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Subject: Allow line-break after '-' sign within a word?

Posted by [zsolt](#) on Fri, 02 Aug 2013 14:39:38 GMT

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My problem is, that I have some very long words with multiple '-' signs and I want to allow line breaking after '-' signs.

E. g. I have a word like this: this-is-a-long-word-with-a-lot-of-minus-signs and it would be at the end of a line like:

some text ..... this-is-a-long-word-  
with-a-lot-of-minus-signs

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Or can I change the rendering code? Where can I find this line breaking logic in U++ code?

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Subject: Re: Allow line-break after '-' sign within a word?

Posted by [dolik.rce](#) on Sat, 03 Aug 2013 06:38:12 GMT

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Hi zsolt,

If you talk about DocEdit, then the responsible code is in DocEdit::Format(const WString& text)  
const, in CtrlLib/DocEdit.cpp.

I think that you'd just need to add check for '-' in this part: if(\*s == ' ' || \*s == '\t') {  
    space = s;  
    spacex = x + cw;  
    \*s = ' ';  
}

I did not try it, but it should be quite straightforward

Best regards,  
Honza

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Subject: Re: Allow line-break after '-' sign within a word?

Posted by [zsolt](#) on Sat, 03 Aug 2013 12:16:34 GMT

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Hello Honza,

thanks for your answer, but I forgot to mention that I need this in Qtf-based printing (Report).

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Subject: Re: Allow line-break after '-' sign within a word?

Posted by [zsolt](#) on Tue, 06 Aug 2013 12:36:50 GMT

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As a workaround, I replaced every '-' characters to: -[+1 ]

So after every '-' chars there are very small sized spaces and breaking words are correct now.

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Subject: Re: Allow line-break after '-' sign within a word?

Posted by [Sender Ghost](#) on Tue, 06 Aug 2013 17:21:16 GMT

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You could find "line breaking logic" for U++ RichText inside of RichPara::FormatLines method.

To allow line breaks for '-' character, it is possible to change (for your local copy of RichText package) following line of code:

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if(*s == ' ') {
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to:

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if(*s == ' ' || *s == '-') {
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The diff file attached, just in case.

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#### File Attachments

1) [RichText.diff](#), downloaded 381 times

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Posted by [zsolt](#) on Tue, 06 Aug 2013 18:35:01 GMT

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Maybe it would be a good idea to apply this change to the SVN version as well. Hm?

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Posted by [Sender Ghost](#) on Tue, 06 Aug 2013 20:03:15 GMT

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As far as I know, not all words with hyphen character must be line-break, especially for languages different than english, while RichText is UTF-aware.

For example, for unicode character set there are:

- soft-hyphen, to manually "hint" about line break.
- non-breaking hyphen and no-break-space, to forbid line break.
- etc.

Also, the Hyphen Wikipedia page mentions about "minus sign", which "should not be confused with" hyphen.

Not to mention about many hyphenation algorithms (e.g. "Liang-Knuth hyphenation algorithm", which uses specially created patterns for selected languages; algorithms, based on vowels, consonants, syllables, etc.).

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Sun, 11 Aug 2013 16:03:21 GMT

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Mirek

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Sun, 11 Aug 2013 16:04:03 GMT

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Posted by [zsolt](#) on Tue, 13 Aug 2013 11:50:23 GMT

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Mirek

Yes, something should be done about it, because the current behaviour is not correct for a lot of languages.

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Subject: Re: Allow line-break after '-' sign within a word?

Posted by [wimpie](#) on Sat, 19 Oct 2013 17:06:32 GMT

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mirek wrote on Sun, 11 August 2013 18:04Also, we might consider adding automated hyphenation too... (but that will have to have support in LanguageInfo).

I think it's a good idea to support word-breaking at QTF level with invisible characters indicating where the words may break. (soft-hyphen)

But automation should be in the (word processing) editor where typed words may be inserted with the soft-hyphen. in my experience the computer is not always right, so you should be able to remove the soft-hyphen by hand if you like. (or add it...)

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