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Subject: Re: Good way to manage data without a database ?

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Novo wrote on Tue, 05 March 2019 18:05Xemuth wrote on Tue, 05 March 2019 07:23

And, if one of best way is storing data into Xml/Json, do you know if Upp have a Mechanism allow us to retrieve some particulare data really quickly from this XML like an sql requete would do on a classic database ?

IMHO, if your data has a fixed structure, then the best way to store data is a database. It can be an embedded database like Sqlite or FirebirdSQL.

If your data is read-only or has no structure, then XML or JSON should be your choice.

If you have a lot of data, you can store it in a multi-stream bz2 archive similar to Wikipedia dump.

In case you are not using a database you'll need to implement a simple one by yourself. This is not that difficult because you can create all needed indices in memory and serialize them in binary/XML/JSON format. It is very easy to serialize/deserialize data in Upp.

Hope this helps.

Originally I was opposed to the idea, but I am on participating on development of very large application which stores a very large (10GB is not uncommon) and very complex projects simply by using U++ binary serialization as single file. Despite my reservations, it works pretty good. Surprisingly, no problems with format compatibility between versions. And superfast too...

Mirek

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