

# Re: Learning C# – Looking for a good, free IDE

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KDawg44 wrote:

On Jul 15, 10:11 am, "Jon Skeet [C# MVP]" <[sk...@xxxxxxxx](mailto:sk...@xxxxxxxx)> wrote:

On Jul 15, 2:02 pm, KDawg44 <[KDaw...@xxxxxxxx](mailto:KDaw...@xxxxxxxx)> wrote:

The Express editions of Visual Studio are a free download from Microsoft.

Thanks. That appears to do what I need. Is there any kind of eclipse plug in?

There *is* an Eclipse plugin, but the last time I looked it was awful. You'll have a much better experience with the Express edition of VS.

Jon

Thanks. I noticed that the Eclipse plug-in doesn't have a listed update since 2004. I have installed C# express and will play with this.

Thanks to everyone for their suggestions.

Which is one of the great bugbears of OpenSource.

People create a great project until reality kicks in and they go out and get a real job.

There are hundreds of plugins for eclipse, but unfortunately, many of them are tied to a particular version. Try juggling them all around to get something that is compatible (look at Spring, Hibernate, JBoss, Matisse et al) and you will see what I mean. No one appears to be responsible for the overall system.

There have been improvements in the IDEs for linux and java, but there is absolutely nothing out there that

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comes close to VS.

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