

darktable - Feature #9029

Use list instead of a table for plugin manager

10/29/2012 11:38 PM - Vitaliy Filippov

Status:	Fixed	Start date:	10/30/2012
Priority:	Medium	Due date:	
Assignee:		% Done:	100%
Category:	Darkroom	Estimated time:	0.00 hour
Target version:	Candidate for next major release	bitness:	64-bit
Affected Version:		hardware architecture:	amd64/x86
System:			

Description

Now Darktable uses a table with icons for plugin manager.

And there are 50 plugins. And the user doesn't see their names, just icons.

So it's VERY irritating having to place the mouse cursor over ALL 50 (!!!) icons to find the needed module. I can't remember them all :)

I suggest using a scrollable list of labeled buttons instead of table. I think it's MUCH more usable.

Patch is attached. I had to modify the drawing routine of the tristate button, because previous code was either drawing just the text, or just the icon, but not both at the same time.

Also, I've changed flip.png icon so it now is 24x24 with margins, like all others.

History

#1 - 10/29/2012 11:58 PM - Christian Tellefsen

- *Category set to Darkroom*

- *Target version set to Candidate for next major release*

Thank you for your input! Personally I completely agree -- the "more-modules-module" is a pain to navigate.

There was a long and passionate debate on this topic in the mailing list a couple of weeks ago:

http://sourceforge.net/mailarchive/message.php?msg_id=29949819

The active modules list is likely to be moved to the Preferences dialogue. As we currently are in a string freeze the functionality may need to wait until after the next release.

I'm leaving this issue open, in case the patch should be pulled in as a temporary fix. (It doesn't seem to break the string freeze, might be relevant for the upcoming release?)

#2 - 10/30/2012 07:27 AM - Richard Wonka

Thank you!

#3 - 10/30/2012 09:42 PM - Tobias Ellinghaus

Could you please provide a screenshot of what it looks like with your patch?

#4 - 10/31/2012 11:52 AM - Vitaliy Filippov

- File `moremodules-fixed.png` added

Of course, here it is :)

#5 - 10/31/2012 01:11 PM - Jérémy Rosen

Ok, we had a small discussion on IRC, and here are our current comments

- please use normal text instead of bold
- it would make more sense to have the plugin list sorted alphabetically instead of the pipe order. Ease of search is more important than rendering hints here...
- I haven't had time to check this myself, but please make sure you don't break string freeze... we plan to rewrite the more-module logic after the next stable release, so this patch only make sense in this stable release, and we are already in string-freeze...

Cheers
Boucman

#6 - 10/31/2012 01:18 PM - Vitaliy Filippov

OK, I'll fix it.

I've also had a thought - maybe the messages should be changed so that each tristate button displays *current state* of the plugin, not the *click action*? Maybe this also will be more convenient?

Btw, what's the string freeze?

#7 - 10/31/2012 02:20 PM - Christian Tellefsen

"String freeze" is one of several steps preceding release.

Strings that require translation are not allowed to be modified or added. This allows translators time to get ready before the release.

#8 - 10/31/2012 03:30 PM - Jérémy Rosen

Ok, we have been discussing a little bit more how this should look like...

we believe that a simple way to do it would have to have three columns in the table

- first column would be the module's icon
- second column would be empty or a star if the module is a favorite (the star icon from the favorite group)
- third column would be the module name

the three modes would be displayed in the following way

- off : dark background, no star
- on : light background, no star
- favorite : light background, with star

this should not break string freeze since the only string used would be the module name which is already available somewhere else...

Sorry to make you rewrite the patch so much, but hopefully it can be done in time for 1.1

Cheers
Boucman

#9 - 11/05/2012 10:55 PM - Jérémy Rosen

- Status changed from Patch attached to Fixed

- % Done changed from 70 to 100

Ok I did a commit based on your patch (though heavily reworked, the feature I asked were actually more complicated than I expected)

thx for the initial patch, though that was a good base on which to work

#10 - 11/08/2012 02:02 PM - Vitaliy Filippov

Thank you very much! I've checked out the new list - I think it's very convenient.

Files

0001-Use-GtkList-for-plugin-list-instead-of-a-GtkTable.patch	8.81 KB	10/29/2012	Vitaliy Filippov
moremodules-fixed.png	105 KB	10/31/2012	Vitaliy Filippov