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Subject: U++ 2023.2 "pre-alpha"

Posted by [mirek](#) on Tue, 29 Aug 2023 12:29:00 GMT

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Hi,

having reached end of my personal todo wishlist for theide, I think it a good opportunity to make another release. Please make a note here if you feel like there is something important to FIX for 2023.1.

What is new so far:

ide:

- New C++ sources indexer mode - previously, after each file change, all depended files were reindexed. That often resulted in very heavy CPU load after each header change. In the new mode, only the changed file is being reindexed - while less accurate, real problems in this new mode are actually rare and it makes for much more responsive experience using theide.
- Many Assist cornercases fixed
- Result lists of Find in Files and Usage now have "Replace" button which effectively brings the "rename the entity" functionality (e.g. to rename method, find its Usage and then use Replace)
- Bottom pane was redesigned allowing for more Find in Files and Usage result lists.
- Many improvements in source comparisons
  - "Show git history of file" now allows for choosing branches
  - "Compare with" now suggests files with the same name from other upp nests
  - "Compare directories" now allows comparison with git commit
- Various windows like comparisons are now non-modal. It is now e.g. possible to open multiple e.g. Directory comparison windows
- Merge nests function got ability to specify target folder. Default mode is now to "import" packages missing in the first nest to "imported" subfolder of the first nest. The idea is to create an assembly of first nest and its "imported" subfolder to have imported packages fixed, while still allowing the use of the very same packages from original sources with another assembly.
- Visual improvements, UHD versions of many icons
- C++ Language standard for assist (e.g. C++ 17) can now be selected in Assist setup
- Flow breaking commands (return, break, continue, goto, co\_return, throw) now have specific syntax highlighting
- TheIDE now displays out-of-page function/class headers in the first line of editor. This is helpful for quick orientation when jumping into long function body.

- External changes for files now getting proper undo records (previously undo history was lost when file was edited outside of ide session)
- Repo sync git pull mode changed to "merge" (from "rebase")
- U++ Builder now defines bmGIT\_HASH (with git hash of first nests HEAD, if it is git repo).

umk:

- -h option to automatically download missing packages from UppHub if possible

RichEdit, RichText:

- "Paste without formatting"
- Clipboard 'HTML format' support
- GetPlainText allow\_tabs parameter; CtrlLib Prompt now sometimes uses '\t' to separate table cells.

Draw, CtrlLib:

- StdDisplay (if CtrlLib is present) now supports \1 qtf escape code

Core:

- CParser::ReadDoubleNoE (to ignore E part of double)
- CParser::Readldh (with '-' in id), RichText: EncodeHTML strikethrough support

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Posted by [omari](#) on Thu, 31 Aug 2023 16:09:17 GMT  
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You mean 2023.2

please consider investigating this issue: PostgreSql does not handle BOOL correctly

and this feature:[FEATURE REQUEST] Add Jsonize() to S\_ structs

Many thanks!

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Posted by [jjacksonRIAB](#) on Thu, 31 Aug 2023 18:22:48 GMT  
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I agree. This is probably the most annoying, persistent and hard to catch bug in TheIDE. It happens randomly (from the user POV, at least) when build starts and sometimes leave you with a half undo-ed, broken source code.

Best regards,  
Oblivion

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Posted by [Klugier](#) on Sat, 02 Sep 2023 19:20:45 GMT  
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Which means that you must be doing something that I am not. Any clues?

Mirek

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Posted by [jjacksonRIAB](#) on Tue, 05 Sep 2023 20:07:52 GMT

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Wed, 06 Sep 2023 12:16:28 GMT

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Mirek

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Posted by [jjacksonRIAB](#) on Wed, 06 Sep 2023 13:11:06 GMT

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Well that's why I'm a bit confused. I brought it up in 2022

[https://www.ultimatepp.org/forums/index.php?t=msg&goto=5\\_8303&#msg\\_58303](https://www.ultimatepp.org/forums/index.php?t=msg&goto=5_8303&#msg_58303)

and you said you have the same problem :lol:

It's never been solved and it's gotten more frequent since the IDE started using a more resources to accommodate the new autocomplete.

Quote:

Do you edit files after starting the build?

Nope, it typically happens right after the build is finished. I can just leave it there doing nothing and right after build has completed I experience an immediate loss of changes - and the changes weren't built into the program, if one was built at all. It usually fails to build because I'm making a fixing change which gets lost.

Quote:

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That one is harder to quantify because I don't know when the last autosave occurred or how deep the undo buffer has gotten. I noticed theide is set up to reload on losing focus so I'd have to count things like that to know when it stopped tracking.

So all I'm left with is mainly frustrating symptoms and guesses.

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Subject: Re: U++ 2023.1 "pre-alpha"  
Posted by [Oblivion](#) on Thu, 07 Sep 2023 04:54:20 GMT  
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Hi Mirek,

This is not a new issue. To my knowledge, the problem is there since at least ~2020. The only two reliable patterns I get is that (1) it happens when I start the build, but this buggy behavior seems completely random, so I can't predict exactly when (on which build, I mean) it'll happen. (2) This happens when theIDE is running for a long time.

The editor sometimes removes the last changes to the source code completely, or in some cases removes the changes partially and renders the source code in a broken and truncated state.

This happens on Linux.

Best regards,

Oblivion

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Subject: Re: U++ 2023.1 "pre-alpha"  
Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 07 Sep 2023 06:36:50 GMT  
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Mirek

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Subject: Re: U++ 2023.2 "pre-alpha"  
Posted by [luoganda](#) on Thu, 07 Sep 2023 20:42:18 GMT

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Speed even on slow computers is not bad at all.

It works out of the box also what concerns Navigator window - it affects it. In an attached img it's obvious what i mean,

this is why i have proposed Navwnd in the first place (you don't get that from Navigator bar) - in the pic is what i mean with "panoramic view" (example is simple Ctrl).

With "panoramic view" here - i mean having all parsed structs/etc handy at hand all the time (eg to quickly check it's sources, usage, etc).

Of course - new indexer could use on demand "TriggerIndexer" to show that Ctrl thing - but i think this is out of the scope of this msg.

With this i incline that original and new modes of indexer should be selectable in Settings, original mode is a must for people who want: "do it's thing at opening project and then just use it", for "consumer" usage - this will always be better (from just using theide - also for just a quick project).

Even on old computer like mine, original indexer is pretty fast (from "consumer" point of view) mostly doing it's thing when a project is opened (with this i mostly mean constant system headers), more problems what concerns speed are quite slow compilers.

(in my oppinion c++11 is an absolute must - all new features c++23/etc should be optimized to not become an bloatWare).

Note: this was written after testing v16969.

By the way, personally - i don't know why borland (now embarcadero) has used new llvm infrastructure - because old bcc compiler with it's turbolinker was quite fast.

By the way2:

where is an example (or doc) using customCompiler in BuilderSettings since i once used it and it worked out of the box?

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## File Attachments

1) [indexerAndNavWnd.png](#), downloaded 75 times

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 08 Sep 2023 06:58:10 GMT

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But it does not seem so... Maintaining both old heuristic home-brew parser and libclang is far beyond our resources, sorry. libclang provides some new features that I find quite essential (as in "how could I live without Usage for so long"), so there is no way back.

I am more interested with users that have 12+ core CPUs and 32+GB of RAM (e.g. "me")...

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I've been trying it for a day and no problems to report yet. Will let you know if that changes.  
Thanks, Mirek!

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Posted by [luoganda](#) on Sat, 09 Sep 2023 08:49:41 GMT  
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I tested latest upp-win-16974 on w7 - both clang and msbt17 and no go.

12+ cores?

hah, if anything does not work well with 4 - you can throw it away right away...

Ok, if there will be changes about this i'll post it in TheIDE forum.

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Subject: Re: U++ 2023.2 "pre-alpha"  
Posted by [Tom1](#) on Mon, 11 Sep 2023 13:33:22 GMT  
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Posted by [coolman](#) on Mon, 11 Sep 2023 18:00:27 GMT  
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Hi,

When I execute Thelde from the cmd, I can see /usr/bin/valgrind output when I exit Thelde.

OS: Ubuntu 20.04

BR, Radek

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Subject: Re: U++ 2023.1 "pre-alpha"  
Posted by [jjacksonRIAB](#) on Wed, 13 Sep 2023 07:13:59 GMT  
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Oblivion,

It looks like Mirek really squashed it this time with his latest bugfix. I've been running it for several days now without a single issue but it would be nice to have a second confirmation when you have time.

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Make a distinction between development machine and average target user machine. U++ apps work just fine on single core 1Ghz ARM CPUs. But time is money and powerful machines are for pennies today. Moreover, C++ programmers are rare and expensive. Usually one month salary of entry level C++ programmer is worth 5+ multicore workstations...

That said, my "vacation" machine is now quite old 2GHz double core notebook with Linux installed (I rarely need it anyway). It was still OK-ish experience.

Anyway, Win7 probably does not work anymore - blame clang.

Mirek

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I just wanted to point out that the current comparison on this file makes up an illusion that the file is all different now. It is really hard to see what the real changes are.

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Mirek,

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[https://www.ultimatepp.org/forums/index.php?t=msg&th=121\\_58&start=0&](https://www.ultimatepp.org/forums/index.php?t=msg&th=121_58&start=0&)

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Subject: Re: U++ 2023.2 "pre-alpha"  
Posted by [zsol](#) on Thu, 14 Sep 2023 00:11:55 GMT  
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Could you include this one line XmlParser bugfix?  
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Subject: Re: U++ 2023.1 "pre-alpha"  
Posted by [Oblivion](#) on Sat, 16 Sep 2023 18:27:32 GMT  
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Quote:Oblivion,

It looks like Mirek really squashed it this time with his latest bugfix. I've been running it for several days now without a single issue but it would be nice to have a second confirmation when you have time.



Sorry, I'm a bit late.

I've been continuously running the patched TheIDE since last week (compiling huge apps), and I think at this point it is safe to say this annoying and nasty bug is gone (on Linux).

Thanks and well done, Mirek!

Best regards,  
Oblivion

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Subject: Re: U++ 2023.2 "pre-alpha"  
Posted by [mirek](#) on Mon, 18 Sep 2023 06:55:46 GMT  
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coolman wrote on Mon, 11 September 2023 20:00Hi,

When I execute TheIde from the cmd, I can see /usr/bin/valgrind output when I exit TheIde.

OS: Ubuntu 20.04

BR, Radek

Should be fixed.

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Subject: Re: U++ 2023.2 "pre-alpha"  
Posted by [Tom1](#) on Wed, 20 Sep 2023 18:09:00 GMT  
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Hi Mirek,

How about "float Null"?

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Best regards,

Tom

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Subject: Re: U++ 2023.2 "pre-alpha"  
Posted by [Tom1](#) on Wed, 20 Sep 2023 18:15:52 GMT  
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Hi Mirek,

CtrlCore/Win32DnD.cpp throws some RLOG()'s even with release. Is this necessary? :

```
#define LLOG(x) RLOG(x)
```

Could be:

```
#define LLOG(x) // RLOG(x)
```

Best regards,

Tom

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