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Subject: Re: Thelde new look and new features  
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mr\_ped wrote on Fri, 21 January 2011 09:29

I don't see clearly which pane is active (only hint is cursor).

edit: also the left bar with doc edit rectangles is available only with active tab, still the difference is minor.

That said you have orange line over top of active tab, in my IDE (host theme in WinXP with classic theme) there's no visual clue at all except having red cross for closing tab.

I agree, that there is no good visual clue, any ideas are welcomed

Quote:

Also what if active tab and secondary tab are too far away from themselves? You can see name of tab by switching to it, so it's probably enough, or may it get annoying? (and we should pin somewhere into edit window the name if tab is gone?)

Right, I thought about this issue too. File name in the editor corner seems good, but I also thought about right aligned tab (that cannot be scrolled) with two splitted file names on it. And in splitted mode this tab is always active. Now if you click on other tab this other tab doesn't become active - clicking on it just causes loading file pointed by it to the editor with focus and updating name on right aligned tab. This way you always see what files are edited without polluting editor space.

Quote:

Can we color the inactive big bar on left (line nums + doc edit + recently modified lines)? Maybe just the base color for unchanged lines. I'm sure it would make identification of panes easy, but I have no idea if it will look good and natural, maybe it will be even more annoying. Something to try out.

coloring ibb (inactive big bar) could be a good idea. I'll think about it.

Quote:

Also I think I would LIKE to have active tab colored in same way for example with that light orange. And in the end I would love to see ColorfulTabs in IDE.

I'm not fan of so many colors You would like to color those tabs automatically (then what is the algorithm - different file extension - different color?) or have possibility to set the color individually?