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Subject: Navigator Bar Search results

Posted by [piotr5](#) on Thu, 07 May 2009 11:32:27 GMT

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for example when I search for the function "StrInt", then in the first list only one entry does appear: "<globals>". I think this is unintuitive since without searching no "<globals>" exists there but only individual filenames. it would be nice to have (in addition to what is here now) such an entry there to browse all functions alphabetically instead on a per-file basis, and to make a search for them specifically. but it would be also nice to get as a search-result the actual file-name where that function was declared and where it was defined. isn't that what the navigator-bar is for anyway?

other than that I really am happy about the navigator-bar, it's the search-tool I always missed about the ide!

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Subject: Re: Navigator Bar Search results

Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 08 May 2009 19:39:51 GMT

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What U++ version? There is no <globals> recently.

Mirek

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Subject: Re: Navigator Bar Search results

Posted by [piotr5](#) on Mon, 11 May 2009 11:00:30 GMT

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another critique on the new version is about the buttons: they take up too much space to put them in the same line as the text-box for the search, and they have absolutely no influence on the search. are there plans to change that? in general I would say that an intuitive search-interface does allow searching only within the displayed stuff (i.e. inside of the classes and files above the search-box), and one (at least I) would expect that everything which can be displayed by clicking on those is also considered in the search. as for the horizontal width of the search-text box, I am aware that one can resize this thing, it's just that the buttons should be made smaller and actually influence the search. just my own opinion...

a feature-request I also have: in the old version there were 3 search-boxes, so I got the idea that maybe one search-box could narrow down the search of the other search-box. i.e. I search for all classes with the name "vector", and then refine that search to find all push-methods in them. now

with only a single search-box I propose a pin-down button to clear the search-text while leaving the search-results intact such that subsequent searches will only display the and-combined search (maybe with a tool-tip above the related button telling which words were searched for previously, and a pressed-down button indicating that this is a refined search)...

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Subject: Re: Navigator Bar Search results  
Posted by [mirek](#) on Mon, 11 May 2009 11:10:28 GMT  
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Not quite sure what you mean. New navigator simply searches for anything you type there... File, class, method, function, variable...

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It definitely works for me. First four buttons narrow the search to current nest, current package, current file, last button sorts "scope" list alphabetically (normally, it is sorted in order of first appearance in .h file).

In any case, I can easily remove asteriks button (search all) - that can be done by deactivating rest of buttons.

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If they do not, it is weird bug. It works for me...

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Mirek

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Subject: Re: Navigator Bar Search results  
Posted by [cbpporter](#) on Mon, 11 May 2009 11:34:18 GMT  
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And while I often dive in deep in U++ sources, I still consider myself a client of the library so I wouldn't like my list filled with items from a larger scope than my project.

Which brings me to this question: would it be feasible to disable debugging for certain packages so that when I step through the method calls from those packages it treats them as if no debug info is available and doesn't jump into the assembly?

As for the other buttons, I can rarely afford using new SVN version for anything more than playing around, so I can't comment on the usability of the sorting button or others I don't have access too.

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Posted by [unodgs](#) on Mon, 11 May 2009 12:08:50 GMT

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PS: That's true - StrDbl can't be found.

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Subject: Re: Navigator Bar Search results

Posted by [unodgs](#) on Mon, 11 May 2009 12:13:28 GMT

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Of course names like AMap::Find can be long, so it could be displayed simply in two lines

```
AMap  
Find(String s)
```

or things could be grouped:

```
AMap  
  Find(String a)  
  Find(String a, int p)  
BMap  
  Find(String a)  
  Find(String a, int p)  
CMap  
  Find(String a)
```

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Subject: Re: Navigator Bar Search results

Posted by [mirek](#) on Mon, 11 May 2009 12:16:03 GMT

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No problem, you can do it now. In Output mode.

Mirek

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Subject: Re: Navigator Bar Search results  
Posted by [mirek](#) on Mon, 11 May 2009 12:19:18 GMT  
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But then you would not be able to e.g. display all methods in class....

Quote:

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Well, this is a bug. Will look into it.

Mirek

PS: That's true - StrDbl can't be found.[/quote]

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Subject: Re: Navigator Bar Search results  
Posted by [mirek](#) on Mon, 11 May 2009 12:20:26 GMT  
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piotr5 wrote on Mon, 11 May 2009 07:00: of course the svn-version right before that!

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Bug to fix. I guess it spoils the impression

Mirek

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Subject: Re: Navigator Bar Search results  
Posted by [cbpporter](#) on Mon, 11 May 2009 12:35:04 GMT  
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luzr wrote on Mon, 11 May 2009 15:16  
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Yes, and that would lead to current setup, wouldn't it? I have wide screen so I don't really care one way or the other as long as package and file remain. As for multiple packages, except for small changes, I found that it is best to do everything that comes to mind in one package and then start with the next. Also long compile times have thought me to write a lot of code and compile rarely.

Quote:

No problem, you can do it now. In Output mode.

I know. What I meant is without the assembly windows stepping through the code. I would like something that simulates the way I debug things. For example:

```
MyFunction("aaa" + s, UppFunction(MyFunctionAgain));
```

I would like to step into MyFunction and see the parameters and its execution. But I have to step over String constructor, String concatenation, UppFunction. I could just put a breakpoint, but that would mean I can predict exactly what is going to happen which is generally not true when I'm debugging. I would like the debugger to step over all function calls from a given package, like Core. This could be simulated by causing a step into. If method is from excluded package, keep stepping over until execution would return to original file. I don't know if the level of control one has over MS debugger is enough to achieve this with relative ease.

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Subject: Re: Navigator Bar Search results  
Posted by [mirek](#) on Tue, 12 May 2009 12:31:08 GMT

Well, I have tried to fix and finetune Navigator in rev. 1164.

Please check!

Mirek

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Subject: Re: Navigator Bar Search results  
Posted by [piotr5](#) on Thu, 14 May 2009 11:44:26 GMT  
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thanks, looks much better now!

luzr wrote on Mon, 11 May 2009 13:10  
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In any case, I can easily remove asteriks button (search all) - that can be done by deactivating rest of buttons.

and I didn't take into account that for others it might look different. I should have sent a screenshot. now I will just describe it since it isn't that urgent as previously: the buttons are obviously quadratic, and their size seems to depend on the font-size. when the font-size is much bigger than the icons within the buttons then it looks bad. so I propose that they shouldn't be quadratic and instead have a fixed horizontal size (width) which is large enough to contain the icons and some margin around them. the height can still stay the same though. for me now it is an icon of size less than half of the button-size, so there is a big margin around them. when the navigator-bar is already narrow, then the extra waste for that marging is a curse.

as for the buttons not affecting search, you are right that they work correctly, except that they don't work for globals! when I search for StrInt again then nothing gets displayed when pressing one of those buttons! I would have expected to get the filename displayed when I search in the current file (in addition to the classes) so that I can browse and search all functions of the current file. the same with nest and package.

as for my idea, my feature-request, I really didn't try to get back the old appearance. I just noticed that sometimes when the names for class-methods and -members are chosen in a way to provide some sort of abstract interface, then I would really like to search among all classes which fulfill that particular interface. I'm now not certain anymore if an additional button is really such a good idea, but fact is that if I need such a feature of searching for the appearance of multiple words, then I need that feature only for searching 2 words (i.e. 2 members which happen to be in the same class or a class with a certain name and a certain member, or maybe even a certain file-pattern containing a certain class/member). since the display is split vertically with class-names on the top and members below them, it is quite intuitive that a 2nd search would only

affect everything written in the upper list. however, this feature-request isn't really that important, it's a rarely needed feature. so I guess if it would have to get implemented, then in a quite subtle way like for example a certain key-combination or some sort of hidden menu (like right-click menu) and such. also an idea for an entry to such a hidden menu would be to show there any wildcards or whatever supporting the search. so to summerize, now I imagine a right-click menu on the search-box which does offer inserting whatever wildcard supported there (for example \* and ? or even regexp) and which further allows for performing a search within all the classes and files displayed in the upper list (i.e. the upper list will only lose entries while the lower list will show only the stuff from the 2nd search). maybe some colour-change of the text-field could indicate that this is the 2nd search...

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 14 May 2009 12:12:03 GMT  
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But that would likely mean two-line items, with a result that only a half of them would fit...

Quote:

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PS: That's true - StrDbI can't be found.

Maybe more logical is bottom?

Top is OK, but I am afraid that sort button will get quite detached from the view it affects..

Mirek

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Subject: Re: Navigator Bar Search results  
Posted by [piotr5](#) on Thu, 28 May 2009 11:18:14 GMT  
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and I am very happy with the new appearence. the buttons look good, and the position on the top



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Subject: Re: Navigator Bar Search results  
Posted by [tojocky](#) on Thu, 28 May 2009 17:08:12 GMT  
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The last win32 builded release from google code I installed too. And do not work navigator-bar in class details!

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Subject: Re: Navigator Bar Search results  
Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 29 May 2009 09:38:44 GMT  
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Mirek

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Posted by [tojocky](#) on Sat, 30 May 2009 04:06:26 GMT  
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Mirek

Hello Mirek,

I builded latest svn release 1247 and i see that in navigator-bar do not show methods and properties of current class.

Is any mistake or you still working on this?

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#### File Attachments

1) [upp\\_bug.PNG](#), downloaded 757 times

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Subject: Re: Navigator Bar Search results

Posted by [tojocky](#) on Sun, 31 May 2009 09:11:21 GMT

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Thank you Mirek for correct view method and properties of class in navigator-bar.

For new users and for us if we will forgot what mean icons in navigator-bar I propouse to add event when mouse over on icon then tooltip what mean this icon. for example:

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Subject: Re: Navigator Bar Search results

Posted by [Mindtraveller](#) on Mon, 01 Jun 2009 17:28:19 GMT

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I agree with tojocky: showing tooltip here will be good solution.

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Subject: Re: Navigator Bar Search results

Posted by [mirek](#) on Mon, 01 Jun 2009 17:48:56 GMT

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Mindtraveller wrote on Mon, 01 June 2009 13:28I agree with tojocky: showing tooltip here will be good solution.

OK, point taken.

It will need quite massive extension to ArrayCtrl, OTOH, that might be useful on its own

Mirek

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