
Subject: Re: How to deal with this error while using MAKE_DLL ?

Posted by [Haje Korth](#) on Tue, 26 Sep 2006 16:36:18 GMT

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The C compiler is not in your search path, that's why cl .exe is not found. Try using the same command line parameters for VC6. My guess is they will work.

Hongkai wrote:

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>
> !MAKE_DLL.LD :
> 'link /out:%L /nologo /nodefaultlib /dll %O /def:%E
> "C:\RS\IDL62\bin\bin.x86\idl32.lib" msvcrt.lib kernel32.lib %X'
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Subject: Re: How to deal with this error while using MAKE_DLL ?

Posted by [Karl Schultz](#) on Tue, 26 Sep 2006 17:35:15 GMT

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On Tue, 26 Sep 2006 08:01:48 -0700, Hongkai wrote:

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The Microsoft compilers include in their distribution some scripts that add the compiler binary directories to your search path and set some other needed env vars. Look for something along the lines of VCVARS32.BAT in your compiler binary directory.

But just running the batch file in a shell won't do it since you'll be calling the compiler from the idlde application. You'll have to add the items that the BAT file adds in your Windows "Environment Variables". You could also hack the MAKE_DLL settings to do the same thing, but then those hacks are applicable only to your machine. I find it better to add the items to the Windows environment.

Karl
