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Subject: How to produce target \*.lib?

Posted by [fudadmin](#) on Thu, 27 Apr 2006 04:58:24 GMT

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P.S. Or how to remove that ...:

Linking...

LIBC.lib(crt0.obj) : error LNK2019: unresolved external symbol \_main referenced in function \_mainCRTStartup

I don't need any main... and I don't want dll. And I don't want to spend time to use command line.

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Posted by [fudadmin](#) on Thu, 27 Apr 2006 06:08:33 GMT

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Posted by [fudadmin](#) on Thu, 27 Apr 2006 07:01:34 GMT

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Posted by [epigone](#) on Thu, 04 May 2006 11:40:31 GMT

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Posted by [fudadmin](#) on Thu, 04 May 2006 11:49:02 GMT  
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What problems do you have exactly? And what steps have you done?  
It was useful for me to compile my MyLib.lib as testMyLib.exe first to make sure I don't have any errors.

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Posted by [fudadmin](#) on Thu, 04 May 2006 11:56:18 GMT  
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Regarding project size: One project (package) was nearly 20,000 lines with many files and I don't think that could be a problem...

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Posted by [epigone](#) on Thu, 04 May 2006 16:45:06 GMT  
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Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 04 May 2006 16:55:44 GMT  
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Actually, why do you need to make .a files? TheIDE way is to use packages - static libraries are just implementation detail...

OTOH, if you really desire to have .a, you can use this implementation detail to your advantage - TheIDE builds .a when producing release version. Simply create some empty main package, perform the build and gather them

Mirek

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1. Why "trying (slowly...)"? If you read our forums, people here start writing tutorials after 1 month with U++...
  2. Why MingW? MS Express toolkit and SDK compile faster and are "native" for Win GUI, IMO...
  3. If you still have problems, post one set of your "going-to-be -lib" files here (zipped) and I'll make an example for you.
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