
Subject: Symlink/Shortcut support

Posted by [koldo](#) on Mon, 01 Feb 2010 07:02:05 GMT

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Hello all

Now symlinks-shortcuts are supported in Core only in Linux with:
FindFile::IsSymLink();

It would be good to have a wider support in Linux and Windows.

The proposal is to add IsSymlink() for both OS and a new function like bool
GetSymLinkPath(const char *linkPath, String &filePath); to get the real path of the symlink.

The implementation could be (some parts has been borrowed from U++):

```
bool IsSymLink(const char *path) {
#ifdef PLATFORM_WIN32
    return GetFileExt(path) == ".lnk";
#else
    struct stat stf;
    lstat(path, &stf);
    return S_ISLNK(stf.st_mode);
#endif
}
bool GetSymLinkPath(const char *linkPath, String &filePath)
{
#ifdef PLATFORM_WIN32
    HRESULT hres;
    IShellLink* psl;
    IPersistFile* ppf;
    CoInitialize(NULL);
    hres = CoCreateInstance(CLSID_ShellLink, NULL, CLSCTX_INPROC_SERVER, IID_IShellLink,
        (PVOID *) &psl);
    if(SUCCEEDED(hres)) {
        hres = psl->QueryInterface(IID_IPersistFile, (PVOID *) &ppf);
        if(SUCCEEDED(hres)) {
            hres = ppf->Load(ToSystemCharsetW(linkPath), STGM_READ);
            if(SUCCEEDED(hres)) {
                char fileW[_MAX_PATH] = {0};
                psl->GetPath(fileW, _MAX_PATH, NULL, 0);
                filePath = FromSystemCharset(fileW);
            } else
                return false;
            ppf->Release();
        } else
            return false;
        psl->Release();
    }
#endif
}
```

```
} else
    return false;
CoUninitialize();
return true;
#else
char buff[_MAX_PATH + 1];
bool ret;
int len = readlink(linkPath, buff, _MAX_PATH);
if (ret = (len > 0 && len < _MAX_PATH))
    buff[len] = '\0';
else
    *buff = '\0';
filePath = buff;
return ret;
#endif
}
```

Subject: Re: Symlink/Shortcut support
Posted by [mirek](#) on Mon, 01 Feb 2010 13:42:29 GMT
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This sounds quite good. Before applying patch, however, I would like to hear more from others about the idea

```
return GetFileExt(path) == ".lnk";
```

I am not quite convinced that file extension is equivalent to file flag.... (Maybe just give me a couple of hours to think about it

Also, maybe GetSymLinkPath should simply return String and Null in the case of error?

Mirek

Subject: Re: Symlink/Shortcut support
Posted by [koldo](#) on Mon, 01 Feb 2010 14:49:03 GMT
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Fully agree

Subject: Re: Symlink/Shortcut support
Posted by [cbpporter](#) on Mon, 01 Feb 2010 14:54:35 GMT
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koldo wrote on Mon, 01 February 2010 16:49 I am not quite convinced that file extension is equivalent to file flag.... (Maybe just give me a couple of hours to think about it Smile

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Fully agree

Solution would be to load the .lnk file and see if has the correct format, like the UNIX "file" utility does for files, but I don't think we want to do that.

Subject: Re: Symlink/Shortcut support
Posted by [koldo](#) on Mon, 01 Feb 2010 15:24:04 GMT
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Quote:Solution would be to load the .lnk file and see if has the correct format, like the UNIX "file" utility does for files, but I don't think we want to do that. In fact this is done in function GetSymLinkPath.

However there is nothing for free... it would require a little time.

Subject: Re: Symlink/Shortcut support
Posted by [fudadmin](#) on Mon, 01 Feb 2010 20:40:20 GMT
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Hi guys, sorry for big breaks but life sometimes make crude corrections... But I've never stopped working on u++. Hopefully I'll to start posting my contributions if... ok, we will see. And, sorry, I've had symlink in my u++ version for windows for some time.
Some of my code if that helps:

```
bool FindFile::IsShellLinkDir() const //aris002 wrong name? tmp
{
    if (!GetName().EndsWith(".lnk")) //aris002 shell we check ext somewhere outside?
        return false;
    // char linkpath[MAX_PATH];
    LPCSTR linkpath=~path;
    LLOG("IsShellLinkDir getname="<<GetName());
    char szGotPath[MAX_PATH];
    char szDescription[MAX_PATH];
```

```

// WIN32_FIND_DATA wfd;
HRESULT hres;
IShellLink* psl;
CoInitialize(NULL);
hres = CoCreateInstance(CLSID_ShellLink, NULL, CLSCTX_INPROC_SERVER,
                        IID_IShellLink, (LPVOID *) &psl);
if(SUCCEEDED(hres)) {
    IPersistFile* ppf;
    psl->QueryInterface(IID_IPersistFile, (void**)&ppf);
    if(SUCCEEDED(hres)) {

        WCHAR szPath[_MAX_PATH] = { 0 };
        MultiByteToWideChar(CP_ACP, 0, linkpath, (int)strlen(linkpath), szPath, _MAX_PATH);
        //not correct? - might be links with different extensions
        //get shortcuts extension from registry? how?

        hres = ppf->Load(szPath, STGM_READ); //Load the shortcut.
        if (SUCCEEDED(hres)) {
            // LLOG("ppf->Load ok!! "<<linkpath);
            hres = psl->GetPath((LPSTR)szGotPath, MAX_PATH,
                                NULL, SLGP_UNCPRIORITY );
            LLOG("name "<<GetName()<<" target "<<szGotPath);
            // if(SUCCEEDED(hres))
            // LLOG("SUCCEEDED link ");
            ppf->Release();
        }
        psl->Release();
    }
}

CoUninitialize();
if(SUCCEEDED(hres)) {
    LLOG("SUCCEEDED2 link ");
    return true;
}
else
    return false;
//return SUCCEEDED(hres);
}

```

```

bool ResolveShellLink(const String& path, String& linked) //aris002
{
    // char linkpath[MAX_PATH];
    LPCSTR linkpath=path;
    LLOG("IsShellLinkDir getname="<<path);
}

```

```

char szGotPath[MAX_PATH];
HRESULT hres;
IShellLink* psl;
CoInitialize(NULL);
hres = CoCreateInstance(CLSID_ShellLink, NULL, CLSCTX_INPROC_SERVER,
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if(SUCCEEDED(hres)) {
    IPersistFile* ppf;
    psl->QueryInterface(IID_IPersistFile, (void**)&ppf);
    if(SUCCEEDED(hres)) {

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            // LLOG("ppf->Load ok!! "<<linkpath);
            hres = psl->GetPath((LPSTR)szGotPath, MAX_PATH,
                                NULL, SLGP_UNCPRIORITY );
            LLOG("name "<<linkpath<<" target "<<szGotPath);
            linked=szGotPath;
        }
        // if(SUCCEEDED(hres))
        // LLOG("SUCCEEDED link ");
        ppf->Release();
    }
    psl->Release();
}

CoUninitialize();
if(SUCCEEDED(hres)) {
    LLOG("SUCCEEDED2 RESOLVED link ");
    return true;
}
else
    return false;
//return SUCCEEDED(hres);
}

```

they are not optimal and might need above or somewhere else switching off the check of target existence if I can remember.

Below the whole files attached.

P.S I've got also adapted for older version of FileSel for those with icon overlays. And, sorry i don't use svn because that's too difficult for me, esp, merging.

Huge thanks to all of you!

File Attachments

- 1) [Path.h](#), downloaded 452 times
 - 2) [Path.cpp](#), downloaded 342 times
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Subject: Re: Symlink/Shortcut support

Posted by [mirek](#) on Mon, 01 Feb 2010 21:29:01 GMT

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fudadmin wrote on Mon, 01 February 2010 15:40Hi guys, sorry for big breaks but life sometimes make crude corrections...

Oh, welcome back!

How long was that? Only 3 years?

Mirek

Subject: Re: Symlink/Shortcut support

Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 05 Feb 2010 09:22:43 GMT

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```
hres = psl->QueryInterface(IID_IPersistFile, (PVOID *) &ppf);
if(SUCCEEDED(hres)) {
    hres = ppf->Load(ToSystemCharsetW(linkPath), STGM_READ);
    if(SUCCEEDED(hres)) {
        char fileW[_MAX_PATH] = {0};
        psl->GetPath(fileW, _MAX_PATH, NULL, 0);
        filePath = FromSystemCharset(fileW);
    } else
        return false;
```

Is not a memory leak there? (no release for ppf upon return false).

Mirek

Subject: Re: Symlink/Shortcut support

Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 05 Feb 2010 09:25:36 GMT

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Please check my altered version:

```

String GetSymLinkPath(const char *linkpath)
{
#ifdef PLATFORM_WIN32
    String path;
    HRESULT hres;
    IShellLink* psl;
    IPersistFile* ppf;
    CoInitialize(NULL);
    hres = CoCreateInstance(CLSID_ShellLink, NULL, CLSCTX_INPROC_SERVER, IID_IShellLink,
        (PVOID *) &psl);
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                psl->GetPath(fileW, _MAX_PATH, NULL, 0);
                path = FromSystemCharset(fileW);
            }
            ppf->Release();
        }
        psl->Release();
    }
    CoUninitialize();
    return path;
#else
    char buff[_MAX_PATH + 1];
    bool ret;
    int len = readlink(linkPath, buff, _MAX_PATH);
    if(len > 0 && len < _MAX_PATH)
        return String(buff, len);
    return Null;
#endif
}

```

(now in U++, thanks).

Subject: Re: Symlink/Shortcut support
 Posted by [koldo](#) on Fri, 05 Feb 2010 10:42:51 GMT
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Hello Mirek

Thanks. It works OK for me

Please do not forget IsSymLink(). Fudamin way seems to be the most complete.

Subject: Re: SymLink/Shortcut support

Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 06 Feb 2010 11:49:29 GMT

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koldo wrote on Fri, 05 February 2010 05:42Hello Mirek

Thanks. It works OK for me

Please do not forget IsSymLink(). Fudamin way seems to be the most complete.

What about to recycle GetSymLinkPath there?

Mirek

Subject: Re: SymLink/Shortcut support

Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 06 Feb 2010 12:20:12 GMT

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Like this:

```
bool FindFile::IsSymLink() const
{
    String name = GetName();
    if(GetFileExt(name) != ".lnk")
        return false;
    return !IsNull(GetSymLinkPath(AppendFileName(path, name)));
}
```

Mirek

Subject: Re: SymLink/Shortcut support

Posted by [koldo](#) on Sat, 06 Feb 2010 13:30:45 GMT

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luzr wrote on Sat, 06 February 2010 13:20Like this:

```
bool FindFile::IsSymLink() const
```

```
{
String name = GetName();
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}
```

Mirek

Well. It is not the most efficient possible but it is very valid.

Subject: Re: Symlink/Shortcut support

Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 06 Feb 2010 18:40:37 GMT

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koldo wrote on Sat, 06 February 2010 08:30luzr wrote on Sat, 06 February 2010 13:20Like this:

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Why? System calls appear to be equivalent for the test and for obtaining the path.

Mirek

Subject: Re: Symlink/Shortcut support

Posted by [koldo](#) on Sat, 06 Feb 2010 22:13:24 GMT

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luzr wrote on Sat, 06 February 2010 19:40koldo wrote on Sat, 06 February 2010 08:30luzr wrote on Sat, 06 February 2010 13:20Like this:

```
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```

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Hello Mirek

Being punctilious these is not necessary:

```
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psl->GetPath(fileW, _MAX_PATH, NULL, 0);
path = FromSystemCharset(fileW);
```

Subject: Re: Symlink/Shortcut support

Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 06 Feb 2010 22:19:29 GMT

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path = FromSystemCharset(fileW);
```

I have to admit I have only considered fudadmin code.

OK, I will change it...

Mirek

Subject: Re: Symlink/Shortcut support
Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 06 Feb 2010 22:26:58 GMT
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Optimized.

Btw, uppdev/SymLinkTest used for developing this..
