Subject: Idea...
Posted by mirek on Fri, 26 Jun 2009 11:33:40 GMT
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Writing SQL tutorial, I have got an idea.

I have to admit I have problems writing those explanation texts - partly because of my english literacy, partly because it is sometimes harder for me to sort out things that require explanation in deeper detail.

So I have got an idea: what about if I would only provide source code examples and maybe provisional section titles and somebody else would fill the explanation?

(for hints how the result should look like, try
http://www.ultimatepp.org/srcdocSqltutorial$en-us.html)

Also, related:

If you have any suggestion about extending existing tutorials, let me know...

Mirek

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Posted by koldo on Mon, 29 Jun 2009 06:36:13 GMT
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Best regards
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Posted by mirek on Mon, 29 Jun 2009 07:10:14 GMT
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Posted by koldo on Mon, 29 Jun 2009 08:08:46 GMT
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luzr wrote on Mon, 29 June 2009 09:10koldo wrote on Mon, 29 June 2009 02:36Hello Mirek

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Using the qprentice "Contents" proposal in http://www.ultimatepp.org/forum/index.php?t=msg&goto=216 89&. you can define the main structure and fill it with the existing help contents and a simple empty screen with a "To Be Documented" in the chapters not documented yet.

Then you can ask people to fill those gaps or to add new chapters that fit in the main "Contents" structure. Bazaar documents could fit in an "Appendix" section at the end.

And it could be great the possibility to hardcopy all in a single document that can be copied and printed as a whole. You can publish it and earn a bunch of money!

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Koldo

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Posted by gprentice on Mon, 29 Jun 2009 11:42:43 GMT
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Graeme

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Graeme

I think there is little needed to achieve that.

I guess, having such manual on www is as good as anything else (but we can easily provide PDF export too).

All it takes is somebody brave starting the content page in uppweb...

Mirek

Subject: Re: Idea...
Posted by pveach1 on Sat, 08 Aug 2009 00:49:56 GMT
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Hi All,
If this topic isn't dead I'd like to add my 2 cents.

I prefer CHM compiled help files and PDF files. In that order.
With a chm file you can have the help open on one monitor while theIDE is open on another.
Second, you can have more than on CHM file open at a time, with PDFs they open in the same App.

Lastly, as regards writing, the problem is that the subject is so abstract that it makes it hard not to wander about a bit. One solution might be to take a specific piece of code (starting with the most commonly used senario) and explain what is going on in that code. Once that is done, then cover a more advanced or less common usage. The specific code fragment keeps you focused.

cheers Mirek et al
