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Subject: Suggestion: package-list with same "widget" as file-list

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in visual studio I have heard of the feature-request of custom-sorted package-list, and naturally visual studio pro does support grouping of packages into meta-packages. so I thought, the IDE does already have both features, just not for the package-list, only for the list of files. so it shouldn't be difficult to make package-list behave alike to file-list, and support collapseable separators there. just make them both behave the same, and add some default-sorting for backward-compatibility.

that means, reuse the code for the list of files but with the icons for packages, and different context-menu. if a new package gets added, and the package-list has no separator and is sorted, also insert the new packages in sorted order. otherwise insert just like with file-list at cursor-pos. of course no hotkey, therefore this order won't be destroyed accidentally.

what do you think? is this a useful feature? is anyone interested in getting it, at least optionally? I am wondering what the visual studio users need this feature for, but I know of one project which could benefit greatly from it. (i.e. that project wants to sort its packages in chronological order, with packages that got added together also sharing the same group. the newer the package the more features it uses, such that change of features requires adjusting of all newer packages only...)

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