Manual: OpenGL/C++ Projects in Eclipse/CDT

Important: The example applications for the CGI exercises are provided as Eclipse projects, offering predefined build configurations for Linux (*Debug* and *Release*) and Windows (*DebugWin* and *ReleaseWin*). The following information is most relevant for creating new projects.

A few global workspace settings, however, are recommended.

- Project/Build automatically: Disable
- Window/Preferences/General/Editors/File Associations: File types = *.glsl, Associated editors = C/C++ Editor (add 1 entry)
- Window/Preferences/C/C++/Build/Environment: LC_Messages = en_US.UTF-8 (add one entry)
- Window/Preferences/C/C++/Code Analysis: Disable all sections

The following Eclipse settings have to be adjusted for the build configurations Debug and Release of new projects. Using the *All configurations* option may be helpful.

Linux

Important: The provided Eclipse projects offer pre-defined Linux build configurations Debug and Release.

The following software environment is assumed, as provided in the graphics lab and the PC pools.

- Ubuntu 12.04 (at least Ubuntu 11.04), GCC/G++ 4.6 (at least 4.5), Eclipse 3.7 with CDT 8.0 (Eclipse 4.2 with CDT has bugs);
- OpenGL 3.2 (or higher), GLEW 1.6 (or higher), GLFW 3.0.2 (or higher)
- Ubuntu packages libxxf86vm-dev, libxrandr-dev, libxi-dev, xinput

Note: GLFW 3 has to be built from source using CMake (cf. http://www.glfw.org/). The GLFW 2.7 packages provided by current Ubuntu distributions are outdated.

Stand-alone Application (Linux)

Example: opengl3_simple

Note: GLEW 1.6 (or higher) and GLFW 3.0.2 (or higher) must be installed.

Creation: New C++ project/Executable/Empty Project

- C/C++ Build
 - Tool Chain Editor:

Current toolchain = Linux GCC, Current builder = Gnu Make Builder

- Settings/Tool Settings/GCC C++ Compiler/Miscellaneous:
 Other flags = ... -std=c++0x (add if C++11 is used)
- Settings/Tool Settings/GCC C++ Linker/Libraries:
 Libraries = GLEW, glfw3, GL, X11, Xxf86vm, Xrandr, pthread, Xi, rt (add 9 entries)
- Settings/Build Artifact:Artifact extension = <empty>
- Settings/Binary Parsers:Binary parser = Elf Parser

Static Library (Linux)

Example: vascq3 with GLEW included as source code

Note: GLFW 3.0.2 (or higher) must be installed.

Creation: New C++ project/Static Library/Empty Project

Project/Properties:

- C/C++ Build
 - Tool Chain Editor:
 Current toolchain = Linux GCC, Current builder = Gnu Make Builder
 - Settings/Tool Settings/GCC C++ Compiler/Miscellaneous:
 Other flags = ... -std=c++0x (add if C++11 is used)
 - Settings/Build Artifact:
 Artifact extension = a, Output prefix = lib
 - Settings/Binary Parsers:Binary parser = Elf Parser

Application Using a Static Library (Linux)

Example: vascq3_example using vascq3

Creation: New C++ project/Executable/Empty Project

- C/C++ Build
 - Tool Chain Editor:
 Current toolchain = Linux GCC, Current builder = Gnu Make Builder
 - Settings/Tool Settings/GCC C++ Compiler/Includes: Include paths = "\${workspace_loc:/vascg3}" (add 1 entry)

- Settings/Tool Settings/GCC C++ Compiler/Miscellaneous:
 Other flags = ... -std=c++0x (add if C++11 is used)
- Settings/Tool Settings/GCC C++ Linker/Libraries:
 Libraries = vascg3, glfw3, GL, X11, Xxf86vm, Xrandr, pthread, Xi, rt (add 9 entries)
 Library search path = "\${workspace_loc:/vascg3/Debug}" (for Debug configuration)
 Library search path = "\${workspace_loc:/vascg3/Release}" (for Release configuration)
- Settings/Build Artifact: Artifact extension = <empty>
- Settings/Binary Parsers:Binary parser = Elf Parser
- Project References: Select vascg3

Windows

Important: The provided Eclipse projects offer pre-defined Windows build configurations *DebugWin* and *ReleaseWin*.

The following software environment is assumed.

- Windows 7 (XP or Vista might work), MinGW/MSYS with GCC/G++ 4.6 (at least 4.5), Eclipse 3.7 (32 bit) with CDT 8.0 (Eclipse 4.2 with CDT has bugs; 64 bit Eclipse has problems with 32 bit MinGW);
- OpenGL 3.2 (or higher), GLEW 1.6 (or higher), GLFW 3.0.2 (or higher)

The bin directories of MinGW and MSYS have to be added to the environment variable PATH.

Note: GLEW and GLFW 3 have to be built from source or installed as pre-compiled Windows binaries (cf. http://glew.sourceforge.net/and http://www.glfw.org/, respectively).

The libray vascg3 and the application vascg3_example have also been tested with Microsoft Visual Studio 10/2010 and 11/2012; solution and project files can be provided upon request.

Stand-alone Application (Windows)

Example: opengl3_simple

Note: GLEW 1.6 (or higher) and GLFW 3.0.2 (or higher) must be installed.

Creation: New C++ project/Executable/Empty Project

- C/C++ Build
 - Tool Chain Editor:
 Current toolchain = MinGW GCC, Current builder = Gnu Make Builder
 - Settings/Tool Settings/GCC C++ Compiler/Miscellaneous:

Other flags = ... -std=c++0x (add if C++11 is used)

- Settings/Tool Settings/GCC C++ Linker/Libraries:
 Libraries = glew32, glfw3, opengl32, gdi32 (add 4 entries, glew32 has to appear before other OpenGL libraries)
- Settings/Build Artifact:Artifact extension = exe
- Settings/Binary Parsers:Binary parser = PE Windows Parser

Static Library (Windows)

Example: vascg3 with GLEW included as source code

Note: GLFW 3.0.2 (or higher) must be installed.

Creation: New C++ project/Static Library/Empty Project

Project/Properties:

- C/C++ Build
 - Tool Chain Editor:

Current toolchain = MinGW GCC, Current builder = Gnu Make Builder

- Settings/Tool Settings/GCC C++ Compiler/Miscellaneous:
 Other flags = ... -std=c++0x (add if C++11 is used)
- Settings/Build Artifact:
 Artifact extension = a, Output prefix = lib
- Settings/Binary Parsers:Binary parser = PE Windows Parser

Application Using a Static Library (Windows)

Example: vascg3_example using vascg3

Creation: New C++ project/Executable/Empty Project

- C/C++ Build
 - Tool Chain Editor:
 Current toolchain = MinGW GCC, Current builder = Gnu Make Builder
 - Settings/Tool Settings/GCC C++ Compiler/Includes: Include paths = "\${workspace_loc:/vascg3}" (add 1 entry)
 - Settings/Tool Settings/GCC C++ Compiler/Miscellaneous:
 Other flags = ... -std=c++0x (add if C++11 is used)

- Settings/Tool Settings/GCC C++ Linker/Libraries:
 Libraries = vascg3, glfw3, opengl32, gdi32 (add 4 entries)
 Library search path = "\${workspace_loc:/vascg3/DebugWin}" (for DebugWin configuration)
 Library search path = "\${workspace_loc:/vascg3/ReleaseWin}" (for ReleaseWin configuration)
- Settings/Build Artifact:Artifact extension = exe
- Settings/Binary Parsers:Binary parser = PE Windows Parser
- Project References: Select vascg3