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Posted by [Xemuth](#) on Wed, 21 Apr 2021 10:06:10 GMT

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Best regards

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I would like to have that and was already thinking about it. Unfortunately I do not think there is a simple/clean way how to do that...

But I am definitely open to discussion.

Now thinking about it, maybe it would be actually possible to ship the whole SDK as part of package somehow? Like introducing "bin" subfolder of package or something like that. Of course, that would only help for Win32.

Not sure how to handle that in Linux. Maybe a set of installation scripts for various distros? I guess users would be disappointed about having win32 oriented SDK installed with upphub....

Mirek

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Quote:ow thinking about it, maybe it would be actually possible to ship the whole SDK as part of package somehow? Like introducing "bin" subfolder of package or something like that.

If we take the Vulkan SDK as an example, the installation executable will set up some path variable. this assertion could be true for some other package, so installing it as part of the Ctrl like a bin directory is not, IMO, a good idea. It mean that all users which already have the SDK installed in a proper way will have 2 differents SDK located at 2 differents places.

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Indeed, maybe the simplest way to do it is by simply, in case of Vulkan Ctrl, reference somewhere in the package that this one need to have a SDK (or lib) installed to work and, in downloading (or even starting compilation of code) TheIDE could just ask to the user if the install executable should be downloaded ( "The LunarG Vulkan SDK is necessary to run this package, would you like to download the SDK ?" ) and as soon the user say "yes" then TheIDE download the executable (in case of windows) from official website and execute him. Reste of scenario is left to the user which will be able to configure all insallation setup.

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To speak more about a UppHub package that requires external dependencies like a possible Vulkan one. It's, most of the time (not always), possible that the build method needs to be modified to include those external dependencies. IMO, having a single package modifying the actual build method is a bad way of working. However, maybe it could be possible to add a way to import the build method from a UppHUB repository. At the time you download a package like VulkanCtrl, TheIDE asks you if you want to import a custom build method that comes with this package. What do you think about this idea Mirek?

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