

[Usability] Path–buttons–field Open dialog mockup

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Hello!

I refined my path buttons/field combo and created mockups of an Open dialog:

http://xs68.xs.to/pics/06071/text-path_05_a.png
http://xs68.xs.to/pics/06071/text-path_05_b.png

Buttons now take full hight and appear blueish–white to better integrate with the field.

Please remember from my previous post that backspace, ../, wildcards and specifying a full path starting with / shall all be working.

Additionally a file extension (specific or with wildcards) could be given after putting in a dot. That should also affect the filetype selector below the list.

Including / in the labels is an option to make users familiar with that seperator.

The path/button section of the field is right aligned to the left edge of the list view, to make the input section line up with said list view.

This way the dialog is split up into a path/places part and an input/list part.

With no input, all files of the current dir are shown, with the first one preselected. Hitting enter will open it (go into a dir or open a file).

Mockup B shows how the file list will be filtered and how completion could work. If there's only one match, it would be selected to be opened on hitting enter. Partial completion is to be shown after the cursor, in a different colour and an Enter icon, as hitting Enter will accept the completion (until then, the Open buttons should be grayed out, actualy). (a single character for completion is not the best example, I was just lazy here ;)

I thought about automatical partial completion, so in my example

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entering "h" would result in "ha" directly. But that would require the user to check what happens after each single key ...

I removed the bookmark buttons, because a larger list and less cluttered look seems more valuable to me. Would also make using the bookmarks in one–click mode a no–brainer.

Maybe a hint about drag and drop could be shown as last element in the list.

Cheers,
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