
Subject: Questions about CodeEditor

Posted by [cbpporter](#) on Thu, 11 Jun 2015 08:12:16 GMT

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Subject: Re: Questions about CodeEditor

Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 12 Jun 2015 10:24:52 GMT

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Sure. Check SqlCtrl/SqlConsole - it is using CodeEditor to edit SQL statements.

Quote:

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[/quote]

"FAST" - optimize the whole package for speed (in optimal build).

Mirek

Subject: Re: Questions about CodeEditor

Posted by [cbpporter](#) on Fri, 12 Jun 2015 11:47:01 GMT

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Ahhh, thank you!

Managed to turn on C++ syntax highlighting.

Now I just need to produce a custom highlighter class...

Subject: Re: Questions about CodeEditor
Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 13 Jun 2015 05:51:04 GMT
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I recommend searching for LogSyntax and CreateLogSyntax...

Subject: Re: Questions about CodeEditor
Posted by [cbpporter](#) on Tue, 16 Jun 2015 08:46:19 GMT
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Well I need to highlight something a bit more complex than C#, so I'm basing my class on CSyntax.

But before I need to update the tabbed code editor because it is not behaving correctly.

How are these controls designed?

Are you supposed to keep track of a list of open files with timestamps and cursor position?

I'm thinking of keeping an Array of CodeEditor instances, one per open file, and hiding the one that are not for the active tab.

Subject: Re: Questions about CodeEditor
Posted by [cbpporter](#) on Tue, 16 Jun 2015 11:25:36 GMT
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So I registered my extension using RegisterCSyntax, added a new entry to the enum and added keywords and identifier names with LoadSyntax within CSyntax::InitKeywords() and...

somehow magically all my sources are highlighted with the proper keywords! I have no idea how it matches the registered extension with the keywords set, but I suspect that out of coincidence the indexes all match up...

I wont be able to use CSyntax forever so it ma be time to inherit form it.

And I need to figure out how colors are loaded, because me using code to overwrite colors only works one time because of the ONCELOCK and then when switching tabs the colors are restored to default.

Subject: Re: Questions about CodeEditor
Posted by [cbpporter](#) on Tue, 23 Jun 2015 16:13:28 GMT
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I feel like I need to congratulate you on CodeEditor. It is a very strong and powerful class that has greatly simplified my work. Which isn't surprising in the very least, since U++ components are always good and useful, maybe sometimes not completely intuitive :).

I managed to create a minimal yet relatively feature full IDE in 700 lines of code, and this including a custom TreeCtrl::Paint. This IDE does not have the features of a 700 project but of one with thousands of lines of code and this is thanks to CodeEditor! Sure, the code will become larger when I move from enhancing CSyntax to adding a fully new Syntax class for my needs.

This is a slow burning project, but eventually I will need to add things like code browsers, got to/inspect and code completion.

Adding support for life update when changing the using statements (the #include equivalents) will be quite difficult and I'm thinking threads...

Subject: Re: Questions about CodeEditor
Posted by [unodgs](#) on Tue, 23 Jun 2015 20:17:06 GMT
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Subject: Re: Questions about CodeEditor
Posted by [cbpporter](#) on Wed, 24 Jun 2015 06:30:45 GMT
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unodgs wrote on Tue, 23 June 2015 23:17 Could you tell why you create your own ide? Is it suppose to replace theide or it's been created for sth else?
Don't worry, it is for a language that does not have an IDE yet 8).

I can create my standalone IDE using U++ or write an Eclipse plugin.

Guess which one is easier! :)

Subject: Re: Questions about CodeEditor
Posted by [unodgs](#) on Wed, 24 Jun 2015 08:33:54 GMT
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I'm not worried, just curious :) I hope you'll post some screenshot here when it's ready.
PS: I tried once to write eclipse plugin - never finished, never tried again ;)

Subject: Re: Questions about CodeEditor
Posted by [cbpporter](#) on Wed, 24 Jun 2015 11:06:01 GMT
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Sure, screenshots and eventually opensourced.

The goal of it is not for it to be the greatest IDE ever. It is to offer a relatively high entry standard: not to force people to use random editors and command line, but have a full featured IDE. Eventually someone else might make a better IDE and that's fine!

But until screenshots, it looks like TheIDE :). I guess there is no escaping the fact for now :).

Subject: Re: Questions about CodeEditor
Posted by [cbpporter](#) on Thu, 02 Jul 2015 11:02:39 GMT
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So I finished my first version of the bare bones IDE and of syntax highlighting.

But there is one more feature I need to add: dynamic class name highlighting.

Currently I'm using the UPPNAME colors to highlight class names, but the list of known classes for each tab is different based on which classes you are using.

I need to find a way to:

1. change the list of classes for each tab based on a scan operation done on tab open
 2. find some hooks in CodeEditor that would allow me to determine if a "using" statement has been changed and recolor the current tab efficiently.
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Posted by [cbpporter](#) on Thu, 02 Jul 2015 13:46:37 GMT
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BTW, since CodeEditor is capable of highlighting pretty much everything at various qualities, I suppose it is meant to highlight universal external sources, not U++ sources which are mostly C++.

So it needs to be updated to properly handle BOM files, together with saving the BOM bytes on each save if present at load time.

I'm going to try and implement this next.

Subject: Re: Questions about CodeEditor
Posted by [cbpporter](#) on Thu, 02 Jul 2015 14:20:55 GMT
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What controls the decision to render the blue line or not.

Subject: Re: Questions about CodeEditor
Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 02 Jul 2015 19:47:41 GMT
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Actually, there is already RM entry for that #1049

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Unfortunately, this part is hardwired into

EditorBar::Paint(Draw& w)

:(

(getting CodeEditor ready for client use was not the primary concern when virtualizing highlighting)

Mirek

Subject: Re: Questions about CodeEditor
Posted by [cbpporter](#) on Fri, 03 Jul 2015 07:49:32 GMT
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Ah, found it! Hardcoded highlight. Thanks!

Editor shaping up real good.

Now with those blue bars it is begging for code folding :).

Subject: Re: Questions about CodeEditor
Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 03 Jul 2015 08:27:50 GMT
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cbpporter wrote on Fri, 03 July 2015 09:49Ah, found it! Hardcoded highlight. Thanks!

Editor shaping up real good.

Now with those blue bars it is begging for code folding :).

Well... code folding is not out of question if general demand is high...

Mirek

Subject: Re: Questions about CodeEditor
Posted by [slashupp](#) on Tue, 26 Jul 2016 07:03:59 GMT
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just now spend 10 minutes looking for 'code folding' custom/preference option ...
(after fixing changes I made in wrong function)
it sure would be very handy
would it help if I name myself General Demand, and say I'm high?
