
Subject: CreateProcessW doesn't compile with CLANG

Posted by [forlano](#) on Mon, 01 May 2023 13:09:44 GMT

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Hello,

my the app call the windows API

CreateProcessW()

```
#ifndef PLATFORM_WIN32
```

```
    #include <windows.h>
```

```
#endif
```

```
...
```

```
#ifndef PLATFORM_WIN32
```

```
    strcpy( a, commandline);
```

```
    wchar aa[1000];
```

```
    wcscpy(aa, commandline.ToWString());
```

```
    STARTUPINFO si; //STARTUPINFO si; //for char
```

```
    PROCESS_INFORMATION pi;
```

```
    ZeroMemory( &si, sizeof(si) );
```

```
    si.cb = sizeof(si);
```

```
    ZeroMemory( &pi, sizeof(pi) );
```

```
    CreateProcessW( NULL, // No module name (use command line)
```

```
        aa, // Command line for wchar
```

```
        NULL, // Process handle not inheritable
```

```
        NULL, // Thread handle not inheritable
```

```
        FALSE, // Set handle inheritance to FALSE
```

```
        CREATE_NO_WINDOW, //0, // No creation flags
```

```
        NULL, // Use parent's environment block
```

```
        NULL, // Use parent's starting directory
```

```
        &si, // Pointer to STARTUPINFO structure
```

```
        &pi ); // Pointer to PROCESS_INFORMATION structure
```

```
    // Wait until child process exits.
```

```
    WaitForSingleObject( pi.hProcess, INFINITE );
```

```
    // Close process and thread handles.
```

```
    CloseHandle( pi.hProcess );
```

```
    CloseHandle( pi.hThread );
```

```
#else
```

```
...
```

Under MSVC19 it compiles and run without problem. Now I am using CLANG (no Microsoft SDK on my machine) and the compiler complains about wcsncpy() and CreateProcessW():

```
C:\MyApps\Vega82\RoundSwiss.cpp (132): error: no matching function for call to 'wcsncpy'
(): w wcsncpy (aa, cmdline.ToWString());
C:/upp/bin/clang/include/intrin.h (274): note: candidate function not viable: no known conversion
from 'Upp::wchar[1000]' (aka 'unsigned long[1000]') to '
wchar_t * __restrict' for 1st argument
(): __MACHINEIW64(wchar_t * __cdecl w wcsncpy(wchar_t * __restrict__ ,const wchar_t *
__restrict__ ))
C:/upp/bin/clang/include/intrin.h (186): note: expanded from macro '__MACHINEIW64'
(): #define __MACHINEIW64 __MACHINE
C:/upp/bin/clang/include/intrin.h (189): note: expanded from macro '__MACHINE'
(): #define __MACHINE(X) X ;
C:\MyApps\Vega82\RoundSwiss.cpp (140): error: no matching function for call to
'CreateProcessW'
C:\MyApps\Vega82\RoundSwiss.cpp (222): error: no matching function for call to 'wcsncpy'
```

Which include should I use? I tried to

```
#include <processthreadsapi.h>
```

and many others but without success.

Thanks,
Luigi

Subject: Re: CreateProcessW doesn't compile with CLANG

Posted by [Oblivion](#) on Mon, 01 May 2023 14:52:03 GMT

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Hello Luigi,

It seems that you've hit a problem that the move from 16 bit wchat to 32 bit wchar caused.

You need to convert the strings into WCHARS (16 bits) in order for CreateProcessW to work.

You can check my PtyProcess class (ln 53-90) to see how to -hopefully- solve this issue for both cmdln and env strings.

Link to the source code: <https://github.com/ismail-yilmaz/Terminal/blob/300cb3311bf976a2f4a05fc3efefd9e7bc0ee439/PtyProcess/Win32Pty.cpp#L53>

Best regards,
Oblivion

Subject: Re: CreateProcessW doesn't compile with CLANG
Posted by [forlano](#) on Mon, 01 May 2023 19:38:12 GMT
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Oblivion wrote on Mon, 01 May 2023 16:52
You need to convert the strings into WCHARS (16 bits) in order for CreateProcessW to work.

You can check my PtyProcess class (ln 53-90) to see how to -hopefully- solve this issue for both cmdline and env strings.

Hello Oblivion,

thanks a lot for the answer. In fact

```
Vector<WCHAR> cmd = ToSystemCharsetW(commandline);  
cmd.Add(0);
```

did the trick and converted the command line. I was not aware of this change, or I had not realised it could affect me.

Now I understand why on my production machine I had not this issue. There I had an U++ distro pre April 2022!

Thanks again!
Luigi
