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Subject: Re: On Windows: Creating VERSIONINFO for your binaries...

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If you search on this topic through Google, you'll find that a lot of people would like to auto-increment the file version information (distinct from the product version information) based on something that ensures each updated version of the file is of a 'greater' version than the previous one. Developers often forget to increment the file version information on release, leading to problems when deploying the application (something I've experienced personally).

Microsoft uses the current date/time to help generate that number. I think that's a decent approach. Perhaps a combination of the product version and the date/time, somehow.

I think, if you did this in a somewhat automated fashion, you'd make an awful lot of developers out there happy.

I'd also be concerned about having to remember other twiddly bits... getting the FILEOS or FILETYPE/FILESUBTYPE right, etc.

On the other hand, I can see where some folks might not want to have this automated.

I'm not one of them, though. Heh.

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