Archived:Configuring an editor for syntax highlighting

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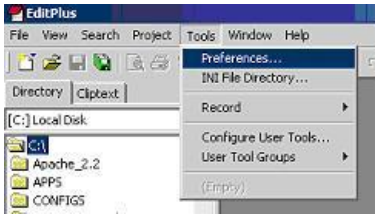
This topic describes how to configuring the EditPlus, UltraEdit, or Emacs editor software to support WidSets Scripting Language syntax.

EditPlus Configuration

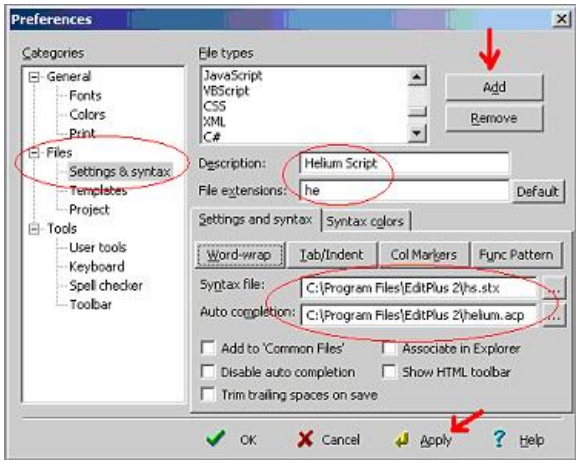
Copy the `helium_highlight_editplus.stx` and `helium_highlight_editplus.acp` files from the WidSets SDK's \docs folder to the main folder of EditPlus (`\Program Files\EditPlus 2\`).

Run EditPlus and select **Preferences** from the program's **Tools** menu.



1. Select **Files** > **Settings & syntax** from the **Categories** list in the **Preferences** dialog.

2. Click the **Add** button and fill in the form as illustrated:



3.You can also change the syntax colors and set other setting parameters as you wish.

4. Click **Apply** and return to the editing space. Support for WSL code files is now enabled.

UltraEdit configuration

To configure UltraEdit to support WidSets Scripting Language syntax:

1. Open **Advanced** > **Configuration** > **Syntax Hightlighting** dialog.

2. Click **Open** to start editing the syntax highlight configuration file.

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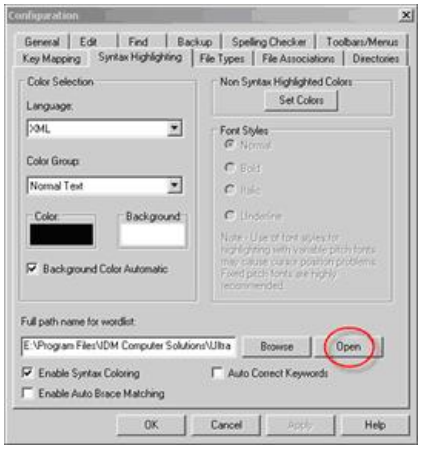

3. Click `OK` in the Configuration dialog to close it.

4. Open `helium_highlight_ultraedit.txt` from the WidSets SDK's /docs directory.

5. Make a copy of your existing `wordfile.txt`. Normally it is located in C:\Program Files\IDM Computer Solutions\UltraEdit-32.

6. Scroll to the end of the file and search backwards for "/L", which is the starting mark of syntax highlight definition.

7. If the sequence number in your UltraEdit differs from number 10, you need to change the `helium_highlight_ultraedit.txt` file so that it will be the next number. If there are definitions with the same numbers or there are "empty numbers"" in between, syntax highlighting will not work.

8. When sequence numbers are OK, just copy all (Control-A) from `helium_highlight_ultraedit.txt` and paste (Control-V) it at the end of your `wordfile.txt`. Save the file (Control-S) and you are done. Now when you edit WSL(.he-prefixed) files, the syntax should be highlighted.

Emacs configuration

The Java-mode of Emacs provides rudimentary syntax highlighting for WidSets Scripting Language. Add the following line to your Emacs configuration file (usually .emacs) to use Java-mode for Helium script files:

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(setq auto-mode-alist (cons '("\\.he$" . java-mode) auto-mode-alist))
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