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Subject: Apps have high font zoom under Linux [FIXED]  
Posted by [cbpporter](#) on Mon, 30 Jun 2008 19:51:59 GMT  
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I never used U++ under Linux for anything more than seeing that it works and being happy that it's crossplatform. My main development area still targets Windows, but now I'm preparing and testing binaries for Linux distribution also.

and here I found a strange little problem. I downloaded the latest SVN deb package, installed it under openSUSE 11 (which is a rpm based distro), and everything works fine, except that all applications compiled by me look as if there is a font zooming active. Both font size and layouts are scaled and are quite large. TheIDE from the deb does not have this problem (nor does any other Gtk app), but if I compile my own TheIDE, it also gets the large fonts. Any idea how to fix this? I'll try an older stable deb tomorrow, to see if it still behaves this way.

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Subject: Re: Apps have high font zoom under Linux  
Posted by [mirek](#) on Tue, 01 Jul 2008 09:09:11 GMT  
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Hm, what ide are you using?

Is this GTK or KDE?

Well, we are reading zooming factor from GTK, the code is in

CtrlLib/ChGtk.cpp 615

and is used in

CtrlCore/Ctrl.cpp 735

I believe that putting some nice LOGs there should reveal the problem.

Mirek

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Subject: Re: Apps have high font zoom under Linux  
Posted by [cbpporter](#) on Tue, 01 Jul 2008 14:58:59 GMT  
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I'm using KDE (3.x series and 4.0.4). I did the same test under Gnome (after I installed it) and IceWm, and both of them are issue free. I think it is related to the different Gtk theme imposed by KDE. It is strange how only applications compiled by me have the issue. Thanks for the locations. I'll try to see if some logging can help to identify the problem.

Another problem under KDE is that the system tray icon is not transparent. You can see this in the SystemTray reference package.

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Subject: Re: Apps have high font zoom under Linux  
Posted by [captainc](#) on Tue, 01 Jul 2008 18:57:18 GMT  
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I am also experiencing this problem on Ubuntu 7.10 (Gnome).

Screenshot of hello world app attached.

#### File Attachments

1) [UppLargeFontsHelloWorld.png](#), downloaded 647 times

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Subject: Re: Apps have high font zoom under Linux  
Posted by [mirek](#) on Wed, 02 Jul 2008 11:47:58 GMT  
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captainc wrote on Tue, 01 July 2008 14:57 I am also experiencing this problem on Ubuntu 7.10 (Gnome).

Screenshot of hello world app attached.

Is not it possible you have differnt DPI settings in X11?

Mirek

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Subject: Re: Apps have high font zoom under Linux

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Posted by [cbpporter](#) on Wed, 02 Jul 2008 12:29:52 GMT

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GtkStyleInt is returning 98280, which is about 33% percent larger than the default, which has the right proportions. I need to track down why it is larger, but it is somewhat harder because I never worked with Gtk theme engine and have no idea where to find setting and stuff.

The style name is Gilouche 2.0.

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Subject: Re: Apps have high font zoom under Linux

Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 03 Jul 2008 15:33:46 GMT

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Well, what does say

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Mirek

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Subject: Re: Apps have high font zoom under Linux

Posted by [captainc](#) on Thu, 03 Jul 2008 16:38:38 GMT

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Mine:

resolution: 99x98 dots per inch

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Subject: Re: Apps have high font zoom under Linux  
Posted by [Mindtraveller](#) on Thu, 03 Jul 2008 17:50:21 GMT  
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same problem with big system fonts in TheIDE.  
Platform: KDE 3.5.8, FreeBSD 6.3  
U++ version: latest SVN, TheIDE itself is fresh-recompiled

xpdyinfo says:  
Quote:resolution: 86x86 dots per inch

Posting sample screenshot with TheIDE and some other system application in foreground. Nothe the difference between font sizes:

#### File Attachments

1) [upp-match.jpg](#), downloaded 1062 times

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Subject: Re: Apps have high font zoom under Linux  
Posted by [cbpporter](#) on Fri, 04 Jul 2008 07:42:37 GMT  
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luzr wrote on Thu, 03 July 2008 18:33  
Well, what does say

xdpyinfo|grep resolution

It says 95x96 under both KDE and Gnome.

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Subject: Re: Apps have high font zoom under Linux  
Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 04 Jul 2008 11:26:23 GMT  
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In the same time:

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GtkStyleInt("gtk-xft-dpi") = 98304
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but everything is still OK....

Mirek

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Subject: Re: Apps have high font zoom under Linux  
Posted by [cbpporter](#) on Fri, 04 Jul 2008 12:12:15 GMT  
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luzr wrote on Fri, 04 July 2008 14:26  
I have tried Gilouche, not problem spotted....

In the same time:

```
GtkStyleInt("gtk-xft-dpi") = 98304
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Mirek

Strange. I guess it depends on the installed packages/configuration. I'll try on a different computer with a different monitor/resolution, to see if it still behaves this way. I really don't know how to take this on or what other tests to run. Do you have any other ideas?

Not even Ctrl::NoLayoutZoom() seems to fully fix this. Some layout are Ok, others are still large, and fonts are still huge.

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Subject: Re: Apps have high font zoom under Linux  
Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 04 Jul 2008 12:19:21 GMT  
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cbpporter wrote on Fri, 04 July 2008 08:12  
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Now this is possible clue.

Some layout withing single app? Or different apps?

BTW, have you tried debug/release?

What is LOG of "font\_name" in ChGtk?

This is really pity - I think this should be fixed before the release. If I only could reproduce the problem...

Mirek

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Subject: Re: Apps have high font zoom under Linux  
Posted by [cbpporter](#) on Fri, 04 Jul 2008 12:35:00 GMT  
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luzr wrote on Fri, 04 July 2008 15:19  
Now this is possible clue.

Some layout withing single app? Or different apps?

I tried UWord, and all the layouts seem to be scaled correctly when NoLayoutZoom is use, but other interface elements like Menus, Toolbars and the controls embedded inside are still large.

Quote:  
BTW, have you tried debug/release?

I didn't manage to create a release binary before, because it couldn't find a lib in release mode. But I remembered the forum topic about enabling shared builds, and now it works. This should be default by the way IMO.

And yes, release builds have no problems. I guess this solves the mystery why only applications compiled by me had zooming issues. Could others who reported this problem check to see if using release mode fixes the problem?

Quote:  
What is LOG of "font\_name" in ChGtk?

font\_name is "FreeFreeFreeFree" with a lot more "Free"s in debug mode. I assume that this is not normal. In release it is "NET SUPPORTED".

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Posted by [cbpporter](#) on Fri, 04 Jul 2008 12:47:32 GMT  
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cbpporter wrote on Fri, 04 July 2008 15:35  
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Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 04 Jul 2008 13:43:48 GMT  
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OMG, I am really stupid sometimes...

BTW, maybe a reason why it worked in release

Mirek

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