

## Re: Thank you Microsoft!

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Actually, all of the .NET compilers (C#, VB.NET and C++) have always been free. They are all part of the .NET Framework SDK, which has always been a free download from Microsoft.

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"Mike Cox" <[mikecoxlinux@yahoo.com](mailto:mikecoxlinux@yahoo.com)> wrote in message  
news:3d6111f1.0404191045.65f6f1c7@posting.google.com...  
> *Microsoft is an incredible organization. It turns on a dime! Truly,*  
> *you guys understand the market place with incredible insight. No*  
> *wonder you are the leading software vendor in the world.*  
>  
> *The reason I'm saying this is that a month or so ago, I was*  
> *complaining that VS.NET had lost its cost competitive advantage to*  
> *Linux. Linux was just cheaper. This is no more thanks to the*  
> *brilliant folks at MS who've decided to rightly make the compilers*  
> *free, and if the user wants, pay for the best IDE in the world!*  
>  
> *Within a month of informing them, Microsoft made the compilers free,*  
> *thereby negating any advantage that Linux holds. VS.NET compilers are*  
> *really standards compliant. And if one values increased productivity,*  
> *one can purchase the world class IDE. There is no comparable IDE in*  
> *the Linux world, even if some of the Linux compilers are competitive.*  
> *Now that Microsoft has eliminated the only excuse to develop on Linux,*  
> *any IT person can now make a great argument against Linux!*  
>  
> *I must say I have never seen such a large organization be so nimble*  
> *and insightful. You respond quickly to the market, which is a great to*  
> *Microsoft supporters because you out-flank the linux guys in terms of*  
> *the speed of your competitiveness. Linux supporters are still saying*  
> *"linux is ready for the desktop" while not responding the the*  
> *legitimate criticisms of why it is not. In that respect, it is*  
> *better for an organization to go with Microsoft because Microsoft*  
> *listens to the market instead of making excuses like linux does with*  
> *its flaws.*  
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- > *For those of you who want to download the compilers, here it is. I*
- > *posted it to cola to help any confused IT people seperate fact from*
- > *fiction so they know that Microsoft is competitive. And they can*
- > *download the compilers and use them on their favorite platform,*
- > *Windows.*
- >
- > *Here is the link:*
- > <http://msdn.microsoft.com/visualc/vctoolkit2003/>