QueryFieldEditor

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This example is a field editor that does escape completion against any IXBTree cursor. It is used in Webster and Librarian. You attach it to a TextField, and when the user types Esc, it completes the prefix using a IXBTree's key space as the set of possible completions.

It behaves like (and was inspired by) the escape completion in Edit: it cycles through all possible completions for a given prefix. You attach it to a TextField by implementing the Window delegate's - windowWillReturnFieldEditor:toObject:hook. You arm it with an IXBTree cursor, and away you go.

The following code snippet shows how the Window delegate manages the QueryFieldEditor:

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#import <indexing/IXRecordManager.h>
#import <indexing/FileFinder.h>
#import <btree/IXBTreeCursor.h>
/* This method sets the proper IXBTree cursor for the field editor */
- setCursorForFieldEditor
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/* The idea here is to set the field editor to a cursor of any IXBTree
     * with strings as keys
    [fieldEditor setCursor:cursor];
    return cursor;
/* You must implement this window delegate method to set the proper field editor for
* the textfield named "fieldEditor"
- windowWillReturnFieldEditor:sender toObject:client
    if (client != queryField) return nil;
    if (fieldEditor == nil) {
           fieldEditor = [[QueryFieldEditor alloc] init];
           [self setCursorForFieldEditor];
    return fieldEditor;
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