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Subject: Re: Proposal about editor tabs

Posted by [mrjt](#) on Tue, 17 Feb 2009 10:21:59 GMT

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Mindtraveller wrote on Mon, 16 February 2009 10:19: Also, I'd like to propose an option to group tabs by their package separator group without using additional space. We could do 2 things:

1) sort tabs by separator group

This is easy to do and already implemented in what will (presumably) be the future QuickTabs, with optional separator (|) between groups.

Quote:

2) use slightly different color for tab of i-th group (something like this:

I think this has been tried before and personally I didn't like it much. The problem is also more difficult these days because the tab backgrounds are drawn using the GUI theme which shouldn't be colorized. Some other indicator, such as a superscript 1/2/3 might work though.

Quote: P.S. If I understand correctly what you mean by "nested tabs" (something like AAA.cpp/.h/.lay within tab caption)...

This is a misunderstanding I think. What I mean by nested tabs is having two tab bars, one for groups (upper) and one for files (lower). When a group tab is clicked the lower bar is filled with the files for that group. My and unodgs objection to this idea is that it uses too much vertical editor space, the most precious dimension. Tab stacking (/h/cpp) etc has the advantage of saving horizontal space without increasing the vertical dimensions. Exactly how the stacking is done and displayed is application specific (though controlled internally in the TabBar) and easy to change so we can explore different representations.

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