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Posted by toneranger33 on Thu, 13 Mar 2008 10:23:33 GMT

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Any help and beginneers tips gratefully appreciated.

toneranger33

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Posted by mirek on Thu, 13 Mar 2008 13:14:56 GMT

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Please, more details. E.g. what version of U++ and what errors...

As for "Force speed" - generally, you do not need to use that and it in special cases can even slowdown the code (albeit very little).

The thing is that most of application code does not need to be speed optimized. And speed optimized code is generally significantly longer than size optimized code (mostly because all inline functions are really inlined).

Therefore theide / U++ is able to mark files with "F" flag that are supposed to be speed optimized; rest is considered a size optimized code. Usually, only 5-10% of code really needs to be speed optimized.

In the "Optimal" mode, these file flags are used. In "force speed" / "force size", they are ignored. Those two "force" modes in fact are mostly development utilities to allow you comparison between fully speed optimized code and "optimal" version. Anyway, your reaction if force speed is significantly faster should be to identify more files or packages to have "F" flag and get the performance on par.

Mirek

P.S.: I guess this represents a nice FAQ entry

Subject: Re: newbie to programming Posted by mirek on Sat, 15 Mar 2008 10:31:51 GMT

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OK, I have investigated this and after 4 hours hunt it turned out to be a compiler bug...

I guess we will have to find a better mingw or reduce optimization level.

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