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Subject: U++ suggestions

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I'm a newcomer so I'm not already completely "corrupted" by U++ . What I will say is like saying to "vi editor" people: your program is powerful but could be more newbies friendly.

Don't hate me too much:

- All files and directories in U++ should use lower-case names because of portability issue between Windows and Linux (Linux files names are case sensitive).
- Ctrl should be renamed Control.
- All class names should use complete names instead of developer's specific abbreviations.
- All .cpp and .h names should use complete names instead of developer's specific abbreviations. Exception: multi class files but the file name could still use complete purpose name. There is no more the 6+3 MSDOS file names restriction in new operating system and with automatic completion there is no reason to create new English word.
- "Assembly" "Nest" and "Package" should be just "Collection" "Directory" "Package". "Assembly" and "Nest" words are complicated and should die. I don't hate birds but I'm still confused by those names
- First TheIDE window (when you open TheIDE). It shows two rows "Assembly" and "Packages". Should be "Directories" and "Packages" and the main title should be "Select main package from "Default Collection". This doesn't break the "Assembly" original idea. People will clearly be able to understand what they are doing. People could still create Collection/Assemblies if they need it. (I hope this time I was more clear )
- All external dependencies from thirds party, those not created by U++ team but distributed with U++, should be in a separated directory "3rdparty" for easy directory understanding and easy license attribution.
- RichText is not RichTextFormat (RTF from MS). I was confused first when I saw RichText. Should be replaced by HTML implementation or perhaps real RTF or OASIS (OpenDocument file format from OpenOffice also known as ODF).
- Topic++ and other tools like that should have their own .exe. At least, for big enterprise or just contributors wanting to just create documentation, translation, ... or people wanting to use "make" without calling TheIDE each time.
- In TheIDE, the main window, just after the first one (i.e "Main package selection"). In the top left frame, main packages dependencies should be separated from main package with a clickable borderless button in grey saying "Dependencies list" (click on it, and select other dependencies). Separators also in bottom left frame...

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