
Subject: Theide is linked with unnecessary libs on linux

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Hi,

I discovered interesting thing today, concerning library dependencies on linux. Theide is linked with 26 libraries (with GUI,MT flags): atk-1.0, cairo, dl, fontconfig, freetype, gdk-x11-2.0, gdk_pixbuf-2.0, glib-2.0, gmodule-2.0, gobject-2.0, gtk-x11-2.0, m, pango-1.0, pangocairo-1.0, png, pthread, X11, Xcursor, Xext, Xfixes, Xft, Xi, Xinerama, Xrandr, Xrender and z Now the interesting part: 13 (yes, that is 50%) out of them is not used at all! They are: atk-1.0, cairo, dl, glib-2.0, gmodule-2.0, pango-1.0, pangocairo-1.0, Xcursor, Xext, Xfixes, Xi, Xinerama and Xrandr

I found that (again) while building debian packages, if you are interested in details, see this buildlog (it is rather long, search for dpkg-shlibdeps). Being a bit suspicious about debian automated tools, I checked on my machine using export makefile, with above listed libraries removed from linking step. The resulting binary was working flawlessly as far as I can tell, so the libs are probably really not needed.

My guess is that the dependencies were added a long time ago, before restructuring Draw and other great improvements in the history of U++, but the dependency rules were never updated. Having as few dependencies as possible is one of the U++ goals... So this might be called a bug.

Best regards,
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