



# NetBeans

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with 201-500 employees

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### WHAT IS MOST VALUABLE?

Linux native makefile support Simple setup Free Multi-project support C++ 11 support (for a long time) Simple project configuration

### HOW HAS IT HELPED MY ORGANIZATION?

I use Vim for all small code changes, but I prefer using IDE for the following operations: When I want to work on large new code, and to move/copy code from file to file more quickly. Debugging. Project configuration, compiler flags, linker settings, and library addition.

### WHAT NEEDS IMPROVEMENT?

Debugging: Watches, Evaluate Expression, and data inspection are limited. Memory: Still uses a lot of memory, and a little slow before starting a run or debug session. UI: Some bugs (buttons are not the same, missing edit buttons in some dialog boxes, sometimes NetBeans touches the configurations.xml files without any user change in the UI).

### FOR HOW LONG HAVE I USED THE SOLUTION?

Three years.

### WHAT WAS MY EXPERIENCE WITH DEPLOYMENT OF THE SOLUTION?

Yes. When exceptions occur, the IDE becomes less stable during the new running and I need to restart it to have an expected clean running again.

### WHAT DO I THINK ABOUT THE STABILITY OF THE SOLUTION?

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**WHAT DO I THINK ABOUT THE SCALABILITY OF THE SOLUTION?**

No. We are working with a large number of small to medium C++ projects without any problems.

**HOW ARE CUSTOMER SERVICE AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT?**

I did not use it. I used to send error reports but no more.

**WHICH SOLUTION DID I USE PREVIOUSLY AND WHY DID I SWITCH?**

I used KDevelop for at least four years, Vim, and Notepad++ on a Samba drive in previous companies. In this company, we looked for a free Linux IDE that would give the best experience for old Windows developers coming from Visual Studio.

**HOW WAS THE INITIAL SETUP?**

Setup is very simple and short. This is a big point. Integrating existing code/projects is also very simple.

**WHAT'S MY EXPERIENCE WITH PRICING, SETUP COST, AND LICENSING?**

It is free, which is great! I am sad that CLion is not free. Currently, it has no support for Linux makefiles, only cmake, and this is a big mess.

**WHICH OTHER SOLUTIONS DID I EVALUATE?**

Yes. KDE, Eclipse, and various free products.

**WHAT OTHER ADVICE DO I HAVE?**

I think that each developer should find his own C++ IDE. It seems Eclipse is now supporting C++ very well. I just play with it and, in two minutes, import our projects. Download trials of several IDEs and test them. Check the release notes and the road map.

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