

## Re: newbie question

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You need to do the include anywhere you want to reference the variable, but if you want to use the same variable in another file then put an "extern" in front of the declaration so the compiler knows it's created elsewhere. Otherwise you will end up with two variables with the same name.

Tom

"Mark1110" <Mark1110@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:F11815BD-0A3F-426D-B0B7-85B3901395DE@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Hi,

I am relatively new to VC++. I have a source file called complx.cpp.

Because

I want to print to a text file, I have the following statements in the

.cpp

file:

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# include <fstream.h>
ofstream echo("c:\\output.txt", ios::app);
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I also have another file called funct.cpp which has member functions in it.

For some reason I can't compile it unless I use the above statements in the

source. When I try an link the files I get an error message saying echo is already defined in complx.obj. I have been racking my brains trying to figure

out a way to make it work. Can someone tell me what I need to do to make it

link correctly. Both .cpp files are in my project.

Thanks,

Mark