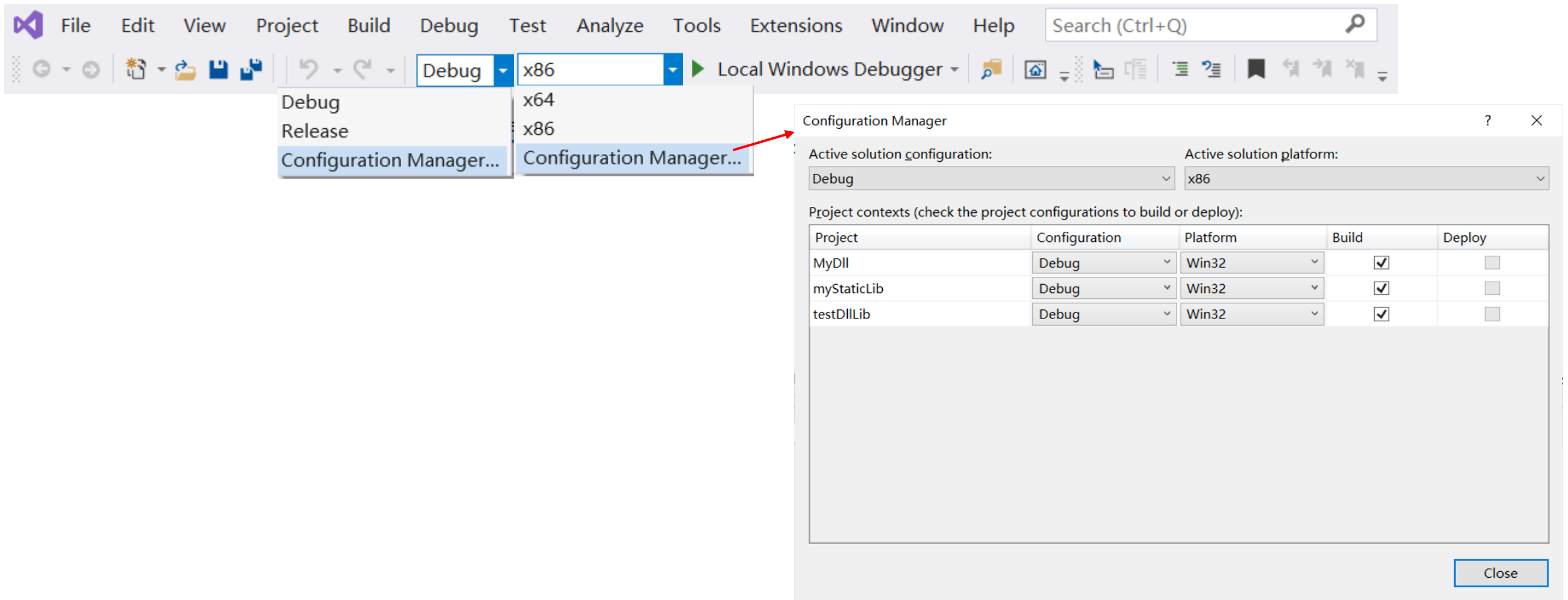


Static Library
Dynamic Library

1. Debug version and Release version

Debug version program contains a lot of debugging information, the final execution file is large, poor performance.
Release version program is usually optimized to make the program the best in terms of code size and running speed.



2. Static library and Dynamic library

Static library: In the link phase, the library will be packaged with the object file.o compiled by the target to produce an executable file. Becomes part of the executable, and then the library can disappear. This means that at the last step of compilation (the linking phase), if the program needs to use a static library, it will all be packaged into an executable at this stage.

Dynamic library: The dynamic library does not have any action in the link stage, only when the program is running will be loaded, that is, the link of the dynamic library occurs in the program run time, it is separated from the executable file, only the executable file in a certain period of time to call it.

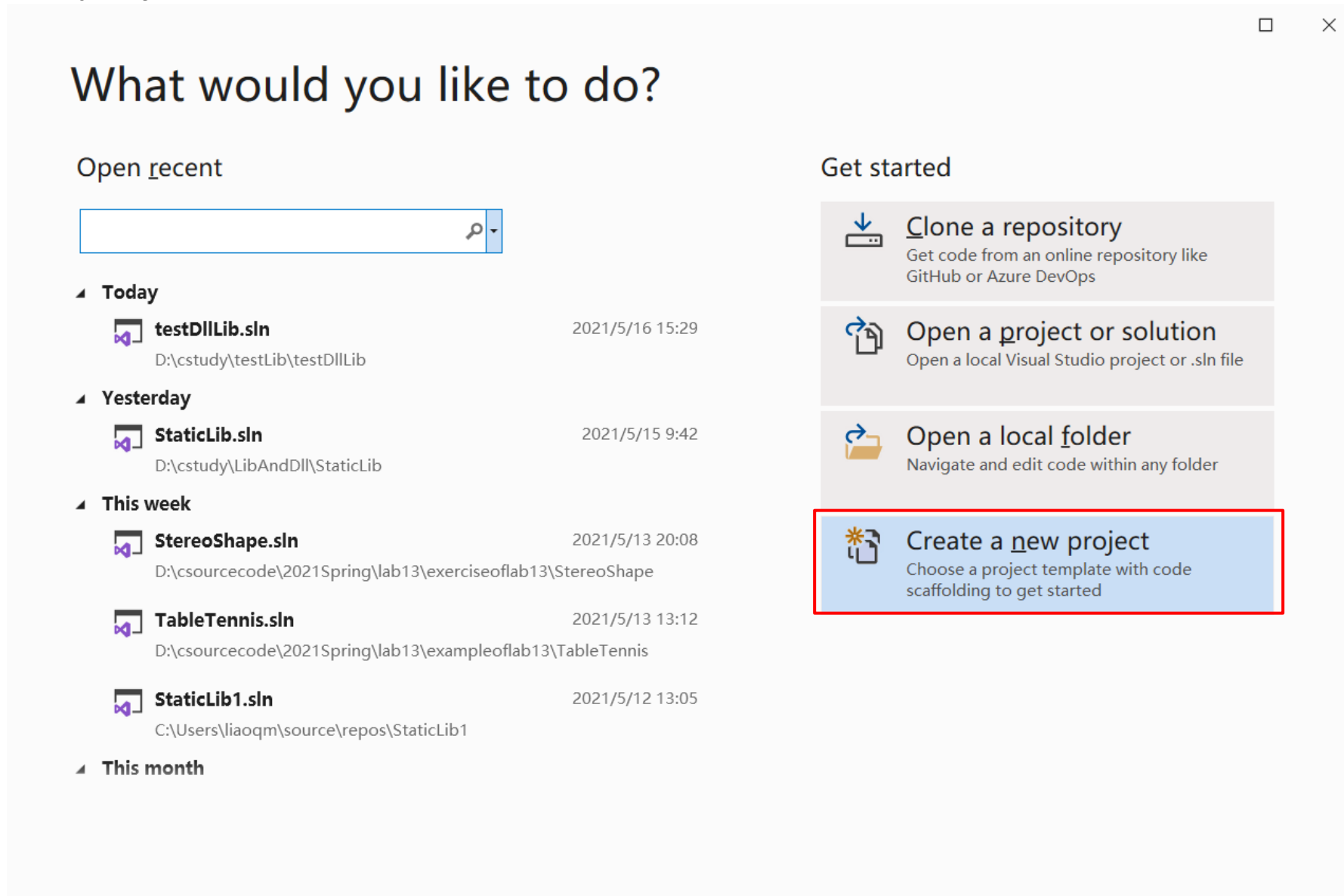
Advantages and disadvantages of Static library and Dynamic library

	advantages	disadvantages
Static Library	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Make the executable has fewer dependencies, has been packaged into the executable file.2. The link is completed in the compilation stage, and the code is loaded quickly during execution.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Make the executable file larger.2. Being a library dependent on another library will result in redundant copies because it must be packaged with the target file.3. Upgrade is not convenient. Upgrade must be recompiled.
Dynamic Library	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Dynamic library can achieve resource sharing between processes, there can be only one library file.2. The upgrade procedure is simple, do not need to recompile.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Loading during runtime will slow down the execution speed of code.2. Add program dependencies that must be accompanied by an executable file.

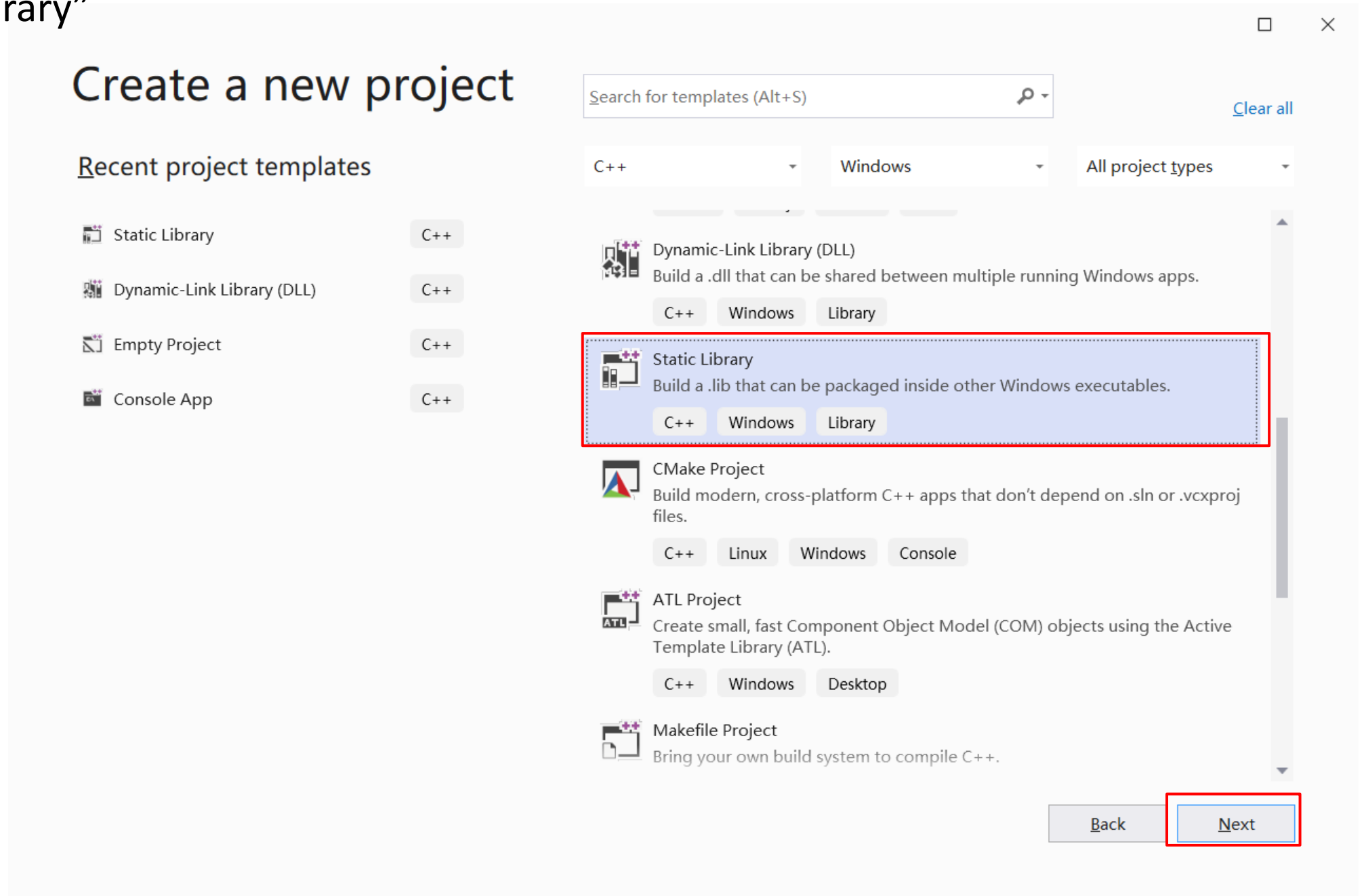
	Windows	Linux
Static Library	.lib	libxxx.a
Dynamic Library	.lib and .dll	libxxx.so

3. Create Static Library

(1) Create a new project in VS 2019



(2) Select “Static Library”



(3) Select the project location and input your project name

Configure your new project

Static Library C++ Windows Library

Project name

StaticLib

Location

D:\cstudy\StaticLib\

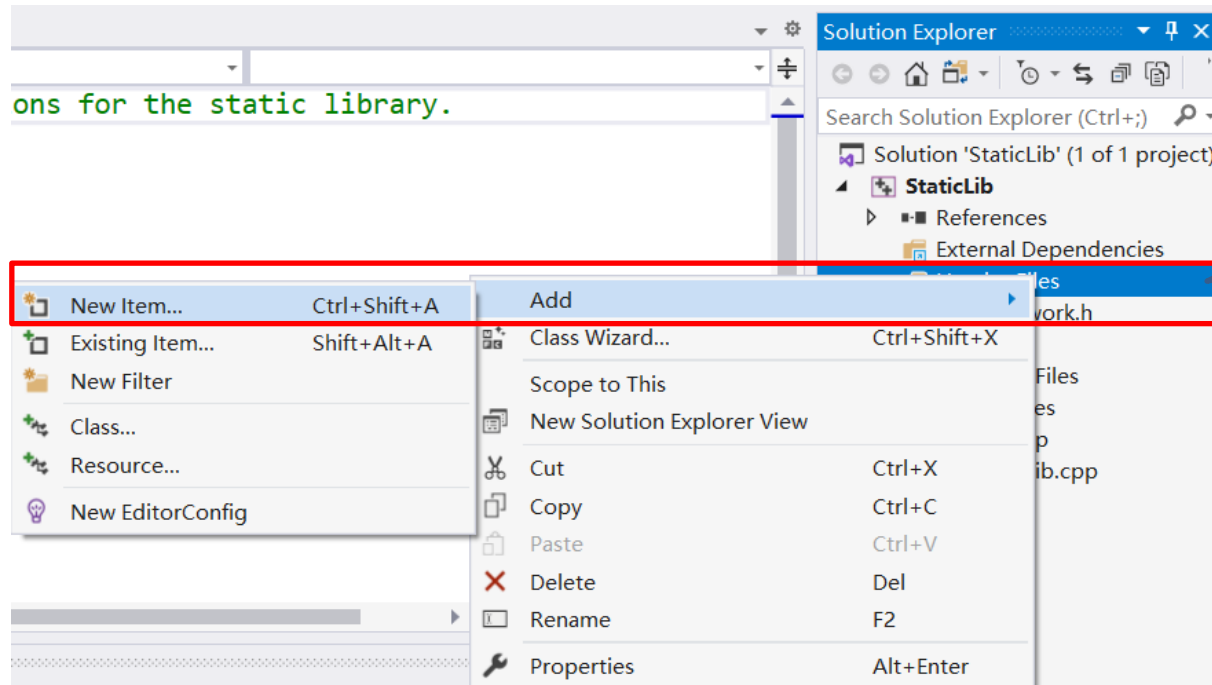
Solution name ⓘ

StaticLib

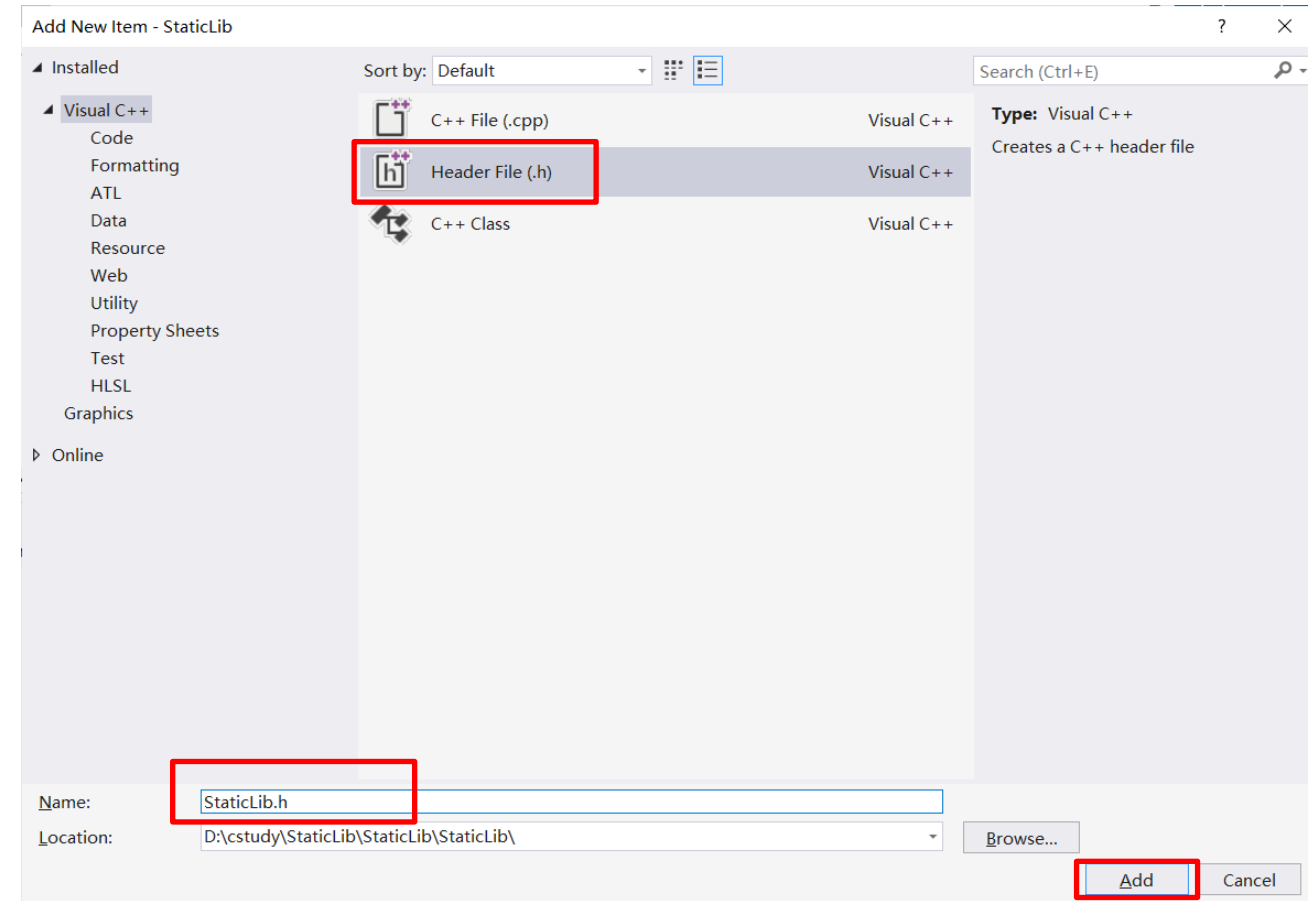
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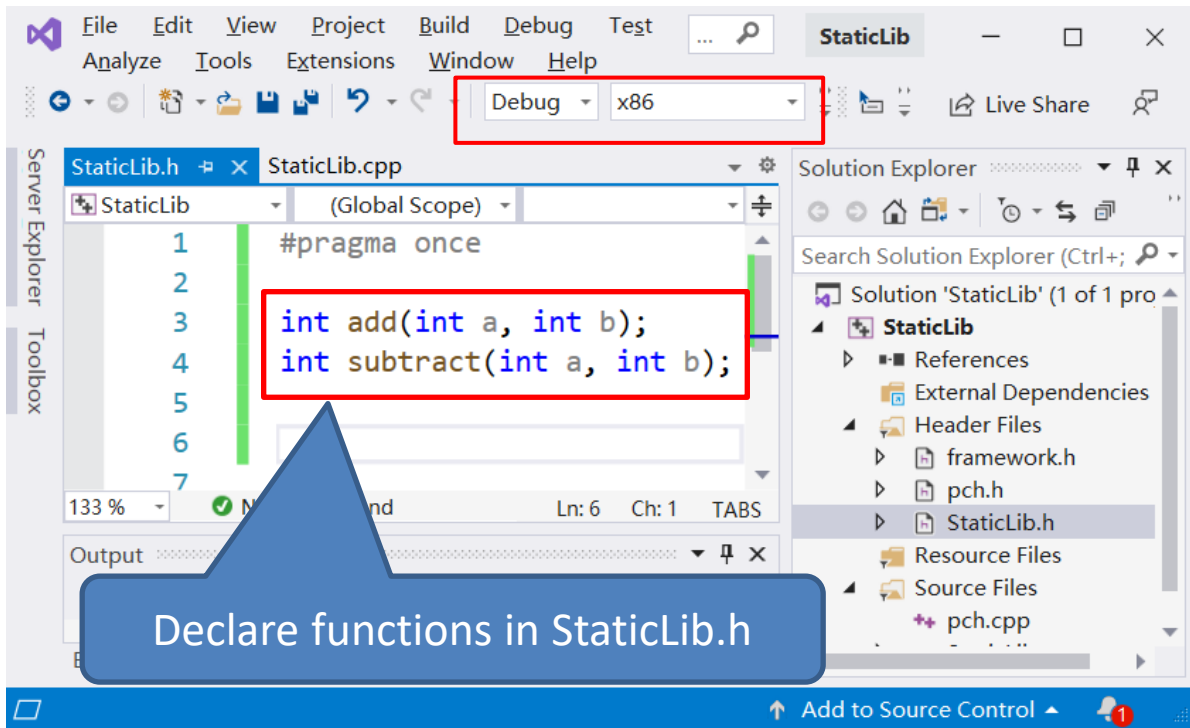
Back Create

(4) Create a header file, declare and implement functions in the static library

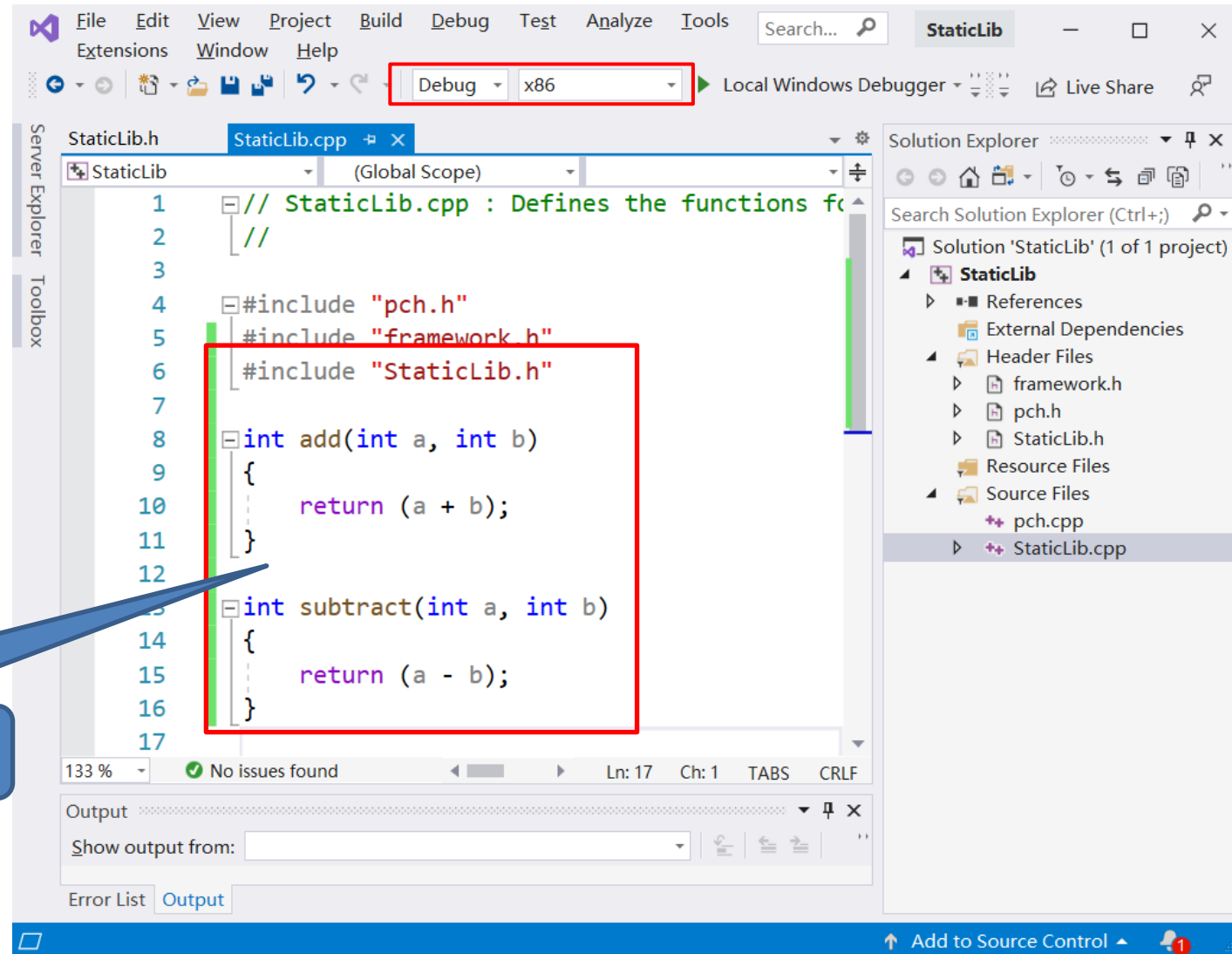


Set the cursor at "Header Files", and right click the mouse button, select "Add" → "New Item..."





Implement functions in StaticLib.cpp



(5) Build the static library

The screenshot illustrates the process of building a static library in Visual Studio. The **Build** menu is open, and the **Build StaticLib** option is highlighted. A blue callout box with the text "Select 'Build' → 'Build StaticLib'" points to this option. In the background, the configuration is set to **Debug** for the **x86** architecture. The output window shows the build process for the **StaticLib** project, indicating a successful build. The file explorer at the bottom shows the output files: **StaticLib.lib** and **StaticLib.pdb** in the **Debug** subdirectory.

Build menu options:

- Build Solution (Ctrl+Shift+B)
- Rebuild Solution
- Clean Solution
- Build full program database file for solution
- Run Code Analysis on Solution (Alt+F11)
- Build StaticLib (Ctrl+B)**
- Rebuild StaticLib
- Clean StaticLib
- Run Code Analysis on StaticLib
- Project Only
- Batch Build...
- Configuration Manager...
- Compile (Ctrl+F7)
- Run Code Analysis on File (Ctrl+Shift+Alt+F7)

Configuration: Debug x86

Output window:

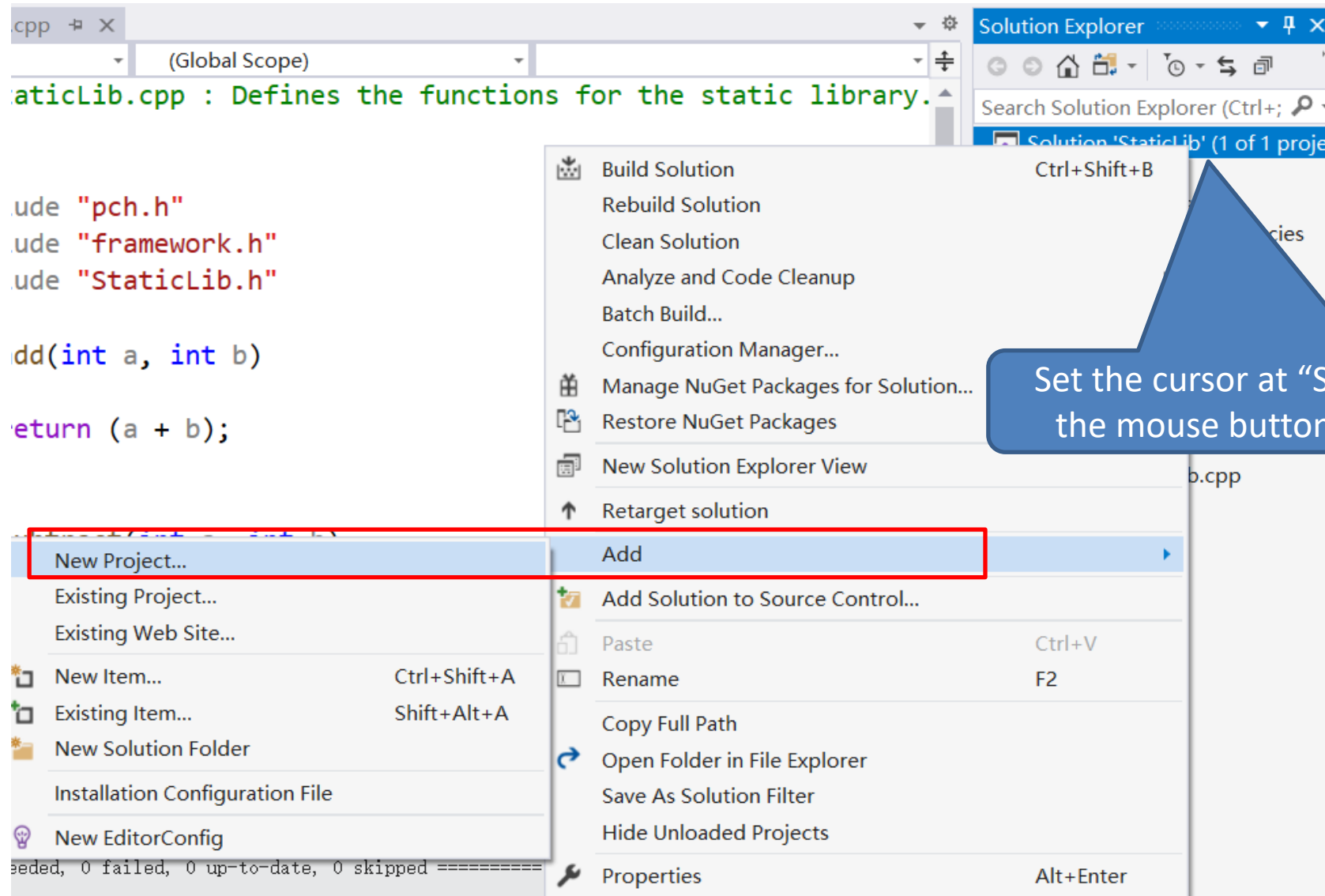
```
1>----- Build started: Project: StaticLib, Configuration: Debug Win32 -----
1>pch.cpp
1>StaticLib.cpp
1>StaticLib.vcxproj -> D:\cstudy\StaticLib\StaticLib\Debug\StaticLib.lib
===== Build: 1 succeeded, 0 failed, 0 up-to-date, 0 skipped =====
```

File explorer path: « 新加卷 (D:) » cstudy » StaticLib » StaticLib » Debug

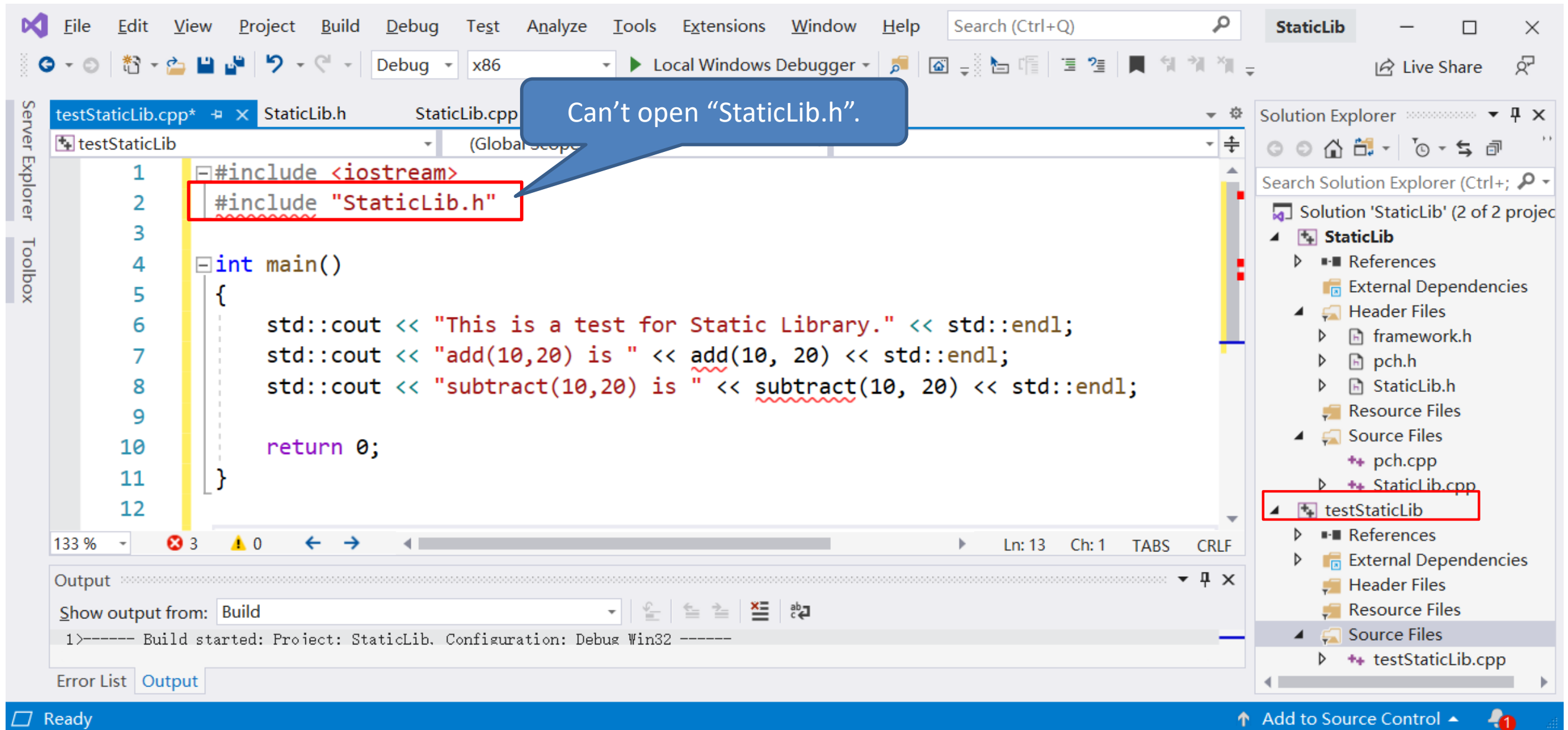
Output files:

- StaticLib.lib
- StaticLib.pdb

(6) Create a new project to test the static library



(7) Input code to invoke the static library functions



StaticLib

File Edit View Project Build Debug Test Analyze Tools Extensions Window Help Search (Ctrl+Q)

Debug x86 Local Windows Debugger

testStaticLib.cpp* StaticLib.h StaticLib.cpp

testStaticLib (Global Scope)

```
1 #include <iostream>
2 #include "D:\cstudy\StaticLib\StaticLib\StaticLib.h"
3
4 int main()
5 {
6     std::cout << "This is a test for Static Library." << std::endl;
7     std::cout << "add(10,20) is " << add(10, 20) << std::endl;
8     std::cout << "subtract(10,20) is " << subtract(10, 20) << std::endl;
9
10    return 0;
11 }
12
```

You can give the absolute directory to include

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Output

Show output from: Build

1>----- Build started: Project: StaticLib. Configuration: Debug Win32 -----

Error List Output

Solution Explorer

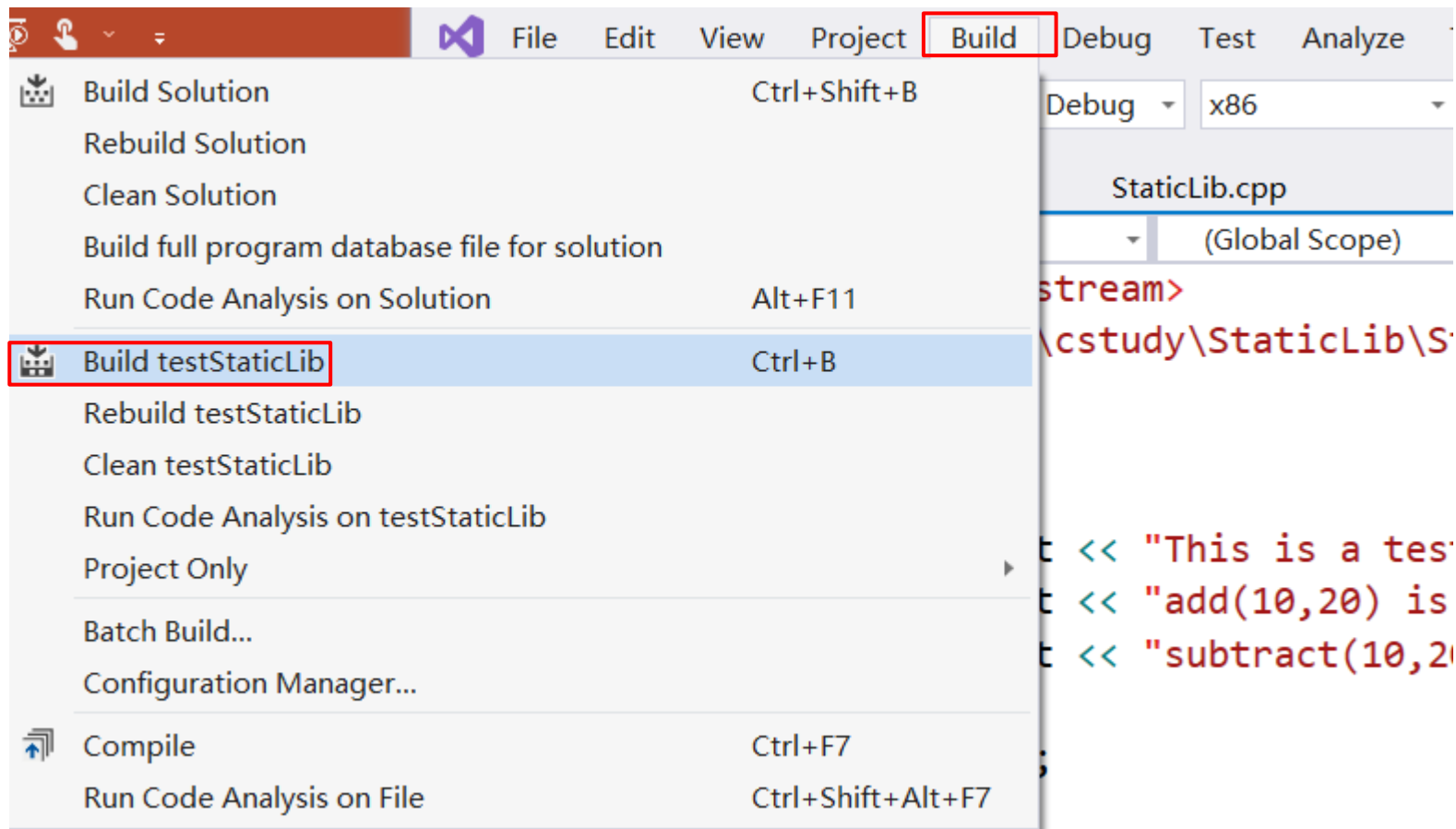
Search Solution Explorer (Ctrl+;)

Solution 'StaticLib' (2 of 2 projects)

- StaticLib
 - References
 - External Dependencies
 - Header Files
 - framework.h
 - pch.h
 - StaticLib.h
 - Resource Files
 - Source Files
 - pch.cpp
 - StaticLib.cpp
- testStaticLib
 - References
 - External Dependencies
 - Header Files
 - Resource Files
 - Source Files
 - testStaticLib.cpp

Ready Add to Source Control

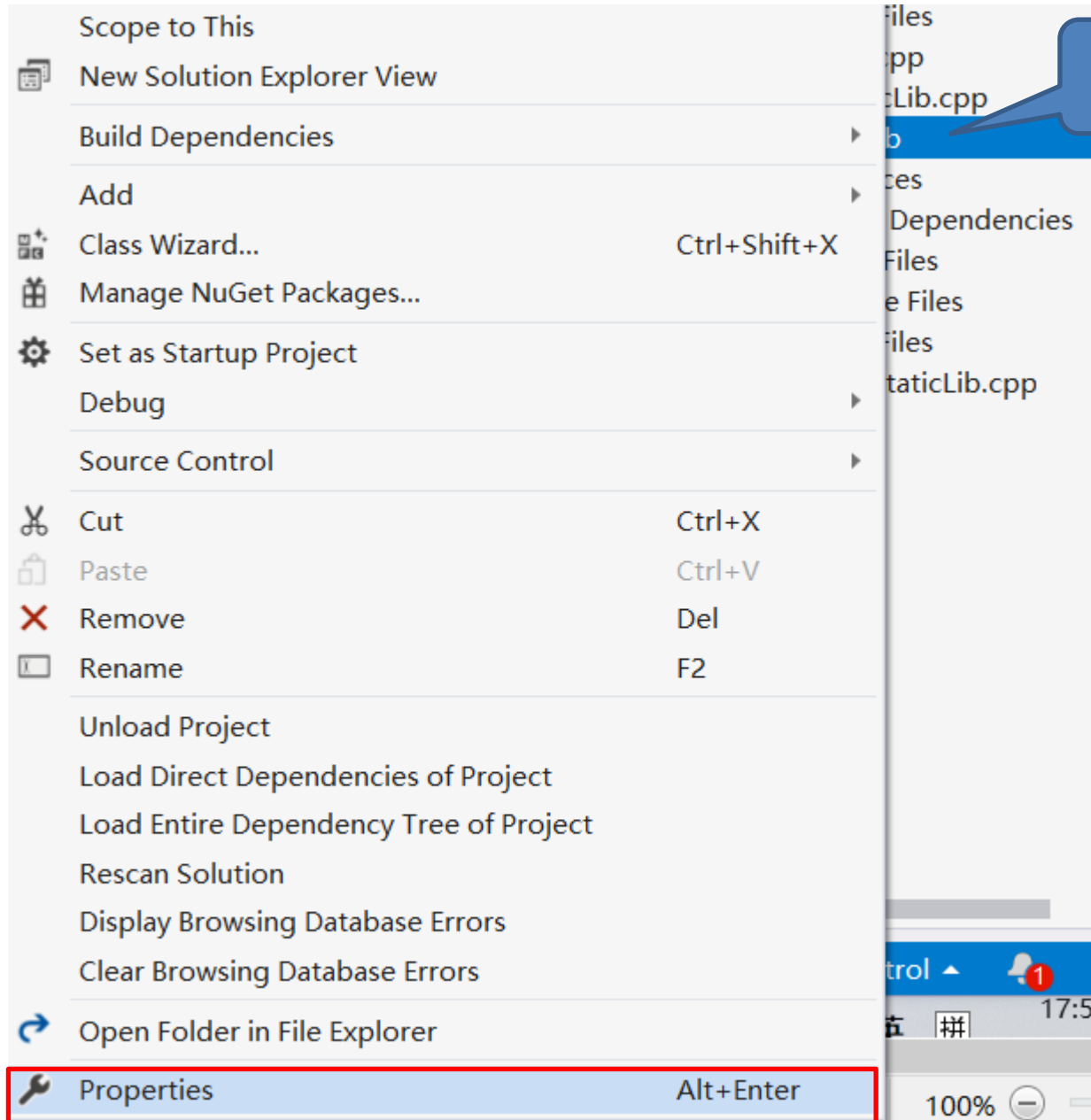
(8) Build the static library



Build the project, link errors appeared. Just include the header file can not link the static library.

```
1>----- Build started: Project: testStaticLib, Configuration: Debug Win32 -----
1>testStaticLib.cpp
1>testStaticLib.obj : error LNK2019: unresolved external symbol "int __cdecl add(int,int)" (?add@@YAHHH@Z) referenced in function _main
1>testStaticLib.obj : error LNK2019: unresolved external symbol "int __cdecl subtract(int,int)" (?subtract@@YAHHH@Z) referenced in function _main
1>D:\cstudy\StaticLib\StaticLib\Debug\testStaticLib.exe : fatal error LNK1120: 2 unresolved externals
1>Done building project "testStaticLib.vcxproj" -- FAILED.
===== Build: 0 succeeded, 1 failed, 0 up-to-date, 0 skipped =====
```

(9) In vs2019, use its linker to load the static library



Set the cursor at "testStaticLib" project, and right click the mouse button, select "Properties"

Configuration: Active(Debug) v

Platform: Active(Win32) v

Configuration Manager...

Configuration Properties ^

General

Advanced

Debugging

VC++ Directories

▷ C/C++

▲ Linker

General

Input

Manifest File

Debugging

System

Optimization

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Windows Metadata

Advanced

All Options

Command Line

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▷ Browse Information

▷ Build Events

▷ Custom Build Step v

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Output File \$(OutDir)\$(TargetName)\$(TargetExt)

Show Progress Not Set

Version

Enable Incremental Linking **Yes (/INCREMENTAL)**

Suppress Startup Banner Yes (/NOLOGO)

Ignore Import Library No

Register Output No

Per-user Redirection No

Additional Library Directories D:\cstudy\StaticLib\StaticLib\Debug v

Link Library Dependencies Yes

Use Library Dependency Inputs No

Link Status

Prevent DLL Binding

Treat Linker Warning As Errors

Force File Output

Create Hot Patchable Image

Specify Section Attributes

Additional Library Directories

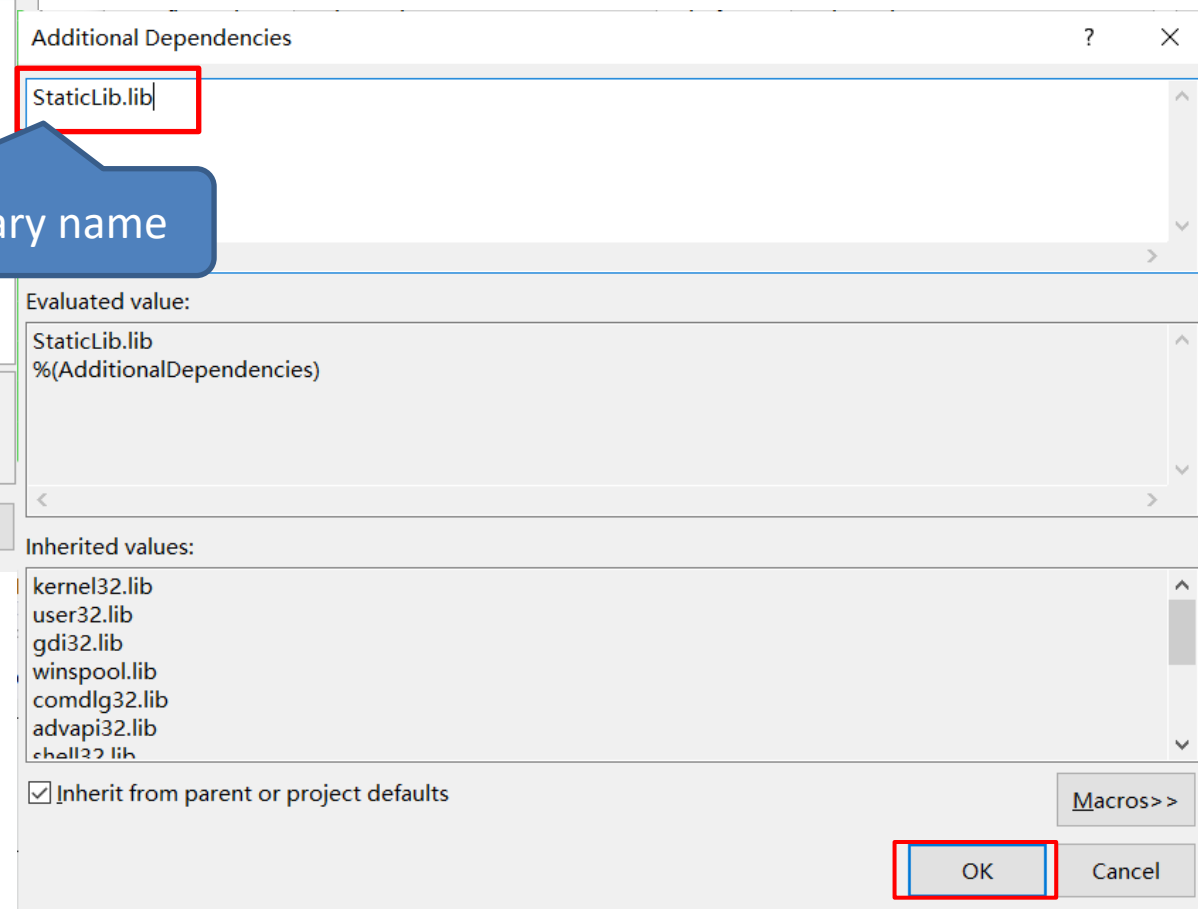
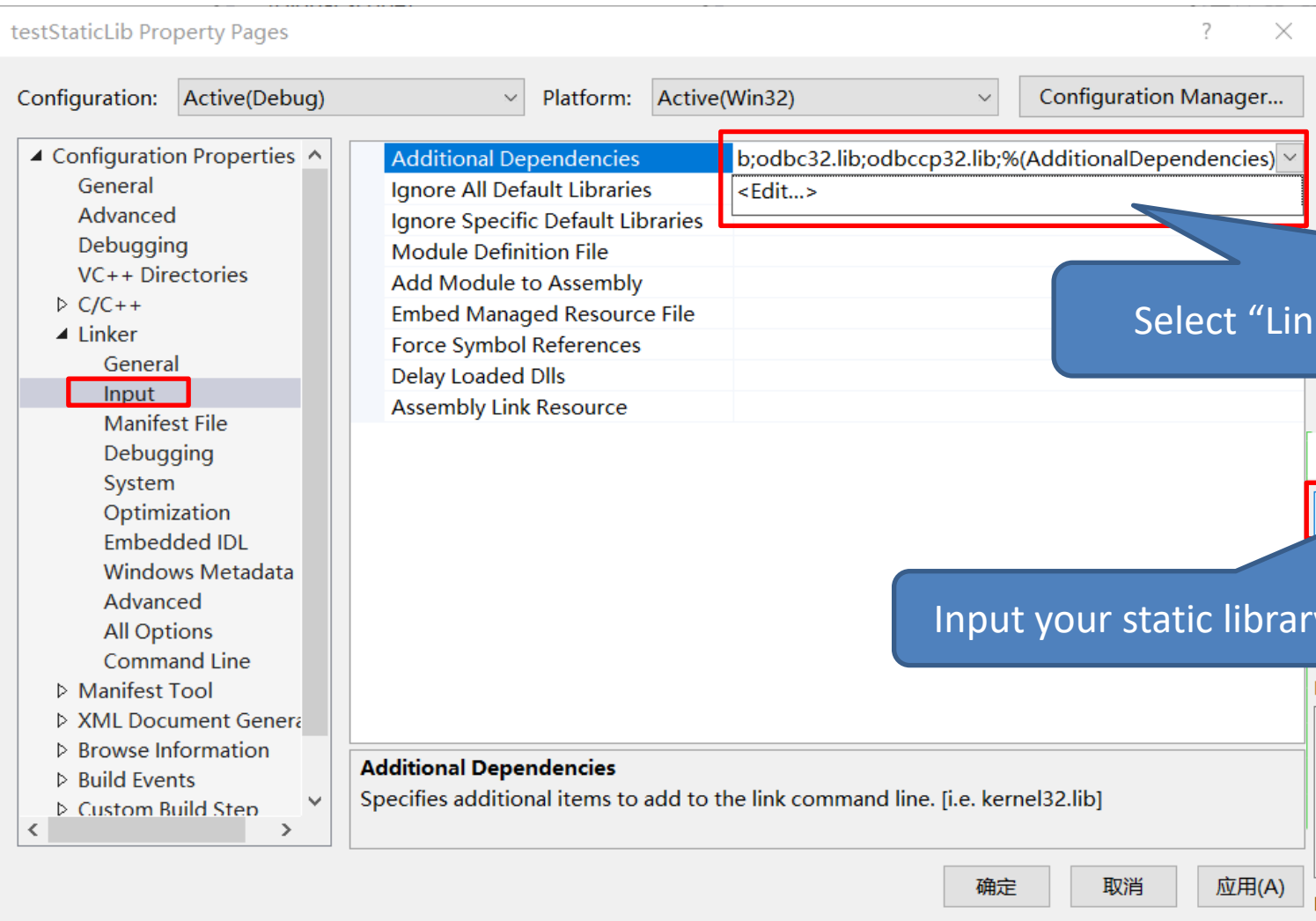
Allows the user to override the environmental library path. (/LIBPATH:folder)

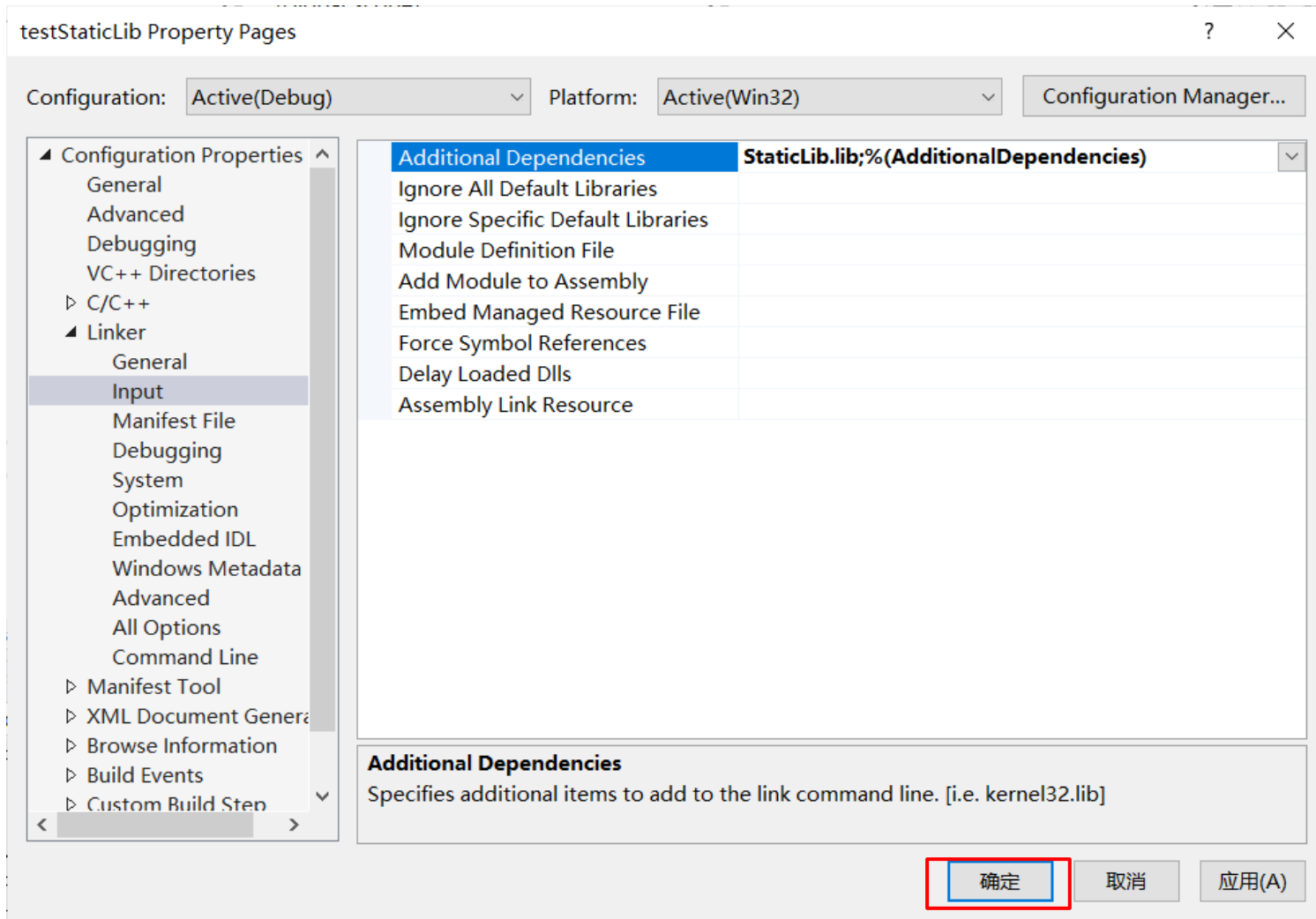
确定

取消

应用(A)

Select "Linker", "General", and input or copy the directory of the static library(.lib file) into the "Additional Library Directories"

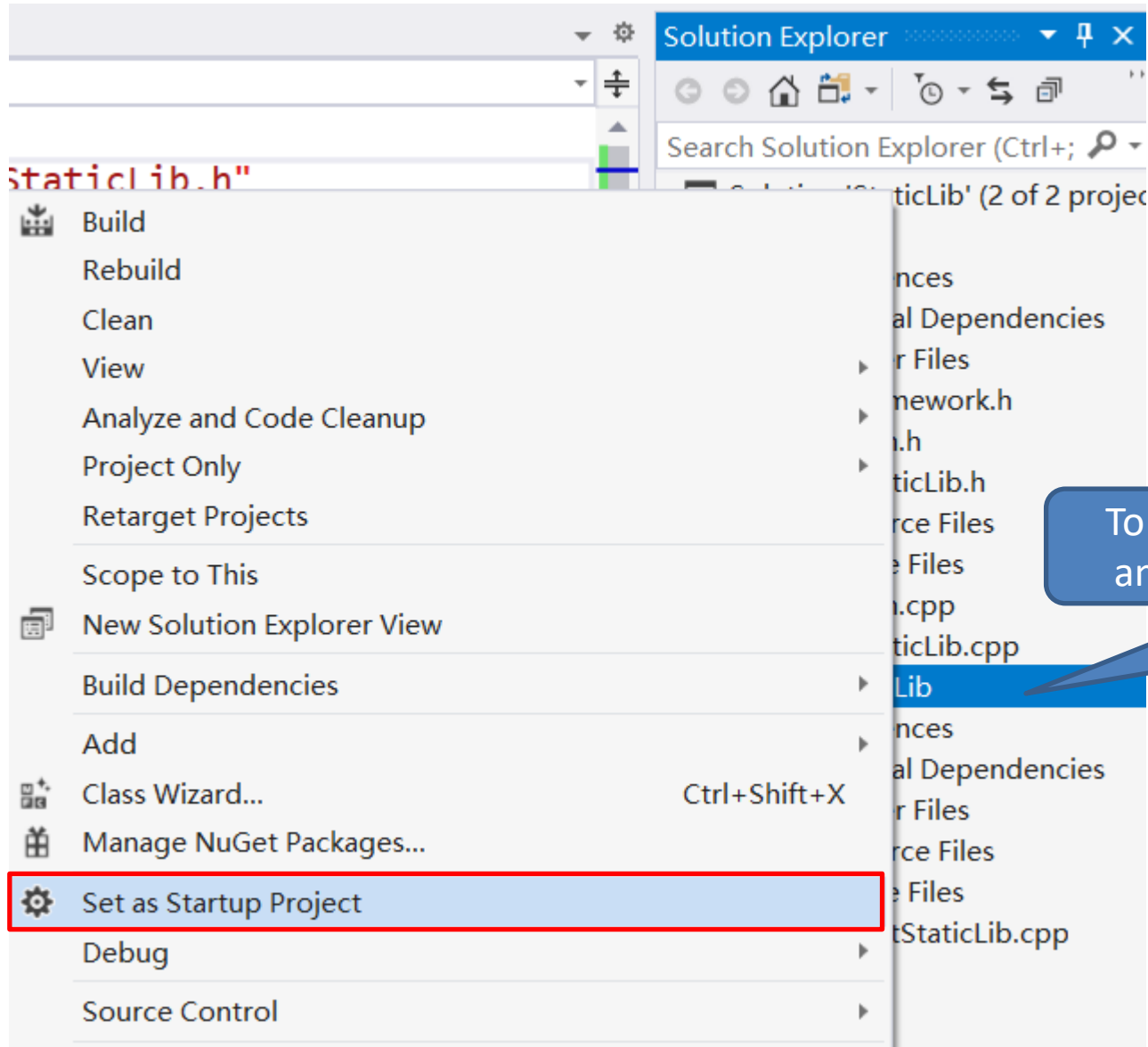




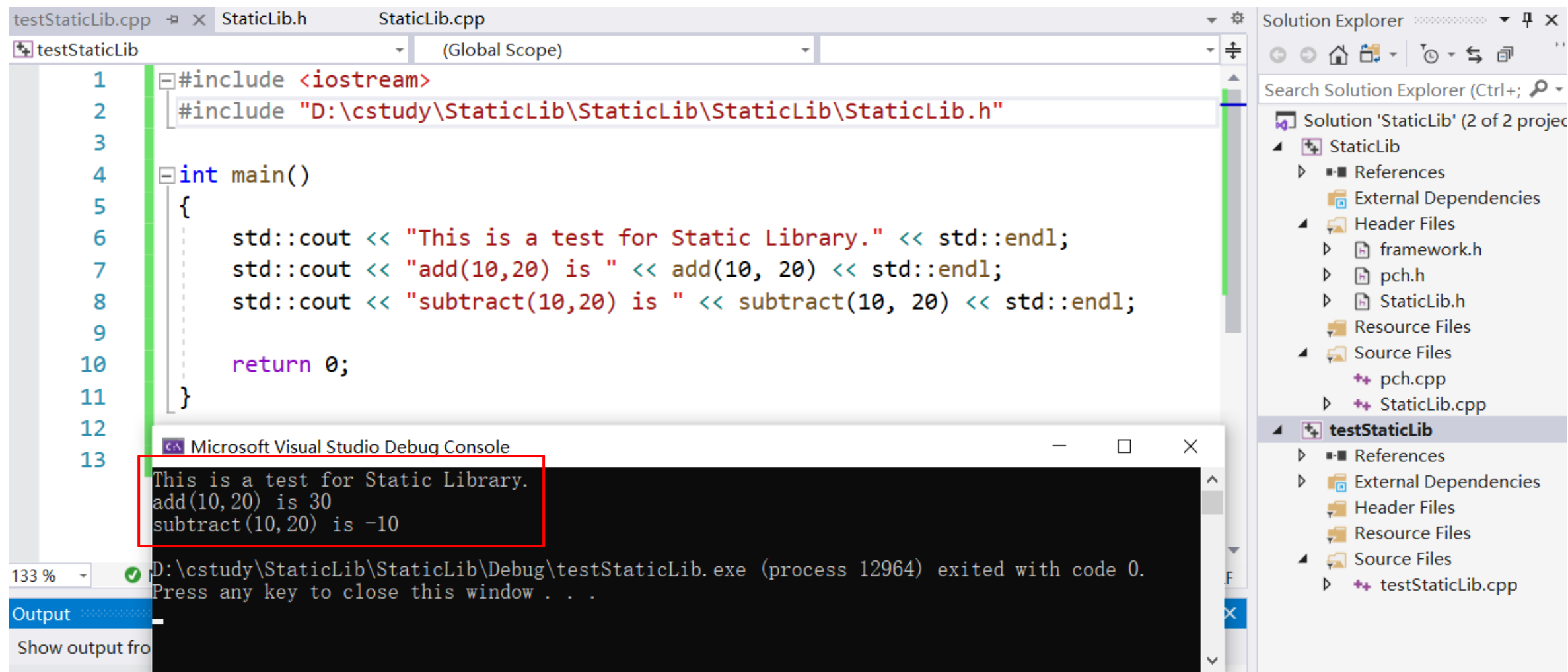
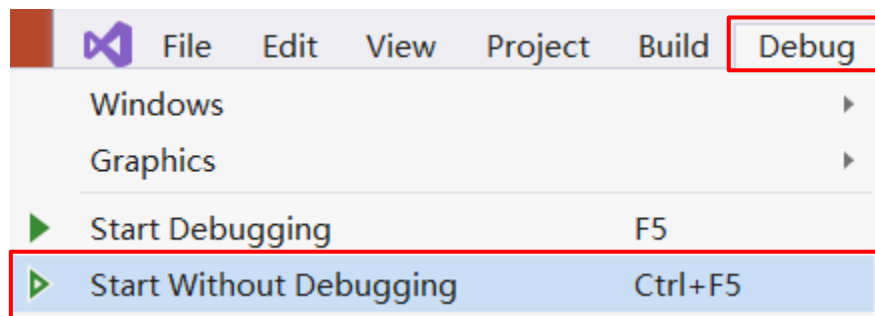
```
1>----- Rebuild All started: Project: testStaticLib, Configuration: Debug Win32 -----
1>testStaticLib.cpp
1>testStaticLib.vcxproj -> D:\cstudy\StaticLib\StaticLib\Debug\testStaticLib.exe
===== Rebuild All: 1 succeeded, 0 failed, 0 skipped =====
```

Rebuild your project, this time succeeded.

(10) Run the project



To run your project, first set the cursor at "testStaticLib" project, and right click the mouse button, select "Set as Startup Project"



Configuration: Active(Debug) ▼

Platform: Active(Win32) ▼

Configuration Manager...

▲ Configuration Properties ▲

General

Advanced

Debugging

VC++ Directories

▲ C/C++

General

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Preprocessor

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Language

Precompiled Headers

Output Files

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All Options

Command Line

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▶ Manifest Tool

▶ XML Document Generator

▶ Browse Information

▶ Build Events

▶ Custom Build Steps

Additional Include Directories D:\cstudy\StaticLib\StaticLib\StaticLib\ ▼

Additional #using Directories

Debug Information Format Program Database (PDB)

Support Just My Code Debugging Yes (/JMC)

Common Language Runtime Support

Consume Windows Runtime Extensions

Suppress Startup Banner Yes (/nologo)

Warning Level **Level3 (/W3)**

Treat Warnings As Errors No (/WX-)

Warning Version

Diagnostics Format Column Info (/diagnostics:column)

SDL checks **Yes (/sdl)**

Multi-processor Compilation

Enable Address Sanitizer (Experimental) No

Select "C/C++", "General", and input or copy the directory of the header file(.h file) into the "Additional Include Directories"

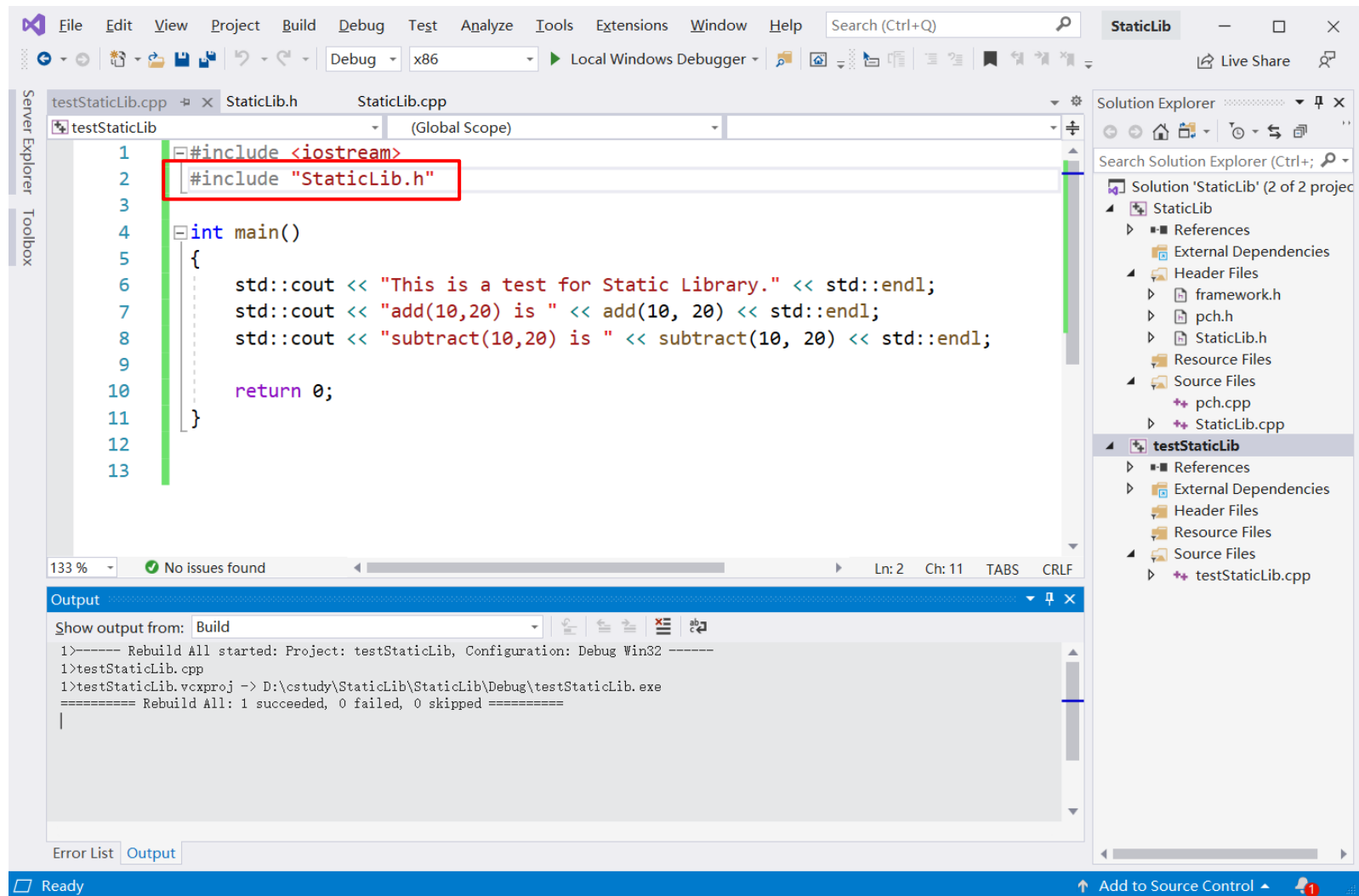
Additional Include Directories

Specifies one or more directories to add to the include path; separate with semi-colons if more than one. (/I[path])

确定

取消

应用(A)



You can use `#pragma comment(lib, "XXXXXX.lib")` without setting the linker.

StaticLib > testStaticLib

名称

Debug

StaticLib.h

StaticLib.lib

testStaticLib.cpp

testStaticLib.vcxproj

testStaticLib.vcxproj.filters

testStaticLib.vcxproj.user

First, copy the `.h` and `.lib` files to the folder in which your main program is.

```
#include <iostream>
#include "StaticLib.h"

#pragma comment(lib, "StaticLib.lib")

int main()
{
    int a = 1, b = 2;
    std::cout << add(1, 2) << std::endl;

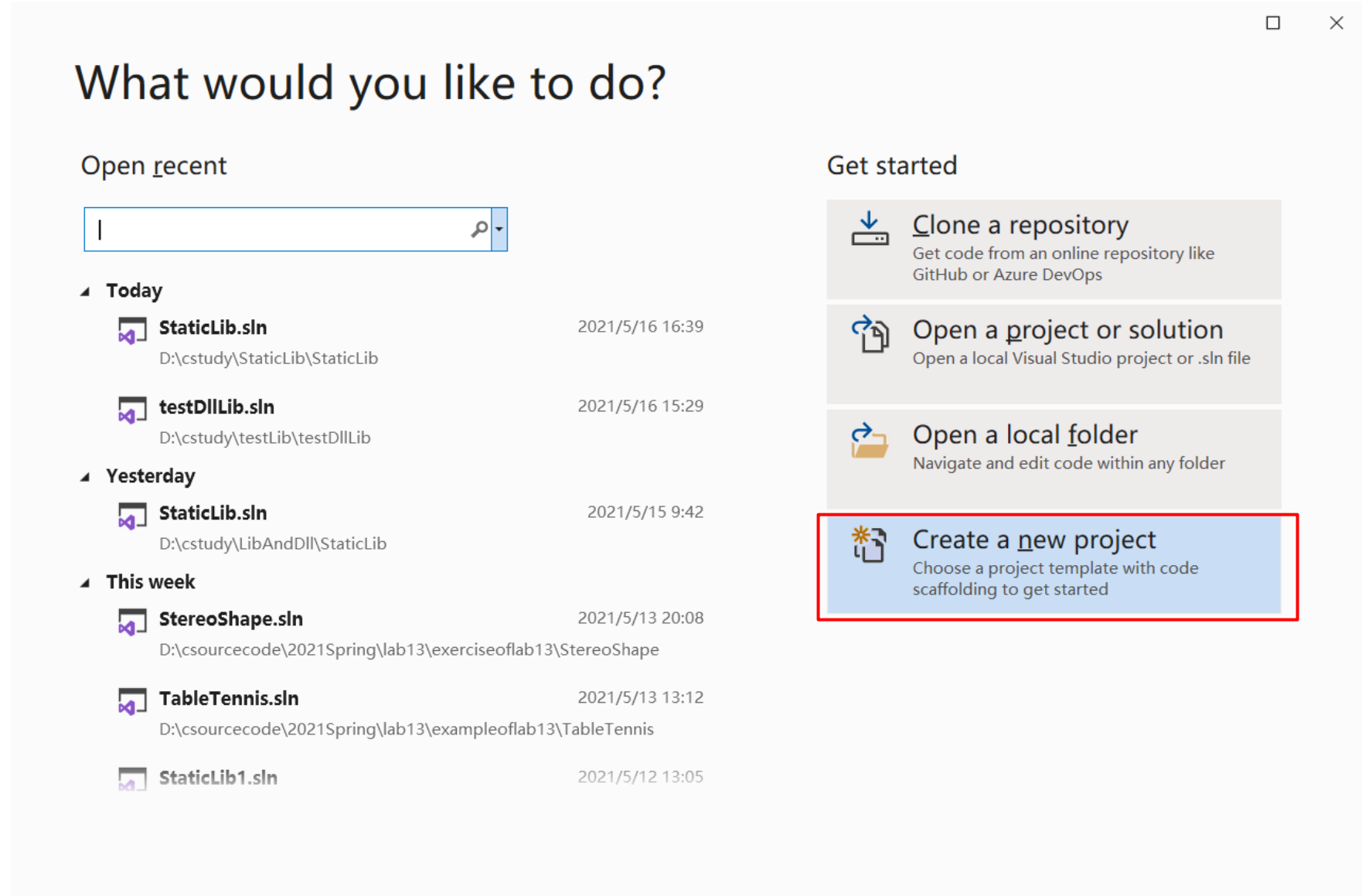
    return 0;
}
```

Second, include the `.h` and use the command `#pragma comment` in the main program.

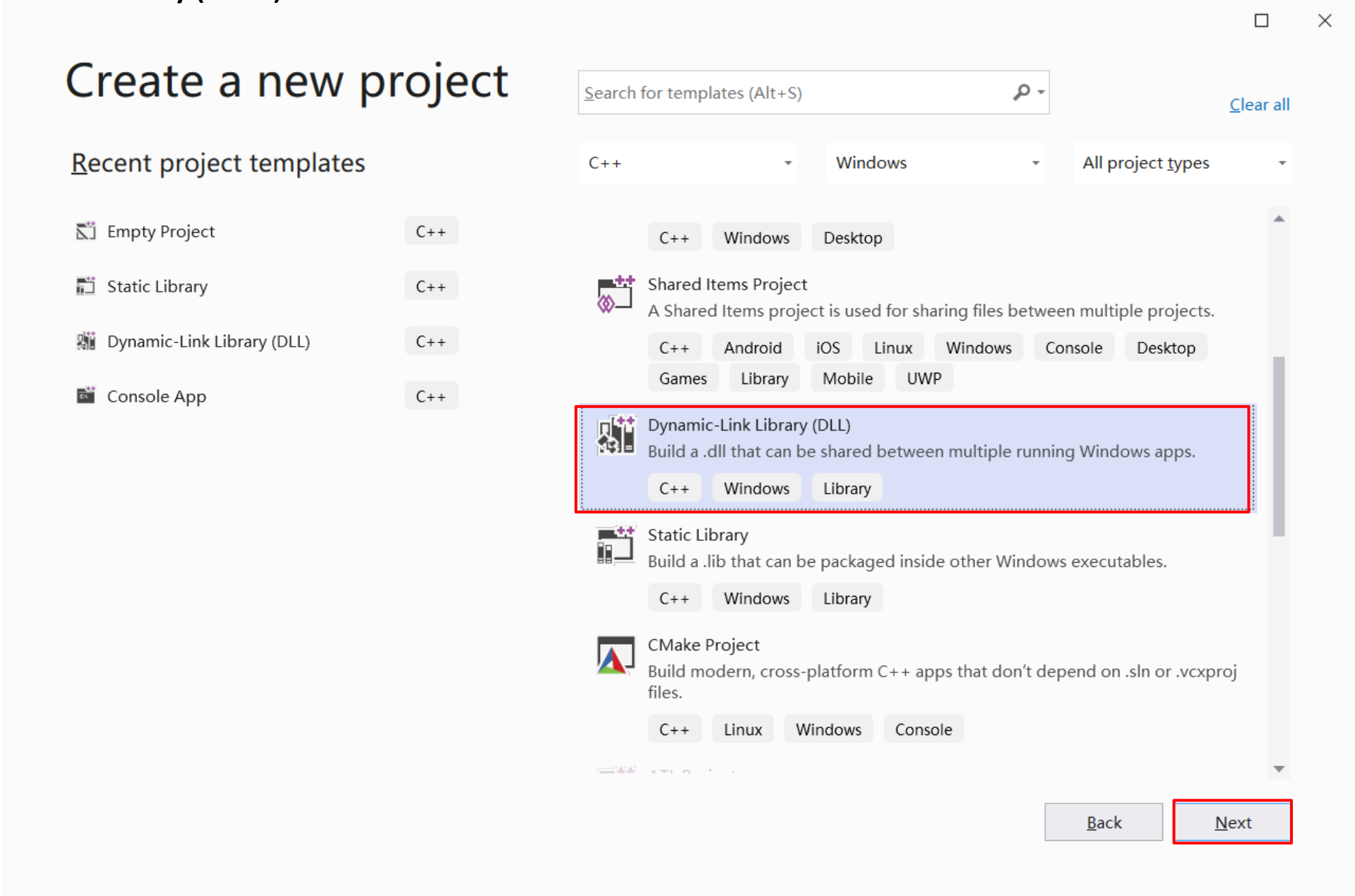
<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/cpp/preprocessor/comment-c-cpp?view=msvc-160>

4. Create Dynamic Library

(1) Create a new project in VS 2019



(2) Select Dynamic-Link Library(DLL)



Configure your new project

Dynamic-Link Library (DLL)

C++

Windows


Library

Project name

DynamicLib

Location

D:\cstudy\DynamicLib\

Solution name 

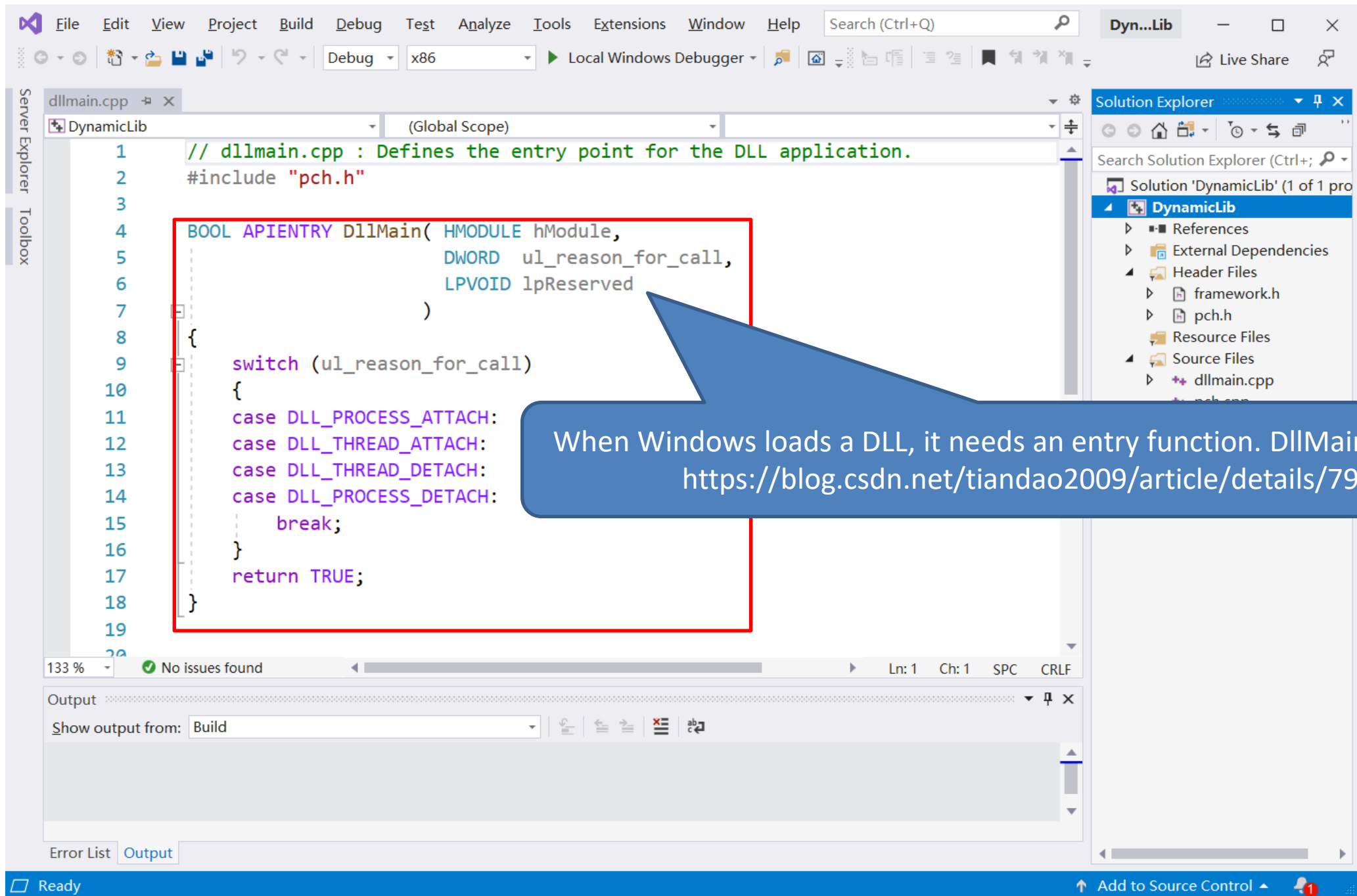
DynamicLib

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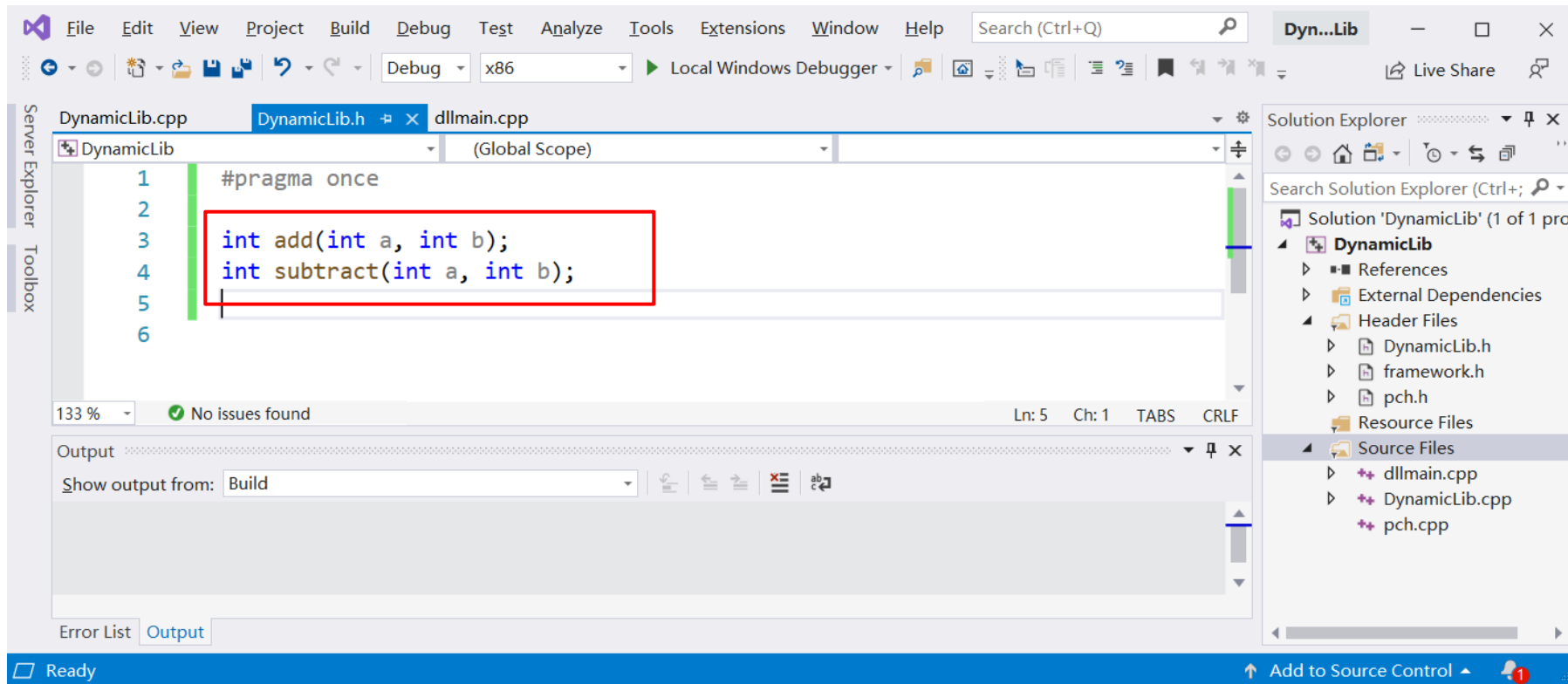
Place solution and project in the same directory

Back

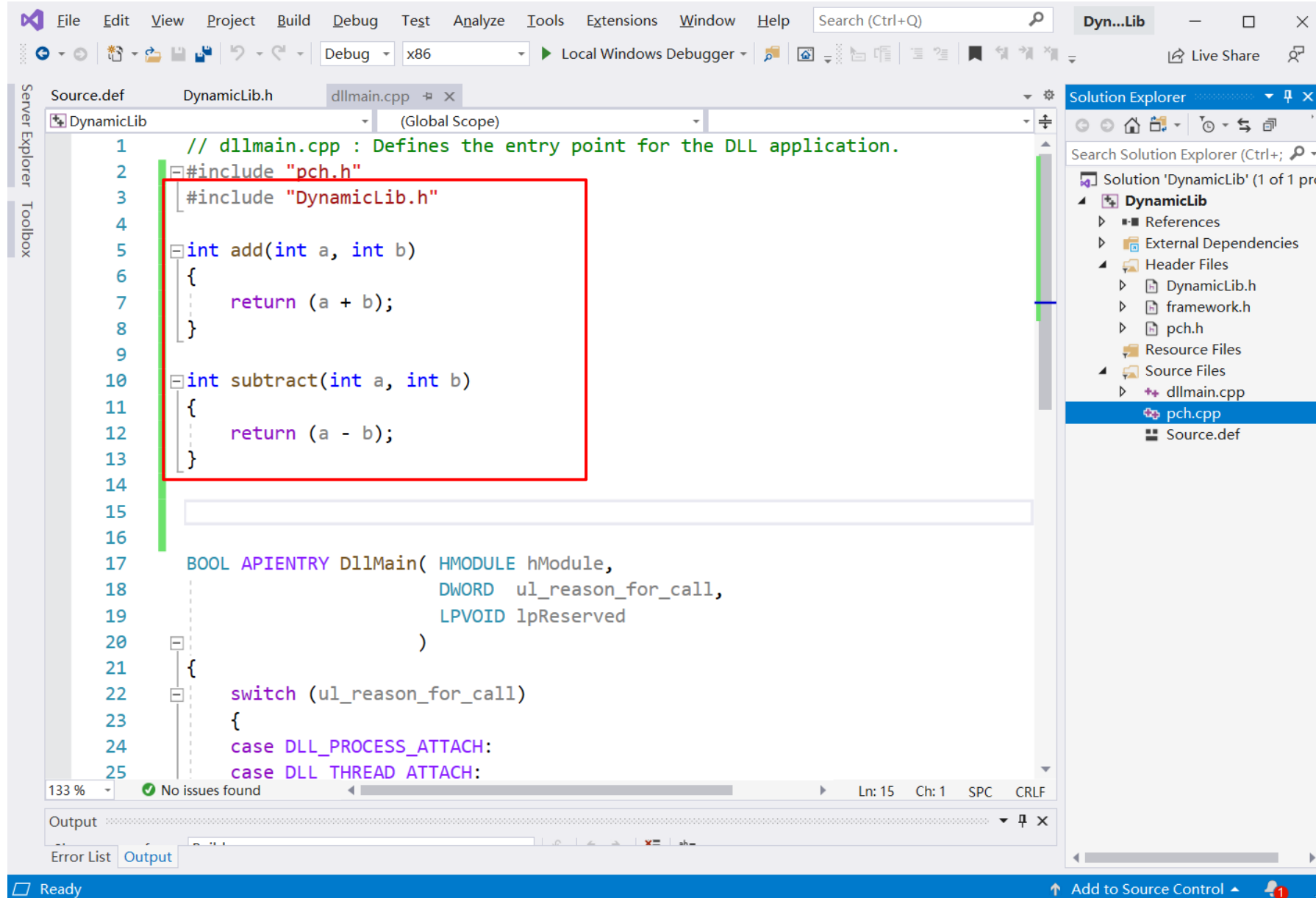
Create



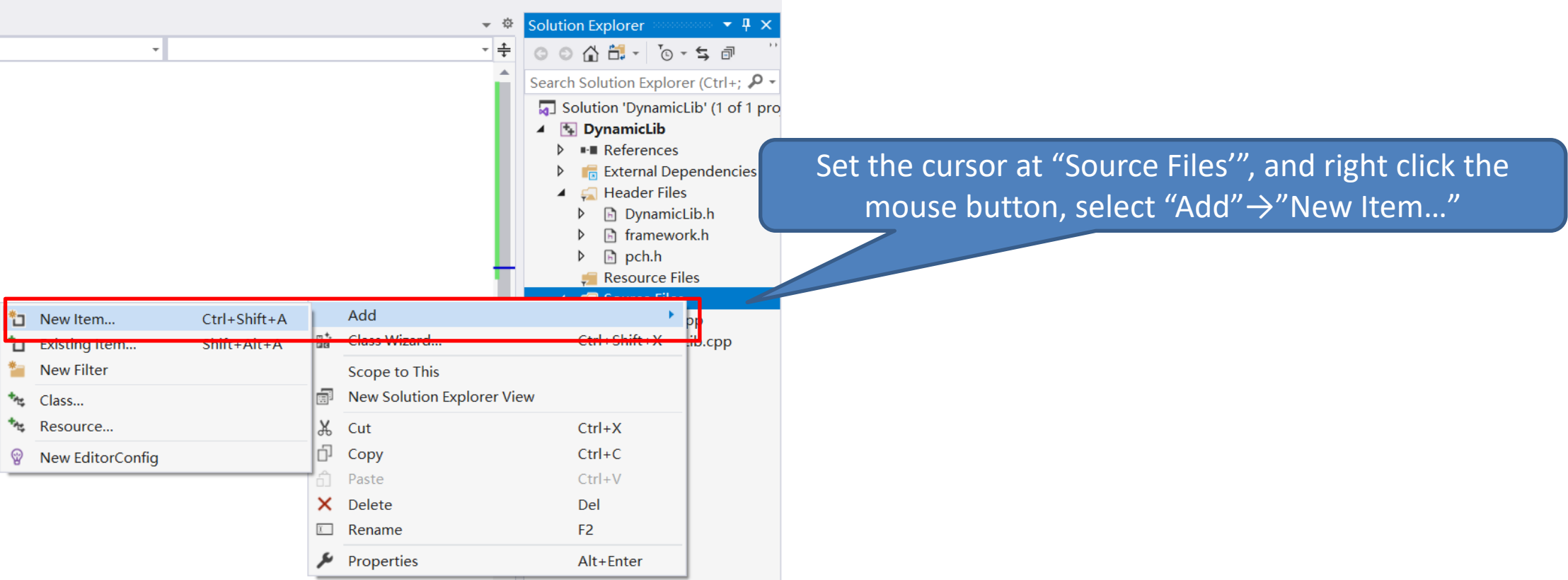
(3) Create .h to declare functions

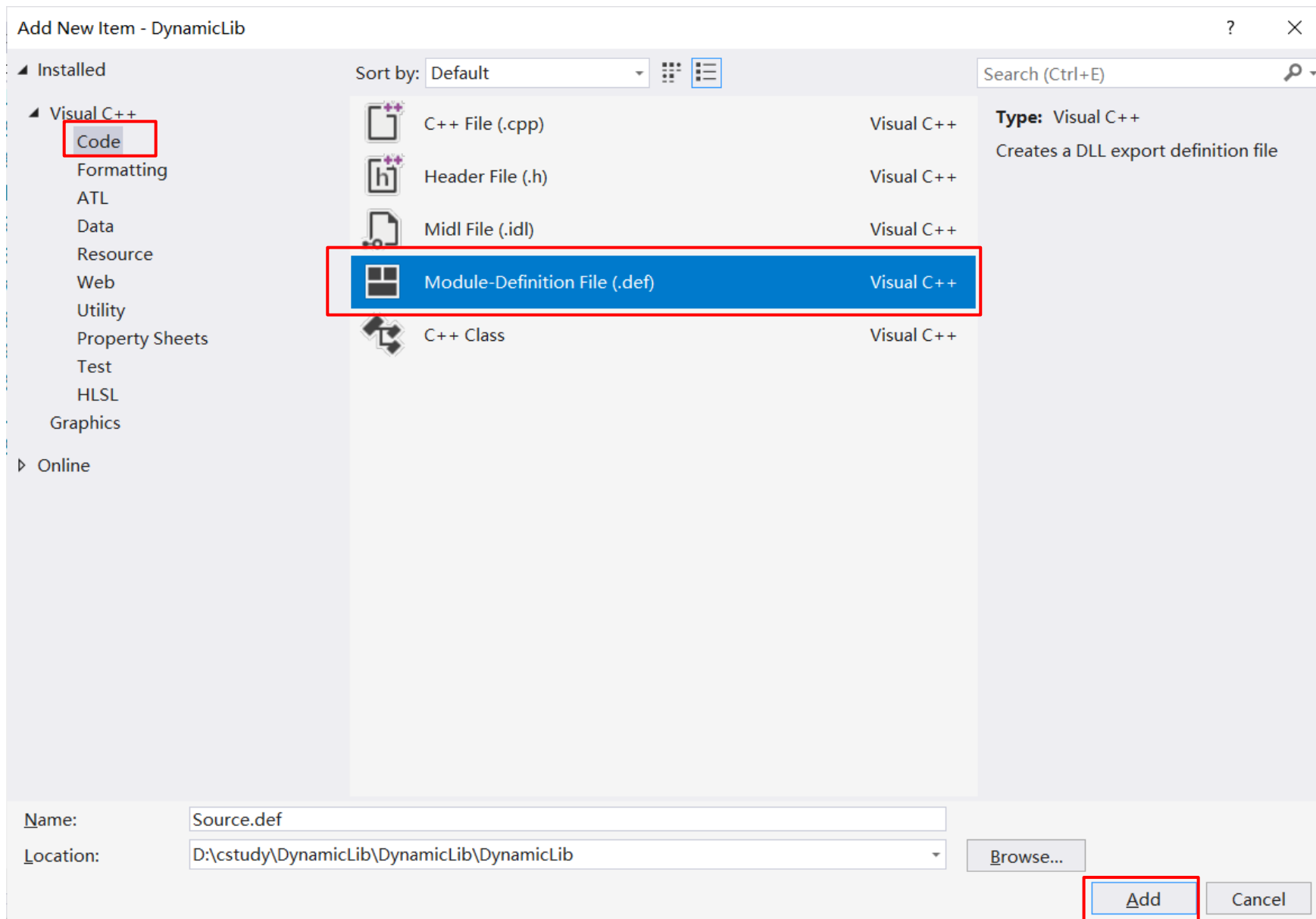


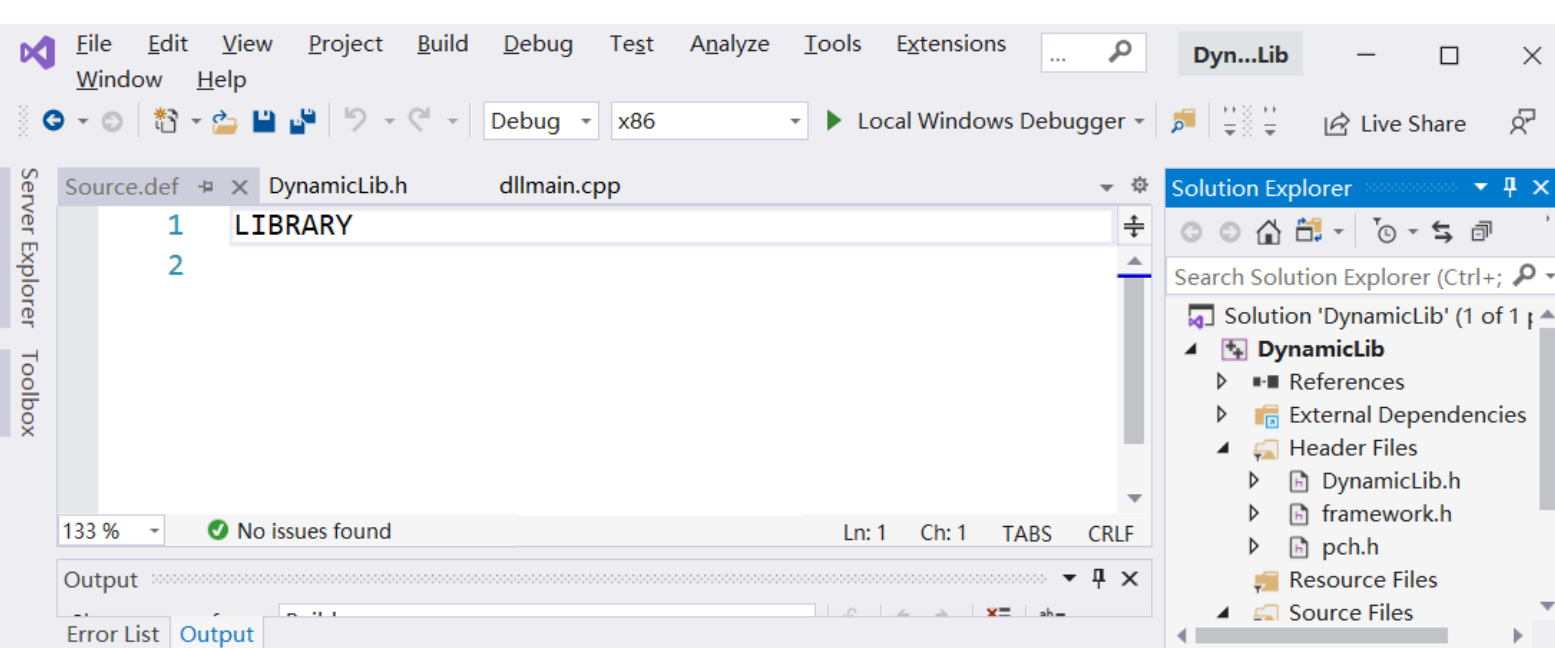
(4) Input functions implementation in DllMain.cpp



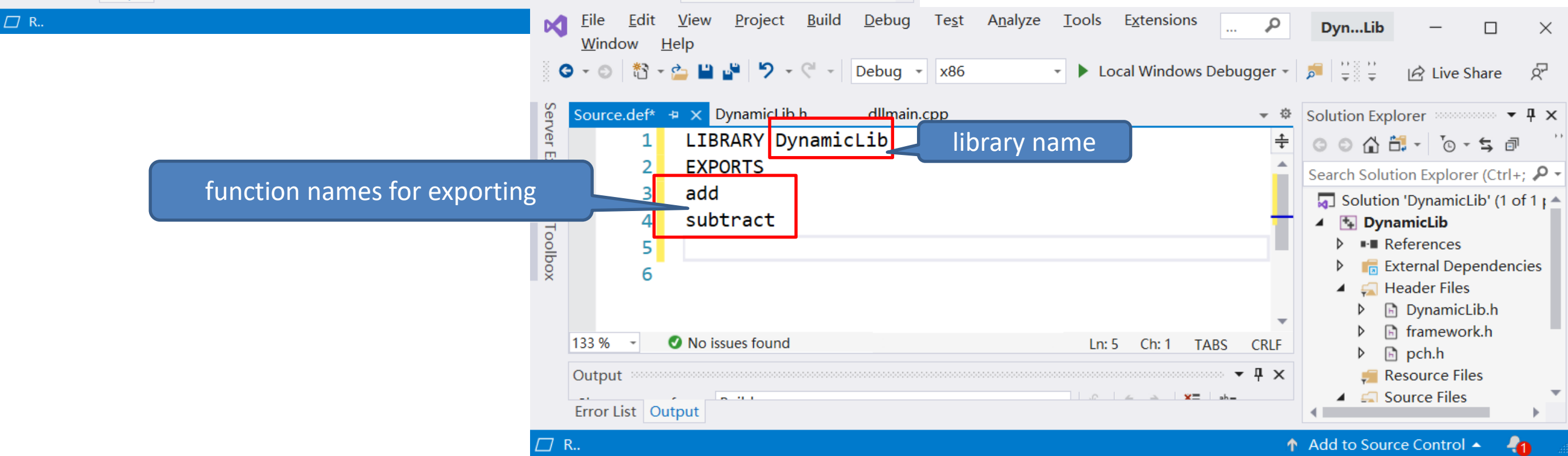
(5) Create .def file for exporting functions



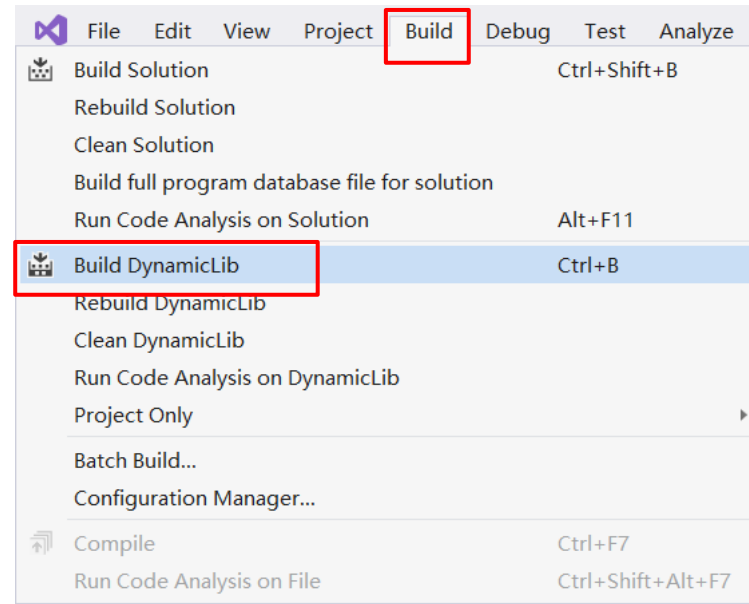




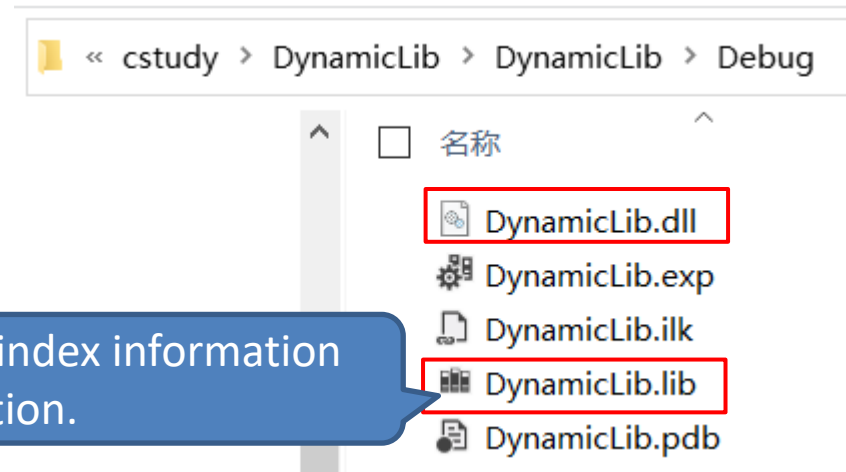
If you don't create .def file, you must define `__declspec(dllexport)` for exporting by using macro in .h file
<https://blog.csdn.net/a369189453/article/details/81124685>



(6)Build dynamic library



```
1>----- Build started: Project: DynamicLib, Configuration: Debug Win32 -----
1>pch.cpp
1>dllmain.cpp
1>  Creating library D:\cstudy\DynamicLib\DynamicLib\Debug\DynamicLib.lib and object D:\cstudy\DynamicLib\DynamicLib\Debug\DynamicLib.exp
1>DynamicLib.vcxproj -> D:\cstudy\DynamicLib\DynamicLib\Debug\DynamicLib.dll
===== Build: 1 succeeded, 0 failed, 0 up-to-date, 0 skipped =====
```



This .lib file is not the same as the static library. This .lib contains only index information such as function entry location rather than implementation.

(7) Create a new empty project to apply the dynamic library

Configure your new project

Empty Project C++ Windows Console

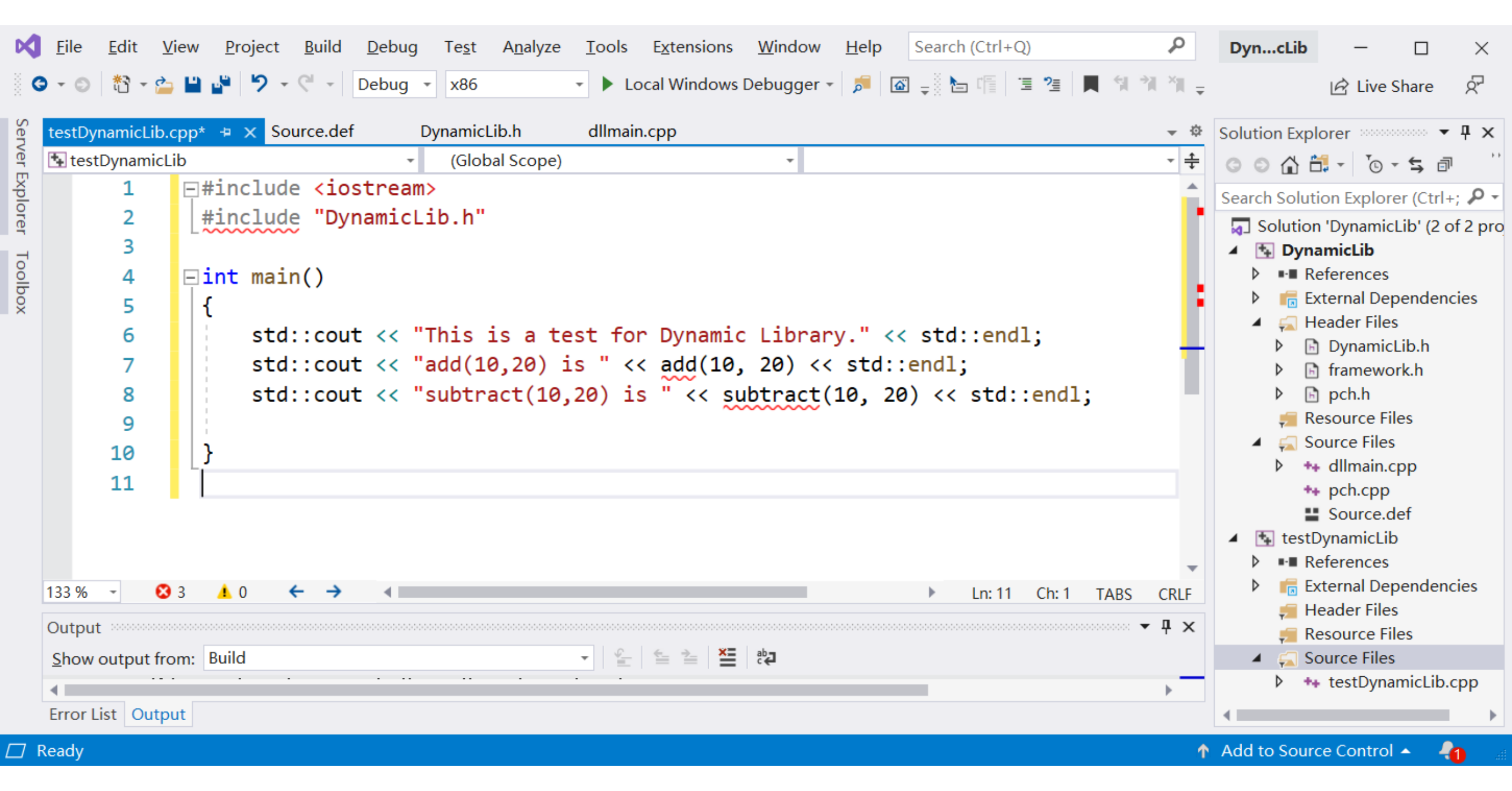
Project name

testDynamicLib

Location

D:\cstudy\DynamicLib\DynamicLib

Back Create



Configuration: Active(Debug) v

Platform: Active(Win32) v

Configuration Manager...

Configuration Properties ^

General

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VC++ Directories

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Output File \$(OutDir)\$(TargetName)\$(TargetExt)

Show Progress Not Set

Version

Enable Incremental Linking **Yes (/INCREMENTAL)**

Suppress Startup Banner Yes (/NOLOGO)

Ignore Import Library No

Register Output No

Per-user Redirection No

Additional Library Directories D:\cstudy\DynamicLib\DynamicLib\Debug v

Link Library Dependencies Yes

Use Library Dependency Inputs No

Link Status

Prevent Dll Binding

Treat Linker Warning As Errors

Force File Output

Create Hot Patchable Image

Specify Section Attributes

Additional Library Directories

Allows the user to override the environmental library path. (/LIBPATH:folder)

确定

取消

应用(A)

Configuration: Active(Debug) v

Platform: Active(Win32) v

Configuration Manager...

Configuration Properties ^

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▷ Browse Information

▷ Build Events

▷ Custom Build Step

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Additional Dependencies

DynamicLib.lib;%(AdditionalDependencies) v

Ignore All Default Libraries

Ignore Specific Default Libraries

Module Definition File

Add Module to Assembly

Embed Managed Resource File

Force Symbol References

Delay Loaded DLLs

Assembly Link Resource

Additional Dependencies

Specifies additional items to add to the link command line. [i.e. kernel32.lib]

确定

取消

应用(A)

Configuration: Active(Debug) v

Platform: Active(Win32) v

Configuration Manager...

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Additional Include Directories

D:\cstudy\DynamicLib\DynamicLib\DynamicLib

Additional #using Directories

Debug Information Format Program Database for Edit And Continue (/ZI)

Support Just My Code Debugging Yes (/JMC)

Common Language Runtime Support

Consume Windows Runtime Extensions

Suppress Startup Banner Yes (/nologo)

Warning Level **Level3 (/W3)**

Treat Warnings As Errors No (/WX-)

Warning Version

Diagnostics Format Column Info (/diagnostics:column)

SDL checks **Yes (/sdl)**

Multi-processor Compilation

Enable Address Sanitizer (Experimental) No

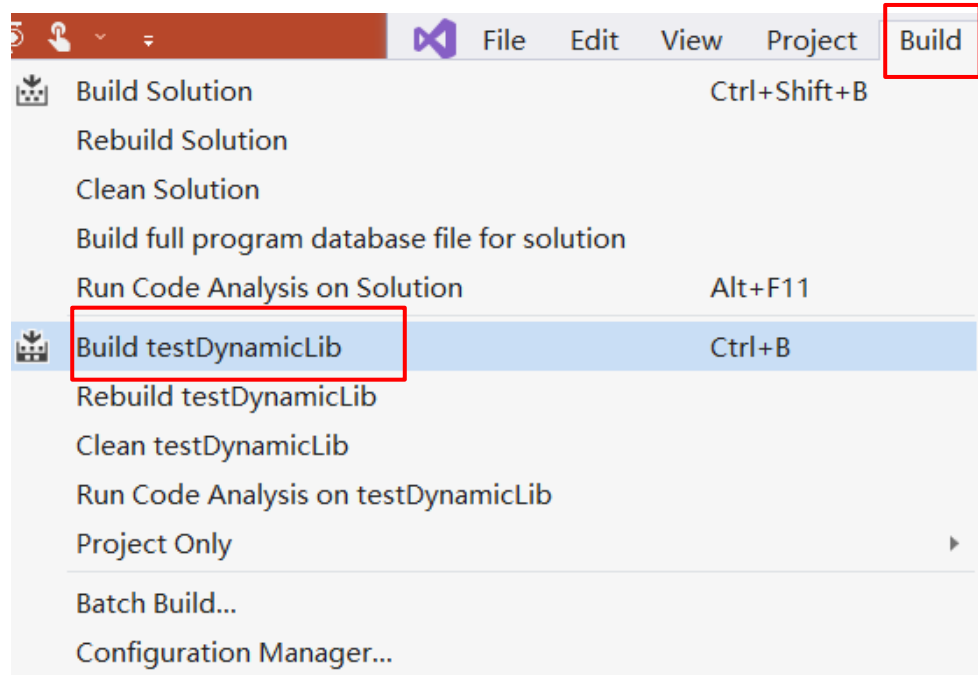
Additional Include Directories

Specifies one or more directories to add to the include path; separate with semi-colons if more than one. (/I[path])

确定

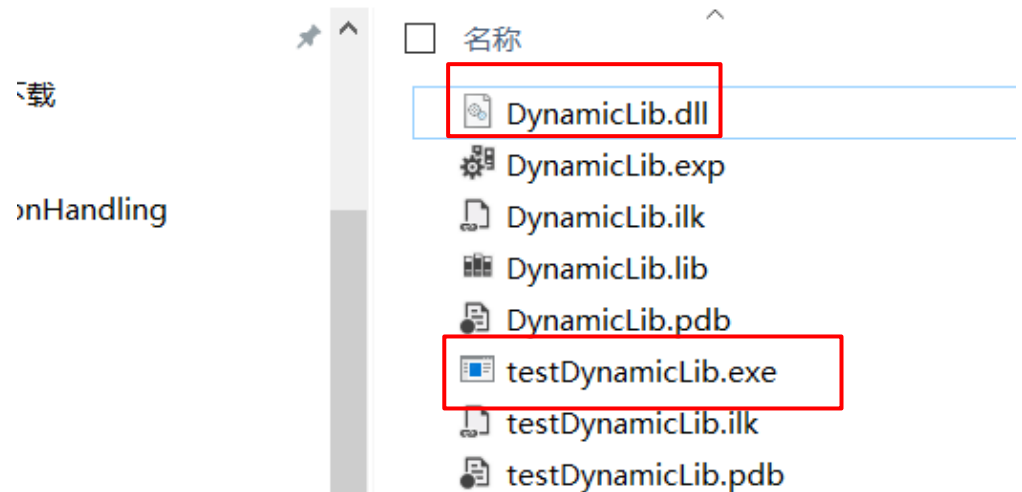
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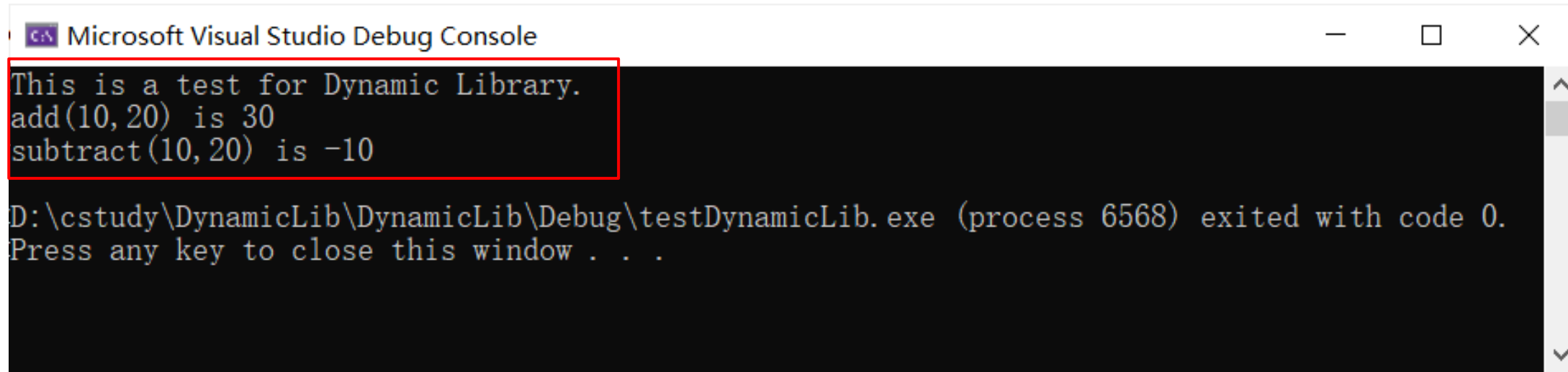
应用(A)



```
1>----- Build started: Project: testDynamicLib, Configuration: Debug Win32 -----
1>testDynamicLib.cpp
1>testDynamicLib.vcxproj -> D:\cstudy\DynamicLib\DynamicLib\Debug\testDynamicLib.exe
===== Build: 1 succeeded, 0 failed, 0 up-to-date, 0 skipped =====
```

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The image shows a screenshot of the Microsoft Visual Studio Debug Console window. The window has a title bar with the text "Microsoft Visual Studio Debug Console" and standard window controls (minimize, maximize, close). The console output is as follows:

```
This is a test for Dynamic Library.  
add(10,20) is 30  
subtract(10,20) is -10  
  
D:\cstudy\DynamicLib\DynamicLib\Debug\testDynamicLib.exe (process 6568) exited with code 0.  
Press any key to close this window . . .
```

The first three lines of output are enclosed in a red rectangular box.

Create static and dynamic library in Linux

https://blog.csdn.net/kai_zone/article/details/93907101

NOTE:

The configuration and platform of both library and testproject must be matched.

