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Subject: Re: Number of U++ Developers/Users?  
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cbpporter wrote on Fri, 27 August 2010 12:16 Well TheIDE is quite strong and should offer most of what you are looking for if you know how to use it to achieve such fine tuned control.

I don't.

For me, the real strength of TheIDE comes from the fact that it can completely eliminate traditional build process. You can use it to just say "NO!!!!!!!" to everything that is expected from a traditional C++ build process and replace it with something more simple and modular.

If you need to work with other projects or "legacy" tools, Visual Studios should be best for you. OR autotools. If you are ready to embrace packages, then give TheIDE a try.

I do use Visual Studio and its main strength for me is: I can without hassle set up hierarchies of projects and it is easy to create settings both for a single project and for the whole project tree. It is also easy to set up hierarchy of build variants (debug, release, etc) and to assign settings for both single variant as well as for the whole variants tree.

The tool doesn't do any magic, no automatically inserted paths or libraries or compiler flags, I have everything under my control and get only what I explicitly ask for. (This was nightmare with the late Borland C++ Builder, it 'helped' so much that copying a project on a new machine was often simply impossible.)

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