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Subject: U++/Win32 is now using CLANG toolchain  
Posted by [mirek](#) on Sun, 01 Mar 2020 23:38:36 GMT  
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I have found this wonderful little project:

<https://github.com/mstorsjo/llvm-mingw>

which provides CLANG toolchain in windows. This is great match for several reasons:

- it is multichain, single compiler for both 32 and 64 bits, which results in nice small footprint - in fact, I have dropped "without toolchain" windows version, it is now single 140MB .7z file...
- it has good optimal TLS support, unlike gcc in win32
- it is actually able to produce .pdb compatible debug info. That means we can use the same (superior) debugger as for Microsoft C++, including "smart" parts that now display U++ types (!)

There are some issues that I plan to gradually fix with workarounds, but overall this seems to work pretty well.

Currently it has some downsides too, namely

- targets Windows universal CRT (instead of MSVCRT.dll), which means that for previous versions you need to ship some .dlls with your application. This might or might not be fixed in future...
- being there, it was not possible to have single static linked OpenSSL library for both clang and msvc, so I have gave up and OpenSSL is once again linked dynamically (just as SDL2, MYSQL, PGSQL are)
- there are some issues with weak references, which affected global new/delete overloading (<https://github.com/mstorsjo/llvm-mingw/issues/91>), but we have workaround for now
- there is also some issue with std::chrono timers, not able to reproduce, but I needed to revert 'msecs' function to older code to fix some weird issues in theide.

Overall, this is a great step forward, next release will be great!

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Subject: Re: U++/Win32 is now using CLANG toolchain  
Posted by [Xemuth](#) on Mon, 02 Mar 2020 07:55:50 GMT  
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Thanks for this implementation, I plan to compile several of my personal project with it.  
In case of problem, do we use this post as "bug/ dysfunction reporting" ? or shall we create a new thread ?

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Subject: Re: U++/Win32 is now using CLANG toolchain  
Posted by [koldo](#) on Mon, 02 Mar 2020 09:33:54 GMT  
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Thank you Mirek.

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Subject: Re: U++/Win32 is now using CLANG toolchain  
Posted by [Oblivion](#) on Mon, 02 Mar 2020 11:19:37 GMT  
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Thank you very much, Mirek!

Best regards,  
Oblivion

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Subject: Re: U++/Win32 is now using CLANG toolchain  
Posted by [Novo](#) on Tue, 03 Mar 2020 19:57:27 GMT  
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Are you planning to add cross-compilation from Linux to Windows?  
It looks like LLVM-MinGW supports that.

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Subject: Re: U++/Win32 is now using CLANG toolchain  
Posted by [mirek](#) on Wed, 04 Mar 2020 08:37:21 GMT  
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Did not come to my mind...

Currently I am using wine to build win32 stuff in Linux. TheIDE works just fine in wine..

Anyway, if you would like to investigate this area, that would be nice...

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Subject: Re: U++/Win32 is now using CLANG toolchain  
Posted by [koldo](#) on Wed, 04 Mar 2020 13:09:34 GMT  
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TheIDE compiled with CLANG in Windows 10. It works well :)

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Subject: Re: U++/Win32 is now using CLANG toolchain  
Posted by [mirek](#) on Wed, 04 Mar 2020 13:16:08 GMT  
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koldo wrote on Wed, 04 March 2020 14:09TheIDE compiled with CLANG in Windows 10. It works

well :)

Yeah, I am actually working in clang compiled ide for about 14 days now. After some initial fixes (e.g. chrono does not seem to work, so I have to revert to olde msec implementation) everything seems to be rock stable.

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Subject: Re: U++/Win32 is now using CLANG toolchain

Posted by [Tom1](#) on Tue, 24 Mar 2020 19:05:29 GMT

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Hi,

Is it possible to take a look at the bazaar/Protect with CLANG? I already noticed that removing file xed/VERSION fixes the compilation issue of Xed package that Protect uses.

However, something goes wrong when running ProtectEncrypt for an exe file created with CLANG.

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Also, I use some external static libraries and they in turn have some Windows library dependencies that are not being satisfied:

Linking...

lld-link: error: could not open 'libLIBCMT.a': No such file or directory

lld-link: error: could not open 'libOLDNAMES.a': No such file or directory

clang-10: error: linker command failed with exit code 1 (use -v to see invocation)

There were errors. (0:00.50)

In reality these libraries are called 'libcmt.lib' and 'oldnames.lib' and are included with e.g. MSBT. Any suggestions how to proceed here?

Best regards,

Tom

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Subject: Re: U++/Win32 is now using CLANG toolchain

Posted by [mirek](#) on Tue, 24 Mar 2020 20:30:50 GMT

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In organizer, specify them with ".lib" extension. The build will then take it "literally".

Mirek

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Subject: Re: U++/Win32 is now using CLANG toolchain

Posted by [Tom1](#) on Wed, 25 Mar 2020 07:57:20 GMT

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Hi Mirek,

Adding the libs manually

when: WIN32

Libraries: ../lib/libcmt.lib ../lib/liboldnames.lib

introduces a different issue:

Linking...

lld-link: error: duplicate symbol: atexit

>>> defined at ../crt\crtexe.c:438

>>> C:\upp-svn\bin\clang\x86\_64-w64-mingw32\lib\crt2.o

>>> defined at libcmt.lib(utils.obj)

lld-link: error: duplicate symbol: \_\_dyn\_tls\_init

>>> defined at d:\agent\\_work\4\s\src\vc\tools\crt\vcstartup\src\tls\tlsdyn.cpp:87

>>> libcmt.lib(tlsdyn.obj)

>>> defined at ../crt\tlssup.c:77

>>> libmingw32.a(lib64\_libmingw32\_a-tlssup.o)

lld-link: error: duplicate symbol: \_\_dyn\_tls\_init\_callback

>>> defined at libcmt.lib(tlsdyn.obj)

>>> defined at ../crt\tlssup.c:103

```

>>> libmingw32.a(lib64_libmingw32_a-tlssup.o)

lld-link: error: duplicate symbol: _onexit
>>> defined at d:\agent\_work\4\s\src\vc\tools\crt\vcstartup\src\utility\utility.cpp:256
>>> libcmt.lib(utility.obj)
>>> defined at ../crt\ucrtbase_compat.c:86
>>> libmsvcrt.a(lib64_libucrt_extra_a-ucrtbase_compat.o)

lld-link: error: duplicate symbol: _tls_index
>>> defined at ../crt\tlssup.c:35
>>> libmingw32.a(lib64_libmingw32_a-tlssup.o)
>>> defined at libcmt.lib(tlssup.obj)

lld-link: error: duplicate symbol: _tls_start
>>> defined at ../crt\tlssup.c:41
>>> libmingw32.a(lib64_libmingw32_a-tlssup.o)
>>> defined at libcmt.lib(tlssup.obj)

lld-link: error: duplicate symbol: _tls_end
>>> defined at ../crt\tlssup.c:42
>>> libmingw32.a(lib64_libmingw32_a-tlssup.o)
>>> defined at libcmt.lib(tlssup.obj)

lld-link: error: duplicate symbol: __xl_a
>>> defined at ../crt\tlssup.c:44
>>> libmingw32.a(lib64_libmingw32_a-tlssup.o)
>>> defined at libcmt.lib(tlssup.obj)

lld-link: error: duplicate symbol: __xl_z
>>> defined at ../crt\tlssup.c:45
>>> libmingw32.a(lib64_libmingw32_a-tlssup.o)
>>> defined at libcmt.lib(tlssup.obj)

lld-link: error: duplicate symbol: _tls_used
>>> defined at ../crt\tlssup.c:47
>>> libmingw32.a(lib64_libmingw32_a-tlssup.o)
>>> defined at libcmt.lib(tlssup.obj)

lld-link: error: could not open 'liblibvcruntime.a': No such file or directory
lld-link: error: could not open 'liblibucrt.a': No such file or directory
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```

There were errors. (0:00.50)

So adding the libraries yields duplicate symbols while adding yet more unsatisfied dependencies. Unfortunately, they still do not satisfy the requirement for the strange 'libLIBCMT.a' and

'libOLDNAMES.a'. (I also tried to copy the original files to these names, but that did not work either.)

I wonder if I should create a couple of dummy libraries with no public symbols and give them names 'libLIBCMT.a' and 'libOLDNAMES.a'...

Any suggestions to try?

Best regards,

Tom

[EDIT] Well, those dummy empty libraries with names 'libLIBCMT.a' and 'libOLDNAMES.a' did not help either.

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Subject: Re: U++/Win32 is now using CLANG toolchain

Posted by [mirek](#) on Wed, 25 Mar 2020 11:41:59 GMT

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Why do you need those libs in the first place?

libcmt is AFAIK old C library. No wonder there are duplicates....

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Subject: Re: U++/Win32 is now using CLANG toolchain

Posted by [Tom1](#) on Wed, 25 Mar 2020 11:52:10 GMT

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Hi,

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Best regards,

Tom

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Subject: Re: U++/Win32 is now using CLANG toolchain

Posted by [mirek](#) on Wed, 25 Mar 2020 12:00:45 GMT

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Tom1 wrote on Wed, 25 March 2020 12:52Hi,

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Tom

Understood. Does it work with original U++ shipped mingw? (I am asking because mingw AFAIK is using msvcrt and the clang toolchain we are using should be possible to be recompiled to use msvcrt as well, something I was considering anyway but postponed because of other issues to solve first).

Mirek

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Subject: Re: U++/Win32 is now using CLANG toolchain

Posted by [Tom1](#) on Wed, 25 Mar 2020 12:24:55 GMT

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OK, I need to check that separately.

As a matter of fact I never really used MINGW version as ... well I cannot remember exactly, but it did not work for me.

Can you point out where to download the last MINGW version?

Best regards,

Tom

[EDIT] Nevermind... I found the 2019.2 MINGW on sourceforge.net...

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Subject: Re: U++/Win32 is now using CLANG toolchain

Posted by [mirek](#) on Wed, 25 Mar 2020 13:28:29 GMT

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Subject: Re: U++/Win32 is now using CLANG toolchain

Posted by [Tom1](#) on Wed, 25 Mar 2020 14:37:17 GMT

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OK, upp-mingw-13664 tested. The same result as with CLANG:

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Also, if I explicitly give the libraries, the behavior follows that of CLANG.

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BTW: It seems that MINGW is not able to deal with GDAL/OGR source properly... and some other packages too. I guess this was one of my reasons to drop it.

Best regards,

Tom

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Subject: Re: U++/Win32 is now using CLANG toolchain

Posted by [mirek](#) on Wed, 25 Mar 2020 16:50:32 GMT

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Tom1 wrote on Wed, 25 March 2020 15:37OK, upp-mingw-13664 tested. The same result as with CLANG:

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Too bad...

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Subject: Re: U++/Win32 is now using CLANG toolchain

Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 26 Mar 2020 10:40:55 GMT

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Tom1 wrote on Wed, 25 March 2020 08:57Hi Mirek,  
Libraries: ../lib/libcmt.lib ../lib/liboldnames.lib

I was thinking about it; if you do not link those libs, what symbols are missing?

Maybe it would be possible to provide the implementation just for missing symbols as workaround? Perhaps even check wine sources to get a clue what they are supposed to do... or MSC library sources - I think those are available.

Mirek

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Subject: Re: U++/Win32 is now using CLANG toolchain  
Posted by [Tom1](#) on Thu, 26 Mar 2020 11:00:42 GMT  
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Hi Mirek,

Actually, I think it is not about missing symbols at all...

I opened the binary .lib file and noticed that it contains the following text string:

/DEFAULTLIB:"LIBCMT" /DEFAULTLIB:"OLDNAMES"

IMO, these are the problem. I just can't figure out how to remove these dependencies cleanly. All my attempts with binary editing resulted in invalid library file.

Is there some LIB or AR command that could be used to remove these? Then I could see missing symbols and try to fix them.

Best regards,

Tom

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Subject: Re: U++/Win32 is now using CLANG toolchain  
Posted by [Tom1](#) on Thu, 26 Mar 2020 15:55:07 GMT  
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Hi,

One step forward...

when: WIN32 CLANG

Link options: -Xlinker /NODEFAULTLIB:OLDNAMES -Xlinker /NODEFAULTLIB:LIBCMT

This prevents those default libs to be linked.

However, this comes with a price tag:

Linking...

```
lld-link: error: undefined symbol: __GSHandlerCheck
lld-link: error: undefined symbol: __security_check_cookie
lld-link: error: undefined symbol: __report_rangecheckfailure
lld-link: error: undefined symbol: __chkstk
lld-link: error: undefined symbol: _fltused
lld-link: error: undefined symbol: EnumPrintersA
lld-link: error: undefined symbol: OpenPrinterA
lld-link: error: undefined symbol: SetPrinterA
lld-link: error: undefined symbol: ClosePrinter
clang-10: error: linker command failed with exit code 1 (use -v to see invocation)
```

There were errors. (0:00.61)

Best regards,

Tom

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Subject: Re: U++/Win32 is now using CLANG toolchain

Posted by [Tom1](#) on Thu, 26 Mar 2020 16:26:41 GMT

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And here's finally the solution to this game. Had to add fake functions to satisfy the dependencies. I know these functions do not do anything, but I decided not to really need those anyway...

```
#ifdef __MINGW32__
extern "C"{
    void __cdecl __GSHandlerCheck() { }
    void __cdecl __security_check_cookie(uintptr_t i) { }
    void __cdecl __chkstk() { }
    void __cdecl __report_rangecheckfailure() { }
    void __cdecl _fltused() { }
    WINBOOL WINAPI EnumPrintersA(DWORD Flags,LPSTR Name,DWORD Level,LPBYTE
pPrinterEnum,DWORD cbBuf,LPDWORD pcbNeeded,LPDWORD pcReturned) { return false; }
    WINBOOL WINAPI OpenPrinterA(LPSTR pPrinterName,LPHANDLE
phPrinter,LPPRINTER_DEFAULTSA pDefault) { return false; }
    WINBOOL WINAPI SetPrinterA(HANDLE hPrinter,DWORD Level,LPBYTE pPrinter,DWORD
Command) { return false; }
    WINBOOL WINAPI ClosePrinter(HANDLE hPrinter) { return false; }
}
```

#endif // \_\_MINGW32\_\_

One more library to go... with a different challenge.

Best regards,

Tom

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Subject: Re: U++/Win32 is now using CLANG toolchain

Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 26 Mar 2020 17:39:28 GMT

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What about create empty, add 'manually'? It looks like in the step where you tried to add empty libs, you did not combine that with this.

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Cool!

Mirek

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Subject: Re: U++/Win32 is now using CLANG toolchain  
Posted by [Oblivion](#) on Thu, 13 Aug 2020 10:13:19 GMT  
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(I've noticed this while implementing the windows 10 pseudoconsole API support for terminal ctrl.)

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 13 Aug 2020 12:20:43 GMT  
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I guess adding a flag is the most appropriate at this moment. flagWIN10?

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Posted by [Oblivion](#) on Thu, 13 Aug 2020 14:50:30 GMT  
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Quote:I guess adding a flag is the most appropriate at this moment. flagWIN10?

I think that would be fine. :)

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Subject: Re: U++/Win32 is now using CLANG toolchain  
Posted by [Oblivion](#) on Tue, 18 Aug 2020 18:31:59 GMT  
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Hello Mirek,

Can we set the definitions in config.h to:

```
#ifndef flagWIN10
#define _WIN32_WINNT _WIN32_WINNT_WIN10
#undef NTDDI_VERSION
#define NTDDI_VERSION NTDDI_WIN10_19H1
#else
#define _WIN32_WINNT _WIN32_WINNT_WINXP
#endif
```

Apparently CLANG Windows 10 api requires setting both the \_WIN32\_WINNT and NTDDI\_VERSION, to properly -fully- work. It seems that both versioning constants have to match, and the default NTDDI is set to WINXP.

The WIN10\_19H1 is the latest windows 10 upgrade that our CLANG bundle supports. (Gives better Win10 api access to driver kits, which pseudoconsole requires. It doesn't seem to break anything anyway.).

Best regards,  
Oblivion

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#endif
```

? (more conservative w.r.t. \_WIN32\_WINNT\_WIN10 availability)

Mirek

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