

# Building Stroika

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## 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.

## Quick Start

### For the very impatient

```
wget https://github.com/SophistSolutions/Stroika/archive/V2-Release.tar.gz
tar xf V2-Release.tar.gz
make --directory Stroika-2-Release all run-tests
```

### For the more patient (hints about what to try next)

- wget <https://github.com/SophistSolutions/Stroika/archive/v2.0a120.tar.gz>  
or  
wget <https://github.com/SophistSolutions/Stroika/archive/V2-Release.tar.gz>
- tar xf V2-Release.tar.gz
- cd Stroika-2.0a120 (or whatever extracted)
- make help  
*Not needed, but gives some idea of make options*
- make check-tools  
*Not needed, but tells you if you are missing anything critical*
- make default-configurations  
*Not needed, but it's a springboard for setting up the configuration you want.*
  - Review/edit ConfigurationFiles/Debug.xml
  - Or try something like
    - configure MyGCC52Config --assertions enable --trace2file enable --compiler-driver 'g++-5.2'
    - or
    - configure MyCPP17Test --assertions enable --trace2file enable --cppstd-version-flag '--std=c++1z'
    - or
    - configure --help
- ls ConfigurationFiles/
  - See what configurations you've created. Edit files, add or delete.
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- make all CONFIGURATION=*a-config*
  - make all targets for the configuration named *a-config*
- make all  
Builds everything for ALL configurations (in the folder ConfigurationFiles/)
- make run-tests  
*Runs regression tests (optionally on remote machines, or with VALGRIND)*

## Required Tools

### Required for ALL platforms

- gnu make
- patch
- perl
- realpath
- sed
- tar
- wget

### For Windows

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

### For UNIX

- Compiler
  - gcc 4.9 or later OR
    - Stroika is currently tested with gcc 4.9, 5.2
  - llvm (clang++) 3.5, 3.6 or later

## Third Party Components

These components automatically downloaded and built and integrated into Stroika (depending on configuration) or Stroika can be configured to use the system installed version of these components.

- curl
- openssl
- zlib
- lzma SDK
- xerces

## Build / Configuration Design

### Alternatives

We seriously considered a number of build systems, including cmake, ant, perl scripts, qmake, etc. They all weak, with ant possibly being the best alternative, except that it's heavily java oriented.

Just normal GNU make – appears to be the least bad alternative, so that's what we're doing.

### Configurations

The design is to make a set of configuration files – each stored in the ConfigurationFiles/ directory. Configurations are described by a single XML file. They can be generated using the configure script.

```
configure --help
```

for more information.

A configuration comprises BOTH target platform (e.g. windows/linux), hardware (e.g. PowerPC, x86, x64, ARM), and any other options (debug build, enable assertions, support OpenSSL, etc).

This stands in contrast to several other systems (like Visual Studio.net) that treats platform and 'configuration' as orthogonal choices.

Configuration files can be edited by hand.

@todo A FUTURE version of Stroika will have an XML Schema (XSD) to describe the configuration file format.

You can call

```
make apply-configurations
```

to generate all the directories and files dependent on the defined configurations. Note – this is generally not necessary, and called automatically.

### Build Results

Intermediate files (objs etc) go into **IntermediateFiles/{CONFIGURATION-NAME}**. Final build products (libraries and executables) go into **Builds/{CONFIGURATION-NAME}**.

## 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 libraries  
Builds just the Stroika libraries
- make samples  
Builds the Stroika sample applications
- 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 arguments to make

All the make targets (e.g. all, libraries etc) take an OPTIONAL parameter CONFIGURATION. If specified, only that configuration is built. If omitted (or empty) – ALL configurations are built.

## 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.

## Common Errors

### Tar failure

Errors about invalid parameters, and/or bad blocks can usually be fixed by installing a copy of gnu tar. We've tested 1.27.

### cp: illegal option -

Install a copy of GNU cp