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Subject: Auto-completion for external headers  
Posted by [idaho](#) on Sat, 30 May 2009 00:52:40 GMT  
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Hi, folks,

Perhaps, someone has already asked this question but I couldn't find a solution - if there is one. Is it possible to auto-complete symbols from OS-specific headers, like <windows.h>, e.g? Not a big issue, of course, but it would certainly come handy at times.

Thanks in advance.

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Subject: Re: Auto-completion for external headers  
Posted by [mirek](#) on Mon, 01 Jun 2009 17:47:52 GMT  
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idaho wrote on Fri, 29 May 2009 20:52: Hi, folks,

Perhaps, someone has already asked this question but I couldn't find a solution - if there is one.

Under development.

The problem is that external headers are usually macro-heavy and macros cause big problems if you want to be fast.

Anyway, it is coming. I hope it will be working at the end of year, hopefully much sooner.

Mirek

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Posted by [cbpporter](#) on Wed, 10 Jun 2009 09:10:56 GMT  
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Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 17:34:10 GMT  
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Thats true and it is also true that in one point in the past, I was experimenting with "automatic external header package".

Anyway, all of that failed, because system headers are usually extremely full of macros -> results of parsing were nil.

That is why I believe we must deal with macros first, then do external headers.

Mirek

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Posted by [cbpporter](#) on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 21:34:55 GMT  
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I think I will go "full solution"...

Mirek

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