
Subject: 32 bit wchar merged

Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 02 Dec 2021 11:09:12 GMT

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sizeof(wchar) is changed to 4 (32 bits) to support non BMP unicode characters

This might bring some incompatibilities in the code that expects wchar to be 16 bit, which especially involves dealing with Win32 (and to lesser extend MacOS) APIs, so if your application

is doing that, please check all instances of WCHAR (UniChar on MacOS) or even wchar especially type casts.

To support host APIs, char16 is introduced (but there is no 16-bit String varian).

Use ToSystemCharsetW, FromSystemCharsetW to convert texts to Win32 API.

- Support of drawing non-BMP characters in GUI
- Vastly improved character font replacement code (when drawing characters missing with requested font, replacement font is used)
- Last instances of Win32 ANSI calls (those ending with A) are removed
- UTF handling routines are refactored and their's naming is unified
- RTF is now being able to handle non-BMP characters (RTF is used as clipboard format for RichText)

Other minor changes:

- fixed TryRealloc issue
- improved MemoryCheck
- Removed MemoryAlloc48/MemoryFree48
- In theide Background parsing should less often cause delays in the main thread

Subject: Re: 32 bit wchar merged

Posted by [Tom1](#) on Thu, 02 Dec 2021 11:47:25 GMT

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Mirek,

Thanks for your great effort!

Best regards,

Tom

Subject: Re: 32 bit wchar merged

Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 02 Dec 2021 13:49:13 GMT

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Tom1 wrote on Thu, 02 December 2021 12:47Mirek,

Thanks for your great effort!

Best regards,

Tom

Thanks for testing it!

Subject: Re: 32 bit wchar merged

Posted by [Novo](#) on Thu, 02 Dec 2021 18:44:05 GMT

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Linux.

./umk reference GLDrawDemo CLANG -bus

/home/buildbot/worker/l-upp/build/uppsrc/GLDraw/Text.cpp:72:7: error: use of undeclared identifier 'wstrlen'; did you mean 'strlen'?

n = wstrlen(text);

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strlen

Broken in rev. 34ff69130826ac72f1481f82ef7f0fda0cce0a3e

Windows is fine. Actually, I didn't test this demo on Windows ...

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Subject: Re: 32 bit wchar merged

Posted by [Klugier](#) on Sat, 04 Dec 2021 18:49:29 GMT

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Platform: Linux/Manjaro - GTK. We could use <https://openmoji.org/> emojis library.

Klugier

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 04 Dec 2021 19:16:00 GMT  
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Klugier

Worth investigating. Simple explanation is that you do not have proper emoji font on your system.

Please try same emojis with OpenOffice, then we will investigate further.

Mirek

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Subject: Re: 32 bit wchar merged  
Posted by [Tom1](#) on Sat, 04 Dec 2021 19:45:39 GMT  
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Hi,

I seem to have similar results on Linux Mint, but on Windows I can see quite a selection of emojis in UWord. (In black'n'white in Windows though.)

Libre Office in the same Linux Mint installation can show a whole lot of emojis for the same set.

Best regards,

Tom

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Subject: Re: 32 bit wchar merged  
Posted by [Klugier](#) on Sat, 04 Dec 2021 21:09:14 GMT  
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Hello,

I could confirm what Tom said. Emojis works within LibreOffice:

For some reason basic :) emoji is displayed differently.

Klugier

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Subject: Re: 32 bit wchar merged

Posted by [Oblivion](#) on Sat, 04 Dec 2021 21:30:46 GMT

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Hi,

Emojis work on Linux/Gnome 41 (Arch Linux, up-to-date)

I've tried TerminalCtrl with Noto Color Emoji Font (For some reason, the fallback list didn't work so I've passed the aforementioned font as the main font for TerminalCtrl):

Test file: <https://unicode.org/Public/emoji/5.0/emoji-test.txt>

As you can see, the font/line height seems incorrectly calculated - too high (it should be consistent with 12 pt). This is also a problem with TheIDE (and TheIDE's code-editor too displays the emojis if I directly pass Noto Color Emoji Font)

I'll do some more testing..

Best regards,  
Oblivion

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Subject: Re: 32 bit wchar merged

Posted by [Tom1](#) on Sun, 05 Dec 2021 10:55:18 GMT

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Hi,

I tried with the test file Oblivion pointed to:

<https://unicode.org/Public/emoji/5.0/emoji-test.txt>

UWord on Linux Mint could show some of the emojis, but most of them were not rendered. I

guess the font used just lacks the missing emojis. (?)

Best regards,

Tom

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Subject: Re: 32 bit wchar merged

Posted by [mirek](#) on Sun, 05 Dec 2021 12:01:41 GMT

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Can you try Draw/FontCR.cpp:429

```
if(rface[1].Find(i) < 0 && !(fi & Font::SPECIAL) && (fi & Font::SCALEABLE)) {
```

to

```
if(rface[1].Find(i) < 0 && (fi & Font::SCALEABLE)) {
```

?

Explanation: By the time I was doing Linux code, I decided to exclude color fonts (I have reverted this decision for MacOS as there are no normal glyphs on MacOS, but never ported this decision back).

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Subject: Re: 32 bit wchar merged

Posted by [Tom1](#) on Sun, 05 Dec 2021 14:11:18 GMT

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Hi Mirek,

The change (in Draw/FontCR.cpp) does not seem to change anything on UWord + Linux Mint for the test file.

Best regards,

Tom

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Subject: Re: 32 bit wchar merged

Posted by [Oblivion](#) on Sun, 05 Dec 2021 15:05:58 GMT

I've changed the line, and unfortunately nothing has changed.

It seems that the fallback list and the new font rendering routines have some issues. Because upp wchar32 update can definitely render emojis on Linux, as it can be seen from the screenshot in my previous message.

In my test case, it displays all the emojis correctly. The problem is I have to pass the emoji font as the active font. (in TheIDE's code editor, for example)

P.s I have recreated the fallback font list, using the FontMap2. Noto Color Emoji is correctly listed in it, but It doesn't take it into account (or maybe it does but not scaling correctly, because I am getting a single pixel instead of a emoji. (This may also have to do the incorrect line height issue I have mentioned in my previous post.)

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Sun, 05 Dec 2021 15:24:05 GMT

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Best regards,  
Oblivion

Well, if the font is not found in the fixed list, all remaining fonts are loaded and tested (this takes time, the purpose of fixed list is to speedup the process in "normal" cases).

I think this is more likely related to color font rendering / handling.

Mirek

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**Subject: Re: 32 bit wchar merged**  
Posted by [mirek](#) on Tue, 07 Dec 2021 23:46:45 GMT  
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Mirek

Confirmed, problem seems to be that cairo is unable to scale color font bitmaps. I will need to figure out a way how to extract the color bitmap from the font, then scale manually... (use completely different path for these glyphs).

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**Subject: Re: 32 bit wchar merged**  
Posted by [mirek](#) on Sun, 12 Dec 2021 15:41:13 GMT  
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After wrestling a bit with FreeType, colored emoji are now hopefully supported in Linux. (Please test).

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Posted by [Oblivion](#) on Sun, 12 Dec 2021 16:55:18 GMT  
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Hello Mirek,

Thanks!  
Initial test: it works, and rather looks nice! (taken from TerminalCtrl, test code):

As for your other question: In my experience, the general preference and rule seems to be mixing

a set of consistent color emoji with font, where possible, though it is not set in stone.

Best regards,  
Oblivion

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Subject: Re: 32 bit wchar merged

Posted by [pvector](#) on Mon, 13 Dec 2021 11:42:02 GMT

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Hello!

I've found an error in displaying Cyrillic characters in latest U++ releases.

Here's a testcase:

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using namespace Upp;

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void Paint(Draw& w) {
    ImagePainter ip(GetSize());
    ip.DrawRect(GetSize(), White());

    ip.DrawText(10, 10, s); // OK

    String s2 = ToCharset(CHARSET_WIN1251, s);
    ip.DrawText(10, 50, s2, CHARSET_WIN1251); // draws rectangles instead of letters

    Image im = ip;
    w.DrawImage(0, 0, im);
}
};

GUI_APP_MAIN
{
    MyApp().Run();
}
```

It works fine under U++ 15947.

Platform: Linux Mint.

Best regards.

Victor

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Subject: Re: 32 bit wchar merged  
Posted by [mirek](#) on Mon, 13 Dec 2021 22:06:23 GMT  
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Well, I was planning to remove that DrawText variant with charset, looks like I will just deprecate it then. Fixed.

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Posted by [Tom1](#) on Wed, 15 Dec 2021 07:29:12 GMT

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Wed, 15 Dec 2021 09:53:57 GMT

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A bit of issue is that Win32 does not support color emoji in GDI as of now. We would need to go Direct2D or something to do that. At least use Direct2D to extract those pictures.

(And yes, in general, I think it might be the time to move from GDI, but I do not want to do that

now.)

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Subject: Re: 32 bit wchar merged  
Posted by [Tom1](#) on Wed, 15 Dec 2021 10:12:56 GMT  
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Mirek,

OK, I understand. But please keep me posted if you decide to go ahead with Direct2D or any other GDI replacement option. The 2D graphics functionality and performance on Windows is critically important for me -- and has always been -- so I wish to participate already in early stages to ensure a smooth transition.

Best regards,

Tom

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Subject: Re: 32 bit wchar merged  
Posted by [mirek](#) on Sun, 26 Dec 2021 19:12:41 GMT  
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Posted by [Tom1](#) on Sun, 26 Dec 2021 21:09:50 GMT

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Yes, I see your point. It is indeed difficult to decide which way to go with each of them, but certainly (R) and (C) must be b/w.

This is not a perfectly clear pattern, but it seems that Firefox prioritizes b/w emojis for 16-bit codes and color emojis for higher codes. Also, please note that in Firefox there is a combined gender+skintone+profession in one image, whereas UWord shows a sequence of emojis to identify each property separately. Please open emoji-test.txt (<https://unicode.org/Public/emoji/14.0/emoji-test.txt>) in Firefox (and maybe Chromium too) to see how they render it. Then compare with UWord.

Best regards,

Tom

Edit: Added link to latest emoji-test.txt.

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Mon, 27 Dec 2021 07:33:27 GMT

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**Subject: Re: 32 bit wchar merged**  
Posted by [Tom1](#) on Tue, 28 Dec 2021 14:48:53 GMT

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Windows situation should be now fixed (with black emojis).

Outputting color emoji in Linux needs some more work...

Mirek

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Posted by [Tom1](#) on Wed, 05 Jan 2022 10:42:17 GMT

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Tom

Frankly, this is at the moment way beyond what I plan to implement. I think combining characters for normal texts and RTL handling has much higher priority.

(I am at crossroads there - sensible approach would be to embed harfbuzz but it seems quite heavyweight and possibly breaking too much of current CtrlLib).

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**Subject: Re: 32 bit wchar merged**

Posted by [coolman](#) on Wed, 12 Jan 2022 09:23:31 GMT

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Hi,

Have you checked this 32 bit wchar changes together with the sqlite plugin? I have some problems with that. It seems, that only one letter is read / inserted instead of string.

BR, Radek

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**Subject: Re: 32 bit wchar merged**

Posted by [mirek](#) on Wed, 12 Jan 2022 13:24:00 GMT

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Thanks, should be now fixed.

If you could test other engines, would be great.

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**Subject: Re: 32 bit wchar merged**

Posted by [coolman](#) on Wed, 12 Jan 2022 15:25:44 GMT

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Sqlite plugin now works (at least my problem disappeared). Thank you

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Hopefully finally fixed.

Mirek

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Hi Mirek,

Thanks! It looks good now.

Best regards,

Tom

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