
Subject: selection of colours for code editor

Posted by [pvozenilek](#) on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 23:36:24 GMT

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Quite a few default colours in TheIDE text editor are suboptimal:

* The pure white used as background is quite tiring. Slight tinge of yellow, just like a paper has, would be better. The colour selection dialog may allow to set all white background in one operation.

* Right now if I select a colour in the color when I cannot reproduce it anywhere else. There's no numeric value and no drag & drop.

* Pure colours (pure green, pure violet) are tiring as well. HCI guides suggest to make these colours slightly impure.

* The background (white) colour of browser, list of files, list of packages etc cannot be changed (I didn't find). It would be ideal to be able to set "global" background colour (with enough of choice among white-light gray-light yellow tinges).

* What I discovered is that any reinstall of UPP (going to new dev release etc) erases all previous settings, including colours. Would it be possible to preserve "harmless" settings like this?

/Pavel

Subject: Re: selection of colours for code editor

Posted by [unodgs](#) on Thu, 28 Jun 2007 06:22:43 GMT

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Subject: Re: selection of colours for code editor

Posted by [pvozenilek](#) on Thu, 28 Jun 2007 12:07:58 GMT

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Everything can be done now. I argue that (1) it is harder than it needs to be and (2) that the expected defaults for vast majority of people could be represented more.

Subject: Re: selection of colours for code editor
Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 28 Jun 2007 16:54:36 GMT
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unodgs wrote on Thu, 28 June 2007 02:22
This is something to fix in installer. I'll check that out.

Caused by running uninstall first....

Will need the change of that small installer app. If you have time...

Mirek

Subject: Re: selection of colours for code editor
Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 28 Jun 2007 16:58:34 GMT
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pvozenilek wrote on Wed, 27 June 2007 19:36* What I discovered is that any reinstall of UPP (going to new dev release etc) erases all previous settings, including colours. Would it be possible to preserve "harmless" settings like this?

Sorry about that. Until it is fixed, you should be able to preserve them by backup of files:

*.bm - build methods
ide.colors
ide.key
*.var - assemblies

BTW, I think most experienced U++ users end with rebuilding theide and replacing it in the directory for upgrades...

Mirek

Subject: Re: selection of colours for code editor

Posted by [abductee](#) on Sat, 01 Sep 2007 02:37:15 GMT

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well, i proposed some color-schemes earlier (especially coloring members, etc), but why not have a couple of color-schemes included in the package? (for example one with dark background, too)

just my 2cents

/abductee

Subject: Re: selection of colours for code editor

Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 01 Sep 2007 06:02:41 GMT

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No problem here. Just setup them and send me your .colors

Mirek

Subject: Re: selection of colours for code editor

Posted by [abductee](#) on Mon, 10 Sep 2007 01:44:32 GMT

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that i will do, i talked also to undogs about more highlightable things (members, etc) as mentioned earlier, atm i am filled with work, but come october there will be more time to care about those things. i might even come up with some additional code for assist to do the coloration myself, we will see, come october...

btw, is there any deadline for additions to the next upp release and such...?

/abductee

Subject: Re: selection of colours for code editor

Posted by [Mindtraveller](#) on Thu, 04 Oct 2007 22:39:50 GMT

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Also I'd like to suggest increasing a number of Block levels.

For example it is vital when colour scheme is set increasingly darkening sequence of colours (and on level 5 you have white colour) :

File Attachments

1) [upp2.gif](#), downloaded 943 times

```
case RS232::IO_WAITING_REQUEST_SEND:
    if (signaledEvent == SIGNALLED_EVENT_IO)
    {
        ResetEvent(ioEvent);

        queueMutex.Enter();
        QueueElement &el = queue.Head();
        queueMutex.Leave();

        ioState = RS232::IO_WAITING_ANSWER;
        ioData.Clear();
        t = GetTickCount();
        o.hEvent = ioEvent;

        if (el.timeout)
        {
            LARGE_INTEGER deltaPrime = -10*el.timeout;
            SetWaitableTimer(ioTimer, &deltaPrime, 0, NULL, NULL, FALSE);
        }

        WaitCommEvent(h, EV_RXCHAR, &o);
    }
    break;
```