
Subject: A few suggestions about CodeEditor
Posted by [NiNTENDU](#) on Sat, 06 Jun 2009 22:47:34 GMT
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for example:

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That will bring a (minor/mayor?) performance relief and simplify the code a bit: simply throw the word and you get the color!

[edit: lookup would result in a perfect hash function!]

What do you think? Maybe too much work for nothing?

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Subject: Re: A few suggestions about CodeEditor
Posted by [gprentice](#) on Sun, 07 Jun 2009 01:34:42 GMT
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I think a trie is normally used for this but I don't know how it would compare with a perfect hash and like you said, might not be worth the trouble.

Graeme

Subject: Re: A few suggestions about CodeEditor
Posted by [mirek](#) on Sun, 07 Jun 2009 13:30:20 GMT
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Do you experience any performance issues with highlighting?

FYI, in fact, lookup in keyword tables is done through hashing. I guess, in the sum of things highlighting has to process, this is the least expensive part...
