

Building dll's in windows

Options

1. put dclspec everywhere in your code
2. Use the nice bindexplib utility from ROOT

example of option #2

We use this in Seattle to build our VS2005 projects. I've attached a [log file](#) for the compilation of astro.

The key is the special **prelink** step:

```
bindexplib -o ..\vcc80dbg\astro\symbols.def astro ..\vcc80dbg\astro\*.obj  
lib /def:..\vcc80dbg\astro\symbols.def /out:..\vcc80dbg\astro.lib
```

These two commands produce astro.lib, containing the stubs to be linked when creating the dll, with a command like this:

```
link /DLL /OUT:"..\vcc80dbg\astro.dll" ..\vcc80dbg\astro.lib [...]
```

with the [...] for the link options, and a list of all the lib files that the module depends on.

Thus, sequence bindexplib-lib-link takes the set of object files, and creates a lib and dll.