
Subject: Re: MS C++ express vs MINGW
Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 01 Jun 2006 17:00:32 GMT
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forlano wrote on Thu, 01 June 2006 12:51Hello,
I was installing the microsoft compiler VC++ 2005 express edition once I've read it is free of charge. During the installation it connected to the microsoft site to download it. The message during the download said that it was downloading .NET platform and other stupid things that I do not want (I've unchecked them) for a total of 91 MB! I stopped everything.

Please let me ask you:

- 1) if in order to get the compiler I really need to download 91 MB of rubbish or at the end it download only a part of it.
- 2) the MS compiler has some advantage with respect the Mingw one I'm currently using.

Thank you,
Luigi

Well, the best compiler so far is MSC7.1 IMO. It is not as C++ compliant as 8.0, but is much faster (compile time) and produces short code.

8.0 is slower, but still better than Mingw.

Unfortunately, at the moment I do not remember what exactly has to be downloaded, but I am afraid download is really huge, much more than 91MB (700MB or so...). Quite stupid to take a commandline compiler from it...

Mirek
