

Lab01 - Setting up MS Visual Studio 2022 for OpenGL freegut libraries

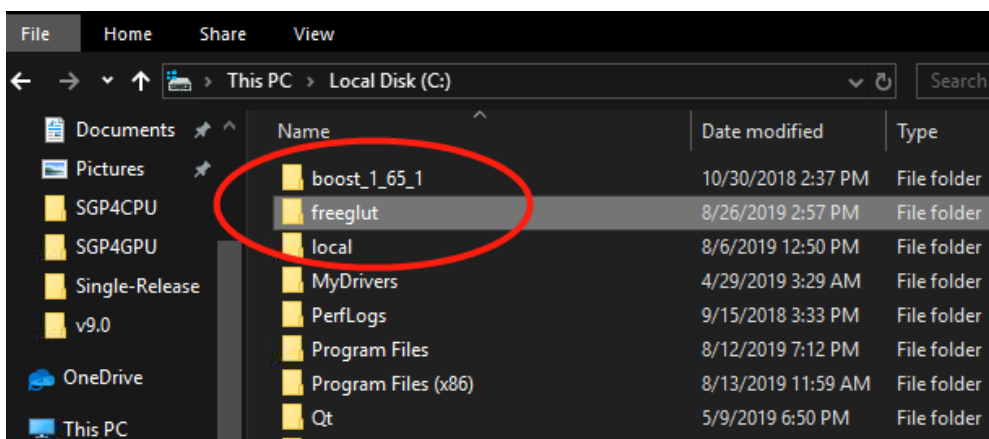
1) Introduction

This is the first of a series of practical sheets that are designed to help you understand how to create 2D and 3D graphic images using C++ and OpenGL graphics library. We will be using the Microsoft Visual Studio 2022 as the IDE (integrated development environment) to enter, save them, compile, link and run computer programs.

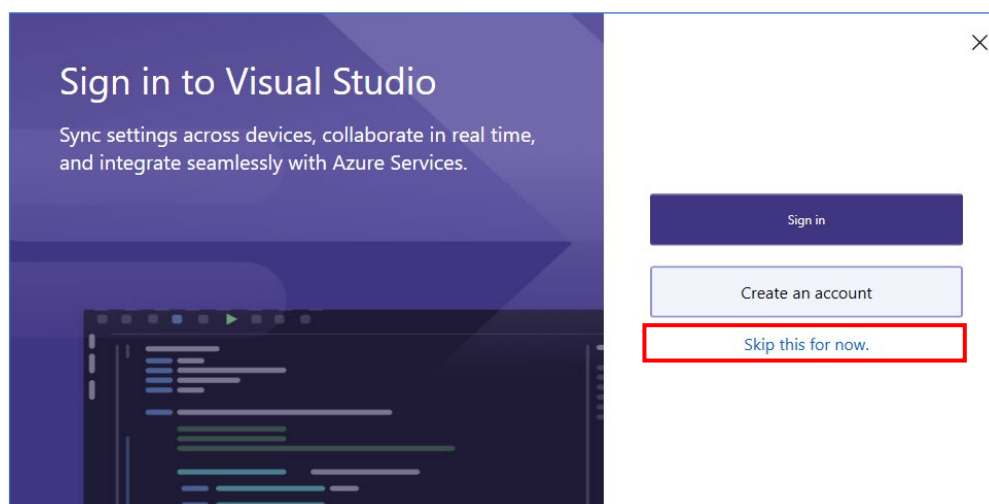
2) Getting started with Microsoft Visual Studio 2022 and OpenGL graphics library

The following steps get you started with your very first OpenGL program using Microsoft Visual Studio 2022.

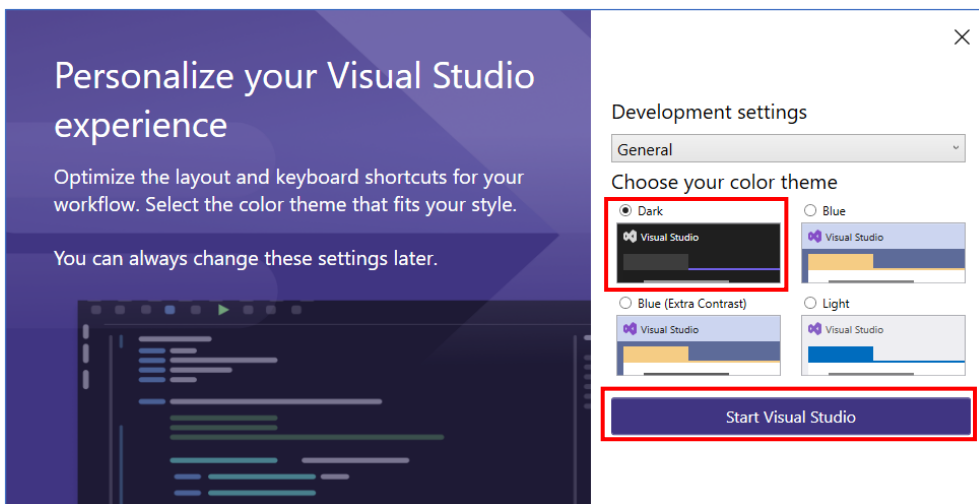
1. Uncompress the file named 'freeglut.rar' to your local disk C, D and so on. The freeglut graphics library is for Windows 10 x64 and Visual Studio 2022.



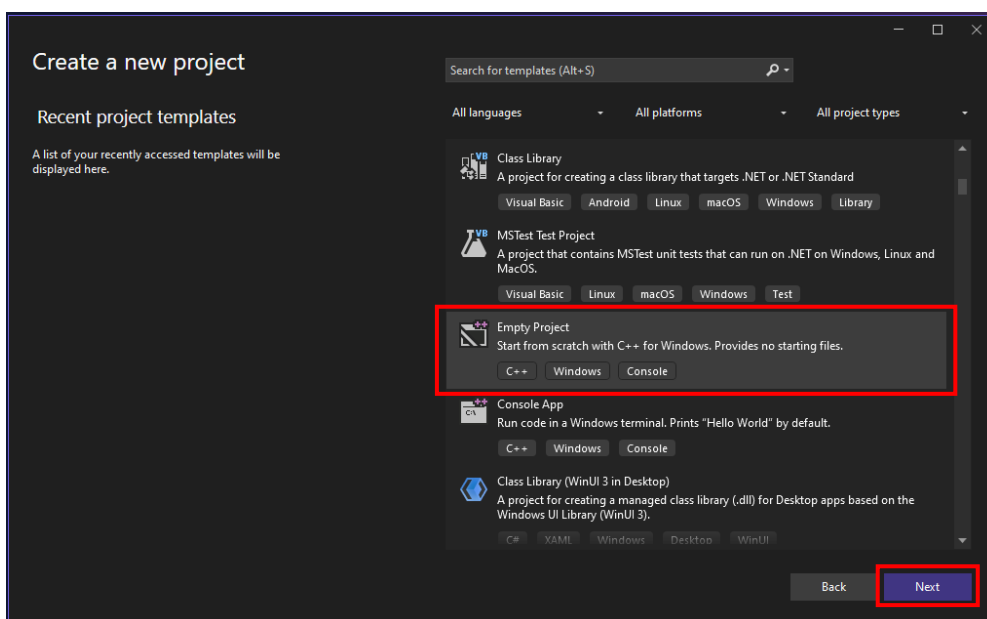
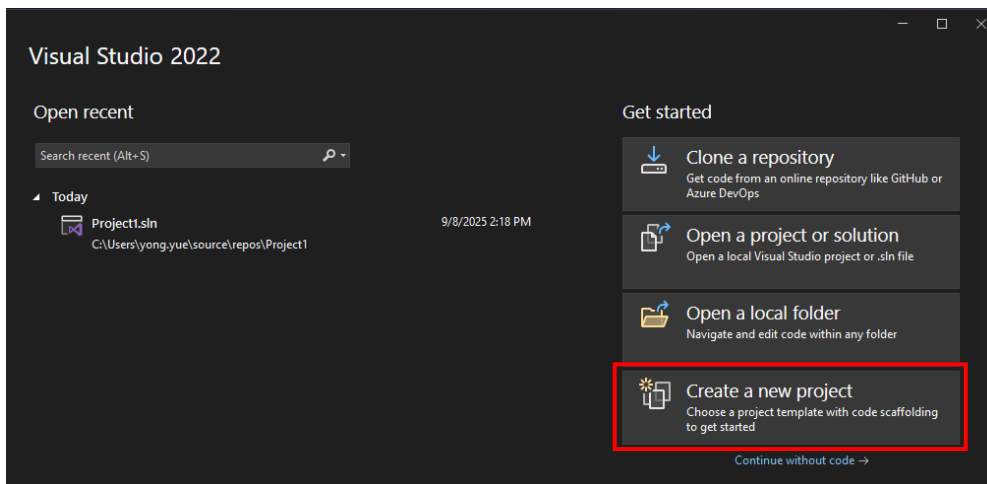
2. Start Microsoft Visual Studio. Open Microsoft Visual Studio 2022, and you will see the following windows. You can select 'Skip this for now'.



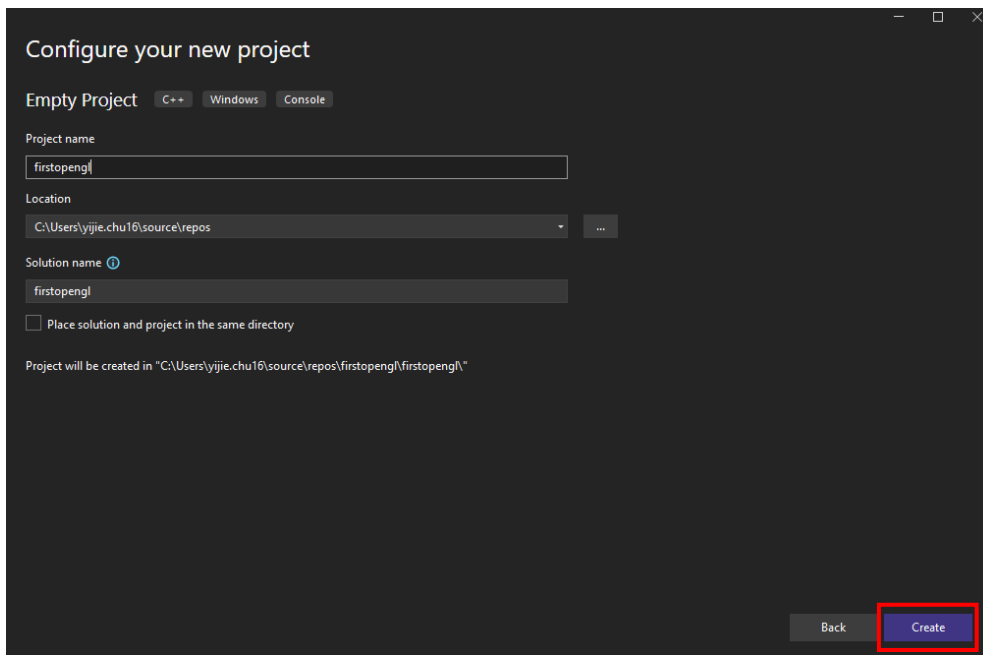
The following window will then appear, and choose one of the colour schemes (e.g., 'Dark') and then click on 'Start Visual Studio'.



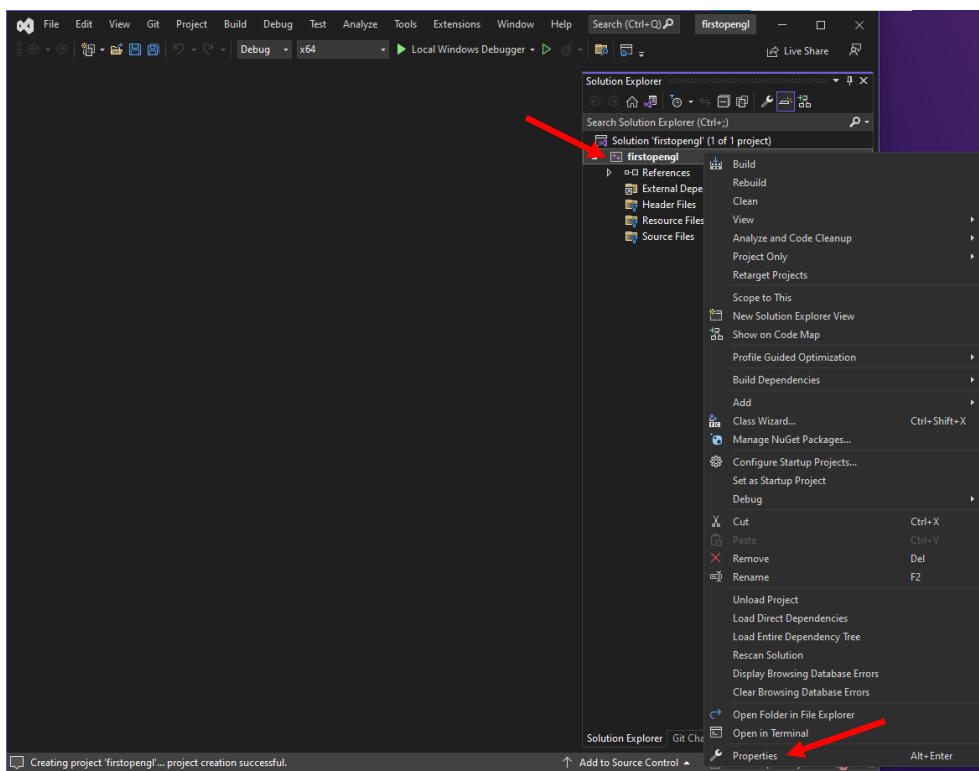
3. Click 'Create a new project' in the following window. Then choose 'Empty Project' and click 'Next' in the subsequent window.



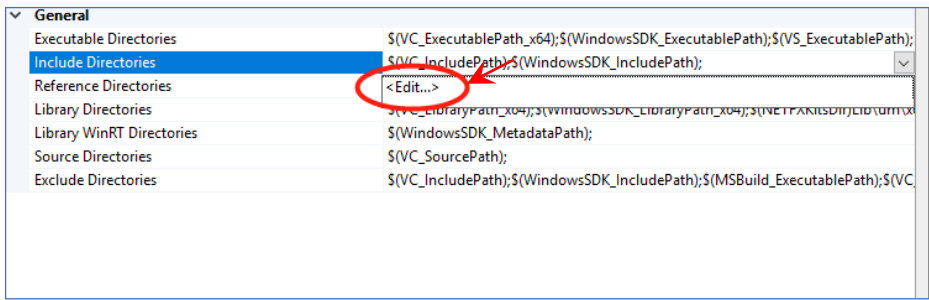
4. Enter a name for the project such as 'firstopengl'. Then click 'Create'.



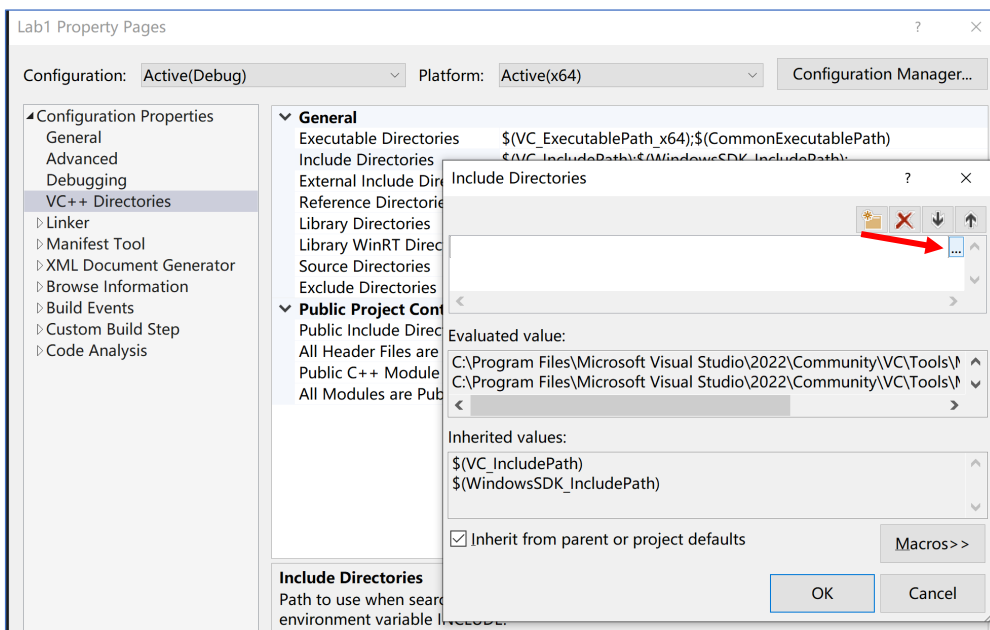
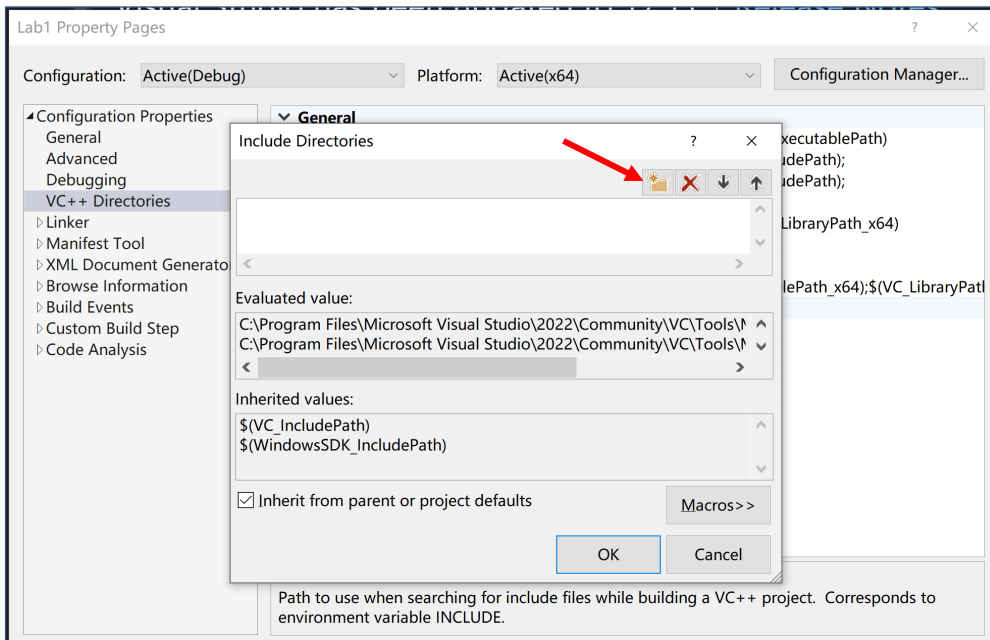
5. You can skip the 'What's New?' window. Right click on the project name, and choose properties (in the bottom of the list).

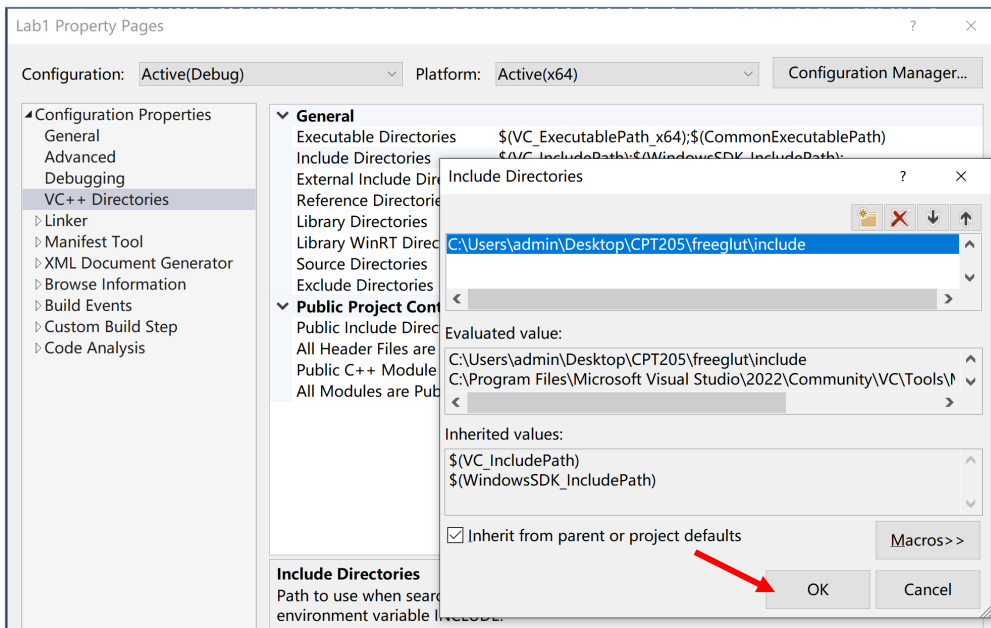


6. You will see the following window. Click the symbol 'v' beside the 'Platform', choose 'x64' in the list under 'Platform'.

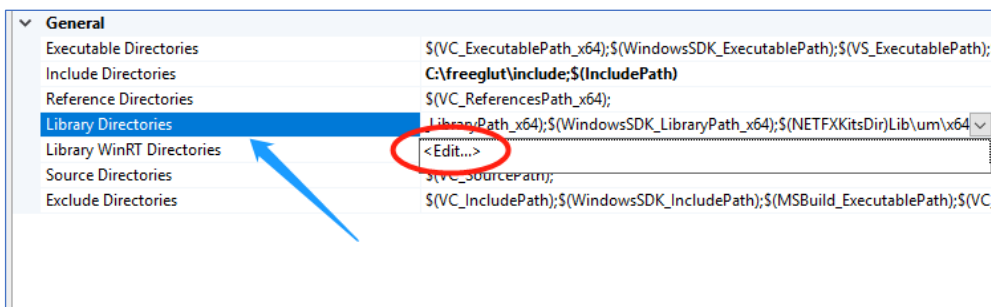


9. Click the 'New Line' button (red arrow) and choose the 'include' folder where you have uncompressed the zip file. Click the 'OK' button, to go back to the previous page.

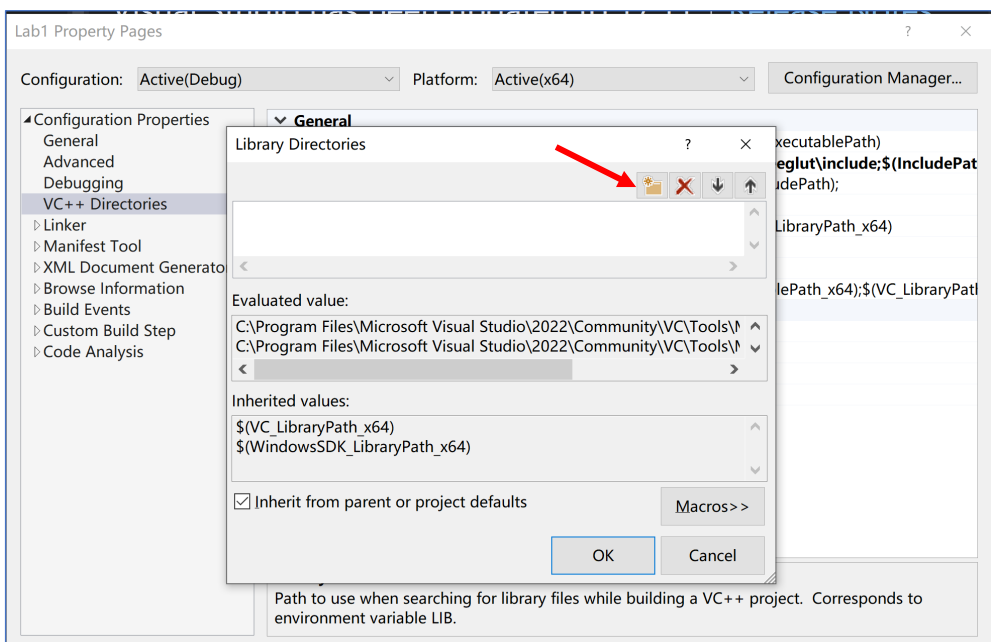


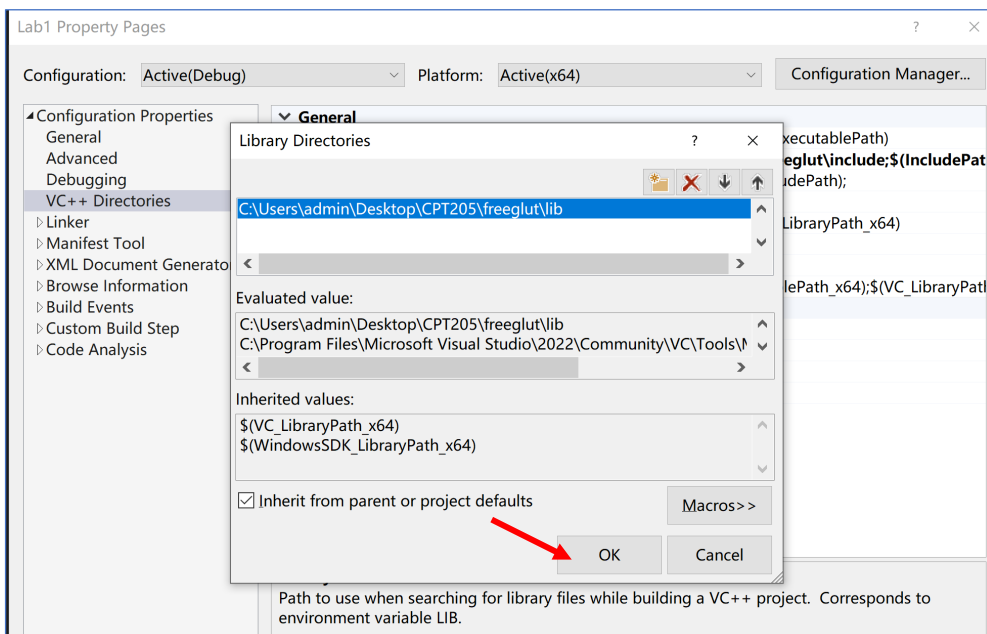
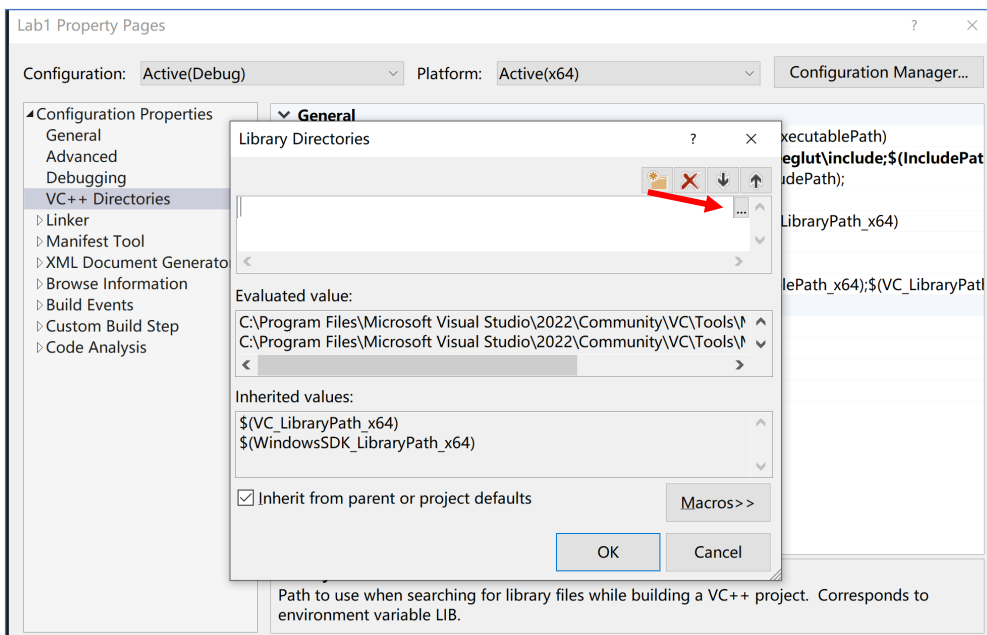


10. Click symbol 'v' on the right side of 'Library Directories' (blue arrow), and choose '<Edit...>' in the list.

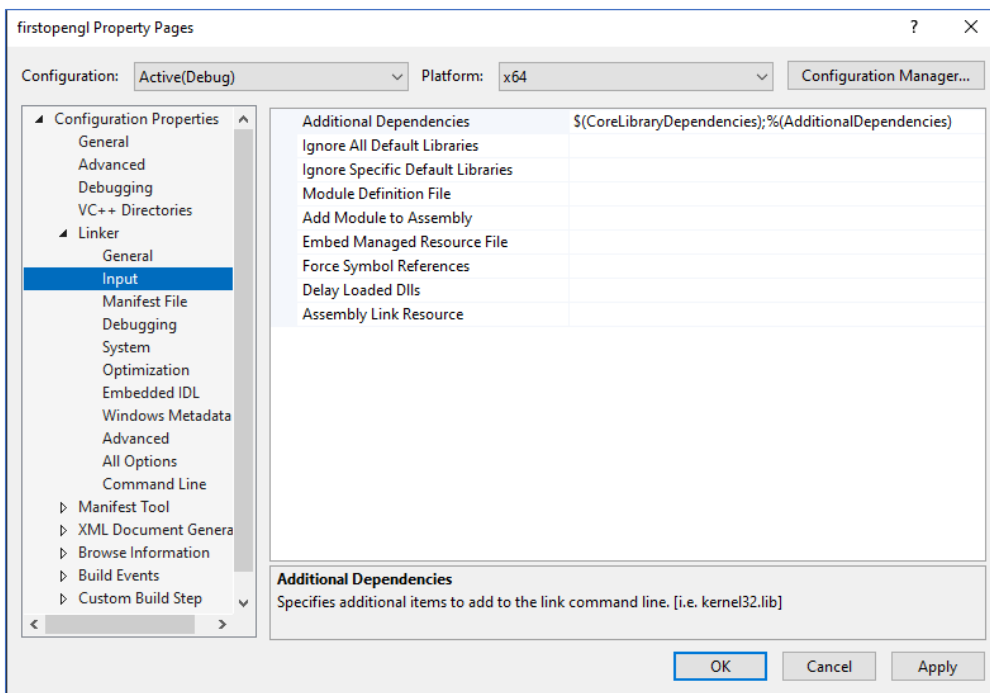


11. Click the 'New Line' button (red arrow), and choose the 'lib' folder where you have uncompressed the rar file. Click the 'OK' button, to go back to the previous page.

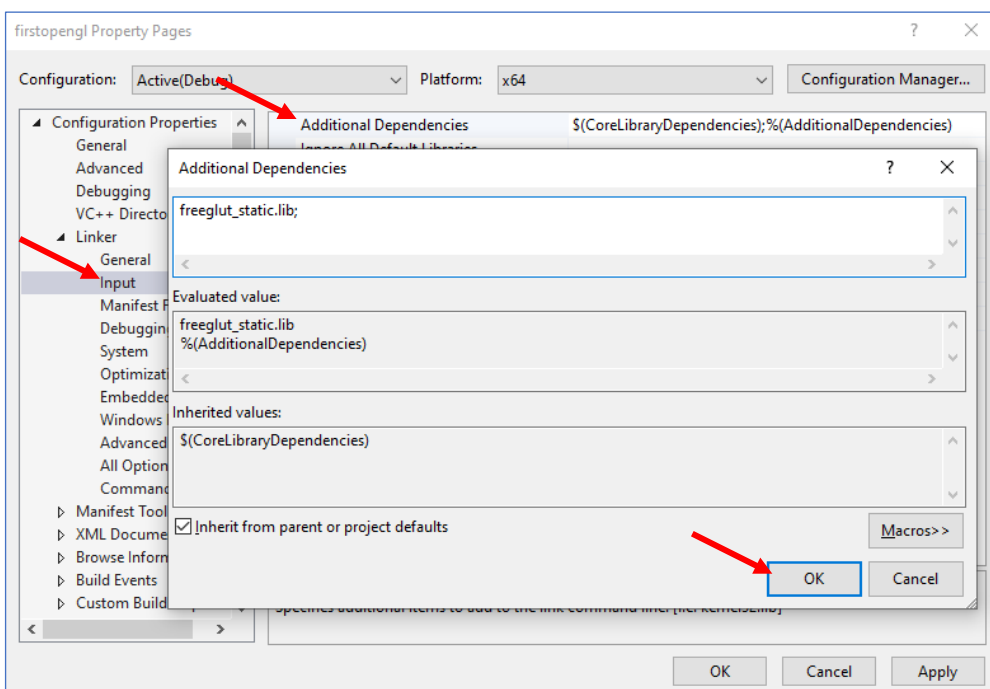




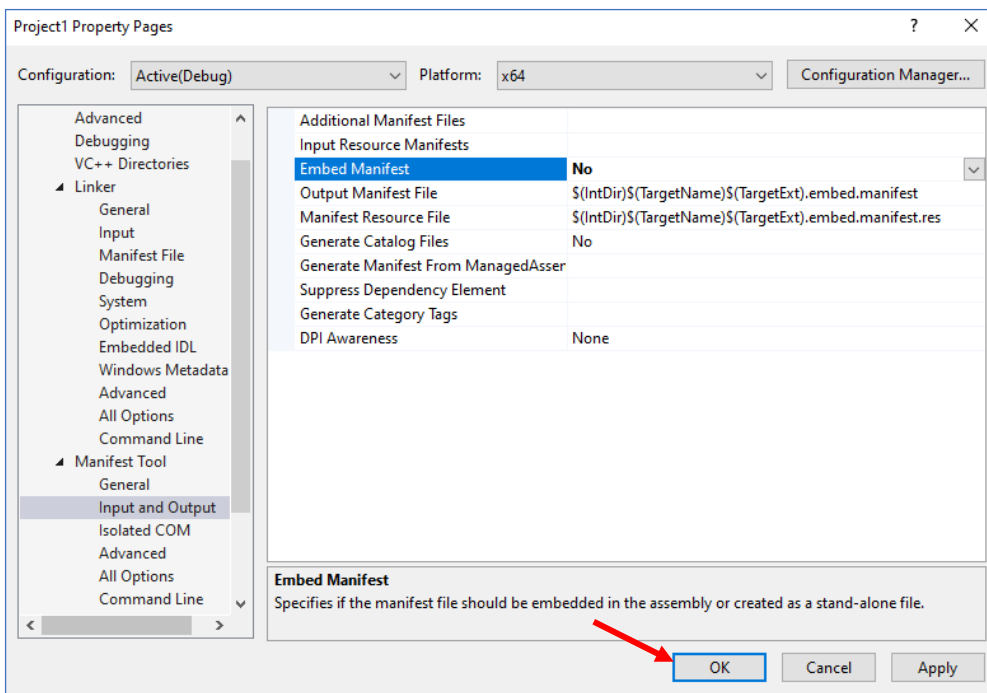
12. Click the symbol '>' which is on the left side of 'Linker', and choose 'Input' in the list of 'Linker'. You will see the following picture.



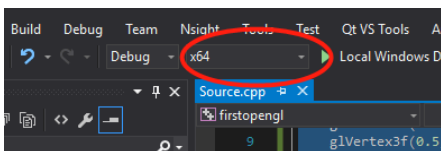
13. Add the text "freelut_static.lib;" into 'Additional Dependencies' which is on the top of the right part of the current window. A semicolon ';' is used to separate the library.



14. Click the '>' symbol which is on the left side of 'Manifest Tool', and choose 'Input and Output' in the list of 'Manifest Tool'. Set 'Embed Manifest' to 'No'. Click 'OK'.

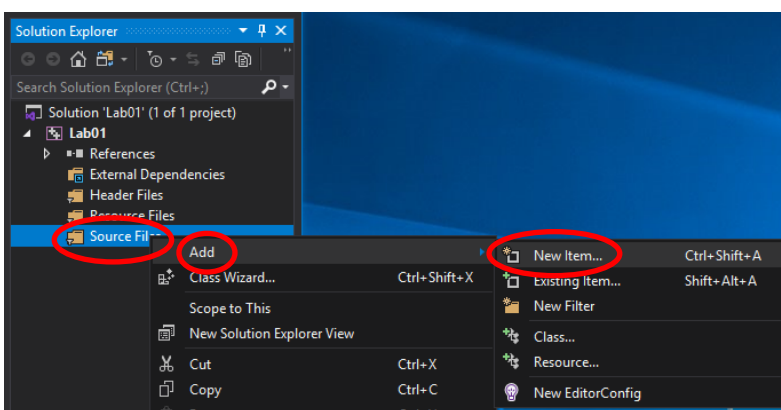


15. Choose 'x64' in the Platform list



16. Now you are ready to write and edit your program. We have a sample program for you to use. Right click 'Source Files' (in 'Solution Explorer' in the right of the window), then click 'Add' and 'New Item...', and add a 'C++ File (.cpp)' file. Copy the following code into the cpp file.

Make sure that you do not copy unwanted characters (e.g., page numbers when copy the code across multiple pages) which will result in errors on compilation.



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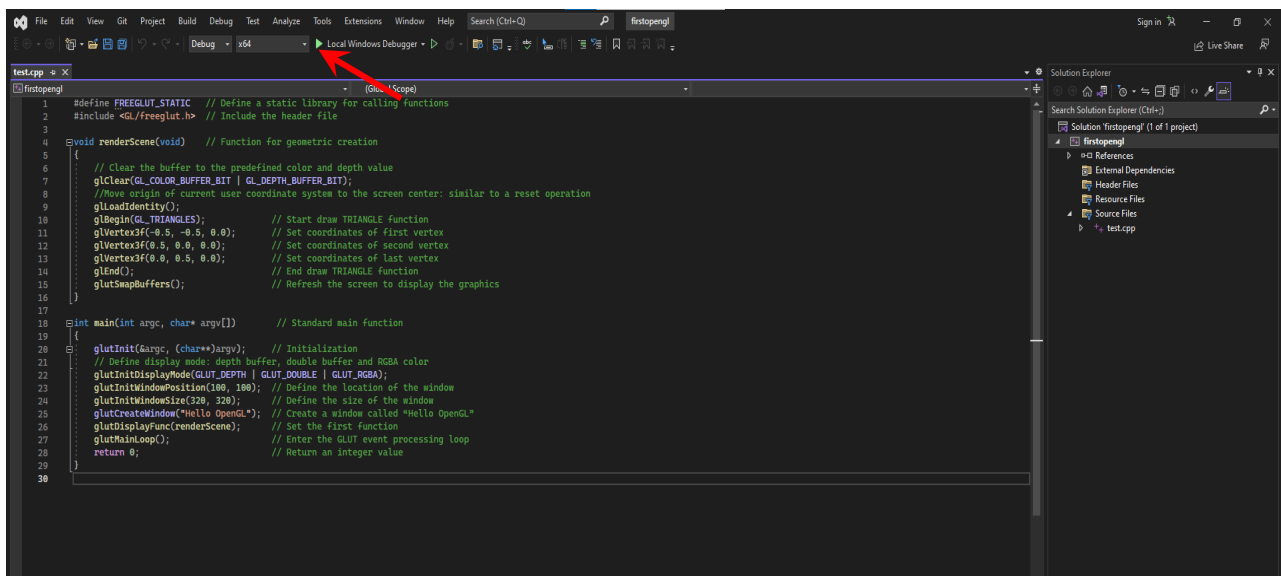
#define FREEGLUT_STATIC // Define a static library for calling functions
#include <GL/freeglut.h> // Include the header file

void renderScene(void) // Function for geometric creation
{
    // Clear the buffer to the predefined color and depth value
    glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT | GL_DEPTH_BUFFER_BIT);
    // Move origin of current user coordinate system to the screen center: similar to a reset operation
    glLoadIdentity();
    glBegin(GL_TRIANGLES); // Start draw TRIANGLE function
    glVertex3f(-0.5, -0.5, 0.0); // Set coordinates of first vertex
    glVertex3f(0.5, 0.0, 0.0); // Set coordinates of second vertex
    glVertex3f(0.0, 0.5, 0.0); // Set coordinates of last vertex
    glEnd(); // End draw TRIANGLE function
    glutSwapBuffers(); // Refresh the screen to display the graphics
}

int main(int argc, char* argv[]) // Standard main function
{
    glutInit(&argc, (char**)argv); // Initialization
    // Define display mode: depth buffer, double buffer and RGBA color
    glutInitDisplayMode(GLUT_DEPTH | GLUT_DOUBLE | GLUT_RGBA);
    glutInitWindowPosition(100, 100); // Define the location of the window
    glutInitWindowSize(320, 320); // Define the size of the window
    glutCreateWindow("Hello OpenGL"); // Create a window called "Hello OpenGL"
    glutDisplayFunc(renderScene); // Set the first function
    glutMainLoop(); // Enter the GLUT event processing loop
    return 0; // Return an integer value
}

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17. Press 'F7' on your keyboard to build the source code, then press 'F5' to run the program now; or just click the compile button (green one).



18. If you have done it correctly, a window with a triangle will come out.

