

NAME

ExtUtils::Miniperl – write the C code for *miniperlmain.c* and *perlmain.c*

SYNOPSIS

```
use ExtUtils::Miniperl;
writemain(@directories);
# or
writemain($fh, @directories);
# or
writemain(\$filename, @directories);
```

DESCRIPTION

`writemain()` takes an argument list of zero or more directories containing archive libraries that relate to perl modules and should be linked into a new perl binary. It writes a corresponding *miniperlmain.c* or *perlmain.c* file that is a plain C file containing all the bootstrap code to make the modules associated with the libraries available from within perl. If the first argument to `writemain()` is a reference to a scalar it is used as the filename to open for output. Any other reference is used as the filehandle to write to. Otherwise output defaults to `STDOUT`.

The typical usage is from within perl's own Makefile (to build *perlmain.c*) or from *regen/miniperlmain.pl* (to build *miniperlmain.c*). So under normal circumstances you won't have to deal with this module directly.

SEE ALSO

[ExtUtils::MakeMaker](#)