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Subject: Re: User lists of "bad" naming of classes, functions etc in U++...

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amrein wrote on Fri, 29 August 2008 12:43 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:

It is OK, but we can hardly do more than explain current status

Quote:

- 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).

Well, we had some minor problems in the past with this, but in reality, it is not an issue.

Quote:

- "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

Hehe, in fact, the only one I suggested to rename is "Package". IMO, the better name would be "Unit"

As for "Nest" vs "Directory", I am afraid that it would clash with normal directories, leading to various misunderstanding. E.g. "Package is directory. Packages as grouped in Directory".

But you are not the first one to complain about it, so we might still find a better name.

Quote:

- 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".

Ehm, what is "Default Collection"?

Quote:

- 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.

They are separated in "plugin". OK, over time, the problem appeared that some "inhouse" packages got there too...

Quote:

- 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).

RichText is just data container for rich texts. It can be now created (imported, loaded) from RTF or QTF. I would be happy to have HTML and ODF (and MS Office) support as well, but it is a lot of work - that is the real constraint.

Note that QTF was created because HTML lacks true typography and other formats are too hard to be coded manually. You certainly would not want to create text in message boxes in ODF....

Quote:

- 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.

The main beauty of Topic++ will be the tight integration with the code. I cannot see how to do that without having it in TheIDE.

One thing I really wanted to have (and it was told several times) is non-GUI "umk".

Quote:

- 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).

That is fine suggestion. OTOH, I do not see this as critical feature, in fact I think that for complex overview and dependencies management, users should learn to invoke Package organizer...

Quote:

Separators also in bottom left frame...

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Mirek

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