

WindowsTrunkCompilation

Building httpd from trunk was traditionally very challenging, since the build schema was for Visual Studio '98. While this product has been long unsupported and unavailable now, it was the only option that could be converted to (most) modern Visual Studio versions and the last version which could also exported to nmake Makefiles.

The Apache HTTP Project has been shifting toward CMAKE as a build strategy, as have many of the OSS projects it depends on.

The advantage is that PCRE can generate traditional nmake files, and can also assemble Visual Studio project and solution files for a number of different versions of that product, as well as Eclipse and other IDE's (type the 'cmake --help' command for supported build environments).

Here are the required elements to build the "bleeding edge" of the minimal components required by any httpd build. This is somewhere to start for development, but is not for the faint of heart, and is not to be trusted for most "real" server deployments.

The illustration below omits openssl, nghttp2, iconv. The libxml2 (which could replace expat entirely) is not so easily built, just yet.

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Rem Illustration of building httpd and dependencies
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set INSTPATH=c:\dev\apache-2.x

set CMAKE_LIBRARY_PREFIX=%INSTPATH%\lib
set CMAKE_INCLUDE_PREFIX=%INSTPATH%\include

Rem An alternative using Studio solution/projects, needs install help
Rem SET CMAKEOPTS=-G "Visual Studio 14 2015 Win64"^
Rem -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=Release^
Rem -DCMAKE_COLOR_MAKEFILE=OFF^
Rem -DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=%INSTPATH%
Rem SET BUILD_CMD=devenv expat.sln /Build "Release|x64"

Rem An alternative with simple nmake Makefile...
SET CMAKEOPTS=-G "NMake Makefiles"^
-DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=Release^
-DCMAKE_COLOR_MAKEFILE=OFF^
-DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=%INSTPATH%
SET BUILD_CMD=nmake -f Makefile && nmake -f Makefile install

set ZLIBDIR=zlib-1.2.8
set EXPATDIR=expat-2.1.0
Rem set LIBXML2DIR=libxml2-2.9.3
set APRDIR=apr-2.0
set PCREDIR=pcre-8.38
set HTTPDDIR=httpd-2.x

if not exist %ZLIBDIR%^
git clone https://github.com/madler/zlib.git %ZLIBDIR%

Rem This does not work, blame sourceforge or offer a fix?
if not exist %EXPATDIR%^
https://sourceforge.net/settings/mirror_choices?projectname=expat&filename=expat/2.1.0/expat-2.1.0.tar.gz &&
tar -xzf expat-2.1.0.tar.gz

Rem if not exist %LIBXML2DIR%^
Rem wget http://xmlsoft.org/sources/libxml2-sources-2.9.3.tar.gz &^
Rem gzip -dc < libxml2-sources-2.9.3.tar.gz | tar -xvf -

Rem This requires wget/unzip - unpack it by hand if needed
if not exist %PCREDIR%^
wget --passive-ftp ftp://ftp.csx.cam.ac.uk/pub/software/programming/pcre/pcre-8.38.zip && unzip pcre-8.38.zip

if not exist %APRDIR%^
git clone https://github.com/apache/apr.git %APRDIR%

if not exist %HTTPDDIR%^
git clone https://github.com/apache/httpd.git %HTTPDDIR%

mkdir zlib-build
cd zlib-build
cmake %CMAKEOPTS% -DAMD64=OFF -DASM686=OFF ..\%ZLIBDIR%
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Rem -DAMD64=ON ought to work; but it does not
%BUILDCMD%
cd ..

mkdir expat-build
cd expat-build
cmake %CMAKEOPTS% ..\%EXPATDIR%
%BUILDCMD%
cd ..

Rem cd %LIBXML2DIR%\win32
Rem cscript configure.js zlib=1 prefix=%INSTPATH% sodir=%INSTPATH%\bin include=%INSTPATH%\include lib=%INSTPATH%
\lib
Rem nmake -f makefile.msvc
Rem cd ..\..

mkdir pcre-build
cd pcre-build
cmake %CMAKEOPTS% -DBUILD_SHARED_LIBS=ON ..\%PCREDIR%
Rem Other valid options; -DPCRE_BUILD_PCRECPP=OFF -DPCRE_BUILD_PCREGREP=OFF
Rem since httpd itself does not use these features
%BUILDCMD%
cd ..

mkdir apr-build
cd apr-build
cmake %CMAKEOPTS% ..\%APRDIR%
%BUILDCMD%
cd ..

Rem Some private files of apr on Windows are used by httpd, pick these up;
mkdir %INSTPATH%\include\arch\win32
copy %APRDIR%\include\arch\win32\*.h %INSTPATH%\include\arch\win32

mkdir httpd-build
cd httpd-build
cmake %CMAKEOPTS% ..\%HTTPDDIR%
%BUILDCMD%
cd ..
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