

# Building Stroika

---

## Common

Stroika is a C++ class library. For the most part, it's built make. However, internally, some of these make rules use perl etc scripts.

## Required Tools

### Required for ALL platforms

- git
  - not needed to build, but
- make
- patch
- perl
- wget

### For Windows

- Visual Studio.net 2013 (or later)
- Cygwin
  - Including
    - dos2unix
    - unix2dos

### For UNIX

- Compiler
  - gcc 4.7 or later OR
    - Stroika is currently tested with gcc 4.7- gcc 4.8
  - llvm (clang++) 3.4 or later

### Optional Components

- curl
  - If present, Stroika can be configured to include it and take advantage of it
- openssl
  - You can use the statically linked copy in ThirdPartyProducts, or the os-intalled .so files.

## Build Process

On any platform, building Stroika, and all its demo applications and regression tests is as simple as cd'ing to the top-level directory, and typing make

## Special Targets

- make  
Make with no arguments runs 'make help'
- make help  
Prints the names and details of the special targets
- make all  
builds the stroika library, tests, demos, etc.
- make run-tests  
Builds Stroika, and all the regression tests, and runs the regression tests
- make project-files  
Builds project files which can be used for things like visual studio (not needed)
- make check-tools  
Checks if the tools needed to build Stroika are installed and in your path. This is done automatically, and generally not needed explicitly.

## Configuration

Building Stroika requires building special configuration files. But using the above mechanism automatically builds them for you. To customize your Stroika configuration, you can manually run

- Configurations can be generated via
  - make default-configuration
    - This generates ConfigurationFiles/DefaultConfiguration.xml
- Configurations can be applied via
  - make apply-configurations
    - This generates makefiles (as appropriate for your platform/Configuration.xml file), and C++ #include files

## Using Visual Studio.net

Visual Studio.net project and solution files are available for the Stroika demos, top-level project files, and regression tests. Once you have built your configuration files (see above), you can use the project files to build, test, extend and develop Stroika.

## Using QtCreator (on unix)

Run Library/Projects/QtCreator/CreateQtCreatorSymbolicLinks.sh to create project files at the top level of your Stroika directory. Then you can open that .creator file in qtCreator, and build and debug Stroika-based applications.