

## Error expanding embedded variable.

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If you get the following error when trying to compile a newly created C++ app in Netbeans 7.x:

```
"/usr/bin/make" -f nbproject/Makefile-Debug.mk QMAKE= SUBPROJECTS= .build-conf  
Error expanding embedded variable.  
*** Error code 2
```

Stop in /root/NetBeansProjects/CppApplication\_1.

BUILD FAILED (exit value 1, total time: 58ms)

Then go to Tools -> Options -> C++ and in Build Tools tab for the field Make command use the following value (will replace FreeBSD's make with gmake):

```
/usr/local/bin/gmake      (instead of /usr/bin/make)
```

And voila your code will run now.

Note that you must have gmake installed. If you don't just install it from ports:

```
cd /usr/ports/devel/gmake  
make install clean
```