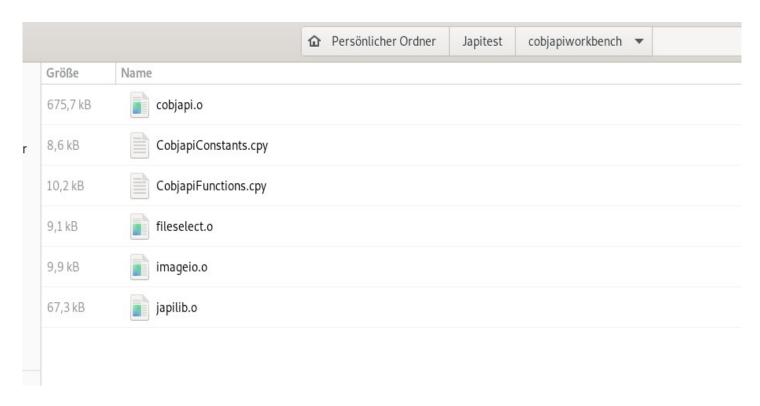
Japi needs a java runtime environment so you need java on your System preferably OpenJDK more than Oracles Version.

Check if it is already installed – if not there is plenty of help in the net.

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erich@santiago:~/Japitest/cobjapiworkbench$ java -version
openjdk version "11.0.11-ea" 2021-04-20
OpenJDK Runtime Environment (build 11.0.11-ea+4-post-Debian-1)
OpenJDK 64-Bit Server VM (build 11.0.11-ea+4-post-Debian-1, mixed mode, sharing)
erich@santiago:~/Japitest/cobjapiworkbench$ which java
//usr/bin/java
erich@santiago:~/Japitest/cobjapiworkbench$
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Japi needs some settings there are several ways to do that In this case we use the hidden file **.bashrc** in the home directory and add 4 lines of code.

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115 # GNUcobol and japi2
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119 export JAVA_HOME=/usr/lib/jvm/java-11-openjdk-amd64
120 export COBJAPI_JAPIJAR_HOME=/home/erich/cobol/japi/SWING/src_java
121 export PATH=$JAVA_HOME:$PATH
122 export PATH=$PATH:/sbin
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Put the tools you need on your workbench, You find them in:

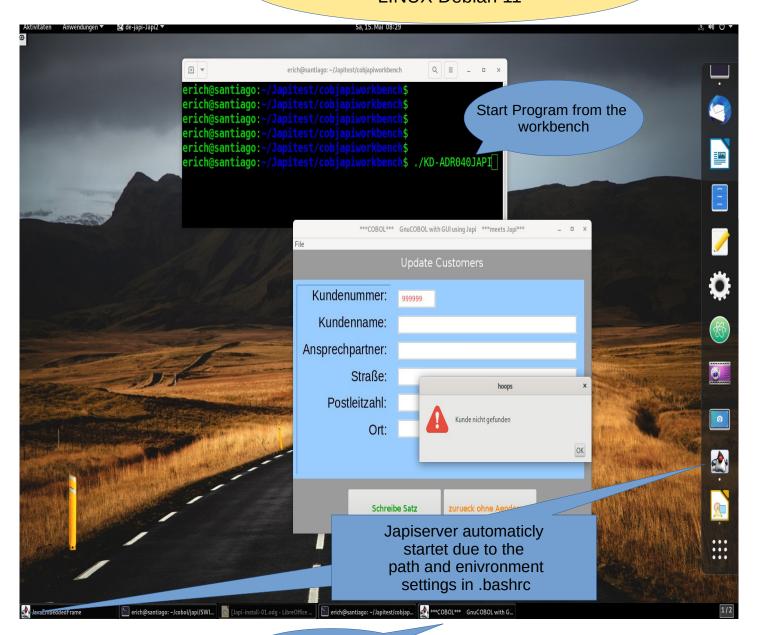
.... SWING/src_c andSWING/src_cobol

Setting your PATHes would be another option



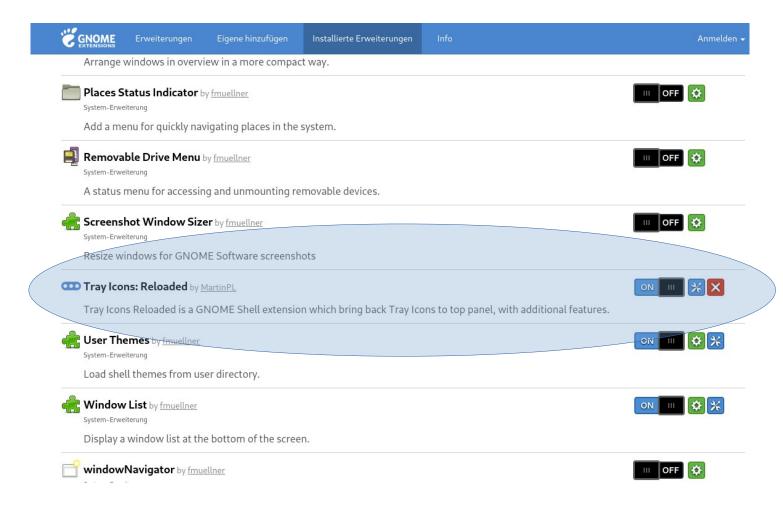
After having started your program your Gnome-desktop should look similar like that

Remember! here we talk about LINUX Debian 11



Your current Japi program

With newer gnome-versions you should install the gnomeextension "Tray Icons:Reloaded" if you get a message ending a japi-program.



Nerver forget the 4 modules running a compilation:

cobc -x -free myprog.cob

cobjapi.o japilib.o imageio.o fileselect.o

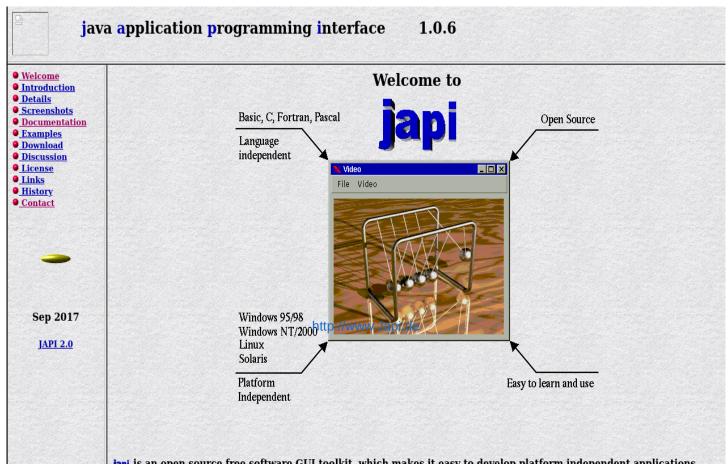
Maybe you would like to have a look at the examples before running tests with your facelifted (Gnu)COBOL programs



With GnuCOBOL and JAPI

Under: http://www.Japi.de

There is more Information and Documentation about Japi



Of course

Japi is not as powerful as Tcl/Tk or Qt or other big GUIs and certainly has limits, but you can use GnuCOBOL commands and it is fast to learn and easy to use.