
Subject: How to compile thrid-party packages?

Posted by [arixion](#) on Mon, 09 Oct 2006 13:44:36 GMT

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Wed, 11 Oct 2006 05:48:59 GMT

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Posted by [arixion](#) on Wed, 11 Oct 2006 06:27:03 GMT

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Wed, 11 Oct 2006 08:49:04 GMT
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Usually, it is very straightforward process: You create an empty package (by adding it to your project "uses"), copy source files to the directory and add them as package files ("add package directory files") and you are practically done (as long as you do not want to add some glue code encapsulation, which really is not necessary).

Of course, problems can appear on the way, but they are way specific to list them here all now...

Subject: Re: How to compile thrid-party packages?
Posted by [cioannou](#) on Wed, 25 Oct 2006 09:08:34 GMT
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I have the same problem.

e.g. I have built the Boost libraries and would like to include one of them in a project and also include the header files which are located e.g. c:\boost\libs

I just add the c:\boost\libs\foolib\boost_foolib_static.lib in package manager?

And what about the header files? How can I specify additional include directories?

Subject: Re: How to compile thrid-party packages?
Posted by [mirek](#) on Wed, 25 Oct 2006 11:24:31 GMT
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You specify library and include directories in Build method setup, then libraries to link with in package organizer.

Note the reason: directories are specific for the computer you are using while libraries to link with are specific to the package.

Subject: Re: How to compile thrid-party packages?
Posted by [arixon](#) on Wed, 25 Oct 2006 11:29:50 GMT
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Subject: Re: How to compile thrid-party packages?
Posted by [cioannou](#) on Wed, 25 Oct 2006 12:07:13 GMT
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That's exactly what I did and when linking I get a nice message:

Linking...

```
\mingw\lib\gcc\mingw32\3.4.2\..\..\mingw32\bin\ld.exe: cannot find  
-lboost_filesystem-mgw-s-1_33_1.lib  
collect2: ld returned 1 exit status
```

Subject: Re: How to compile thrid-party packages?
Posted by [mirek](#) on Wed, 25 Oct 2006 12:15:10 GMT
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arixon wrote on Wed, 25 October 2006 07:29: Is it possible to specify more compiler flags?

Sure! Just add compiler options in package organizer.

Well, the all the thing might be a little bit complicated at first, but I think current documentation is already quite good. The system is quite flexible.

The one thing to keep always in the mind is that everything is designed to work with more compilers and more platforms (and with different directory tree). That is why there are

- builders (routines to use specific compiler or compiler group),
- build methods (binds builder with concrete computer specific settings of executable, library and include paths)
- flags (describes platform and compiler, e.g. "WIN32 GCC")
- package and file additional settings (can add compiler options for specific combination of flags)

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It is transparent with respect to all of above. BLITZ system checks for all problems there and for most problems with the code (in other words, BLITZ is active only if possible).

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Why? I think U++ build system is really matured now and is the only system allowing BLITZ (if nothing else). You need build system that understands C++ files to have BLITZ.

Mirek

Subject: Re: How to compile thrid-party packages?
Posted by [arixion](#) on Thu, 26 Oct 2006 02:11:37 GMT
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what sort of files are all these settings saved in? I notice they are not present in *.upp files? And how do you actually make the compiler use those flags? Btw, how do you add a new build method? Is it possible to call the same compiler (e.g. GCC) with 2 different sets of flags, and toggle between these two sets?

Subject: Re: How to compile thrid-party packages?
Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 26 Oct 2006 02:54:22 GMT
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Posted by [arixion](#) on Sun, 05 Nov 2006 02:25:45 GMT

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Is each "When" exclusive of other "Whens"?

Subject: Re: How to compile thrid-party packages?
Posted by [arixion](#) on Sun, 05 Nov 2006 02:27:01 GMT
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And are intermediate targets allowed?

Subject: Re: How to compile thrid-party packages?
Posted by [mirek](#) on Sun, 05 Nov 2006 09:08:12 GMT
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You can consider each line in package organizer right pane as if - then.

E.g. for libraries

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Means any line with true condition is used. (And empty when is true).

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- .obj - object files

.lib - library files

Files with other extensions are ignored, *unless* custom build step is specified for them that converts them to any of above formats.

With files from above set, it is pretty clean what has to happen. Internal processing (compiling them to .obj files or other intermediate formats) is considered "implementation detail".

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Subject: Re: How to compile thrid-party packages?
Posted by [arixion](#) on Sun, 05 Nov 2006 10:33:06 GMT
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As in,

e.g. for libraries:

If let's say I have 2 lines saying:-

KETSJI libketsji.lib

FTGL ftgl.DLL

What will be the effect of a build method (as specified on the toolbar) which says "SUMO FTGL"? Will it include both libraries or none at all?

As for intermediate targets:-

As an interesting experiment, I was seeing if I could UPP-rize blender code. Blender doesn't compile everything together at one time. It compiles a set of projects before it compiles the main application. What its makefile and SConscript do is to compile a set of libraries/DLLs and then compile the main program and link to these DLLs and/or libraries. Is it possible to achieve all this within one UPP project, or is there anything more to do in UPP?

Subject: Re: How to compile thrid-party packages?

Posted by [mirek](#) on Sun, 05 Nov 2006 13:22:09 GMT

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Well, what is in the toolbar "SUMO FTGL" is "Main package configuration", no build method...

Now FTGL matches sets of flags, so ftgl.dll would be compiled.

Blender - well, not really yet. So far, U++ allows just single "final target", which is usually executable (but can be .dll). If future, there will be multiple main targets, so this will be possible.

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Posted by [arixion](#) on Mon, 06 Nov 2006 02:30:00 GMT

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so FTGL will be compiled. How about Ketsji? (it should hv been "KETSJI FTGL" (sorry abt the misspelling.)

Subject: Re: How to compile thrid-party packages?

Posted by [mirek](#) on Mon, 06 Nov 2006 08:53:15 GMT

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Yes, "KETSJI" condition is true if "KETSJI" is in main config flags. So the library will be included as well.

The best way how to study this issue is to explore Draw or Core packages in Package organizer (they add a lot of libraries).

Mirek
