Subject: Suggestion: cross-platform "U++ package" file type.
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I've been thinking about this for a bit, and I think it might be useful.

Why not create a standard, compressed "package" file format that theide would be capable to install automatically?

This package format would just consist of the package's directory, compressed (plus perhaps a simple descriptor file).

For example, under Windows, I would be able to double-click an arbitrary "new_package.zup" (Zipped Ultimate++ Package), and either theIDE or a standalone package manager would ask me under which nest would I like to install (extract) it in, or whether I would like to create a new nest for it.

Any missing package needed can generate a warning upon installation, by simply checking the .upp file and searching for present packages.

Likewise, this would allow one to easily export any active package to a zipped package and even certain small conveniences such as being able email it automatically to a fellow developer from whithin theIDE.

The same behaviour can be obtained under Gnome and KDE, so this would make it a bit easier to exchange software source code.

Thoughts?