

## Re: does VS C++ 2005 actually work????

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To each is own. I love the IDE editor and am very productive in it.

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"Joseph M. Newcomer" <[newcomer@xxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:newcomer@xxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message  
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The new version sounds like it is overly concerned about safety, but  
#pragma warning() can  
disable those warnings, so that should be a non-issue.

I don't use IntelliSense because it really doesn't work too well; any  
system that shows  
the parameter as UINT without giving me a list of the flags I can set or  
OR into it is  
pretty useless, so I have to look the function up anyway, and besides, the  
editor sucks  
(nobody at Microsoft has a clue how to write a text editor, but they keep  
pretending,  
release after release, to have one. I use an external editor which has no  
Intellisense  
and works just fine).

As I commented in another thread, the desire to use .NET and "trustworthy  
programming" is  
not a justification for a crappy interface; you can program Java with a  
decent interface  
(see, for example, Eclipse as a platform). People who have never seen VS6  
immediately  
recognize that VS.NET sucks, because they understand how interfaces SHOULD  
be built, when  
they are built by mature designers, or at least when built by designers  
who have adult  
supervision.

Most of my clients are hardcore VS6 users, because it was the last usable

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version of VS  
that Microsoft produced. Some have been forced to move to VS.NET because  
it really does  
have a great compiler and there are lots of really good features in the  
newer versions of  
MFC, and they need one or the other of these (sometimes both), but they  
well-and-truly  
despise the IDE. It is an IDE that only its designer can love. And  
apparently does  
[further commentary along these lines is not suitable for a family  
newsgroup, but feel  
free to use your imaginations]  
joe

On Tue, 13 Jun 2006 18:23:38 -0700, "Sgt. York" <york@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>  
wrote:

Yeah. Well, our company got the 90-day trial DVD and three of us  
volunteered to install the beast for a trial run. We proceeded to  
import several MFC projects originating from vs.net 2003. In return we  
were bombed with warnings about the c functions (which is  
condescending---we know the risk but chose to take it anyway, stop  
pestering us) and intellisense only worked sometimes (even after  
rebuilding it numerous times). In fact, I personally found intellisense  
failing far more often than it ever did in 2003 and given its new, even  
more enormous size, you'd think nothing would escape it.

This is a paraphrase (we had many other issues), but in the end we opted  
not to upgrade. Admittedly we are a c++ shop that is still not  
impressed with the evangelical attitude of MS toward .NET (we are also  
cross-platform), but the whole "feel" of VS 2005 was one of "yeah, this  
great .NET tool still does some incidental c++ on the side." No thanks,  
Microsoft.

Tom Serface wrote:

I also didn't experience any problems. I've been using it for  
many  
months  
now full time and it has worked fine. You could try totally  
uninstalling it  
and reinstalling just to make sure something didn't go  
whacky during  
installation.

Tom

"Ian" <Ian00Bell@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
[news:LUFjg.23372\\$U84.473812@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:LUFjg.23372$U84.473812@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

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I recently purchased Microsoft VS 2005 and just cannot seem to get it working.

1. I tried converting a VS 2002 solution to VS 2005. It took a while to realize there is a bug in Intellisense. The only solution was to disable Intellisense.

2. It seems class view has been rendered inoperable now that Intellisense has been disabled. So this means browsing by namespaces and classes is not possible.

3. I tried debugging the application but it seems the debugger cannot find certain debug libraries such as 'MFC80UD.DLL'. I posted a message and hope someone will know what is happening. I reviewed a number of postings which seemed to suggest it may be necessary to modify the manifest file. I also reviewed several postings regarding redistributable files. But is this all really necessary? After all, I'm just trying debug the application using the IDE.

4. So I downloaded the sample program DBViewer to see if I could run the debugger on this application. The compiler skipped the entire set of files and refused to build it.

I am very disappointed with this product and feel like I've wasted my time and money on it. If asked, I would strongly discourage anyone from buying to VS 2005.

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I really don't know what question to ask at this point. If I cannot even compile and debug a sample program provided by Microsoft then where do I begin???? I've uninstalled and reinstalled VS several times.

Are there any Microsoft folks willing to take a stab at helping me out. I suppose if I really wanted a working solution, I should have paid several thousands of dollars for a support contract....

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