

CoCoA-5 - Design #424

Emacs UI: Name of emacs init file

22 Jan 2014 16:29 - John Abbott

Status:	In Progress	Start date:	22 Jan 2014
Priority:	Low	Due date:	
Assignee:	Anna Maria Bigatti	% Done:	10%
Category:	EmacsUI	Estimated time:	7.00 hours
Target version:	CoCoA-5.?.?	Spent time:	0.75 hour
Description <p>Starting emacs-24.3 with the current (M\$) distribution produced a warning about the file name _emacs being obsolescent/deprecated. I suggest moving the file into .emacs.d/init.el 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 .emacs and the directory .emacs.d/; I think it would be neater to have everything together in the .emacs.d/ directory.</p> <p>Comments? Opinions?</p>			

History

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

John Abbott wrote:

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Perhaps we should adopt the same convention for all distributions? To me it does seem almost redundant to have both the file **.emacs** and the directory **.emacs.d/**; I think it would be neater to have everything together in the **.emacs.d/** directory.

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.?.?