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Subject: Anybody still knowing anyone using Win98?

Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 13 Feb 2010 13:10:25 GMT

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I would like to finally remove all "Win98" compatibility issues from U++....

(I am not quite sure whether U++ still works in Win98, but so far I left the code inside).

Mirek

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Subject: Re: Anybody still knowing anyone using Win98?

Posted by [Mindtraveller](#) on Sun, 14 Feb 2010 09:43:43 GMT

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Sun, 14 Feb 2010 16:41:21 GMT

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Mirek

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Subject: Re: Anybody still knowing anyone using Win98?

Posted by [zsolt](#) on Mon, 15 Feb 2010 11:37:40 GMT

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I had lots of issues on Win98, so I stopped supporting it.

I guard my software against running it on pre Win2k operating systems.

Win 98 (and ME) userbase is so small currently, that I don't think, win98 (or ME) support is needed anymore.

If somebody needs it, it is possible to use an older U++ version, I think.

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Subject: Re: Anybody still knowing anyone using Win98?

Posted by [cbpporter](#) on Mon, 15 Feb 2010 11:40:52 GMT

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Well theoretically this issue could be solved by banning all "normal" WinAPI calls (without A or W ending), and only use A version on Win98 and W on NT or later. But most cases already do this.

But in practice there should be some small issues still after this.

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Subject: Re: Anybody still knowing anyone using Win98?

Posted by [Mindtraveller](#) on Fri, 19 Feb 2010 00:15:56 GMT

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Is it possible to introduce WIN98 flag which will simple "turn off" new versions of some U++ functions/abilities? May be this will solve problem more gently. For example, WIN98 will not introduce any "improved" i18n, Mt, etc. - as it will contain "old" code, while general purpose functions are being upgraded.

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Subject: Re: Anybody still knowing anyone using Win98?

Posted by [styla786](#) on Wed, 14 Jul 2010 08:57:07 GMT

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my brother still operates with windows 98. When I visit him, he shows me his web space info, I just look at him and slowly shake my head. he said well it still works good, so yes they are out

there.  
but he is comfortable with it.

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Subject: Re: Anybody still knowing anyone using Win98?

Posted by [mrjt](#) on Wed, 14 Jul 2010 10:20:45 GMT

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Subject: Re: Anybody still knowing anyone using Win98?

Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 15 Jul 2010 08:37:30 GMT

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mrjt wrote on Wed, 14 July 2010 06:20I say banish it. Surely nobody running Window 98 has any expectation of new software supporting it?

OK.

I will not rush to remove all Win98 compatibility code for now, but I will not add any such either. If XP API is required, I will be now using it directly...

Mirek

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Subject: Re: Anybody still knowing anyone using Win98?

Posted by [Mindtraveller](#) on Sun, 18 Jul 2010 07:52:59 GMT

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I guess it is time. Even industrial automation is moving along. )  
Thanks for supporting Win98 on previous build through all these years.

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Subject: Re: Anybody still knowing anyone using Win98?

Posted by [roy howard](#) on Mon, 15 Nov 2010 19:09:35 GMT

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I still have a Windows 98se powered box and the application is still optimal and without issues. I just apply the latest patch updates every week. It's a good thing it still is working under these conditions since I love my Windows98 box and I use it for coding.

Roy Howard

[mod: spammer, so I removed the links ... still the message is so funny.. coding on Win98 .. So I am leaving it here for amusement]

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Subject: Re: Anybody still knowing anyone using Win98?

Posted by [cbpporter](#) on Tue, 16 Nov 2010 08:22:46 GMT

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Now why is that funny? I am sure that a lot of our Windows users have fond memories of coding on Win98 .

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Subject: Re: Anybody still knowing anyone using Win98?

Posted by [mr\\_ped](#) on Tue, 16 Nov 2010 08:36:45 GMT

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Hmm.. my memories of coding on Win9x can be summed up to "why didn't they release win2k sooner?". I can't even count how many times did I reboot the system by some mistake, it was pretty much useless as a dev platform (when compared to win2k). (null pointer reference anyone? Especially writing there? )

(I was actually still using the first Win95 without any service pack, when 2k came out, because I didn't see any real benefit in Win98. When I saw what win2k is doing, I migrated in a week.)

I can't imagine any sane person developing AT Win9x today (FOR is different matter), unless it's true masochist.

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