## Subject: Re: Documentation and Topic++
Posted by mirek on Wed, 14 Nov 2007 10:46:01 GMT

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Mindtraveller wrote on Tue, 13 November 2007 22:32I think this is of course great to have one help engine for development docs and user (not programmer) documentation on application developed. So I vote for the original idea.

Next, from the design point of view, treeview-control guiding system as well as "predefined groups" seems to me not very optimal.


Yep, I agree. The help page definitely needsd an improvement.

Quote:
I`ll try to make suggestions how to increase usability. Of course, everything below is my point of view and a subject for discussion:

1) Leving behind any "magical words" line "srcdocs","srcimp". We simply don`t need that kind of magic. We need simple things to concentrate attention to the help text itself - without user`s brain guiding through magical labyrinths.


Mostly agree, but I think medium advanced user will need to know those magic words too, so that he can use Topic++ to write docs...

Considering other points, the only thing I would like to add is the vision that the future ide will provide much better code/documentation integration.

One of ideas is that browsing the .h file, you will have small icons in left bar (when breakpoints usually are) for each code element (e.g. method declaration); moving the mouse over that icon will popup documentation for the item.

If documentation is not available for item, icon will look differently and clicking it will move you to topic++, generating the text template to document the method.

Similar capabilities should be available in new class browser too.

In .cpp, the idea is that instead of "src", these will lead to "srcimp".

Mirek