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Subject: Re: Building & using U++ without TheIDE  
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Why need dli? You already have all functions from `#include <windows.h>`. The trouble would only be explicitly calling A and W version. Thinking of it, it sounds nice - make `PLATFORM_UNICODE` a global boolean, initialized to true, unless OS is Win9x. But I'd prefer to finish the way I started to see everything work.

UTF-8 -> UTF-16 -> UTF-8 won't happen. `FromFileCharset` returns `String` if it's ASCII/UTF-8 and `WString` if it's UTF-16. It returns amount of bytes. 0 -> ASCII / `String`, 1 -> UTF-8 / `String`, 2-> UTF-16 / `WString` (4 -> UTF-32 / `WString`, but not implemented). What could happen is UTF-16 -> `WString` -> `String`, but UTF16 -> `WString` isn't expensive.

I wanted to compile `UWord` (now in ANSI, GUI Unicode isn't complete yet) to see if `zlib` work (`UWord.iml`), and found an interesting problem in `PdfDraw`:

```
ScreenDraw sd;
```

That causes a warning of statement is a reference not a function call. + error about `sd` definition. In `Draw/DrawWin32`, `ScreenDraw` is a class, but also:

```
ScreenDraw& ScreenDraw()  
{  
    return Single<ScreenInfoClass>();  
}
```

That's a singleton? Whatever it is, it doesn't work - `ScreenDraw sd;` is recognized as a function name, not class type. Any suggestions how to fix?

P.S. Why does U++ use so many global functions? I prefer .Net-style - tree-like organization using namespaces/classes. After all, gathering functions into static classes should be relatively easy, and at the cost of some extra typing you (potentially) resolve naming conflicts, and make stuff easier to find. E.g. I may not know that there's a function named `GetWinRegString` hidden somewhere in `Core/Win32Com`. But if there was a class `Registry`, it would be more likely that I'd find it by typing `Registry::`. Plus that would be an OOP approach