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Thread: [Looking for a nice C++ IDE to code in](#)

PhoenixHF - October 20, 2015, 1:49 pm

Hey.

So I'm looking to devote myself to coding in C++, since that's the fundamental thing which we'll be learning this year in class.

The IDE which we work in looks messy, just plain ugly. I'd like to find a possibly black themed IDE of newer release date, which can be highly configured because I have my own preferences when it comes to coding.

Thanks in advance.

Lynxed - October 20, 2015, 1:58 pm

Use visual studio with the black theme that's what I use and it looks amazing.

Vector.A+ - October 20, 2015, 2:18 pm

Visual Studio is the way to go

Spetz - October 20, 2015, 3:32 pm

I use Codeblocks with visual studio syntax coloring and I find it decent. There are also several black themes for it.

(Oct 20, 2015 02:18 PM)max_steel Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Visual Studio is the way to goJust curious, can you compile unmanaged C++ in visual studio?

RDCA - October 20, 2015, 3:37 pm

(Oct 20, 2015 03:32 PM)Spetz Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) ...

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Of course, it is often the preferred native C++ IDE for Windows.

Pearly - October 20, 2015, 3:51 pm

I agree with the rest, Visual Studio is the way to go.

eBry - October 20, 2015, 4:06 pm

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Aus10 - October 20, 2015, 5:22 pm

Codeblocks works fine for me. However I don't have much experience with visual studio.

0xDEAD10CC - October 20, 2015, 7:39 pm

You can essentially turn a text editor like Vim into an IDE through plugins, and if you know how to use gdb properly, then there is your debugger. Otherwise you can just use it for code editing, and do other things with other tools of your choice. Visual Studio has a lot of useful features, but that doesn't come without a cost; I find it to be fairly slow at times, and I hardly have any extensions.

Here's an example of my vim workspace

I was working on a freelancing project at the time.

PhoenixHF - October 20, 2015, 8:35 pm

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Same situation here mate, CodeBlocks really looks ugly to me :D

Egghead - October 20, 2015, 8:37 pm

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PhoenixHF - October 20, 2015, 8:39 pm

(Oct 20, 2015 08:37 PM)Egghead Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Is there any reason you can't use Microsoft Visual Studio?

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I'm enjoying it thus far.

Egghead - October 20, 2015, 8:40 pm

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I would stick with that if you don't like Code::Blocks.

Cute Little Girl - October 20, 2015, 8:40 pm

Dev looks clean to me but I use CodeBlocks because my senpai _Stoner uses it

Chronos™ - October 21, 2015, 1:01 am

Visual Studio is amazing.

There's a free version of it called community edition.

Remix - October 21, 2015, 8:08 am

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eBry - October 21, 2015, 8:14 am

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PhoenixHF - October 21, 2015, 10:17 am

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NTTITONV243 - October 25, 2015, 4:31 am

Visual Studio & Codeblocks are the worst options you could ever think of

Fellow83 - October 26, 2015, 12:24 pm

Visual Studio with the black theme is definitely the way to go - no strain on the eyes and great syntax features.

jQuery - October 26, 2015, 2:05 pm

(Oct 21, 2015 08:08 AM)Remix Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm using Qt it's actually pretty nice.

I agree. Qt is my favourite cross-platform IDE. Very useful for if you plan on using Linux in the future.

Currently I use Visual Studio with ReSharper C++ for the main purpose of debugging. Anything simple I'll just write in vim/nano/atom.

VipenStrike - October 27, 2015, 10:56 pm

The university I am taking a class from (CST 116 - Console based applications) uses Visual Studio 2015. It's easy to download a custom theme that is dark and even color coded for C++.