

# Setting Up Qbs

To use Qbs to build a project, you must create a .qbs file for the project. You can use Qt Creator to create a C or C++ project that is built with Qbs. For more information about Qbs, see the [Qbs Manual](#).

The application is built using the default Qbs profile that is associated with the build and run kit. Qt Creator automatically creates a Qbs profile for each kit. You can edit the build profiles by adding new keys and values.

To check which Qbs version is being used, select **Edit > Preferences > Qbs > General**.

## Building Qbs

If you build Qt Creator yourself from the Qt Creator Git repository, you also need to fetch the Qbs submodule to get Qbs support:

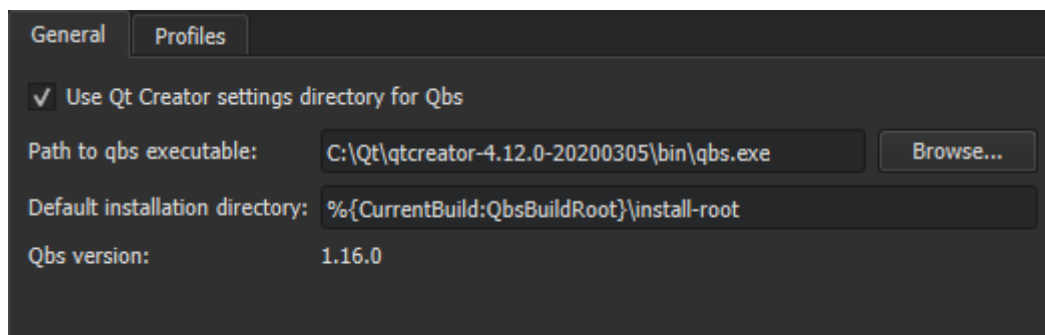
1. Fetch the Qbs submodule in your Qt Creator git checkout with `git submodule update --init`.
2. Run qmake on Qt Creator and build Qt Creator again.

## Specifying Qbs Settings

By default, Qbs profiles are stored in the qbs directory in the Qt Creator settings directory to ensure that different Qt Creator instances do not overwrite each other's profiles. If you only run one Qt Creator instance, you can store the profiles in the Qbs settings directory instead.

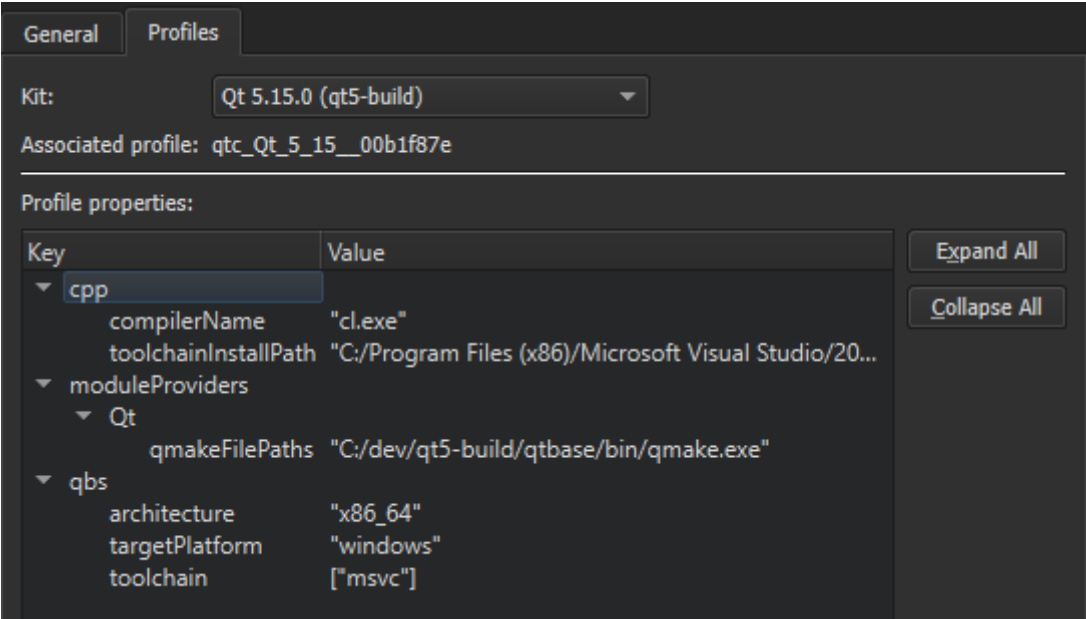
To specify settings for Qbs:

1. Select **Edit > Preferences > Qbs**.



2. Deselect the **Use Qt Creator settings directory for Qbs** check box to store Qbs profiles in the Qbs settings directory.
3. In the **Path to qbs executable** field, you can view and change the path to the Qbs executable. The **Qbs version** field displays the version number of the executable.

5. Select the **Profiles** tab to specify settings for qbs profiles.



6. In the **Kit** field, select a build and run kit to view the properties of the associated profile. To modify the properties, select **Edit > Preferences > Kits**. For more information, see [Editing Qbs Profiles](#).

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