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Subject: C++ Parser

Posted by [unodgs](#) on Wed, 28 Sep 2011 12:03:46 GMT

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Qt developers wrote today (<http://labs.qt.nokia.com/2011/09/28/qt-creator-editor-news/>) that they're experimenting with clang as a parser for intellisense. It seems to be a good idea because clang supports "fuzzy parsing". Maybe we should follow the same way?

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Subject: Re: C++ Parser

Posted by [unodgs](#) on Wed, 28 Sep 2011 12:11:32 GMT

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Here is a plugin for vim that uses clang for autocompletion

[https://github.com/Rip-Rip/clang\\_complete](https://github.com/Rip-Rip/clang_complete)

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Subject: Re: C++ Parser

Posted by [unodgs](#) on Wed, 28 Sep 2011 12:16:25 GMT

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This vim plugin seems to be very accurate:

<http://zwiener.org/vimautocomplete.html>

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Subject: Re: C++ Parser

Posted by [mirek](#) on Wed, 28 Sep 2011 21:14:58 GMT

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Is it as fast as we need too?

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Subject: Re: C++ Parser

Posted by [unodgs](#) on Wed, 28 Sep 2011 21:27:51 GMT

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mirek wrote on Wed, 28 September 2011 17:14: Is it as fast as we need too?

I'm gonna find out (just built the newest version..)

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Subject: Re: C++ Parser

Posted by [Novo](#) on Thu, 29 Sep 2011 14:30:10 GMT

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Thanks for a hint.

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Posted by [unodgs](#) on Tue, 25 Oct 2011 12:27:29 GMT  
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1) [clangeditor.png](#), downloaded 1480 times

Code editor + clang

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public:
    String()
    {

    }
    String(const char* s)
    {

    }
    char operator[](int n)
    {
        return buff[n];
    }
    int GetLength()
    {
        String ss;
        ss.
        ret
    }
    String&
    {
        ret
    }
};

#define SS Stri

int Test(int a)
{
    return a * 2;

```

| ↑ Priority | Kind              | Completion                  |
|------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 34         | Method            | operator[]( int n )         |
| 34         | Method            | GetLength( )                |
| 34         | Method            | GetTypo( )                  |
| 34         | Method            | operator=( const String & ) |
| 34         | Destructor        | ~String( )                  |
| 35         | Field declaration | length                      |
| 35         | Field declaration | buffer                      |
| 75         | Class             | String::                    |

Subject: Re: C++ Parser  
Posted by mirek on Tue, 25 Oct 2011 15:36:29 GMT  
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E.g. for Alt+J (jump to definition) to work, you need to keep track of all files...

Is this somehow solved in clang?

Mirek

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Subject: Re: C++ Parser

Posted by [fudadmin](#) on Tue, 25 Oct 2011 15:46:22 GMT

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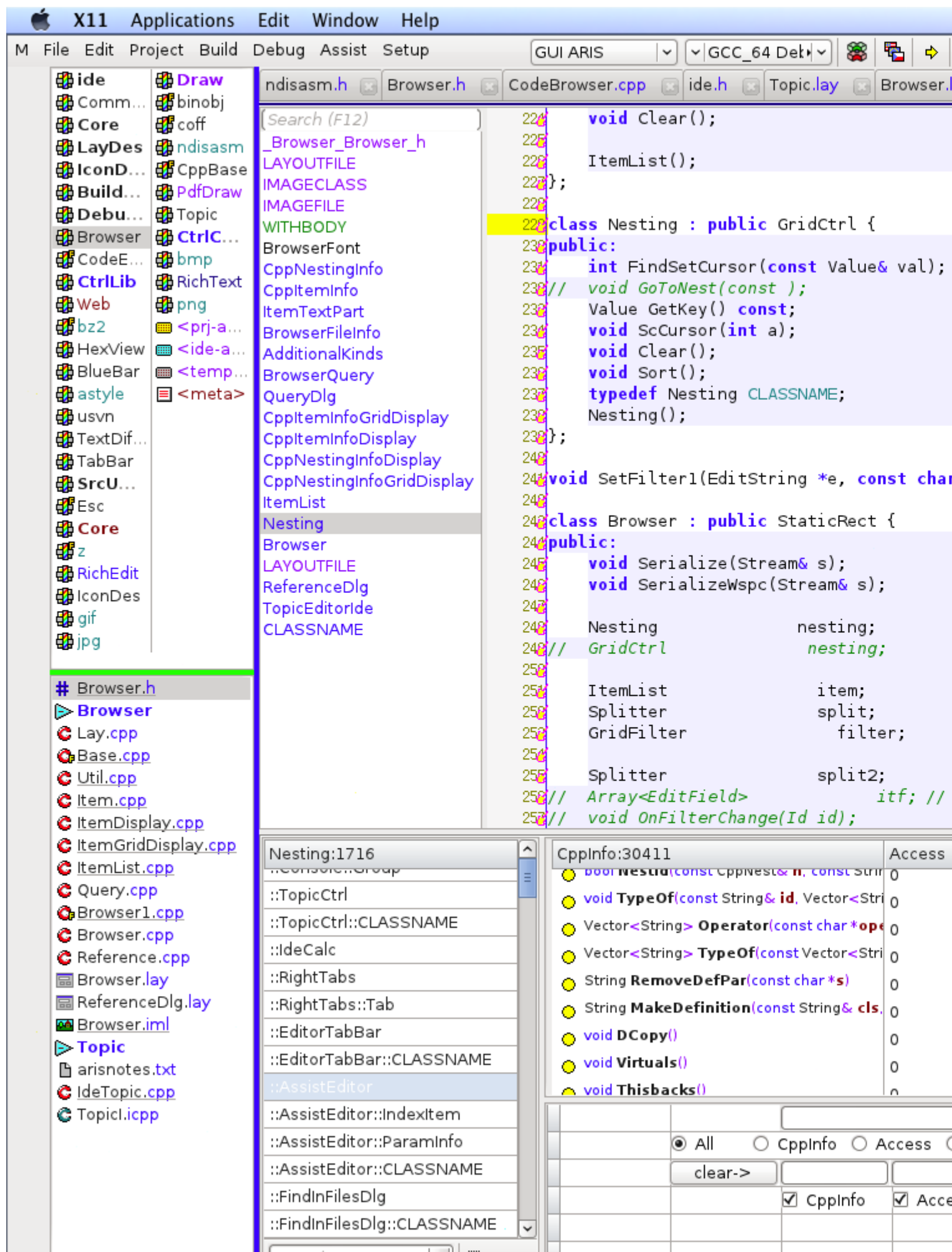
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I have been also working on the ide upp Cpp code parsing and browsing improvement alternative and also using GridCtrl . I tried to use clang for compiling upp on mac but it didnt work. Are you able to compile upp with clang?

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1) [Screen shot 2011-10-25 at 16.25.16.png](#), downloaded 775 times



Subject: Re: C++ Parser

Posted by [Novo](#) on Tue, 25 Oct 2011 15:53:11 GMT

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mirek wrote on Tue, 25 October 2011 11:36

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AFAIK, clang is a real compiler, so, it has to parse all included files. The difference with gcc is that internal data structure is more high level and it stores more info for each parsed element. As a result you can use it not just to jump/navigate among files but also to regenerate file back (or to do some refactoring and generate files after that). It is a real parser and you have real type info about each node. The only question is performance. But XCode is based on clang and seems to work fine.

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Subject: Re: C++ Parser

Posted by [unodgs](#) on Tue, 25 Oct 2011 16:48:07 GMT

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Quote:I believe that the real trouble is not C++ parser alone, working on single file, but how to make all files work together (with all macros and headers and such).

I had also `#include <Core/Core.h>` in the sample file and the speed was more than acceptable (especially the second time when files were cached by the system I guess). Besides clang supports precompiled headers what should make parsing fast enough even if lots of headers and macros are involved.

Integrating clang with upp is also very easy. It's only one file `libclang.dll` (4.7 MB) that has to be distributed with the rest of the framework.

Anyway I'll try to finish the demo and add the whole upp library with windows headers and see what the speed will be.

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fudadmin wrote on Tue, 25 October 2011 11:46 I have been also working on the ide upp Cpp code parsing and browsing improvement alternative and also using `GridCtrl`.

That's a great news! Could you share your sources?

Quote:I tried to use clang for compiling upp on mac but it didnt work. Are you able to compile upp with clang?

On win64 clang exploded during compilation one of the upp's package (I used svn version not a stable one). But I'll keep on trying

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