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Posted by piotr5 on Sat, 05 Dec 2009 00:24:24 GMT
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It is not that simple IMO. The relation between packages is more complex - e.g. two different packages can use single other package. I mean, adding a package to the list adds a couple of other packages and some of them can already be there...

That said, I believe that some grouping mechanism would be nice, I am just not sure what the mechanism should be. Also, even if some of my projects have as much as 40 packages, it still seems to be manageable the current way quite well. The possibility to add colors to packages seems to have helped...
