

## CoCoA-5 - Design #424

### Emacs UI: Name of emacs init file

22 Jan 2014 16:29 - John Abbott

<b>Status:</b>	In Progress	<b>Start date:</b>	22 Jan 2014
<b>Priority:</b>	Low	<b>Due date:</b>	
<b>Assignee:</b>	Anna Maria Bigatti	<b>% Done:</b>	10%
<b>Category:</b>	EmacsUI	<b>Estimated time:</b>	7.00 hours
<b>Target version:</b>	CoCoA-5.?.?	<b>Spent time:</b>	0.75 hour
<b>Description</b>			
<p>Starting emacs-24.3 with the current (M\$) distribution produced a warning about the file name <b>_emacs</b> being obsolescent/deprecated. I suggest moving the file into <b>.emacs.d/init.el</b> thus avoiding M\$ problems with files whose names begin with a dot.</p> <p>Perhaps we should adopt the same convention for all distributions? To me it does seem almost redundant to have both the file <b>.emacs</b> and the directory <b>.emacs.d/</b>; I think it would be neater to have everything together in the <b>.emacs.d/</b> directory.</p> <p>Comments? Opinions?</p>			

### History

#### #1 - 22 Jan 2014 16:37 - Anna Maria Bigatti

John Abbott wrote:

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I don't have enough experience with M\$ (except for installing cocoa on students' computers). I'm not sure it's wise to create **.emacs.d/** directory: would that be recognised even though it starts with a dot?

I still have on my mac **.emacs** file. Is the directory better for some philosophical/practical reason?

Comments? Opinions?

#### #2 - 22 Jan 2014 17:26 - John Abbott

- Status changed from New to In Progress

- % Done changed from 0 to 10

The current distribution for M\$ already includes a **.emacs.d** directory, so it is certainly possible to create one, and M\$ seems to accept without much fuss.

I have both **.emacs** and **.emacs.d/** on my computer; it seems neater to me to have everything together in one place. I suppose I have a personal preference for putting it all in **.emacs.d/** but no good technical reason springs to mind.

Maybe I should try it on my machine before recommending that everyone else does so :-)

**#3 - 24 Jan 2014 12:16 - John Abbott**

Anna is unconvinced by the idea of forcing the user to accept a whole directory. Perhaps we could use the alternative init file name **.emacs.el**; at least the suffix gives a good clue that the file contains *emacs lisp* code.

**#4 - 24 Jan 2014 13:54 - John Abbott**

If we were to use **.emacs.d/** then we could put **cocoa.el** there; this could make installation easier?

I doubt that this is sufficient motivation to force the user to accept the directory **.emacs.d/**

**#5 - 02 Apr 2014 09:50 - Anna Maria Bigatti**

- *Category set to EmacsUI*

- *Target version set to CoCoA-5.1.0 Easter14*

**#6 - 17 Apr 2014 18:53 - John Abbott**

- *Assignee set to Anna Maria Bigatti*

- *Priority changed from Normal to Low*

- *Target version changed from CoCoA-5.1.0 Easter14 to CoCoA-5.1.1 Seoul14*

- *Estimated time set to 7.00 h*

**#7 - 02 Jul 2014 16:09 - Anna Maria Bigatti**

- *Subject changed from Name of emacs init file to Emacs UI: Name of emacs init file*

**#8 - 22 Jul 2014 11:21 - Anna Maria Bigatti**

- *Target version changed from CoCoA-5.1.1 Seoul14 to CoCoA-5.?.?*