GNU Linear Programming Kit for Windows

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Chapter 1

Introduction

The GNU Linear Programming Kit (GLPK) package supplies a solver for large scale linear programming (LP) and mixed integer programming (MIP). The GLPK project is hosted at http://www.gnu.org/software/glpk.

It has two mailing lists:

- help-glpk@gnu.org and
- bug-glpk@gnu.org.

To subscribe to one of these lists, please, send an empty mail with a Subject: header line of just "subscribe" to the list.

GLPK provides a library written in C and a standalone solver.

The source code provided at ftp://gnu.ftp.org/gnu/glpk/ contains the documentation of the library in file doc/glpk.pdf.

Project GLPK for Windows delivers precompiled executables for Windows. It is hosted at http://winglpk.sourceforge.net/.

Chapter 2

Installation

The GLPK for Windows package can be downloaded from http://winglpk.sourceforge.net/.

It is distributed as compressed archive. Please decompress it to your preferred installation path (e.g. c:\program files\glpk).

The executables and dynamic link libraries for 32 bit Windows can be found in directory w32, those for 64 bit Windows can be found in directory w64.

The libraries have to be in the search path for binaries when executing the standalone solver glpsol.exe. Therefore it is suggested to copy the DLLs to %SystemRoot%\system32 (e.g. c:\windows\system32).

The documentation can be found in directory doc. If you want to use the GNU Math Programming Language (GMPL), please read gmpl.pdf and tables.pdf. If you want to use the library in your own coding, please, refer to glpk.pdf.

Chapter 3

Building

As GLPK for Windows comes with precompiled binaries it is normally not necessary to build the software.

The script used to build the package is provided as Build_WinGLPK.bat with the distribution.

The following software is needed

- Windows Vista 64bit
- Java SE Development Kit (JDK) available at http://java.sun.com/javase/downloads/index.jsp.
- Microsoft Visual C++ 2008 Express Edition available at http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/en/default.aspx
- Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows Server 2008 available at http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/en/default.aspx
- GnuWin32 available at http://gnuwin32.sourceforge.net/
- SWIG (Simplified Wrapper and Interface Generator) available at http://www.swig.org

When building, please, create a new directory and copy only Build_WinGLPK.bat to the directory. In the command shell execute the script. The distribution files are created in subdirectory release.