
Subject: Re: Documentation and Topic++

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luzr wrote on Mon, 16 June 2008 15:00Well, before going further into details, I guess we should consider:

- how much effort we are really able to put into it

- how much of it can be automated. E.g. IMO, that nice mockup posted a while ago can be fully generated using current Topic++ scheme

I may (and will - if it will be possible) contribute to the manual topics. As well as into the overall manuals structure (which is VERY important IMO). I can't do it full-time, but I'll try to lend some evening time for these topics. Because I believe in great importance of good docs in U++ future which is important for me - for now it is my main dev platform.

About an automation. Of course better parsing would be good, but this is more actual for reference docs, not for manuals.

What we really need for simplifying manuals creation process:

- * Easy and visual hyperlinkage between pages and page parts (easy to use, support for i18n in 1-2 clicks, etc)

- * Predefined template and styles support. Creating new standard-looking page should take seconds and 2-3 clicks

- * Better embedded images support - no blurring, easy import (gif, jpg, png, Clipboard w/o bugs)

- * Template-predefined hyperlink, headers and text styles.

For creating docs we shouldn't really need Word functionality. We really don't need to have a large choice of text, color, etc styles. We should have 1-2 styles for all common elements (2-3 heading levels, illustration, comment, code, hyperlink). We should have ability to set them in 1 click. Adding article to general manuals tree should be intuitive and take 1-2 clicks.

It is much more important than having office-wide rich text editing system. Our task is far away from what secretaries need.
