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Posted by [forlano](#) on Thu, 01 Jun 2006 16:51:13 GMT

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Thank you,  
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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

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Subject: Re: MS C++ express vs MINGW  
Posted by [fudadmin](#) on Thu, 01 Jun 2006 17:06:04 GMT  
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AFAIK, MS compiler compiles faster.  
My experience is that with MINGW you can't compile some third party programs at all.  
I hate MINGW include problems .  
I've downloaded gigabytes from MS and still find them useful...

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Posted by [forlano](#) on Thu, 01 Jun 2006 21:17:20 GMT  
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  cpp ArrayCtrl.cpp DropList.cpp DropPusher.cpp DropChoice.cpp Static.cpp Splitter.cpp
SliderCtrl.cpp ColumnList.c
  pp Progress.cpp AKeys.cpp RichTextView.cpp RichClip.cpp Prompt.cpp Help.cpp Bar.cpp
MenuBar.cpp ToolBar.cpp Tool
  Tip.cpp StatusBar.cpp TabCtrl.cpp TreeCtrl.cpp DlgColor.cpp ColorPopup.cpp ColorPusher.cpp
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Luigi

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Mirek

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luzr wrote on Thu, 01 June 2006 23:18  
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Mirek

In the installation directory there is a SDK directory with other subdirectories as /bin, /lib... I think

yes.

Luigi

edit: I read that about Win32 SDK I've "(core only)" ... in contrast with other edition of the compiler.

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Posted by [forlano](#) on Fri, 02 Jun 2006 04:52:57 GMT  
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fudadmin wrote on Fri, 02 June 2006 01:41Have you got WinDef.h in your .../SDK/include/ dir? My U++ MSC7.1 compiles it from there...

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