
Refine the categories selector

Posted by Ampa - 2011/07/07 10:45

IMHO the categories selector is a little clunky...

Is it really necessary to click a button to open the list?

Once the list is opened it is only partially visible.

Resizing the list is not stored, so must be done every time.

I find that I have to untick or delete the most recently used category more often than not.

I feel lousy complaining and not suggesting a more elegant solution myself, but would love to hear others thoughts on how the category GUI could be refined.

Re: Refine the categories selector

Posted by Rainy - 2011/07/08 12:24

A drop down list probably would be easier to use but that allows only a single selection. I could create an option for it though. Anyway, you can also just write the name of the category to the edit field. There is auto completion so you usually have to enter just couple of the first letters.

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Posted by Ampa - 2011/07/08 15:31

Here is an alternative idea...

What about moving the categories on to a tab of their own?

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This would allow plenty of space to display all the available categories at once as a table (of say 4 x 12 = 48 items), and has no greater disadvantage than clicking the existing button and popping open a new dialogue.

Perhaps also add on option (saved in the template or globally) as to whether the previously used category is remembered?

Maybe the new tab could also show the category icon next to its name?

And the colours could display a small square of that colour?

Thanks for considering my suggestions :)

Re:Refine the categories selector

Posted by Rainy - 2011/07/10 14:15

That would at least give the categories more space but I'm not sure if the users would notice it so easily if it's on another page. I'll have to think about this.
