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Subject: Great (and funny) Linus' speach about GIT  
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Posted by [mr\\_ped](#) on Wed, 19 Dec 2007 12:59:56 GMT  
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Impressive. And IMHO not really funny.  
It's more sad than funny.

I'm used to SVN and very much like it, but that's mostly because I have full control over my own repository and because the number of people committing is limited and could be managed in decent time.

But I see where his hate for CVS-like is coming from and he has some very good points.

I will have to take some closer look on GIT after this, to get some real experience about different approach to code versioning.

Thanks for the link.

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Subject: Re: Great (and funny) Linus' speach about GIT  
Posted by [fudadmin](#) on Wed, 09 Jan 2008 18:09:17 GMT  
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hi,  
First of all, happy New Year to all.  
Once again sorry for my lengthy disappearance, part of which was my "ugly stupidity" (but even stronger as in Linus's speech) of not having a proper system of backups and version control. I've never imagined before that hard disks can malfunction and, eventually, die so frequently...  
Positive result, though, I've got a new PC ( HP T7200 2Gb 2Ghz Core Duo tablet (...until Apple starts releasing tablets or I'll use my experience to hackintosh (I've got Apple licence)) which is able to rebuild all upp ide in ~30sec(!) instead of ~40 min 256MB Athlon 2800+.  
The great thing about Linus's speech (thanks, uno, for the link!) that it opened my eyes or, actually, confirmed my gut feelings, that the notion "distributed" will dominate the world for the next coming years or even decades. Autocracy and related paradigms must die. "God" and "Central" is against the nature and evolution. (God is God when distributed? ). Web 3.0 should reflect those changes. Wikipedia (as it is now) and centralized wikis should die. Progress and evolution can be most effective amongst groups of peers.  
Conclusion and future dreams:  
1. uppsrc under DVC (Distributed Version Control) (I'll definetely make my branches public after I make order with my home and hosted networks). Anyone else has done already (apart from Mirek's) or wants to follow?

2. Topic++ and forums connected, under DVC and accesible from thelde (does anyone want to investigate Rebol?)

Some technical (political?) questions:

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2. how much does uvs2 compare to git (or needs changes to be better)?
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Regards, Aris

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Wed, 09 Jan 2008 20:58:31 GMT

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And, honestly, I stopped using it after similarly "guilty ugly" Mirek's comments somewhere in these forums.

OTOH, the second great point and observation from Linus's speech is that... If Mirek had at least 10% of Linus's "positively ugly aggressive dictionary"..., U++ would be in front of "ugly fatty stupid wxWidgets" and not "unknown, deleted and once again scheduled for deletion from "half-porn" origins Wikipedia -

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2. Shall I offer an ftp server with 10 accounts?

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1. 2 weeks as for Linus?
2. What if to combine uvs2(3?) (thelde?, too?) and mercurial.
3. I'm starting to invest some time into uvs2 (first of all finding...) and/or mercurial (already installed it), anyway.

4. Depending on your answers and community response I'll start new topics in appropriate sections. I want order with my sources!

Quote:

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Really appreciate that.

Aris

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Posted by [fudadmin](#) on Thu, 10 Jan 2008 06:54:04 GMT

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ok, I've found old uvs2 (v2.36). Before syncing I'll try to read forums (already noticed some topics) and docs (if any) and then ask some more questions...

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Posted by [mdelfede](#) on Thu, 10 Jan 2008 11:16:06 GMT

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fudadmin wrote on Thu, 10 January 2008 01:31

2. Is it that bad that ... but why then you are using on a grand scale for U++ yourself?

from what I've seen on UVS2, it makes it difficult to go back through versions (maybe I'm wrong, but I think so). So, if you post wrong code, it can be time consuming to sync it again.

Quote:

3. Why no other version control system is recommended on the website?

Well, now there's svn updated quite often, if you need to get the last code. A development trunk for external contributions could be opened and kept in sync by somebody having write access to uvs2 repository. I'd keep the main svn trunk exactly in sync with uvs one, as is it now, but I see no problem to open another branch.

Of course, that'll make a bit difficult to keep all in sync, but can be done.

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a miracle ?

Seriously speaking, as Mirek told, I see UVS as a mean for very \*few\* active developers to share code. As is it done, with many developers with write access it could be cumbersome to maintain.

Quote:

2. What if to combine uvs2(3?) (thelde?, too?) and mercurial.

I've looked inside mercurial for a while and it seems good stuff, but it has (IMHO) the weakness of all distributed versionin control systems. It relies mostly on active code shares between developers. AND, it doesn't have a merge tool embedded.

So, if 50 developers work on it, that'll be 50 different repositories with must be kept in sync. So, you'd need again a central FTP server (IMHO...) for repository sharing. OR you need the 50 developers share themselves the repo.

Linux kernel is a different stuff, it has a central developer (Linus) that join all the patches together, accepting or rejecting them. In my opinion, that's not a true decentralized system, even if it uses a decentralized versioning system.

Concluding.... I'm still thinking that a good centralized repo like svn works better for upp purpose (please, no flames about ! )

Ciao

Max

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Posted by [mr\\_ped](#) on Thu, 10 Jan 2008 13:04:55 GMT

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Did you notice that if you try to merge the same commit from other branch two times, the SVN goes hairwire instead of ignoring it?

Yes, it's user mistake to try to merge the same changes two times over code base, but the practical implications do result into "strong opinion".

So if there is free versioning system with better merge tools than SVN+TortoiseSVN (the tortoise merge is not bad to see changes, but far from "the" artificially intelligent merge tool which would do much of (obvious) merge work for you - I would go for it.

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No, I didn't but I can imagine that

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yes, such mistakes are very common.... svn should behave better on them.

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Me too. I'd like a centralized versioning system with a really good merge tool, but there isn't any yet. But it can be done as I do, with SVN and an external merge tool. Not too comfortable, bt better than nothing...

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I'm in favour of a centralized system because with a decentralized one it's too easy that a developer forget to sync/merge to other's repos. Keeping a centralized ftp repo with mercurial would be better, but it depends everytime of the syncs from each developer. Which has to sync their repos, then ftp them on central site. I'm afraid of what would happen if 2 developers transfer at the same time their repos on ftp....

I guess for the moment the best would be a svn repo with a main 'stable' trunk, updated only by Mirek or a few developers, and some development branches to accept contibutions.

But that one can't be on sourceforge \*or\* you must accept the risk of giving write access to the full svn repo to everybody.

Ciao

Max

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Subject: Re: Great (and funny) Linus' speach about GIT

Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 10 Jan 2008 16:30:14 GMT

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Anyway, reason 2 why it is not "public" is limited bandwidth of my home ftp server.

Mirek

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Already tried that. Does not work.

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One suggested plan was to make uvs3 as smart frontend to svn.

Mirek

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Well, you have to take into consideration that we use U++ for bussines, including some quite critical code. We have to do all we can to avoid big failures.

Anyway, "good taste+political skills in forums+mood of Mirek or Unodogs", does not sound too bad to me (perhaps with the exception of "mood"). Was not Linux developed in the same way?

Mirek

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So, only not very skilled users are welcome.

Because skilled ones, after facing U++'s thelde and libraries quite huge limitations will want to adjust it for their own needs and contribute, but instead, will be forced to waste time going through politics (as in most projects), also own branches maintenance hell due to thelde nature (which even can't follow symlinks and MS shortcuts as a possible mechanism for switching between those branches), or silently watch and wait, or even leave (where is hojtsy e.g?)?

Imagine an impact on U++ popularity if it had its own made that versioning-merging tool we and many world programmers are all dreaming about!

Conclusions, or back to reality from all of yours points:

1. I can try (starting tonight) to create a separate public subversion repository with write access branches for all wanting to share contributions U++ friends, if
  - A. you really think that mercurial can't be used for a central repository role (and Linus is wrong, as he is about C++...)
  - B. Mirek or others can't offer any better alternatives soon.

What do you think?

P.S I'm convinced that a fork of U++ would be a huge waste of small resources, not comparable to a Mozart of C++ (Mirek) and should be forgotten until Mirek is alive

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You should maybe think also that theide (and upp) is quite stable because of its controlled development cycle.

Nobody is telling you that you can't share your patches and/or send to developers.... what you can't to is to fiddle directly with main code repo.

I must say that, being upp used by commercial development by Mirek & C, I agree fully with their restricted access to main repo. That's what, more or less, is doing Linus with linux kernel, too. Besides of last year 2-3 crashes I had in Linux version (due mostly to lack of testing on Linux), I run daily theide (last uvs version) with absolutel \*no\* crashes at all. I tried kdevelop times ago, and it was not half as stable as theide.

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that would be a great idea, IF you could keep that repo in sync with uvs development, along with users provided patches... if you have a lot of spare time, that'll really great stuff

Ciao

Max

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[/reference/](#)  
[/tutorial/](#)  
[/uppsrc/](#)

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Any ideas?

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Here I strongly agree. A common place where to put patches and code snippets/add-on would be great.

Maybe some http stuff where people can upload the code in zip format along with a description of

what it is.  
Bazaar in svn is not enough, IMHO.

Ciao

Max

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I'm not talking about "to write to the main (Mirek's) branch".  
I'm talking about a mechanism which would enable quite average c++ programmers to be encouraged and empowered to contribute and, more importantly, to exchange U++ patches or branches in a more effective way than to post and search on forums!!!

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I didn't know about your Bazaar repo  
Bazaar will be very useful, if you or somebody else maintain and regularly release it, and publish its content with detailed descriptions, I think.

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If anyone does commit something there, it can be rolled back, eventually he can lose svn access.

Should we be so hard even on obvious fixes of obvious defects? I would not like such policy. But if they will be allowed, who will be responsible for review of commit and accepting it as official fix?

Also if Mirek will continue to work with uvs as main branch, who will merge those two "official" branches?

Also if Mirek will start to work directly on official svn branch, it may become easily unstable for couple of days ...

- stable upp core because of Mirek doing biz apps with it: that's obvious reason.

- good taste+forum politics = I was mostly pointing out the process is unofficial. Thus in similar situation it may easily lead to different results and it would be more encouraging if there would be official how-to for contributors (even if it would just describe this method).

- I think uvs2 is bad idea, because it is non-standard, and works only on limited bandwidth for limited number of people. So I think the migration to different development model would be a step forward.

But it's up to Mirek to decide which direction that forward should take. SVN? GIT? Mercurial? Bazaar (versioning system)?

Plenty of choices, each does promise a bit different future, and require quite different policies and rules.

Forking upp core doesn't look very promising to me. I can hardly imagine anyone else pushing so hard forward and so effectively as Mirek is. That means any fork would become quite obsolete within weeks, and exactly because of this evergoing big changes/refactoring to core it's difficult to maintain custom core changes if they are not merged back to official branch.

(and also core is quite complete for what it does, there's still plenty of room for improvements, but so far I didn't see people here moaning about wrong changes to core from Mirek. About missing features and fixing bugs.. those are common in forums... but the new version of core were so far very positively accepted and it looks Mirek's needs follow very good needs of others)

Forking TheIDE makes much more sense IMHO, as people may have quite different taste for what is important for IDE, and also experimenting a lot on such piece of SW makes more sense, than some crazy experiment changes to core itself.

But actually I think it's not worth of it. If there will be enough courage to do this, I would rather suggest to start TheIDE2 from scratch, as the original IDE is based on (IMHO obsolete) old concepts anyway and just "hacking it" would never move it that much away from current thing.

--- I see I'm writing lot of stuff, and quite offtopic.

So short summary what I don't like about current svn<->uvs and contributing.

I don't like the idea that if I find some obvious bug in upp (and I already did at least once IIRC), I

can't simply fix and commit it. I have to write it in forum ... wait for Mirek to notice ... wait for next official release ... hope Mirek did not forgot to merge with my fix ... etc.  
The current status is pretty much "Mirek is developing his UPP, and as he is very good person, he allows anyone else to download it and use it for free" (what is absolutely amazing of course).  
As such the number of direct contributors to upp core will never grow too much.

I'm not saying we need to change this badly. I'm just summarizing how I see it is, and where it will lead in future.

If it stays as it is, I'm not going to fork upp core just to allow me to fix little things immediately, I will rather post in forums and wait.

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You don't take in account the possible mistakes on commits, for example. The best would be the possibility for everyone to create a branch and work on it, but avoiding the public write access to other branches. Then, it would be easy for Mirek (or some mantainer) to fetch the working patches and to merge them to the main three (or even uvs2).

Quote:

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I think that 'obvious' fixes are 2-3 lines of code, max. And those would be easily handled in forums. Of course, a forum dedicated to patches would be good.  
Less obvious fixes, that maybe can change core behaviour, can be more dangerous. Just look on the time it took Mirek to accept my X11 DHctrl control, which involved many small changes in core code... and even, when he accepted it and merged it still contained a pair of nasty bugs. He was right to be worried about fiddling with core classes, I must say. Just think what could happen if anybody could fiddle with other's threes.

I'm quite happy with upp and theide as is it now.

The small caveats it has are being solved quickly, and I see the reaction against bugs are quick enough.

Maybe an added mercurial repository for code experiments on a centralized ftp server would be a good stuff, but then it needs a mantainer to keep it in sync with uvs2 as I'm trying to do now with svn repo. It's not an hard job, but it needs a person that can do it almost daily, to be effective.

If there's a volunteer here to do it, it's not too hard to find a free ftp server, build a mercurial repo synced with svn and open it to all.

Ciao

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 10 Jan 2008 21:55:01 GMT

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mr\_ped wrote on Thu, 10 January 2008 15:04

I don't like the idea that if I find some obvious bug in upp (and I already did at least once IIRC), I can't simply fix and commit it. I have to write it in forum ... wait for Mirek to notice ... wait for next official release ... hope Mirek did not forgot to merge with my fix ... etc.

The current status is pretty much "Mirek is developing his UPP, and as he is very good person, he allows anyone else to download it and use it for free" (what is absolutely amazing of course).

As such the number of direct contributors to upp core will never grow too much.

I am not the only one able to apply patches. Daniel and Tom can do it too and both do.

IMO, the long term solution is to allow more developers the write access. And IMO it will happen. OTOH, we are obviously very careful here...

Mirek

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- I think uvs2 is bad idea, because it is non-standard, and works only on limited bandwidth for limited number of people. So I think the migration to different development model would be a step forward.

But it's up to Mirek to decide which direction that forward should take. SVN? GIT? Mercurial? Bazaar (versioning system)?

Plenty of choices, each does promise a bit different future, and require quite different policies and rules.

Well, that is the problem. I accept that uvs2 is no longer a good solution, but right now the migration effort does not seem worth it, especially when the options are many and none perfect... I am afraid of going from one unoptimal solution to another. At least, with uvs2, I know what to expect. And from time to time, we can fix problems too

Mirek

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Subject: Re: Great (and funny) Linus' speach about GIT

Posted by [fudadmin](#) on Fri, 11 Jan 2008 00:14:03 GMT

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mdelfede wrote on Thu, 10 January 2008 20:34

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Have you got all that? I have or had. Messy as hell. Most of those I had working "as a proof of concept" level. But then it comes catching up with new official versions and merging...

And then I think if Mirek is so effective and can write such a clean and practically bugless code and he is using Uvs2... IT must be good.

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And then I know that there people who work on the same things. Woldn't be better to share such things even they are very small and not perfectly or (at all) finished?

mdelfede wrote on Thu, 10 January 2008 20:34

Maybe an added mercurial repository for code experiments on a centralized ftp server would be a good stuff, but then it needs a mantainer to keep it in sync with uvs2 as I'm trying to do now with svn repo. It's not an hard job, but it needs a person that can do it almost daily, to be effective.

If there's a volunteer here to do it, it's not too hard to find a free ftp server, build a mercurial repo synced with svn and open it to all.

Ciao

Max

I've got ftp server with 10 accounts 10gb/month bandw now. (In a few days or weeks could recover another, bigger one if needed)

I'm a voluteer who can do that job almost daily.

So mercurial repo?

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Aris, what makes you think that that you need anything to get these?

Why do not you just sit and start coding?

If you need more developers participate, fine, you have Bazaar SVN repo.

BTW, I am still waiting for a reasonable AGG package without a catch. Something I can download, unpack to 1-3 packages, move into my uppdev nest and start testing. Something like extended testcase. It would be helpful, if for nothing else, to bechmark the performance of new planned painting module...

Mirek

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Posted by [mr\\_ped](#) on Fri, 11 Jan 2008 08:43:02 GMT

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I thought he was listing things he already \*did\*.

(probably not clean enough to be merged back into official upp to just send you testing package)

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Merging continuously is something what makes your base for that experiment (potentially) unstable and (for sure) "moving", and while upp is usually quite stable after refactoring, you may stop feeling safe.. if you don't feel safe, you may start to look for (your) bugs in upp code .. you will lose time, confidence, and get worse code in the end.

(just read some basics about Test Driven Development and the reasoning behind it, most of the TDD advocates say the improved confidence improves everything... coding speed, code quality, you name it. From my limited experience with TDD I can only agree with that, the confidence and ability to focus on single problem had earthshaking effect on my laziness and productivity, which has been quite low recent years on my side)

Also keep in mind Mirek does not announce what he is working on, so many bigger inner refactorings happen pretty much overnight in uvs2 without any hint they will appear. Had you finished your package on evening, wanting to give it another test and morning and send to Mirek as finished? It may be well obsolete at morning.

All these apply big time only to upp core development itself, Mirek's notice about giving more (but carefully) write permissions will lead to "low number of core developers", just as I said before. This is not a horrible thing, after all the upp has been like this for years and it does progress forward, so it's certainly a working philosophy/policy.

But it may look like some personal project for years due to this (and not like a serious development platform ... and while upp has got it's share of problems if you want it to exactly fit your biz needs, Mirek's own living proves the platform \*is\* viable and serious for commercial use already).

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above about.

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Posted by [mdelfede](#) on Fri, 11 Jan 2008 10:12:51 GMT

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That's right for people be in sync with latest devel, not for people wanting to contribute. But again that's an hard stuff.

I guess Mirek must choose between having a tight control of his sources OR opening it to more developers. And, as he uses upp to develop commercial apps (and, I guess, to earn money of them) his choice must be the first one.

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And that's needed to stay tuned with, for example, new stuffs like windows Vista (beurk!). That, of course, because of some lack of code modularity in upp, to some extent. But again I can understand Mirek, adding more code modularity would mean a major rewrite of upp.... I wouldn't do it.

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That's the real problem. Contributors get an hard work to sync with upp continuously before changes are merged in main three.

But I don't see an easy solution to that, without loosing control on code quality.

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Well, how do you think Qt is being developed?

Sure, there is a company behind instead of "core team", but other than that, I see not much difference.

(BTW, in fact, there is a "company" behind U++ too:

<http://www.justice.cz/xqw/xervlet/insl/report?sysinf.vypis.CEK=314384&sysinf.vypis.rozsah=aktualni&sysinf.@typ=transformace&sysinf.@strana=report&sysinf.vypis.typ=XHTML&sysinf.vypis.klic=d391b6b69b0227d4dd916e94deba582f&amp;sysinf.spis.@oddil=C&sysinf.spis.@vlozka=59328&sysinf.spis.@soud=M%ECstsk%FDm%20soudem%20v%20Praze&sysinf.platnost=11.01.2008>

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 11 Jan 2008 11:21:30 GMT

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Well, I am afraid that is nice and good as long as you do not have to write tests for GUI libraries...

I am in fact extensively using test driven development for Core. New superoptimal String and new memory allocator were born this way. There is even 'upptst' repository to concentrate automated tests.

Anyway, I see no simple way how to apply this methodology for CtrlCore. And that is where the most tricky U++ bugs are...

Mirek

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 11 Jan 2008 11:27:08 GMT

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Ciao

Max

EDIT : back to core 'fiddling', for me it was *very* difficult because I had to try to understand how it works.... And, I must say it, classes/function names and (missing) comments didn't make my life easy !

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Posted by [fudadmin](#) on Fri, 11 Jan 2008 14:38:59 GMT

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Maybe they were not entirely happy with something related?

Ok, I don't want to waste too much time analyzing and explaining all possible reasons...

But... One thing I maybe (or maybe not ) regret that you provoked me to get involved with that EyeCare comparison article and I went deep into web things. Because I'm a perfectionist and I wanted that comparison to be like I imagine... In quirks mode. Something like yahoo widgets and for different browsers with splitters, charts, buttons etc. (one conclusion - all browsers are bad and slow but MS Internet Explorer is the fastest ). Because, how otherwise "ugly stupid" (using Linus words) wxwidgets fans would grasp that 282 lines is much less than 838 (and mostly ?? times shorter...) from this kind of interface

[http://www.arilect.com/upp/articles/compare\\_EyeCare/index.htm](http://www.arilect.com/upp/articles/compare_EyeCare/index.htm) ... An improved variant with some really nice graphics design I incorporated into Xaraya's <http://www.xaraya.org/php>

templates and wrote some "small" helpers in U++ for that kind of developement. And? Then 2 or even more months I spend recovering pieces from my hard disk (No 4 in 2 years). Etc., etc. Doesn't matter. I'll publish that improved thing one day, anyway (but don't ask me when).

1. What matters is that a developer can't rely on one computer! 2. It's too expensive not to have a separate file server or servers.

3. And to work with a messy version control or without any is a (... put your worst word here )

So - advice me - from where, what and where to install and how to keep up in synchro with uppdev and do merges with less pain. Then expect my contributions very soon.

Aris

P.S. And mr\_ped and mdelfede are very clever.

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It isn't better, is just different.

Packages are *\*very\** good for developers, plugins are the best for users.

With a package you must :

- drop source inside upp tree
- recompile theide

AND, not having a stable interface, usually you must also mantain the extension along upp changes.

With a plugin, you get a dll (or .so), you just drop it on a plugin folder and you have a ready to use extension.

AND, if you've got a stable and documented sdk, you must recompile plugin only on major ide changes (i.e. changes on binary format, compiler, ecc), which does a big difference, IMHO.

That was the cause of success of Borland products, with their components.

We spoke about that a time ago, about the way controls are made and drawn. Your choice of having ontrols as part of upp (and drawn by esc code on layout editor) is not bad, but then if you add a control you must recompile the full ide *\*and\** write an esc code for layout editor. Double job....

About the problems of c++, I don't see any big caveat.

Of course, the plugin must be recompiled for every compiler choice, but that's true even with c if you change platform.

BTW, plugins are inside code::blocks and they work.

OTOH, if you're concerned about c++ problems, you could make a c interface both on the ide side and on sdk side... that would open the plugin system to other languages too.

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Generally, undo works on pretty low level - there are only two basic operations supported by editor - insert and remove. Both store records to undo queue.

In your case it would mean that if you perform your replace as "remove" / "insert", it should work... (I guess you will want to support selection reformatting as well, so this is more than natural IMO).

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Subject: Re: Great (and funny) Linus' speach about GIT

Posted by [zsolt](#) on Fri, 11 Jan 2008 18:03:08 GMT

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mdelfede wrote on Fri, 11 January 2008 18:19

But again, as components are used only by developers, I agree that your way is not bad at all (of course, it doesn't allow closed source components).

I think, this is not true as well. Just check MySql or PostgreSQL package. They are a thin layer on top of a DLL. You can always do the same, if you want to provide a closed source package. (Maybe this could be mentioned in a HOWTO.)

mdelfede wrote on Fri, 11 January 2008 18:19

BTW, I've got a small question about writing an enhancement to theide.... I want to make a 'reformat code' menu point, using astyle. How (if it's simple to tell me...) should I handle the editor change and the undo stuff ? My code should read the full buffer as a string and write it again inside editor once formatted.

This can be a good starting point for you to implement a source manipulator plugin interface. It could be very simple, as it could work on simple "C" string buffers.

The plugin interface would declare a .dll (or .so) in a header file something like:

```
extern "C"{
    const char* ManipulateSourcecode(const char*);
    void FreeWorkingBuffer();
    const char* GetPluginName();
}
```

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 11 Jan 2008 18:04:42 GMT

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Yes, sorry, forgot to mention. Steps are grouped by "serial id". If you call NextUndo, you start another undo block. Actually, these things are even documented, see TextCtrl documentation.

Mirek

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Subject: Re: Great (and funny) Linus' speach about GIT  
Posted by [fudadmin](#) on Mon, 14 Jan 2008 03:55:00 GMT

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luzr wrote on Fri, 11 January 2008 08:03

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You don't test win32 libs to be used with U++, do you?

Or if are concerned about the purity and quality of some packages, why not to add a subfolder "3rdParty" like other projects do?

P.S And if you write code practically without comments and documentation, and expect people to grasp everything in a few weeks and at the same time learn libraries like agg, write articles, do other things etc., and to be not frustrated when ...?

How many of those developers still participate from the very beginning?...

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Subject: Re: Great (and funny) Linus' speach about GIT

Posted by [mirek](#) on Mon, 14 Jan 2008 10:36:01 GMT

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Actually, it is a very good start.

But somehow I suspect users want to draw more than lines and ellipses...

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Actually, yes. I would like to have more intuitive interface and better integrated with U++.

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Mirek

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