

Re: How to compile simple command prompt apps in VC++ .NET like in VC+

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Joachim wrote:

> *I have the following simple program:*

> [...]

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> *How can I compile it with Visual Studio C++ .NET 2003? In Visual Studio C++*

> *6 it was possible, but how do I do it (if possible) in .NET 2003? Just*

> *opening this file will not let me compile it in .NET 2003.... Help!*

You will have to create a [console app] project for it.

If all you need is to test if some code compiles, it's worth your time to create a simple "test" project and always have it handy. Need to test some code? Open the "test" project, paste the code into the single source file, compile, build, debug... That's what I have for all NG stuff.

If you are only concerned with creating a working program from some text once and not to worry about it any longer, and you don't need to debug it or anything fancy, then you could simply use the command-line compiler, CL. Open the "Visual Studio .NET Tools | V S .NET 2003 Command Prompt", change to the required directory and do

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CL -c yourfile.cpp
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(or without -c to also link it).

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