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# Finally Building on Windows

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Except, maybe,  
Microsoft Visual Studio  
on my screen

# Monoculture

- Generic parts of LO built in lots of settings
  - GCC, Clang, MSVC
  - Different sets of warnings, plugins
  - Dynamic sanitizers
    - healthy*
- Windows-only parts are only built with MSVC
  - unhealthy*

# clang-cl to the rescue

- Clang with an MSVC-style frontend
  - Understands MSVC's command line options
  - Understands MSVC's language extensions
    - `__cdecl`, `__declspec(dllexport)`, etc.
- Sufficiently mature in Clang 3.8/trunk
- “Compiling large, real-world codebases with clang on Windows” by Hans Wennborg, Nico Weber

(Only need to run Visual Studio once to build Clang on Windows)

# Setup

- CXX=.../clang-cl.exe -D\_CRT\_RAND\_S= -FIIntrin.h -fmsc-version=1800  
-Qunused-arguments --target=x86\_64-pc-windows-msvc
  - Some MSVC intrinsics (\_\_stosb) come from clang-cl Intrin.h instead
  - sal/osl/w32/random.c: #define \_CRT\_RAND\_S, #include <stdlib.h>
  - -Qunused-arguments: -GS (“buffer security check”), -Zc:wchar\_t-
- --disable-activex
  - see [https://llvm.org/bugs/show\\_bug.cgi?id=13737#c5](https://llvm.org/bugs/show_bug.cgi?id=13737#c5) (also, some configure.ac ATL\_INCLUDE confusion)
- --disable-pch, --disable-compiler-plugins
- <http://people.redhat.com/sbergman/0001-clang-cl-no-climaker.patch>

# Proudly breaking toolchains...

- For MS ABI, emit `dllexport` friend functions defined inline in class
  - `struct S { friend __declspec(dllexport) void f() {} };`
- clang-cl: Take `dllexport` from original function decl into account
  - `struct __declspec(dllexport) Outer {  
 void f(); struct Inner { friend Outer::f(); };  
};`
- clang-cl: support `_cdecl-on-struct` anachronism
  - ICU's gendict generates “`struct {...} __cdecl s;`”
  - MSVC: “warning C4229: anachronism used : modifiers on data are ignored”

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- clang-cl: vtordisp thunks not emitted for functions with class template specializations in their signatures
  - <http://people.redhat.com/sbergman/0002-TODO-work-around-clang-cl-ABI-bug-PR25641.patch>
- workdir/UnpackedTarball/icu/source/tools/toolutil/Makefile:
  - \$(CC) ... "-DU\_HOST=\"x86\_64-unknown-cygwin\" ..."
  - error: expected expression: ... U\_HOST ...  
expanded from command line:  
`#define U_HOST \\\x86_64-unknown-cygwin\\\\\`

(At least, when you run into a clang-cl ICE, you can debug it on Linux)

# Bugs found

- -Wint-to-pointer-cast: Stuffing 64-bit pointer values into 32-bit integers
  - (“long” is only 32-bit in MSVC 64-bit mode)
- -Wbitwise-op-parentheses
  - if ((m\_nStyle & dottedLine|solidLine) != 0)
- -Wunused-private-field
- Alas, cannot run our Clang plugins
  - Patch on the Net changing plugin registration to work in principle, but requires to build clang-cl with shared-library support, which seems broken

# Miscellanea

- Order of (non-standard) attributes:
  - class SAL\_WARN\_UNUSED\_BASEGFX\_DLLPUBLIC B3DTuple ...
  - “#pragma warning (push, 1)” effectively ignored
  - Restricted debug info (file/line info, but no variables)



# THANK YOU