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Posted by yoco on Tue, 20 Jun 2006 20:04:16 GMT

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Posted by mirek on Wed, 21 Jun 2006 04:59:06 GMT

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Frankly, perhaps by starting explaining us what is "big-5" and how things are supposed to work...

To put it straight, U++ is still under development and far east issues are one of areas that are not quite finished due to lack of information....

Speaking about it, do you see the right symbols in TheIDE?

Mirek

Subject: Re: How to display Traditional Chinese (Big-5)?
Posted by yoco on Fri, 23 Jun 2006 01:04:34 GMT
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Thank you for your reply

After read lots of documents and traced lots of source code,
Finally I display Chinese successfully.

The "Big5" is the name of a Charset Encoding,
just like "WIN1250" is a name of a charset encoding. In Taiwan,
"Big5" is the encoding that most people using.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big5

After read the cource code,
I know Upp havn't support Big5 yet,
So I saved my text file as UTF-8,
But I still can't display Chinese correct.

After tracing into the source codes of Upp, I found that,
in the function Draw::DrawText() in Draw.cpp,
it send a CHARSET_DEFAULT to function TextUnicode() as a charset parameter,
but the charset in my file is UTF-8.
So the function TextUnicode() can't convert the UTF-8 to wchar in the right way.
And ExtTextOutW() does not get the right wchar string.

So I modify the definition of CHARSET_DEFAULT from 0 to 255 in Charset.h, and it WORKS!
The Chinese display correctly.

I don't know is that the right way to do?
or I just missed some instruction in the manual which I should known at first?
Is there are any "official" way to change the default charset?
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Sorry about my poor English O_O

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Have you tried putting "SetDefaultCharset(CHARSET_UTF8)" at the beggining of
GUI_APP_MAIN? (I mean, without patching CHARSET_DEFAULT to 255).

Mirek

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Files in U++ are considered to be the stream of bytes.

To read 16-bit unicode file, you should read individual words. Use Get16le (or Get16be for
big-endian files) to read individual characters.

Of course, UTF-8 is possible and good alternative. However, while UTF-8 is great for latin
alphabets, it is less ideal for chinesse - in latin languages, UTF-8 can reduce the size of file
(because most characters are from basic ASCII set and therefore represented by single), while for
chinesse you end with 3-byte combos.

Mirek

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I am so happy >_<~

I love Ultimalte++ !!

Thank you all~