Subject: Re: Creating a theme
Posted by mirek on Sun, 22 Oct 2006 11:56:19 GMT
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guido wrote on Sun, 22 October 2006 07:48luzr wrote on Sun, 22 October 2006 03:44Well, now that I have the experience of the half way of re-creating the Human theme, I think it is time to investigate GTK+ theming API (because the process proved to be simple but slow...)

What do you think, is it acceptable to link gtk .so directly (simpler) or should we rather aim for runtime linking?

(In either way, gtk development libraries will be necessary for U++ development...)

Mirek

Phew Mirek, that's a sudden turn of events.

It is certainly acceptable either way. I mean everyone outside the Qt-verse is doing it now.
But the increased startup-time and runtime overhead, would lose some of the special appeal of upp for me.

Me, I'd prefer to try the tedious route first. Theme authors are usually not in short supply. So the burden might not be on you as much as you fear.

But in ignorance of the process and possible limitations of hand-made themes, how can I really judge at this time?

Going the gtk-route, going the cairo-graphics route throughout follows, IMHO.

Guido

Well, I have just strong feeling that we would end there anyway - until we use gtk+ themes directly (just like XP themes), we are not able to provide fully integrated look... which is what users demand.

I hope that linking to gtk.so alone will not affect U++ startup times too much. I will try first I can also make the linking process fully dynamic using .dli (no gtk -> no theming, but apps still working).

Mirek

P.S.: Qt does it too