Subject: Re: Windows SDK - the only way is to get that 1.15GB file?
Posted by cbpporter on Sun, 27 Jan 2008 13:55:46 GMT

mr_ped wrote on Sun, 27 January 2008 10:28Hmm.. just tried the 2008.1beta with mingw without windows SDK.
The "HelloWorld" example works?! AdressBook works too.
TheIDE works too.

What for the Windows SDK is needed?

It is not needed. Just an alternative for MINGW. The only reason why you should use it that it's a little bit better. VS compiler is considerably faster (about 30-40% on my system), binary files are smaller (debug exe is 3-4MB, compared to 20+), and most importantly, MINGW debugger is extremely bad. I has huge problems, especially with templates.

But I agree, 1GB of download is a little large, considering that you need only a few components from it. But I doubt that any form of repackaging of the installer would be legal, so you just have to download it once and make sure not to loose it. You also don't need it if you can get a VS compiler from another sources, like a full VS edition.