

CopyWiz™

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CopyWiz - Visual Studio Project Copy Wizard

CopyWiz can be used to perform one or more of the following operations on Microsoft Visual Basic and Visual C++ projects (version 5.0 or 6.0):

- Copy a project to a new location
- Rename an existing project
- Fix up project directories/paths
- Replace all GUIDs in a project (Visual C++ COM projects only)

Step 1

Use the first wizard screen to select the Visual Basic or Visual C++ project file to process. You can choose from a list of recent projects, or enter/browse to a project filename. The wizard handles VBP, DSP, VCP, and EBP files. CopyWiz operates on individual projects only and not multi-project workspaces or project groups.

Step 2

After choosing a project filename and clicking Next, CopyWiz parses the project file to determine its name, and displays the name on the second wizard step. The following selections are provided:

Copy to a New Location? This option determines if the selected project is copied to a new location. If Yes is chosen, a valid destination must be selected or entered; the project and its files will be copied to the new location (the original project will not be modified). If No is chosen, the selected project will be modified in place. **Important:** *Always backup your project files before using the wizard, especially when not copying to a new location (your existing project files will be modified in this case).*

Rename the Project? If copying, this option determines if the project filename and name will be changed when the project is copied. If not copying, this specifies how to rename an existing project. CopyWiz uses an intelligent algorithm based on the project type to identify strings within the project's files that contain the project name/filename, so that even for simple project names (i.e., "test"), only the appropriate matching strings are modified. In addition to changing all project name occurrences within the project files, all project filenames that are prefixed with the project name are modified to match the new project name (and any references to these files are also updated).

Fix Up Project Directories? If this question is answered "Yes", when copying or renaming the project, the wizard also fixes up all absolute and relative path and filename strings in the project file. Any absolute paths are first converted to paths that are relative to the project's location; existing relative paths are converted to the minimum necessary relative path. This can be useful for updating existing projects to fix up include paths and file paths that were incorrectly specified as absolute paths or relative paths that specified more levels than necessary. For instance, the following table shows how path/filename strings encountered in a project located at `\app1\test1\source\project1` would be fixed up:

Original Value	Fixed Up Value
<code>\app1\test1\executables</code>	<code>..\..\executables</code>
<code>..\..\..\executables</code>	<code>..\..\executables</code>
<code>\app1\test1\source\common</code>	<code>..\common</code>
<code>..\..\common</code>	<code>..\common</code>
<code>\app2\common</code>	<code>..\..\..\..\app2\common</code>

Point Relative Directories Back to Original Project Location? This option is enabled when copying to a new location and fixing up directories. When copying to a new location, the wizard can either:

- 1) If Yes is chosen, make relative paths in the project point to their original path. For instance, if a project was copied from `\app1\source\test1` to `\app1\test1\source`, and one of the files in the project was located at `..\common` (`\app1\source\common`), that path would be changed to `..\..\source\common` in the copied project. This choice can be handy for moving existing projects up or down one or more levels in your project directories.
- 1) If No is answered, leave the canonical relative path as it was after fixing up. In the previous sample, the path would be copied as `..\common`. Since the path would no longer point to the original file, the files in the path `\app1\source\common` would also be copied to a new folder `\app1\test1\common` by CopyWiz.

Note: Paths that specify the location of the project's executable filename or compatible EXE are always fixed up using option 2, regardless of how this question is answered.

Replace GUIDs? This question applies only to Visual C++ COM projects. When processing a project, all GUIDs are identified and replaced with new GUIDs. This is very useful when copying an existing project to prevent the old and new projects from clashing when registered; it can also be used to modify an existing project that was copied manually (if the GUIDs were not updated).

Step 3

The third wizard step is used to review and process your selections. After reviewing the changes that will be made, click Next to begin processing. The wizard parses the Visual Basic or Visual C++ project file to determine the files that comprise the project. Only project files located in the project directory or one of its subdirectories are processed (project files in common include directories in a lower or parallel directory level will not be copied). C++ include files that are not part of the project will not be copied (it is recommended that these files be added to the project first). If the project is being renamed, each filename in the project that begins with the project filename root is renamed to match the new project name. For instance, in a project `MyApp.dsp` being copied and renamed to `NewApp`, the project files `MyApp.cpp` and `MyAppView.cpp` would be copied as `NewApp.cpp` and `NewAppView.cpp`.

The project file and its constituent files are traversed, and if the project name is being changed, any instances of the old project name/filename root are replaced with the new project name (any binary files in the project are copied unchanged); any path/filename strings are updated as necessary; and all GUIDs are replaced with new ones (VC++ projects only). If the project is being copied to a new location, the original files are not modified, and the new files are written to the destination path; if the project is not being copied, the existing project files are modified.

Step 4

After processing is complete, the last wizard step is displayed. To open the new or updated project immediately, check the checkbox and click Finish. The project will be opened in the Visual Basic or Visual C++ IDE, where it can be built, modified, and debugged as needed. The first time a new DSP is opened, the Visual C++ IDE will create a DSW for it and display a message about it finding an associated workspace file and opening it instead.

CopyWiz - Details

CopyWiz parses individual project files (and their constituent files) and performs replacements on filenames, project names, GUIDs, and directory paths based on the user's selections in the wizard. For Visual C++ projects, the following strings will be matched and replaced within filenames and project files (matching is non-case-sensitive):

- CProjName
- IProjName
- _ProjName
- ProjName_
- "ProjName"
- "ProjName<white space>"
- "ProjName\0"
- "<white space>ProjName"
- "<white space>ProjName<white space>"
- "<whitespaces>ProjNameLib"
- ProjName -
- =ProjName<end of line>
- ProjFileName.
- "<white space>ProjFileName*."
- "\ProjFileName*."
- "ProjFileName*."

For Visual Basic projects, the following strings are matched and replaced:

- "ProjName"
- "<white space>ProjName"
- "<white space>ProjName<white space>"
- ProjFileName.

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1. Is the problem reproducible? If so, how?
2. What version of Windows are you running? For example, Windows 95, Windows NT 4.0 Service Pack 3, etc.
3. What version of CopyWiz are you running? Select About from the wizard's system menu. Include the entire version line in your problem report.
4. If a dialog box with an error message was displayed, please include the full text of the dialog box, including the text in the title bar.

Note: You can press F1 at any time while CopyWiz is active for context sensitive help.

System Requirements

CopyWiz requires Windows 95 OSR2, Windows 98, Windows Me, Windows NT 4.0, Windows 2000, Windows XP or later.

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