

CodeBlocks - the open source cross platform C++ IDE

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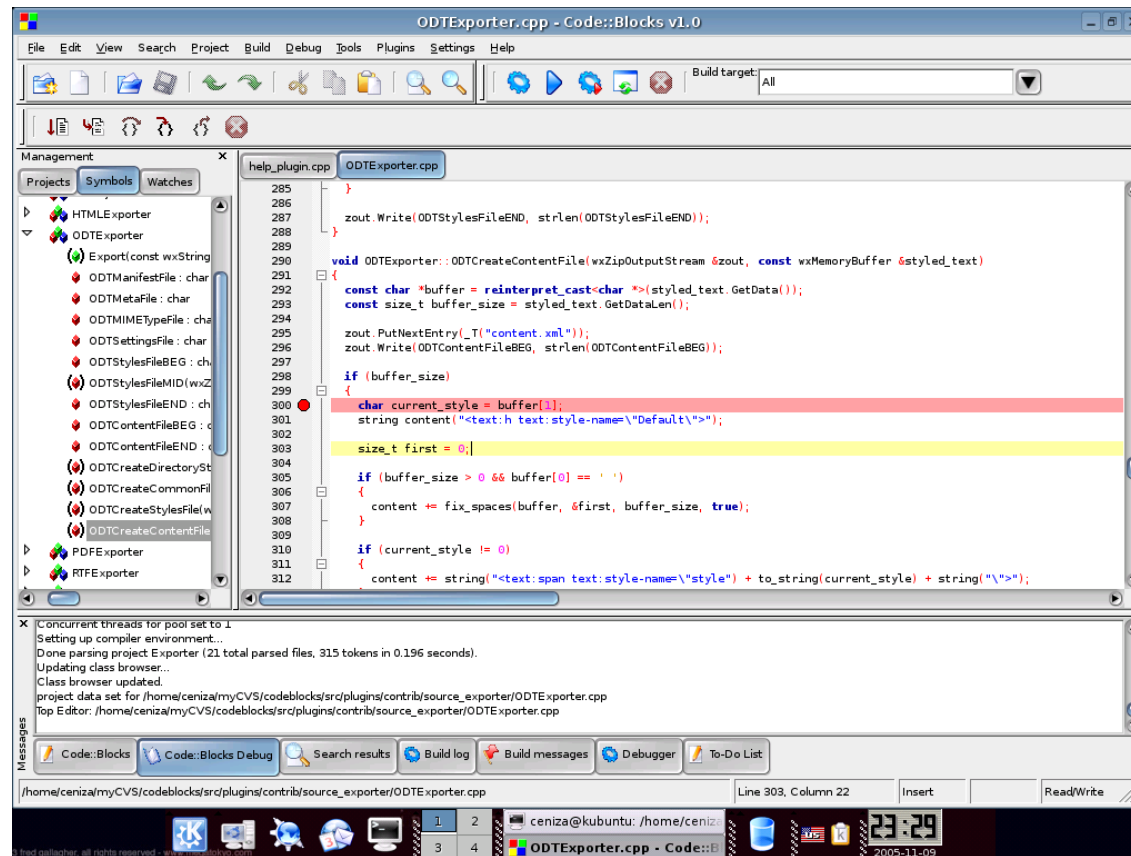


Background

- What is IDE (**I**ntegrated **D**evelopment **E**nvironment)?
 - A set of tools to develop libraries or applications (debugger, compiler, linker, libs, ...)
 - A windowed GUI environment for
 - Project(s) management
 - Build settings
 - Comfortable programming

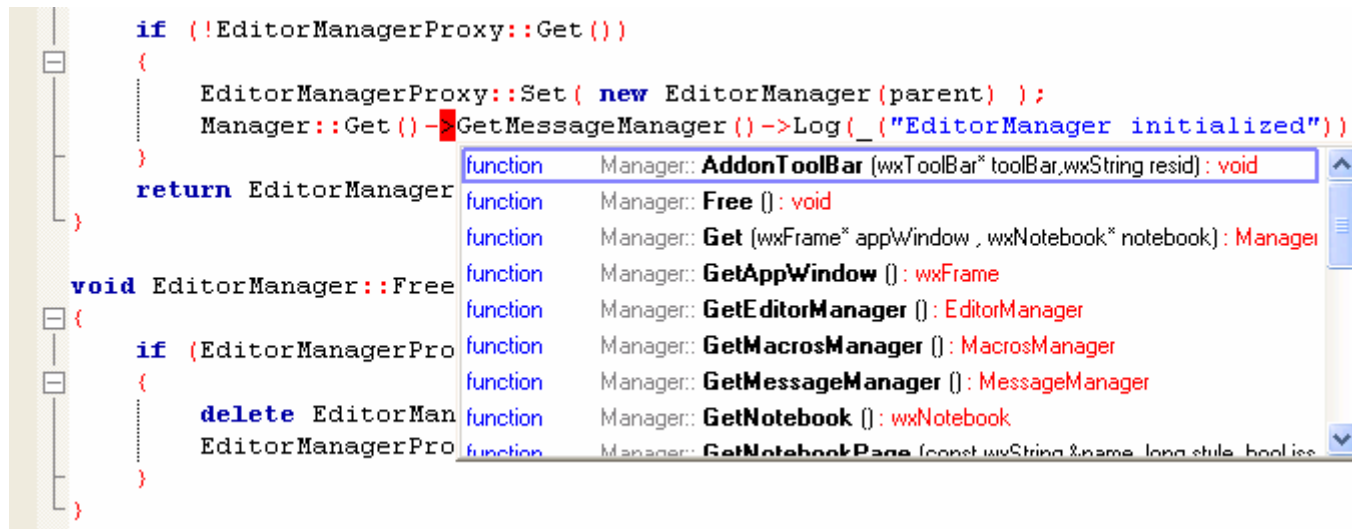
Why to use IDE?

- Build in text highlighting editors



Why to use IDE?

- Code completion as you type



The screenshot shows a code editor with a list of function suggestions. The code in the background is:

```
if (!EditorManagerProxy::Get ())
{
    EditorManagerProxy::Set ( new EditorManager (parent) );
    Manager::Get ()->GetMessageManager ()->Log (_ ("EditorManager initialized"));
}
return EditorManager

void EditorManager::Free
{
    if (EditorManagerPro
    {
        delete EditorMan
        EditorManagerPro
    }
}
```

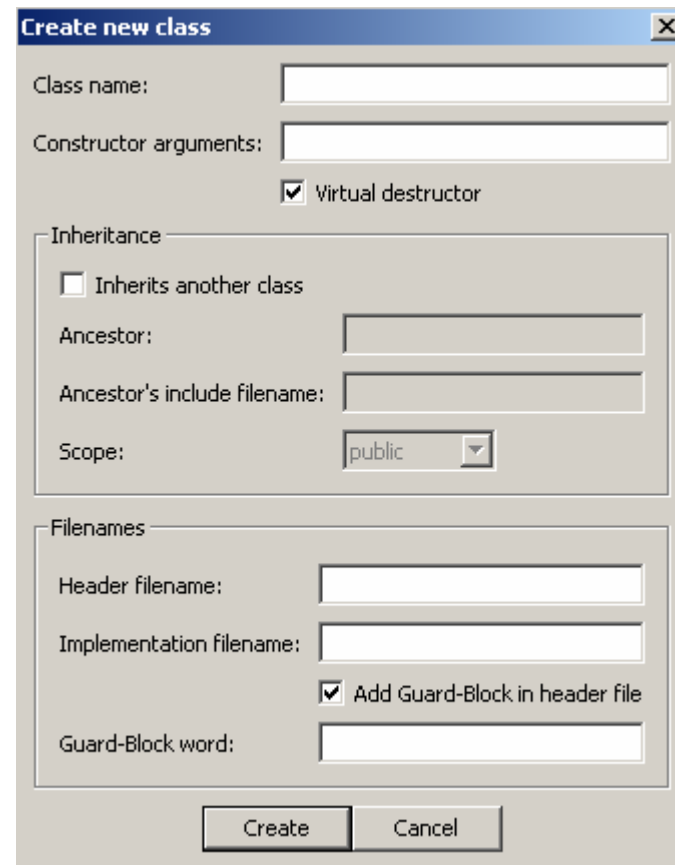
The suggestions list includes:

- function Manager: **AddonToolBar** (wxToolBar* toolBar,wxString resid) : void
- function Manager: **Free** () : void
- function Manager: **Get** (wxFrame* appWindow , wxNotebook* notebook) : Manager
- function Manager: **GetAppWindow** () : wxFrame
- function Manager: **GetEditorManager** () : EditorManager
- function Manager: **GetMacrosManager** () : MacrosManager
- function Manager: **GetMessageManager** () : MessageManager
- function Manager: **GetNotebook** () : wxNotebook
- function Manager: **GetNotebookPage** (const wxString&name, long style, bool iss



Why to use IDE?

- Automatically create classes, methods, and properties



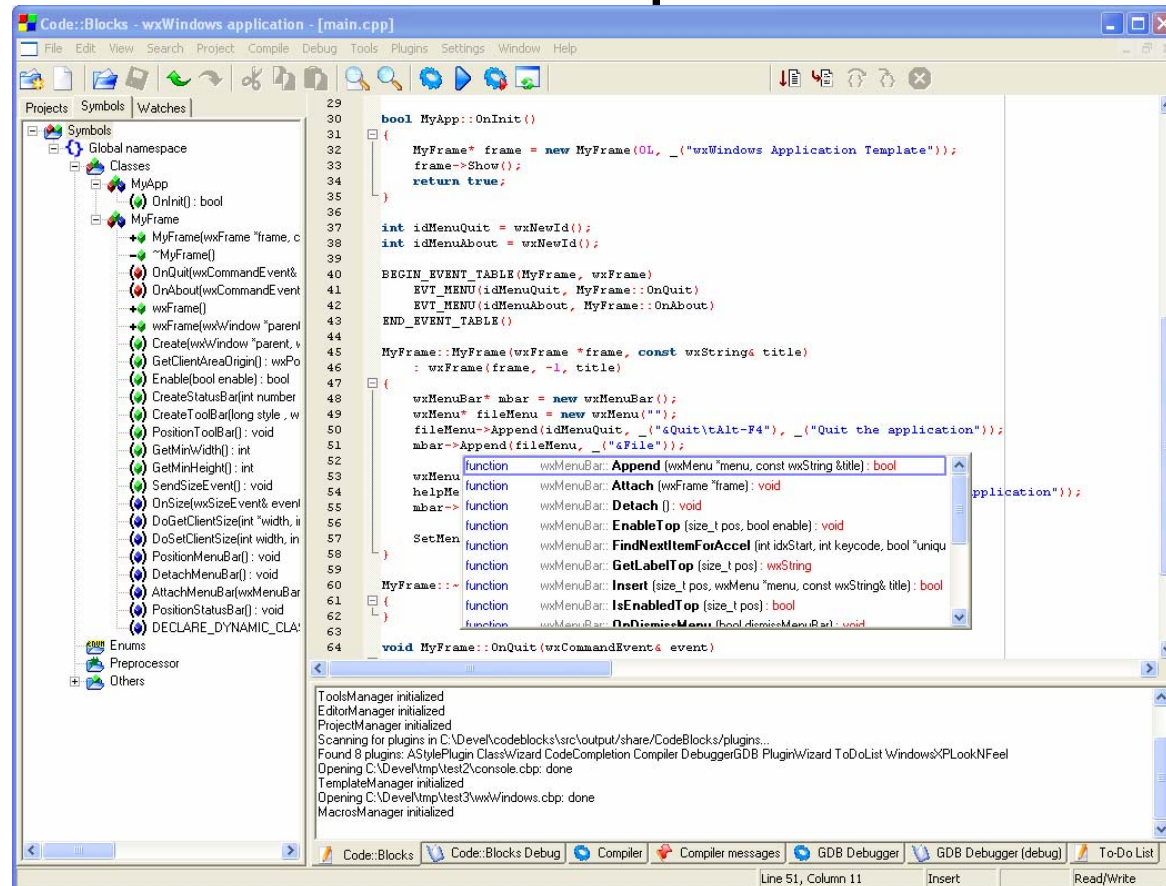
The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Create new class" with the following fields and options:

- Class name:
- Constructor arguments:
- Virtual destructor
- Inheritance**
 - Inherits another class
 - Ancestor:
 - Ancestor's include filename:
 - Scope:
- Filenames**
 - Header filename:
 - Implementation filename:
 - Add Guard-Block in header file
 - Guard-Block word:

Buttons: Create, Cancel

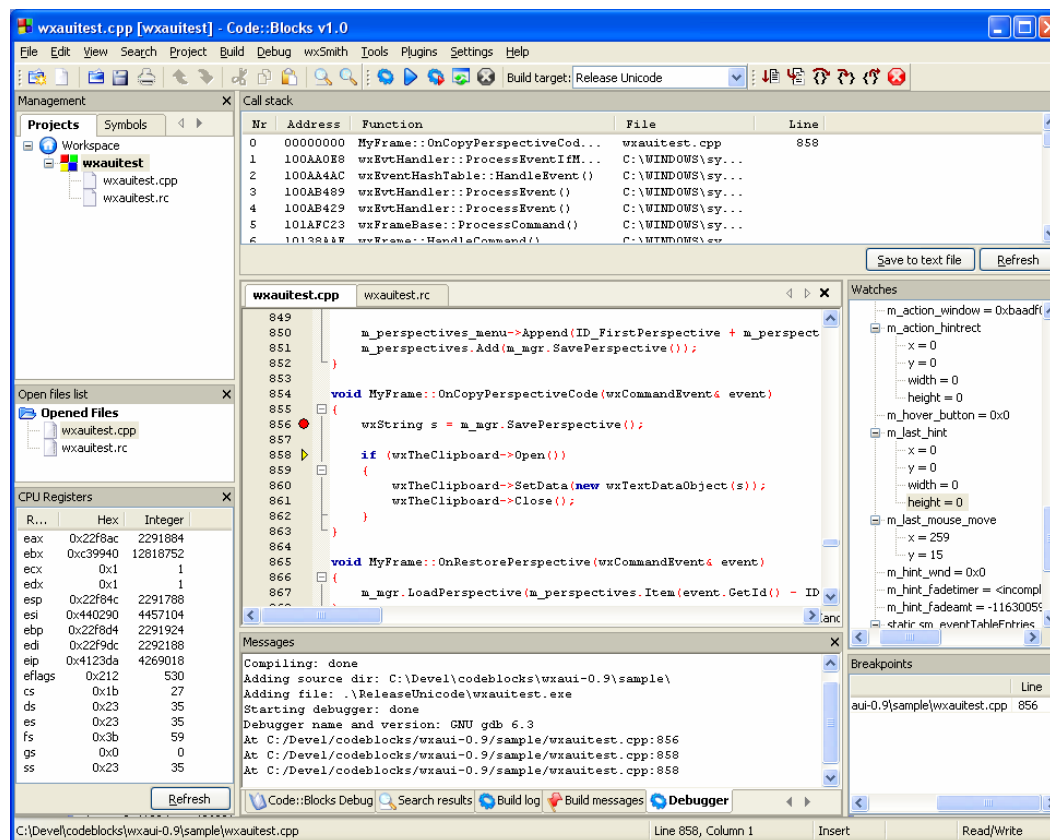
Why to use IDE?

- Browser of namespaces and classes



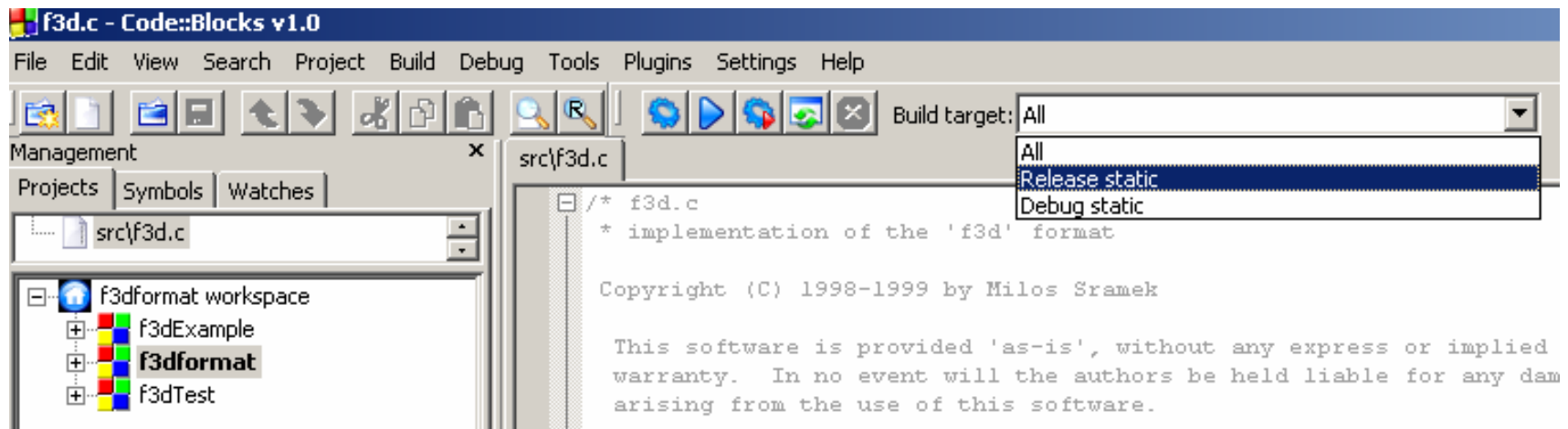
Why to use IDE?

- Build in debugging tools



Why to use IDE?

- Workspace include projects that provide various build targets





Free C++ IDEs

- Windows system
 - Visual C++ Toolkit 2003, Dev-C++, Eclipse, CodeBlocks
- GNU/Linux system
 - Text: TIA, RHIDE, vi (+gcc)
 - Graphical: Anjuta, jGRASP, CodeForge, KDevelop, Eclipse, CodeBlocks



Problems with IDEs

- Individually project files format
 - Information incompatibility
- Few cross-platform developers
- Deployment to other IDEs
 - Team projects, project porting



CodeBlocks overview

- Cross-platform IDE (wxWidgets)
- Useful set of pluggings (svn, ...)
- Supports many compilers (gcc, MinGW, MSVC, ...)
 - Compiles directly or with makefiles
- Well written format (XML) of project (.cbp) and workspace (.workspace) files



Example f3dFormat

- File - f3dFormat.workspace
 - include 3 projects

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes" ?>
<CodeBlocks_workspace_file>
  <Workspace title="f3dformat workspace">
    <Project filename="f3dExample.cbp" />
    <Project filename="f3dformat.cbp" />
    <Project filename="f3dTest.cbp" active="1" />
  </Workspace>
</CodeBlocks_workspace_file>
```

Example f3dFormat.cbp

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes" ?>
<CodeBlocks_project_file>
  <FileVersion major="1" minor="1" />
  <Project>
    <Option title="f3dformat" />
    <Option makefile="Makefile" />
    <Option makefile_is_custom="0" />
    <Option default_target="-1" />
    <Option compiler="0" />
    <Build>
      <Target title="Release static">
        <Option output="libf3dformat.a" />
        <Option working_dir="" />
        <Option object_output="Release" />
        <Option deps_output=".deps" />
        <Option type="2" />
        <Option compiler="0" />
        <Option createDefFile="1" />
        <Option projectResourceIncludeDirsRelation="2" />
        <Compiler>
          <Add option="-O2" />
          <Add option="-W" />
          <Add option="-fexceptions" />
          <Add option="-finline-functions" />
          <Add option="-DNDEBUG" />
          <Add option="-D_MBCS" />
          <Add option="-D_LIB" />
          <Add option="-DHAVE_CONFIG_H" />
          <Add directory=".." />
          <Add directory="../include" />
        </Compiler>
        <ResourceCompiler />
        <Linker />
        <ExtraCommands />
      </Target>
      <Target title="Debug static">
        <Option output="libf3dformatd.a" />
        <Option working_dir="" />
        <Option object_output="Debug" />
        <Option deps_output=".deps" />
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    </Linker>
    <ExtraCommands />
    <Unit filename="../include/f3d.h">
      <Option compilerVar="" />
      <Option compile="0" />
      <Option link="0" />
      <Option target="Release static" />
      <Option target="Debug static" />
    </Unit>
    <Unit filename="../src/f3d.c">
      <Option compilerVar="CC" />
      <Option target="Release static" />
      <Option target="Debug static" />
    </Unit>
  </Project>
</CodeBlocks_project_file>
```

Example f3dFormat.cbp

Output library name

Static library

Produce debug symbols

Additional include directories

Linker option for target (empty)

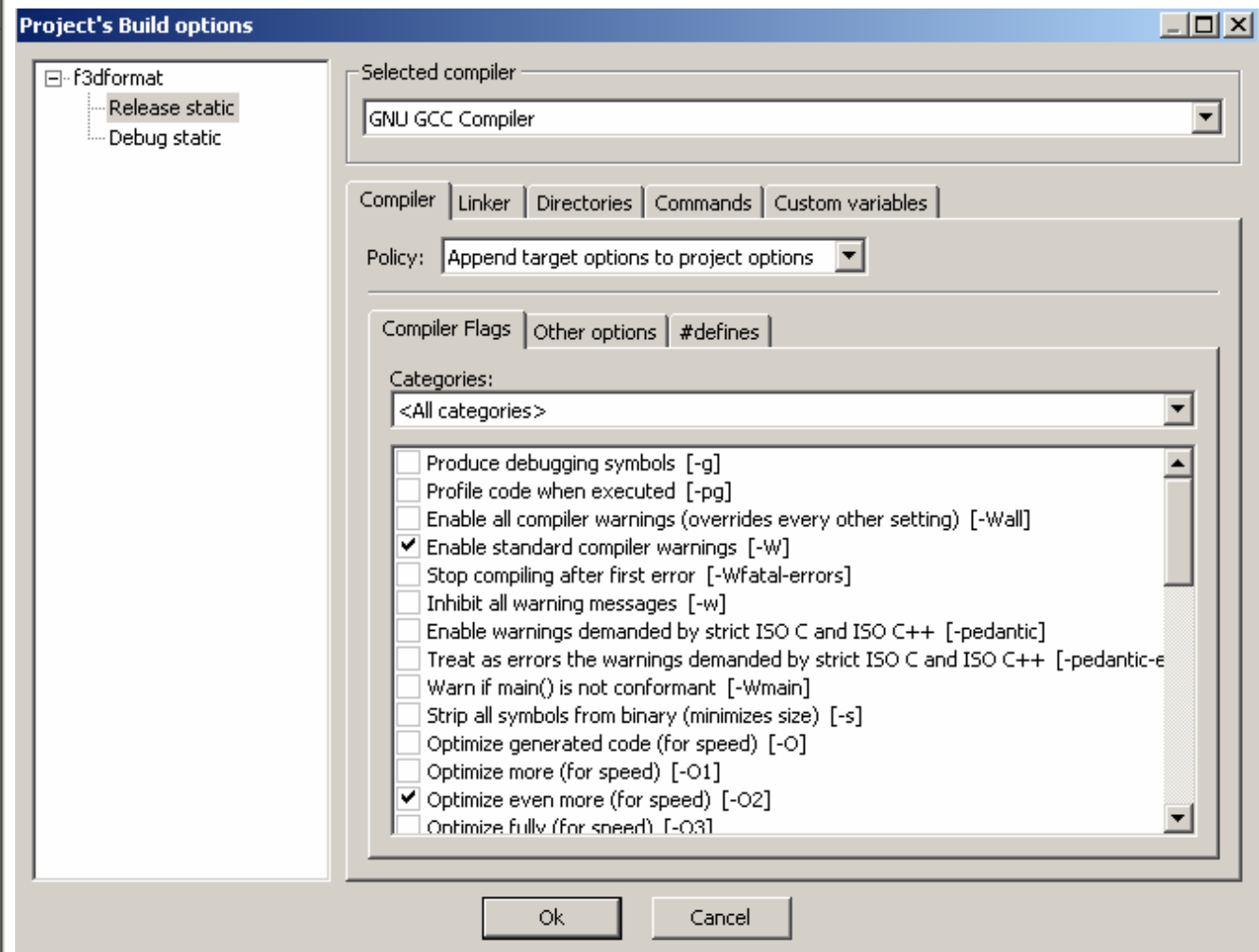
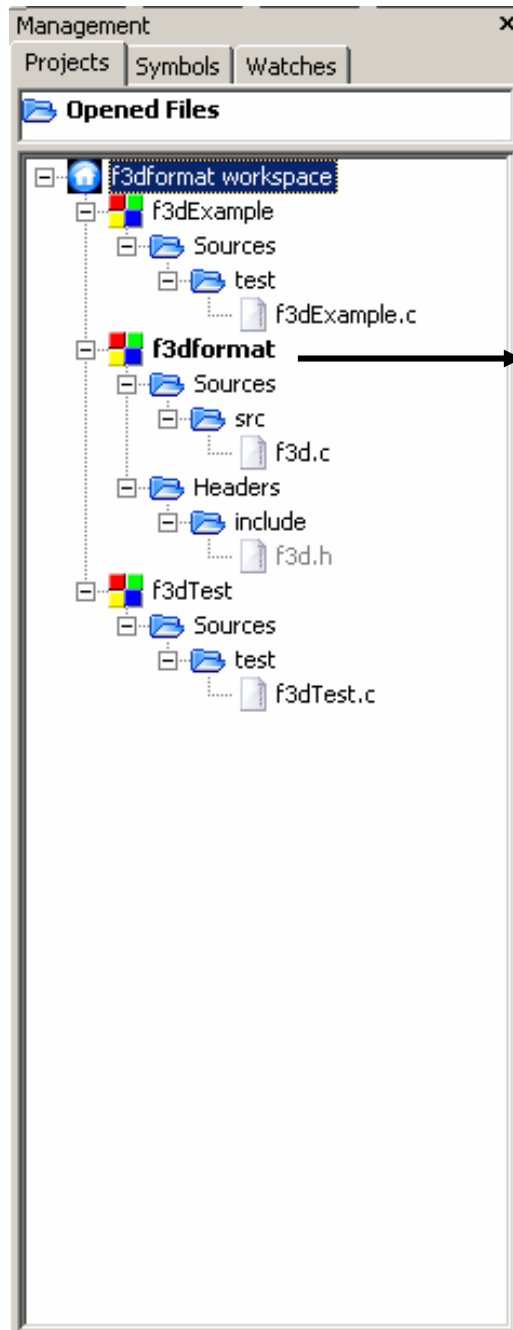
Linker option for the whole project

Project files

Relation to targets

```
<Target title="Debug static">
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Using GUI





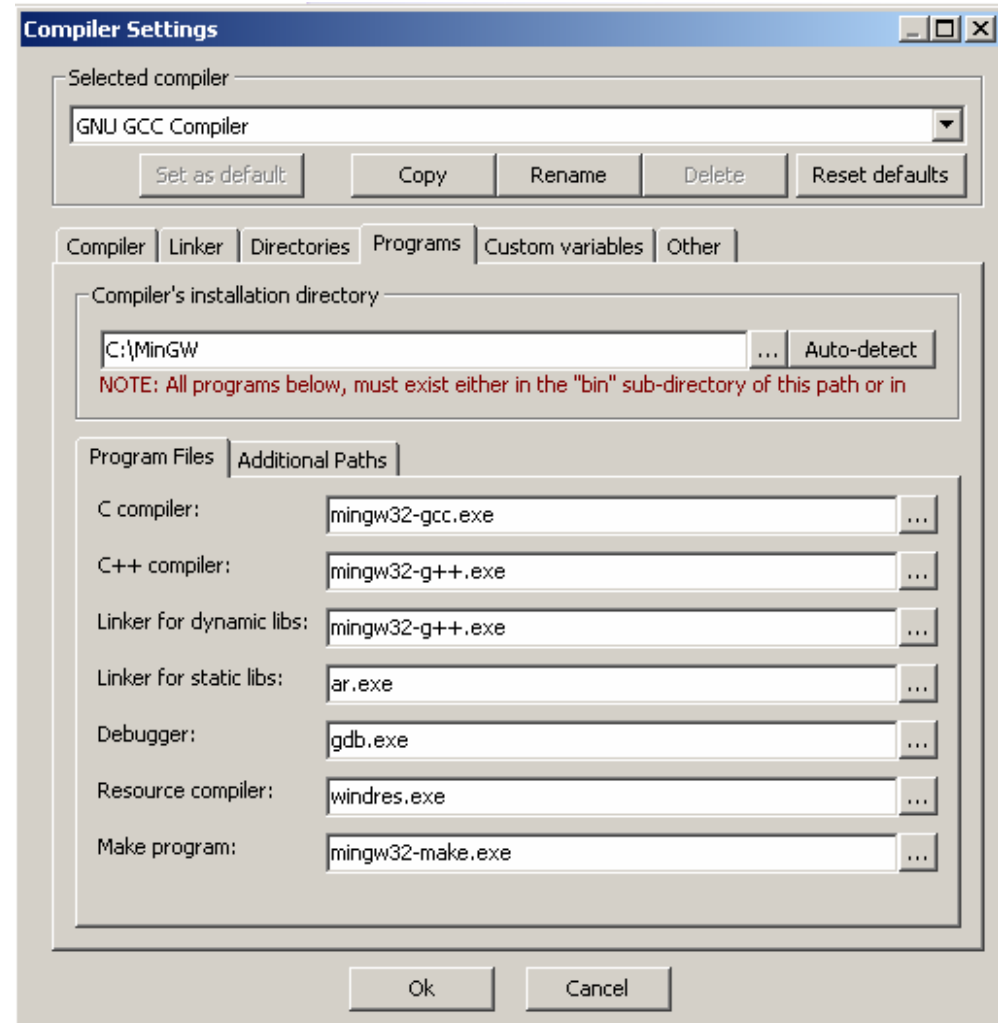
CodeBlocks and MinGW – I.

- MinGW - Minimalist GNU-Windows
 - GNU toolset (gcc,gdb,...)
 - Collection of freely available standard headers and libraries (do not require Windows specific DLLs)
- CodeBlocks is very suitable tool to work with MinGW

CodeBlocks and MinGW – II.

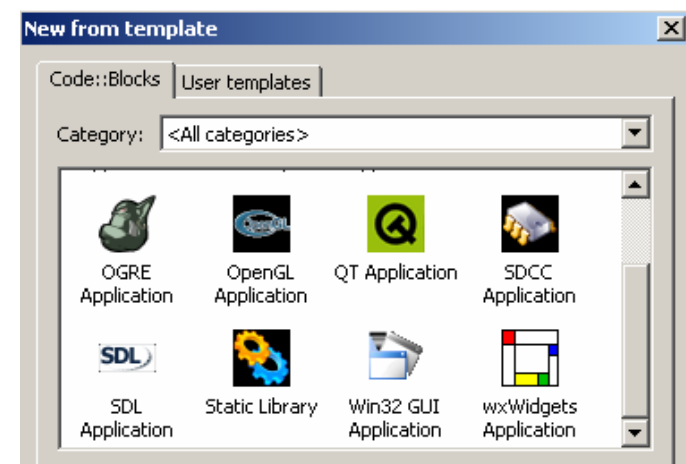
Setting up the MinGW

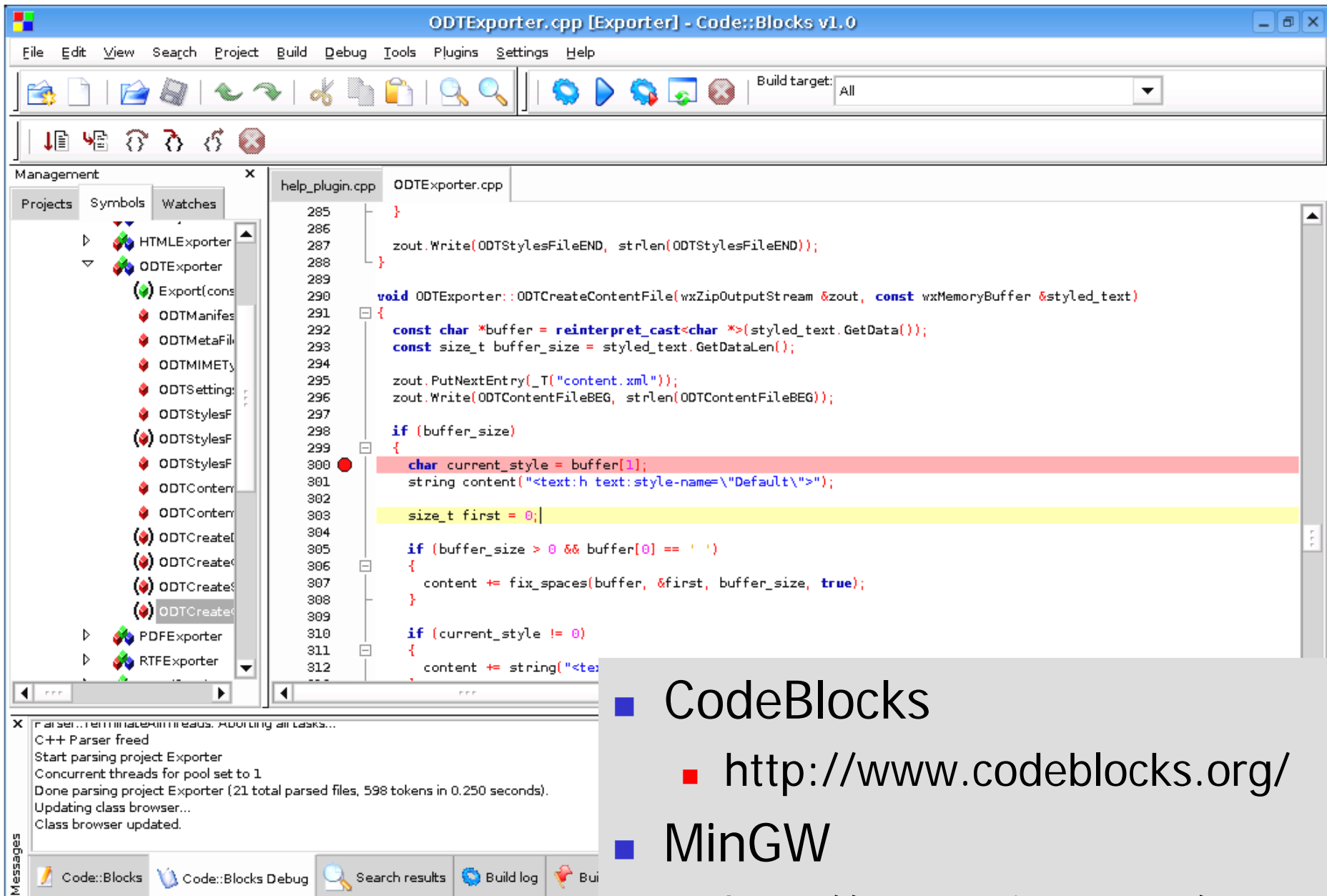
- 1) Install MinGW
- 2) Edit settings in CodeBlocks



CodeBlocks features

- Import MSVC (*.dsw, *.dsp) and Dev-C++ files
- Support custom template projects
 - CodeBlocks creates basic project (.cbp) file instead of you





■ CodeBlocks

- <http://www.codeblocks.org/>

■ MinGW

- <http://www.mingw.org/>