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Of course, any problems with this program are due to my own coding and shouldn't be blamed on any of these folks. Except perhaps on Willy Bob whose voluminous shedding of cat hairs clogged up my mouse and may have resulted in an inaccurate perception of cursor movement.