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Subject: Conditional compiling  
Posted by [forlano](#) on Fri, 15 Mar 2019 20:06:32 GMT  
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Hello,

my program run under Windows and Linux. The source code is the same but there are part of the code that works only in windows.

So far I used

```
#ifdef PLATFORM_WIN32
    // windows code
#else
    // linux code
#endif
```

to choose what to compile. In future I need to compile different the code depending of Windows, Linux and MacOS.

I wonder which def flag will permit me to separate the Linux stuff from the MacOS one.

Thanks a lot,  
Luigi

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PLATFORM\_OSX?

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Subject: Re: Conditional compiling  
Posted by [Klugier](#) on Fri, 15 Mar 2019 22:04:24 GMT  
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Hello,

It seems that for the UI applications Mirek is using PLATFORM\_COCOA. Here is part of TheIDE that creates macOS global menu (ide/idebar.cpp - line 879):

```
void Ide::SetMenuBar()
{
#ifdef PLATFORM_COCOA
    SetMainMenu(THISBACK(MainMenu));
    menubar.Hide();
#else
```

```
menubar.Set(THISBACK(MainMenu));  
#endif  
}
```

However, it is only true if Cocoa back-end is enable (currently default and the most advanced one for macOS). So, you can not rely on this flag for your console applications.

In the Core/config.h file there are following platform definitions that are equal on macOS:

```
#define PLATFORM_MACOS 1  
#define PLATFORM_OSX 1
```

The above declaration are good to check for platform in low level code that doesn't require UI elements. Currently, I would prefer PLATFORM\_MACOS over PLATFORM\_OSX, because it agrees with current Apple naming convention for their desktop operating system. MAC OS X naming was abandon in 2016. Also, please notice that macOS is POSIX platform, so in most non UI cases you should rely on PLATFORM\_POSIX flag.

Sincerely,  
Klugier

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Subject: Re: Conditional compiling  
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Good explanation.

Just one clarification: I have dedicated PLATFORM\_COCOA to "native" macos apps (using Cocoa as backend).

In theory, PLATFORM\_OSX / PLATFORM\_MACOS are active for X11 applications on Mac. Hopefully, that is not important anymore...

Mirek

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