

SharpDevelop

0.97

Introduction/News

I don't really know how many people are using SharpDevelop but we get a lot of feedback in our forums and by mail. I would like to thank all users which helped to make the .97 release even better. I would like to get more user feedback on questions like:

- Should the syntax highlighting be more colorful or VS.NET-style with 'few' colors. (Fewer colors make it possible that #D integrates better into environments which have uncommon color schemes) ?
- What features are missing ?

I would like to have some more people working on #D because the project has grown much. We have lost some contributors lately and the developer mailing list is relatively silent. (This doesn't mean that #D evolves slower in the future. In fact I've written the most code and lately #D did make some huge leaps forward without contributor help (except for Andrea Paatz which helped a lot with the parser and Markus Palme. His ongoing effort in the VB.NET area and Assembly Scout and lately the regular expression workbench helped the project much).

Because we don't have many developers means that there is little support for features the core team doesn't use. Like the file scout, template completion or some other minor issues and some big issues like the Java backend binding. We can need a gcc backend binding too (a sample is provided). #D should be able to produce C/C++ executables using gcc. Maybe you want to integrate Haskell, Fortran, Cobol, ...? (Every additional language would be cool.)

We are in need of:

- Translators (don't send resource files. We use an internal Web application for translation)
- Coder (All areas ...)
- Help writers

Note that code contributors must sign a copyright assignment (the same as with OpenOffice.org) to prevent legal troubles.

Never forget: Open Source lives through the feedback of its users ...

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Installation

- Install the .NET SDK or runtime. SDK is preferred though.
- Copy the SharpDevelop distribution to a directory of your choice
- Run SharpDevelop.exe in the installation \bin directory
- You can make your own link to SharpDevelop on your desktop
- If you have a previous version installed, please delete the “.ICSharpCode” directory in the user's application data folder.

There is also a setup version of #develop available.

License agreement

Please see doc\license.txt for more details. SharpDevelop will always be free (GPL with linking exception against MS.NET and Magic + maybe some other libraries in the future)