Subject: Re: First Impressions (about theIDE) and [FEATURE REQUEST]
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Hi.
First of all, sorry for my bad English.

I recently turned from the awful MFC to Ultimate++ framework. Because, I found the latter very user-friendly and compact.But unfortunately I found theIDE part unsatisfactory, because of two reasons:

First, there is no "class view" (I mean, yes, there is a "browser" bu it is somwhat premature). In my opinion, nowadays a class view is not only "useful" in C++ programming, but also crucial, a must. And even the "class view" factor alone could be a decisive factor for many people whom had used and got used to VS (or other commercial solutions which has this "class view" feature) and have to write thousands of lines of codes to try the other solutions such as CodeBlocks:: (which is my favourite) or Eclipse. Compared to these two other IDE solutions, theIDE has a great advantage: it uses the UPP framework by default (and I have to admit that theIDE's layout manager is in many ways better than the VS's dialog editor).

Secondly, ok this may sound stupid but, theIDE is very ugly
The first issue I mentioned above can easily be brought under to this rubric: namely, GUI problem. mainly I understand that your primary concerns are performance, compactness and reliability not cosmetics, but you really should consider polishing the GUI. For example, why not using treeviews in the browsers? This is only one of the examples. The main point is, at the Upp homepage, it is stated that theIDE is created with the upp. The upp has a hell lot of GUI features which are in many ways beyond that polished cross-platform MFC clone wxWidgets (a framework aimed to simplify coding, yet ironically tends to get even more complex than it's MS counterpart). Is this all upp can do? As far as I see, no. As we all know, GUI's are much more important nowadays. And we have to admit that eyecandy has become an important "feature"   Take Codeblocks:: for example. Had eyecandy been everything, I would have definitely chosen Codeblocks::. And I personally know many professional programmer whom have done so because of their sense of discomfort due to such "seemingly" unimportant shortcomings of theIDE I mentioned above.

Ok, enouhg complaining. I really like this framework and appreciate your hard work and would like to thank you guys for making my life more simple