

C++ Compilers

| | Borland C++ 4.5 and Database Tools | Borland C++ for OS/2 2.0 | MetaWare High C/C++ Ext-DOS and Windows 3.3 | MetaWare High C/C++ OS/2 3.3 | MetaWare High C/C++ Windows NT 3.2 | Microsoft Visual C++ 2.0 * | PC Magazine Editor's Choice 10.0 |
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| List price | \$799 | \$499 | \$795 | \$595 | \$595 | \$399 | \$199 |
| Compiler Features | | | | | | | |
| Size/speed/Pentium optimization | yyy | yyy | yyy | yyy | yyy | yyy | yyy |
| Precompiled headers | y | y | n | n | n | y | y |
| Platforms supported (host/target): | | | | | | | |
| DOS (16-bit) | y y | n n | n n | n n | n n | y (1.51) y (1.51) | y y |
| DOS (32-bit) | n n | n n | y y | n n | n n | n n | y y |
| OS/2 2.x or later | n n | y y | n n | y y | n n | n n | y y |
| Windows 3.1 (16-bit) | y y | n n | n n | n n | n n | y (1.51) y (1.51) | y y |
| Windows 3.1 (Win32s) | y y | n n | n y | n n | n n | n y (2.0) | n y |
| Windows NT | y y | n n | n n | n n | y y | y y (2.0) | y y |
| C++ in-line function | y | y | y | y | y | y | y |
| Templates | y | y | y | y | y | y (2.0) | y |
| RTTI (runtime type information) | y | y | y | y | y | n | n |
| C++ exceptions | y | y | y | y | y | y (2.0) | y |
| Namespaces | n | n | y | y | y | n | n |
| Development Environment | | | | | | | |
| Replaceable editor | y | n | N/A 1 | y | N/A 1 | y | y |
| Application/Class Wizards and Experts | y y | n n | N/A 1 | n n | N/A 1 | y y | n n |
| Customizable/dockable toolbars | y n | n n | N/A 1 | n n | N/A 1 | y y | n n |
| User can customize, save, and restore desktop | y | y | N/A 1 | y | N/A 1 | y | n |
| Third-party program launch | y | y | N/A 1 | y | N/A 1 | y | y |
| Integrated debugger | y | y | N/A 1 | y | N/A 1 | y | y |
| Help system: | | | N/A 1 | | N/A 1 | | |
| Context-sensitive help | y | y | N/A 1 | y | N/A 1 | y | y |
| User can cut and paste samples from on-line help | y | y | N/A 1 | n | N/A 1 | y | y |
| Cross help-file system | y | n | N/A 1 | n | N/A 1 | y | y |
| Full documentation on-line | y | y | N/A 1 | n | N/A 1 | y | y |
| User-definable help | y | y | N/A 1 | n | N/A 1 | n | n |
| Programming Tools | | | | | | | |
| Class browser/Hierarchy printing | y y | y n | n n | n n | n n | y n | y n |
| Profiler/Setup utilities | y n | n n | y n | n n | n n | y n | y n |
| Library manager | y | y | y | y | y | y | y |
| Help utilities/Help compiler | n y | y y | n n | n n | n n | y y | y y |
| Resource editor/Resource compiler | y y | y y | n y | y y | n n | y y | y y |
| Application-framework classes | OWL | OWL | None | None | None | MFC | MFC |
| VBX/OCX controls | y n | n n | n n | n n | n n | n y | y y |
| Debugging Features | | | | | | | |
| Debugger hosted on: | | | | | | | |
| Windows 3.1/Windows NT | y y | N/A 2 N/A 2 | y N/A 2 | N/A 2 N/A 2 | N/A 2 n | m m | m m |

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| OS/2 | N/A 2 | y | N/A 2 | y | N/A 2 | N/A 2 | y |
| 16-bit DOS/32-bit DOS | y N/A 2 | N/A 2 N/A 2 | N/A 2 y | N/A 2 N/A 2 | N/A 2 N/A 2 | y (1.51) N/A 2 | y y |
| EXE and DLL browser/Memory browser | y y | y y | y n | y n | y n | y y (2.0) | y y |
| Message spy/DDE spy | y y | y y | n n | n n | n n | y y | y y |
| Remote debugging | y | n | y | y | n | y | y |
| Miscellaneous | | | | | | | |
| 32-bit DOS extender | N/A 2 | N/A 2 | Optional (\$995) | N/A 2 | N/A 2 | N/A 2 | y |
| OLE 2.0 classes | y | N/A 2 | n | N/A 2 | n | y | y |
| API/language help | y y | y y | n y | n y | n y | y y | y y |
| Database support: | | | | | | | |
| ODBC and database classes | y | n | n | n | n | y | n |
| Database Wizards and Experts | n | n | n | n | n | y | n |
| Distributable database engine | y | n | n | n | n | n | n |
| | N/A 1—Not applicable: This MetaWare compiler does not have an integrated development environment. N/A 2—Not applicable: The product's host environment does not support this feature. | * Version 2.0 of Microsoft Visual C++ includes Version 1.51 for 16-bit development. Where applicable, the column indicates that a feature is found only in Version 1.51 or in Version 2.0. | | | | | |