
Subject: Documentations and others

Posted by [mdelfede](#) on Wed, 06 Jan 2010 16:43:26 GMT

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After some time using Upp, I realized that most of my time is spent searching for doc/help and to reimplement stuffs that are already present on Upp but few/not at all documented.

So, I got a couple of ideas, maybe not so news but....

1) Export the manual in PDF/RTF format. I know, there's HTML already, but PDF is quite better for searching and indexing stuffs.

Mirek told me that Koldo is already working on this...

What's the status ? Do you need help on it ?

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Ciao

Max

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Wed, 06 Jan 2010 16:54:40 GMT

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mdelfede wrote on Wed, 06 January 2010 11:43

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Subject: Re: Documentations and others
Posted by [koldo](#) on Wed, 06 Jan 2010 17:35:08 GMT
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BOOK:...

Yes, I have the same opinion. This way we do not need to document twice.

We have done a first 1050 pages .pdf prototype and in the programming side the things are easy. It is more a matter of structuring in a more standardized way the T++ docs.

mdelfede: Let me a day and I will prepare a "proposition" about it and other things...

TRUE SEARCH:...Quote:

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Lets look for, for example, "ProcessEvents":

Ctrl class is well documented..., 44 pages, but you need to look in those 44 pages for ProcessEvents method.

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Best regards
Koldo

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Wed, 06 Jan 2010 18:38:08 GMT
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koldo wrote on Wed, 06 January 2010 12:35

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Ops, the problem there is that Ctrl documentation predates current state of T++, so it is not properly linked back to the code...

I have sort of forgot to do so.

Mirek

Subject: Re: Documentations and others
Posted by [mdelfede](#) on Thu, 07 Jan 2010 11:00:49 GMT
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I agree, documentation (when present) is not bad at all; in particular Core and CtrlLib are well documented, besides some missing (and quite interesting) stuffs like Xml and others.

The main problem is documentation usage; to find help inside Ctrl or ArrayCtrl docs is painful. Things that (imho) are missing :

1- Some sort of index, both alphabetical and by category.
Look for example in Ctrl docs... members are somehow grouped by category, but completely scrambled alphabetically. If you look for a particular func, you must read all pages. Ditto for ArrayCtrl and others.

2- A sort of "see-also" link in each topic. That would greatly help topic and argument search.

BTW, a nice plot of class hierarchy would be nice

Ciao

Max

Subject: Re: Documentations and others
Posted by [koldo](#) on Tue, 12 Jan 2010 09:01:38 GMT
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Hello mdelfede

upbbox/uppweb package is the one that from T++ documentations creates and uploads U++ web package.

Now it has been changed so that it also generates a big raw .pdf from that T++ doc. This part of the program is version 0, very bad so it has to be improved but well, it is the first U++ .pdf .

In http://www.ultimatepp.org/forum/index.php?t=msg&goto=24342&#msg_24342 ("Ultimate Book") there is a proposal:

Quote:Ultimate documentation is growing and is available in Thelde and Upp applications through Topic++ help technology.

However some of us think that there is a space for a well structured book including the documentation from the beginners side to the reference guide and appendixes with Bazaar projects. Easy to read in the introduction areas, but complete in the reference areas, with many examples and following Upp design style. All the docs in one place instead of in different help pages, so easier to be distributed.

To do it from the scratch would be an astonishing job. Not only to build it up, it has to be maintained updated.

So why not have both things at the same time ?: Based in Upp technology we can have a help system and a book with only one effort.

Join to prepare the required software and redefine the actual help pages to be compatible with the book.

This work requires a lot a coordination, so I think it is also a prerequisite to develop something like the "Development Projects" in later post.

Best regards
Koldo
