

# Travis C++ tutorial

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## 1 Introduction

This is a Travis C++ tutorial, version 0.2.

### 1.1 License

This tutorial is licensed under Creative Commons license 4.0. All C++ code is licensed under GPL 3.0.



Figure 1: Creative Commons license 4.0

### 1.2 Continuous integration

Collaboration can be scary: the other(s)<sup>1</sup> may break the project worked on. The project can be of any type, not only programming, but also collaborative writing.

A good first step ensuring a pleasant experience is to use a version control system. A version control system keeps track of the changes in the project and allows for looking back in the project history when something has been broken.

The next step is to use an online version control repository, which makes the code easily accessible for all contributors. The online version control repository may also offer additional collaborative tools, like a place where to submit

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<sup>1</sup>if not you

bug reports, define project milestones and allowing external people to submit requests, bug reports or patches.

Up until here, it is possible to submit a change that breaks the build.

A continuous integration tools checks what is submitted to the project and possibly rejects it when it does not satisfy the tests and/or requirements of the project. Instead of manually proofreading and/or testing the submission and mailing the contributor his/her addition is rejected is cumbersome at least. A continuous integration tool will do this for you.

Now, if someone changes you project, you can rest assured that his/her submission does not break the project. Enjoy!

### 1.3 Tutorial style

This tutorial is aimed at the beginner.

**Introduction of new terms and tools** All terms and tools are introduced shortly once, by a 'What is' paragraph. This allows a beginner to have a general idea about what the term/tool is, without going in-depth. Also, this allows for those more knowledgeable to skim the paragraph.

**Repetitiveness** To allow skimming, most chapters follow the same structure. Sometimes the exact same wording is used. This is counteracted by referring to earlier chapters.

### 1.4 This tutorial

This tutorial is available online at [https://github.com/richelbilderbeek/travis\\_cpp\\_tutorial](https://github.com/richelbilderbeek/travis_cpp_tutorial). Of course, it is checked by Travis that:

- all the setups described work
- this document can be converted to PDF. For this, it needs the files from all of these setups

### 1.5 Acknowledgements

These people contributed to this tutorial:

- Kevin Ushey, for getting Rcpp11 and C++11 to work

### 1.6 Feedback

This tutorial is not intended to be perfect yet. For that, I need help and feedback from the community. All referenced feedback is welcome, as well as any constructive feedback.

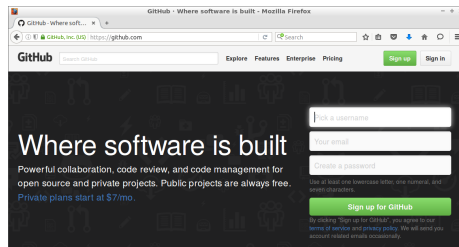


Figure 2: The GitHub homepage, <https://github.com>

## 2 Setting up the basic build

The basic build is more than just a collection of files. It needs to be set up. This chapter shows how to do so.

- Create a GitHub online
- Bring the git repository to your local computer
- Create a Qt Creator project
- Create the build bash scripts

### 2.1 Create a GitHub online

**What is GitHub?** GitHub is a site that creates websites around projects. It is said to host the project. This project contains one, but usually a collection of files, which is called a repository. GitHub also keeps track of the history of the project, which is also called version control. GitHub uses git as a version control software. In short: GitHub hosts git repositories.

Figure 2 shows the GitHub homepage, <https://github.com>.

**Register** Before you can create a new repository, you must register. Registration is free for open source projects, with an unlimited<sup>2</sup> amount of public repositories.

From the GitHub homepage, <https://github.com> (see figure 2), click the top right button labeled 'Sign up'. This will take you to the 'Join GitHub' page (see figure 3).

Filling this in should be as easy. After filling this in, you are taken to your GitHub profile page (figure 4).

**Creating a repository** From your GitHub profile page (figure 4), click on the plus ('Create new ...') at the top right, then click 'New repository' (figure 5).

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<sup>2</sup>the maximum I have observed is a person that has 350 repositories

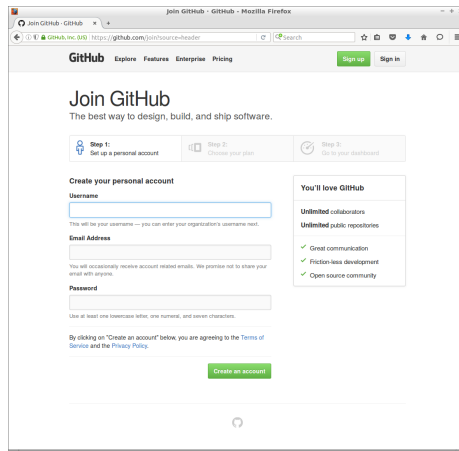


Figure 3: The join GitHub page

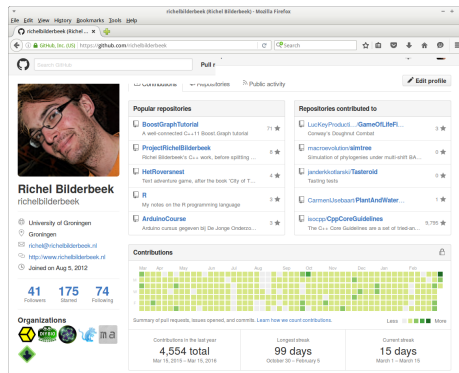


Figure 4: A GitHub profile page

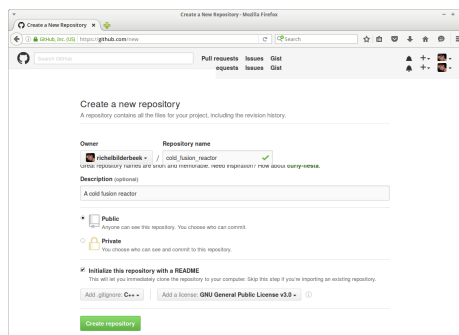


Figure 5: Create a GitHub repository

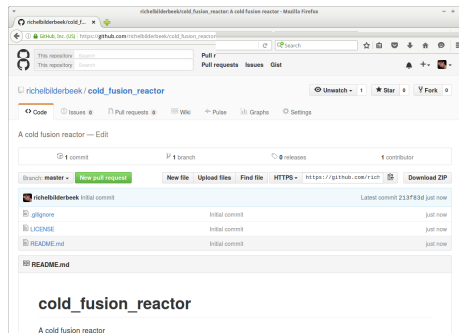


Figure 6: Created a GitHub repository



Figure 7: git logo

Do check 'Initialize this repository with a README', add a .gitignore with 'C++' and add a licence like 'GPL 3.0'.

You have now created your own online version controlled repository (figure 6)!

## 2.2 Bring the git repository to your local computer

**What is git?** git is a version control system.

**Using git** Go to the terminal and type the following line to download your repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/[your_name]/[your_repository]
```

Replace '[your\_name]' and '[your\_repository]' by your GitHub username and the repository name. For example, to download this tutorial its repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/richelbilderbeek/travis_cpp_tutorial
```

A new folder called '[your\_repository]' is created where you should work in.

## 2.3 Create a Qt Creator project

**What is Qt Creator?** Qt Creator is a C++ IDE

**Creating a new project** Project will have some defaults: GCC.

**What is a Qt Creator project file?** A Qt Creator project file contains the information how a Qt Creator project must be built. It commonly has the .pro file extension.

**What is qmake?** qmake is a tool to create makefiles.

**What is GCC?** GCC, the GNU Compiler Collection, is a collection of compilers, among other, the C++ compiler called g++.

**What is g++?** g++ is the C++ compiler that is part of the GCC.

**What is C++98?** C++98 is the first C++ standard in 1998.

**What is the STL?** The STL, the Standard Template Library, is the C++ standard library.

## 2.4 Create the build bash scripts

**What is bash?** 'bash' is a shell scripting language

## 3 The basic build

The basic build has the following specs:

- Build system: qmake
- C++ compiler: gcc
- C++ version: C++98
- Libraries: STL only
- Code coverage: none
- Source: one single file, main.cpp
- Functionality: Show the text 'Hello world' on screen

First I will show the single C++ file this build is about:

---

**Algorithm 1** main.cpp

---

```
#include <iostream>

int main() {
    std::cout << "Hello_world\n";
}
```

---



All the code does is display the text 'Hello world', which is a traditional start for many programming languages. In more details:

- `#include <iostream>`

Read a header file called 'iostream'

- `int main() { /* your code */ }`

The 'main' function is the starting point of a C++ program. Its body is between curly braces

- `std::cout << "Hello world\n";`

Show the text 'Hello world' on screen and go to the next line

The code is written in C++98. It does not use features from the newer C++ standards, but can be compiled under these newer standards. It will not compile under plain C.

This single file is compiled with qmake from the following Qt Creator project file:

---

**Algorithm 2** `travis_qmake_gcc_cpp98.pro`

---

```
TEMPLATE = app
CONFIG += console
CONFIG -= app_bundle qt
SOURCES += main.cpp
QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -Wall -Wextra -Wefc++ -Werror
```

---

This Qt Creator project file has the following elements

- `TEMPLATE = app`  
`CONFIG += console`  
`CONFIG -= app_bundle qt`

This is a typical setup for a standard console application

- `SOURCES += main.cpp`

The file 'main.cpp' is a source file, that has to be compiled

- `QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -Wall -Wextra -Wefc++ -Werror`

The project is checked with all warnings ('-Wall'), with extra warnings ('-Wextra') and with the Effective C++ advices ('-Wefc++') enforced. A warning is treated as an error ('-Werror'). This forces you to write tidy code.

The bash build script to build this is:

---

**Algorithm 3** build.sh

---

```
#!/bin/bash
qmake
make
./travis_qmake_gcc_cpp98
```

---

This build script calls

- `#!/bin/bash`

This line indicates the script is a bash script

- `qmake`

'qmake' is called to create a makefile

- `make`

'make' is called to compile the makefile

- `./travis_qmake_gcc_cpp98`

The created executable 'travis\_qmake\_gcc\_cpp98' is run

There is a potential error in the first and last step: the Qt Creator project file may be incorrect, or the executable will crash, possibly due to a failed test.

Setting up Travis is done by the following `.travis.yml`<sup>3</sup> file:

---

**Algorithm 4** .travis.yml

---

```
language: cpp
compiler: gcc
script: ./build.sh
```

---

This `.travis.yml` file has the following elements:

- `language: cpp`

The main programming language of this project is C++

- `compiler: gcc`

The C++ code will be compiled by the GCC

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<sup>3</sup>the filename starts with a dot. This means it is a hidden file

- `script: ./build.sh`

The script that Travis will run. In this case, it will execute the 'build.sh' bash script.

## 4 Extending the build by one step

The following chapter describe how to extend the build in one direction. These are:

- Use of C++11: see chapter 4.1
- Use of C++14: see chapter 4.2
- Use of Boost: see chapter 4.3
- Use of Boost.Test: see chapter 4.4
- Use of gcov: see chapter 4.5
- Use of gprof: see chapter 4.6
- Use of Rcpp: see chapter 4.7

### 4.1 Use of C++11

In this example, the basic build (chapter 3) is extended by using C++11.

**What is C++11?** C++11 is a C++ standard

**Specifications** The chapter has the following specs:

- Build system: qmake
- C++ compiler: gcc
- C++ version: C++11
- Libraries: STL only
- Code coverage: none
- Source: one single file, main.cpp

The single C++ source file used is:

---

**Algorithm 5** main.cpp

---

```
#include <iostream>

void f() noexcept {
    std::cout << "Hello_world\n";
}

int main() { f(); }
```

---

This is a C++11 version of a 'Hello world' program. The keyword 'noexcept' does not exist in C++98 and it will fail to compile. This code will compile under newer versions of C++.

This single file is compiled with qmake from the following Qt Creator project file:

---

**Algorithm 6** travis\_qmake\_gcc\_cpp11.pro

---

```
TEMPLATE = app
CONFIG += console
CONFIG -= app_bundle qt
SOURCES += main.cpp
QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -Wall -Wextra -Weffc++ -Werror

QMAKE_CXX = g++-5
QMAKE_LINK = g++-5
QMAKE_CC = gcc-5
QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -std=c++11
```

---

The Qt Creator project file has the same lines as the basic project in chapter 3, except for:

- `QMAKE_CXX = g++-5`

Set the C++ compiler to use g++ version 5, which is a newer version than currently used by default

- `QMAKE_LINK = g++-5`

Set the C++ linker to use g++ version 5, which is a newer version than currently used by default

- `QMAKE_CC = gcc-5`

Set the C compiler to use gcc version 5, which is a newer version than currently used by default

- `QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -std=c++11`

Compile under C++11

The bash build script to build and run this:

---

**Algorithm 7** build.sh

---

```
qmake
make
./travis_qmake_gcc_cpp11
```

---

The bash script has the same lines as the basic project in chapter 3. Setting up Travis is done by the following .travis.yml:

---

**Algorithm 8** .travis.yml

---

```
sudo: true
language: cpp
compiler: gcc
before_install:
  - sudo add-apt-repository -y ppa:ubuntu-toolchain-r/test
  - sudo apt-get update -qq
install: sudo apt-get install -qq g++-5
script: ./build.sh
```

---

This .travis.yml file has some new features:

- `before_install:`

The following events will take place before installation

- `- sudo add-apt-repository -y ppa:ubuntu-toolchain-r/test`

A new apt repository is added. The '-y' explicitly states that we are sure we want to do this. Without the '-y' flag, Travis will be prompted if it is sure it wants to add this repository. This would break the build.

- `- sudo apt-get update -qq`

After adding the new apt repository, then the current repositories need to be updated. The '-qq' means that this happens quietly; with the least amount of output.

- `install: sudo apt-get install -qq g++-5`

Install g++-5, which is a newer version of GCC than is installed by default

## 4.2 Use of C++14

In this example, the basic build (chapter 3) is extended by using C++14.

**What is C++14?** C++14 is a C++ standard.

### Specifications

- Build system: qmake
- C++ compiler: gcc
- C++ version: C++14
- Libraries: STL only
- Code coverage: none
- Source: one single file, main.cpp

The single C++ source file used is:

---

**Algorithm 9** main.cpp

---

```
#include <iostream>

auto f() noexcept {
    return "Hello_world\n";
}

int main() {
    std::cout << f();
}
```

---

This is a simple C++14 program that will not compile under C++11.

This single file is compiled with qmake from the following Qt Creator project file:

---

**Algorithm 10** travis\_qmake\_gcc\_cpp14.pro

---

```
TEMPLATE = app
CONFIG += console
CONFIG -= app_bundle qt
SOURCES += main.cpp
QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -Wall -Wextra -Weffc++ -Werror

QMAKE_CXX = g++-5
QMAKE_LINK = g++-5
QMAKE_CC = gcc-5
QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -std=c++14
```

---

The Qt Creator project file has the same lines as the C++11 build in chapter 4.1, except for that it uses one different `QMAKE_CXXFLAGS` item:

- `QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -std=c++14`

Compile under C++14

The bash build script to build and run this:

---

**Algorithm 11** build.sh

---

```
qmake
make
./travis_qmake_gcc_cpp14
```

---

The bash script has the same lines as the C++11 build in chapter 4.1  
Setting up Travis is done by the following `.travis.yml`:

---

**Algorithm 12** .travis.yml

---

```
sudo: true
language: cpp
compiler: gcc
before_install:
  - sudo add-apt-repository -y ppa:ubuntu-toolchain-r/test
  - sudo apt-get update -qq
install: sudo apt-get install -qq g++-5
script: ./build.sh
```

---

This `.travis.yml` file is the same as the C++11 build in chapter 4.1



Figure 8: Boost logo

### 4.3 Adding the Boost libraries

In this example, the basic build (chapter 3) is extended by also using the Boost libraries.

**What is Boost?** Boost is a collection of C++ libraries

#### Specifications

- Build system: qmake
- C++ compiler: gcc
- C++ version: C++98
- Libraries: STL and Boost
- Code coverage: none
- Source: one single file, main.cpp

The single C++ source file used is:

---

#### Algorithm 13 main.cpp

---

```
#include <boost/graph/adjacency_list.hpp>

int main() {
    const boost::adjacency_list<> g;
}
```

---

All the file does is to create an empty graph, from the Boost.Graph library. It will only compile when the Boost libraries are present.

This single file is compiled with qmake from the following Qt Creator project file:

---

#### Algorithm 14 travis\_qmake\_gcc\_cpp98\_boost.pro

---

```
TEMPLATE = app
CONFIG += console
CONFIG -= app_bundle qt
SOURCES += main.cpp
QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -Wall -Wextra -Weffc++ -Werror
```

---



The Qt Creator project file has the same lines as the basic project in chapter 3.

The bash build script to build and run this:

---

**Algorithm 15** build.sh

---

```
qmake
make
./travis_qmake_gcc_cpp98_boost
```

---

The bash script has the same lines as the basic project in chapter 3.  
Setting up Travis is done by the following .travis.yml:

---

**Algorithm 16** .travis.yml

---

```
language: cpp
compiler: gcc
addons:
  apt:
    packages: libboost-all-dev
script: ./build.sh
```

---

This .travis.yml file has one new feature:

- addons:
  - apt:
    - packages: libboost-all-dev

This makes Travis aware that you want to use the aptitude package 'libboost-all-dev'. Note that this code cannot be put on one line: it has to be indented similar to this

## 4.4 Adding a testing framework

Adding only a testing framework does not work: it will not compile in C++98. Instead, this is covered in chapter 10.1.

## 4.5 Adding code coverage

In this example, the basic build (chapter 3) is extended by calling gcov and using codecov to show the code coverage.

**What is gcov?** gcov is a tool that works with GCC to analyse code coverage

**What is Codecov?** Codecov works nice with GitHub and give nicer reports



Figure 9: Codecov logo

**Build overview** This will be a more complex build, consisting of two projects:

- The regular project that just runs the code
- The project that measures code coverage

The filenames are shown in this figure:

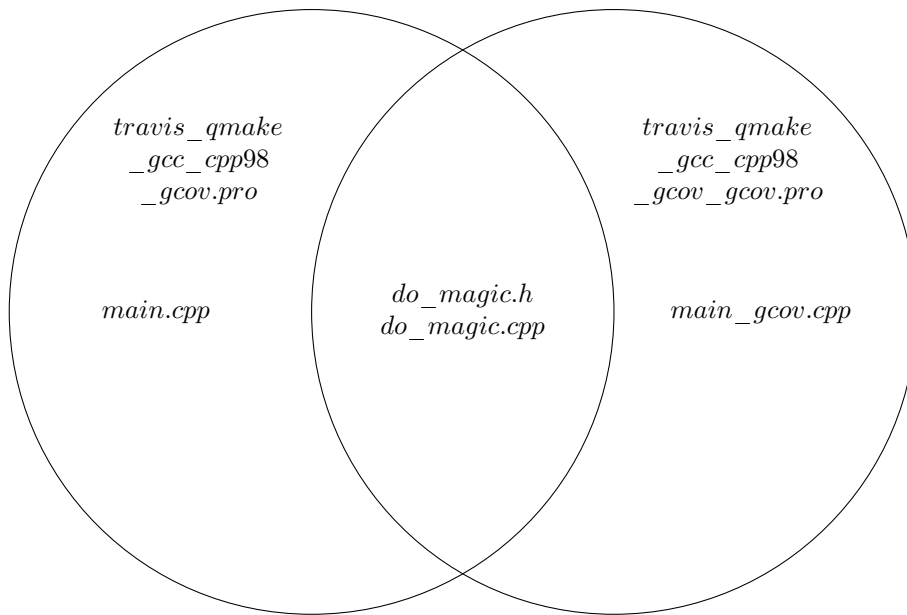


Figure 10: Venn diagram of the files uses in this build

**Specifications** The basic build has the following specs:

- Build system: qmake
- C++ compiler: gcc

- C++ version: C++98
- Libraries: STL only
- Code coverage: yes
- Source: multiple files

**Common files** Both builds use the following code:

---

**Algorithm 17** `do_magic.h`

---

```
#ifndef DO_MAGIC_H
#define DO_MAGIC_H

int do_magic(const int x);

#endif // DO_MAGIC_H
```

---

And its implementation:

---

**Algorithm 18** `do_magic.cpp`

---

```
#include "do_magic.h"

int do_magic(const int x)
{
    if (x == 42)
    {
        return 42;
    }
    if (x == 314)
    {
        return 314;
    }
    return x * 2;
}
```

---

**Normal build main function** The C++ source file used by the normal build is:

---

**Algorithm 19** main.cpp

---

```
#include "do_magic.h"
#include <iostream>

int main() {
    std::cout << do_magic(123) << '\n';
}
```

---

**Normal build Qt Crator project file** This normal is compiled with qmake from the following Qt Creator project file:

---

**Algorithm 20** travis\_qmake\_gcc\_cpp98\_gcov.pro

---

```
TEMPLATE = app
CONFIG += console
CONFIG -= app_bundle qt
SOURCES += main.cpp do_magic.cpp
HEADERS += do_magic.h

QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -Wall -Wextra -Weffc++ -Werror
```

---

**Code coverage main function** The C++ source file used by the normal build is:

---

**Algorithm 21** main.cpp

---

```
#include "do_magic.h"

int main()
{
    if (do_magic(2) != 4) return 1;
    if (do_magic(42) != 42) return 1;
    //Forgot to test do_magic(314)
}
```

---

**Code coverage build Qt Crator project file** This normal is compiled with qmake from the following Qt Creator project file:

---

**Algorithm 22** travis\_qmake\_gcc\_cpp98\_gcov.pro

---

```
TEMPLATE = app
CONFIG += console
CONFIG -= app_bundle qt
SOURCES += main_gcov.cpp do_magic.cpp
HEADERS += do_magic.h
QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -Wall -Wextra -Weffc++ -Werror

# gcov
QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -fprofile-arcs -ftest-coverage
LIBS += -lgcov
```

---

The Qt Creator project file has two new lines:

- `QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -fprofile-arcs -ftest-coverage`

Let the C++ compiler add coverage information

- `LIBS += -lgcov`

Link against the gcov library

The bash build script to build this, run this and measure the code coverage:

---

**Algorithm 23** build.sh

---

```
#!/bin/bash
echo "Normal_run"
qmake travis_qmake_gcc_cpp98_gcov.pro
make
./travis_qmake_gcc_cpp98_gcov
./clean.sh
echo "Coverage_run"
qmake travis_qmake_gcc_cpp98_gcov_gcov.pro
make
./travis_qmake_gcc_cpp98_gcov_gcov
gcov main_gcov.cpp
gcov do_magic.cpp
cat main_gcov.cpp.gcov
cat do_magic.cpp.gcov
```

---

The new step is after having run the executable,

- `gcov main_gcov.cpp`

Let gcov create a coverage report

- `cat main_gcov.cpp.gcov`

Show the file 'main.cpp.gcov', which contains the coverage of 'main.cpp'

**Travis script** Setting up Travis is done by the following .travis.yml:

---

**Algorithm 24** .travis.yml

---

```
sudo: true
language: cpp
compiler: gcc
before_install: sudo pip install codecov
script: ./build.sh
after_success: codecov
```

---

This .travis.yml file has some new features:

- `sudo: true`

Travis will give super user rights to the script. This will slow the build time, but it is inevitable for the next step

- `before_install: sudo pip install codecov`

Travis will use pip to install codecov using super user rights

- `after_success: codecov`

After the script has run successfully, codecov is called

## 4.6 Adding profiling

## 4.7 Adding Rcpp

In this example, the basic build (chapter 3) is extended by also using the Rcpp library/package.

**What is R?** R is a programming language.

**What is Rcpp?** Rcpp is a package that allows to call C++ code from R



Figure 11: R logo

**Specifications** The chapter has the following specs:

- Build system: qmake
- C++ compiler: gcc
- C++ version: C++98
- Libraries: STL and Rcpp
- Code coverage: none
- Source: multiple files

The build will be complex: I will show the C++ build and the R build separately

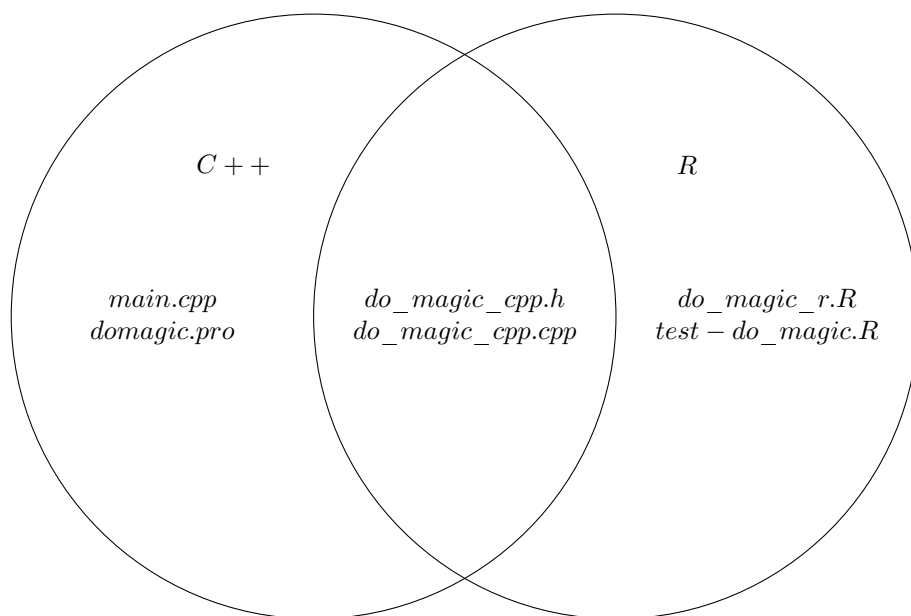


Figure 12: Venn diagram of the files uses in this build

#### 4.7.1 C++ and R: the C++ function

Both C++ and R use this function. It is called 'do\_magic\_cpp'. It is declared in the header file 'do\_magic\_cpp.h', as shown here:

---

**Algorithm 25** src/do\_magic\_cpp.h

---

```
#ifndef DO_MAGIC_CPP_H
#define DO_MAGIC_CPP_H

int do_magic_cpp(const int x);

#endif // DO_MAGIC_CPP_H
```

---

The header file consists solely of #include guards and the declaration of the function 'do\_magic\_cpp'.

The function 'do\_magic\_cpp' is implemented in the implementation file 'do\_magic\_cpp.cpp', as shown here:

---

**Algorithm 26** src/do\_magic\_cpp.cpp

---

```
#include "do_magic_cpp.h"

// ' Does magic
// ' @param x Input
// ' @return Magic value
// ' @export
// [[Rcpp::export]]
int do_magic_cpp(const int x)
{
    return x * 2;
}
```

---

This implementation file has gotten rather elaborate, thanks to Rcpp and documentation. This is because it has to be callable from both C++ and R and satisfy the requirement from both languages.

#### 4.7.2 C++: main source file

The C++ program has a normal main function:



---

**Algorithm 27** main.cpp

---

```
#include "do_magic_cpp.h"

int main()
{
    if (do_magic_cpp(2) != 4) return 1;
}
```

---

All it does is a simple test of the 'do\_magic\_cpp' function.

#### 4.7.3 C++: Qt Creator project file

This single file is compiled with qmake from the following Qt Creator project file:

---

**Algorithm 28** domagic.pro

---

```
TEMPLATE = app
CONFIG += console
CONFIG -= app_bundle
CONFIG -= qt

INCLUDEPATH += src

INCLUDEPATH += /home/p230198/R/x86_64-pc-linux-gnu-library/3.2/Rcpp/include
INCLUDEPATH += /home/riche1/R/i686-pc-linux-gnu-library/3.2/Rcpp/include
#INCLUDEPATH += /home/p230198/R/x86_64-pc-linux-gnu-library/3.2/Rcpp11/include/Rcpp
#INCLUDEPATH += /home/riche1/R/i686-pc-linux-gnu-library/3.2/Rcpp11/include/Rcpp.h

INCLUDEPATH += /usr/share/R/include/

SOURCES += \
    src/do_magic_cpp.cpp \
    main.cpp

HEADERS += \
    src/do_magic_cpp.h

LIBS += -lR
```

---

The name of the Qt Creator project file is 'domagic' as it follows the same naming as the R project. It add the R and Rcpp and src folders to its include path and links to R.

#### 4.7.4 R: the R function

The R function 'do\_magic\_r' calls the C++ function 'do\_magic\_cpp':

---

**Algorithm 29** R/do\_magic\_r.R

---

```
#' Does magic
#' @param x Input
#' @return Magic value
#' @export
#' @useDynLib domagic
#' @importFrom Rcpp sourceCpp
do_magic_r <- function(x) {
  return(do_magic_cpp(x))
}
```

---

Next to this, it is just Roxygen2 documentation

#### 4.7.5 R: The R tests

R allows for easy testing using the 'testthat' package. A test file looks as such:

---

**Algorithm 30** tests/testthat/test-do\_magic\_r.R

---

```
context("do_magic")

test_that("basic use", {
  expect_equal(do_magic_r(2), 4)
  expect_equal(do_magic_r(3), 6)
  expect_equal(do_magic_r(4), 8)

  expect_equal(domagic::do_magic_cpp(2), 4)
  expect_equal(domagic::do_magic_cpp(3), 6)
  expect_equal(domagic::do_magic_cpp(4), 8)
})
```

---

The tests call both the R and C++ functions with certain inputs and checks if the output matches the expectations.

#### 4.7.6 The build script

The bash build script is empty.

---

**Algorithm 31** `build_cpp.sh`

---

```
#!/bin/bash
qmake
make
./domagic
```

---

It is empty, because we set Travis CI to do the testing from R its point of view. The C++ code has to be tested manually. I do not know how to do both, if you do know, please send me an email.

#### 4.7.7 The Travis script

Setting up Travis is done by the following `.travis.yml`:

---

**Algorithm 32** `.travis.yml`

---

```
language: r
warnings_are_errors: true
sudo: required
```

---

This `.travis.yml` file is completely different than others:

- `language: r`

Travis has to work with R code

- `warnings_are_errors: true`

Travis will give an error when a warning is emitted. This enforces clean coding

- `sudo: required`

Travis will need sudo. This will slow down the build

## 4.8 Adding the SFML library

In this example, the basic build (chapter 3) is extended by also using the SFML library.

**What is SFML?** SFML ('Simple and Fast Multimedia Library') is a library very suitable for 2D game development



Figure 13: SFML logo

### Specifications

- Build system: qmake
- C++ compiler: gcc
- C++ version: C++98
- Libraries: STL and SFML
- Code coverage: none
- Source: one single file, main.cpp

The single C++ source file used is:

---

**Algorithm 33** main.cpp

---

```
#include <SFML/Graphics.hpp>

int main()
{
    sf::RectangleShape shape(sf::Vector2f(100.0, 250.0));
    if (shape.getSize().x < 50) return 1;
}
```

---

All the file does is to create an empty graph, from the Boost.Graph library. It will not compile without the SFML libraries absent.

This single file is compiled with qmake from the following Qt Creator project file:

---

**Algorithm 34** travis\_qmake\_gcc\_cpp98\_sfml.pro

---

```
TEMPLATE = app
CONFIG += console
CONFIG -= app_bundle qt

SOURCES += main.cpp

QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -Wall -Wextra -Werror

LIBS += -lsfml-graphics -lsfml-window -lsfml-system -lsfml-audio
```

---

The Qt Creator project file has the same lines as the basic project in chapter 3.

The bash build script to build this, run this and measure the code coverage:

---

**Algorithm 35** build.sh

---

```
#!/bin/bash
qmake
make
./travis_qmake_gcc_cpp98_sfml
```

---

The bash script has the same lines as the basic project in chapter 3.  
Setting up Travis is done by the following .travis.yml:

---

**Algorithm 36** .travis.yml

---

```
language: cpp
compiler: gcc
sudo: true

before_install:
  - sudo apt-add-repository ppa:sonkun/sfml-development -y
  - sudo apt-get update -qq

install:
  - sudo apt-get install libsfml-dev

script:
  - ./build.sh
```

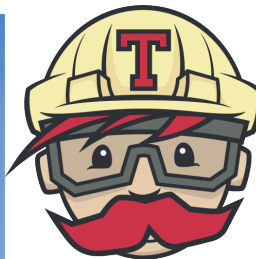
---

This .travis.yml file has one new feature:

- `install: sudo apt-get install libsfml-dev`

This makes Travis install the needed package.

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## Contents

## 5 Introduction

This is a Travis C++ tutorial, version 0.2.

### 5.1 License

This tutorial is licensed under Creative Commons license 4.0. All C++ code is licensed under GPL 3.0.



Figure 14: Creative Commons license 4.0

### 5.2 Continuous integration

Collaboration can be scary: the other(s)<sup>4</sup> may break the project worked on. The project can be of any type, not only programming, but also collaborative writing.

A good first step ensuring a pleasant experience is to use a version control system. A version control system keeps track of the changes in the project and allows for looking back in the project history when something has been broken.

The next step is to use an online version control repository, which makes the code easily accessible for all contributors. The online version control repository may also offer additional collaborative tools, like a place where to submit bug reports, define project milestones and allowing external people to submit requests, bug reports or patches.

Up until here, it is possible to submit a change that breaks the build.

A continuous integration tools checks what is submitted to the project and possibly rejects it when it does not satisfy the tests and/or requirements of the project. Instead of manually proofreading and/or testing the submission and mailing the contributor his/her addition is rejected is cumbersome at least. A continuous integration tool will do this for you.

Now, if someone changes you project, you can rest assured that his/her submission does not break the project. Enjoy!

### 5.3 Tutorial style

This tutorial is aimed at the beginner.

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<sup>4</sup>if not you

**Introduction of new terms and tools** All terms and tools are introduced shortly once, by a 'What is' paragraph. This allows a beginner to have a general idea about what the term/tool is, without going in-depth. Also, this allows for those more knowledgeable to skim the paragraph.

**Repetitiveness** To allow skimming, most chapters follow the same structure. Sometimes the exact same wording is used. This is counteracted by referring to earlier chapters.

## 5.4 This tutorial

This tutorial is available online at [https://github.com/richelbilderbeek/travis\\_cpp\\_tutorial](https://github.com/richelbilderbeek/travis_cpp_tutorial). Of course, it is checked by Travis that:

- all the setups described work
- this document can be converted to PDF. For this, it needs the files from all of these setups

## 5.5 Acknowledgements

These people contributed to this tutorial:

- Kevin Ushey, for getting Rcpp11 and C++11 to work

## 5.6 Feedback

This tutorial is not intended to be perfect yet. For that, I need help and feedback from the community. All referenced feedback is welcome, as well as any constructive feedback.

# 6 Setting up the basic build

The basic build is more than just a collection of files. It needs to be set up. This chapter shows how to do so.

- Create a GitHub online
- Bring the git repository to your local computer
- Create a Qt Creator project
- Create the build bash scripts

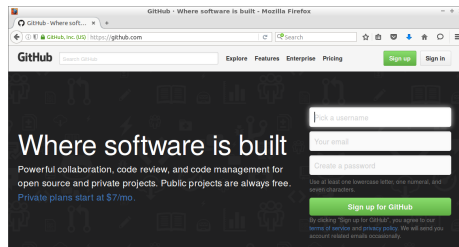


Figure 15: The GitHub homepage, <https://github.com>

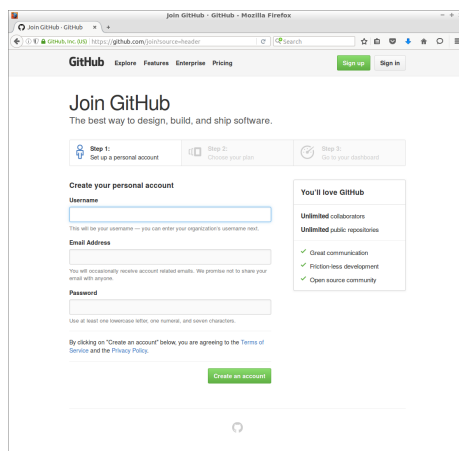


Figure 16: The join GitHub page

## 6.1 Create a GitHub online

**What is GitHub?** GitHub is a site that creates websites around projects. It is said to host the project. This project contains one, but usually a collection of files, which is called a repository. GitHub also keeps track of the history of the project, which is also called version control. GitHub uses git as a version control software. In short: GitHub hosts git repositories.

Figure 15 shows the GitHub homepage, <https://github.com>.

**Register** Before you can create a new repository, you must register. Registration is free for open source projects, with an unlimited<sup>5</sup> amount of public repositories.

From the GitHub homepage, <https://github.com> (see figure 15), click the top right button labeled 'Sign up'. This will take you to the 'Join GitHub' page (see figure 16).

<sup>5</sup>the maximum I have observed is a person that has 350 repositories



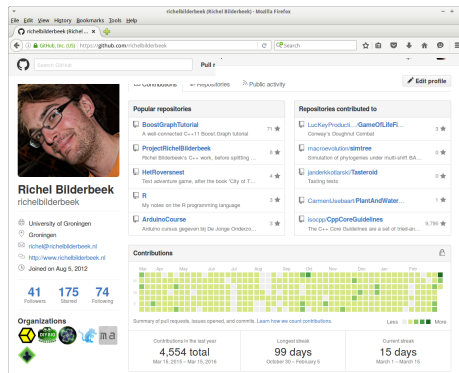


Figure 17: A GitHub profile page

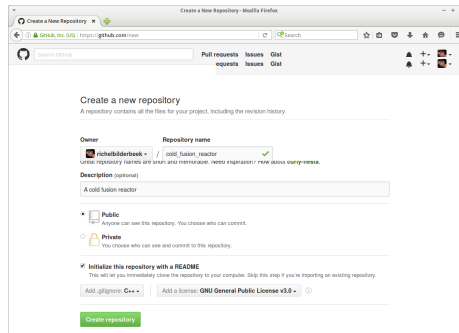


Figure 18: Create a GitHub repository

Filling this in should be as easy. After filling this in, you are taken to your GitHub profile page (figure 17).

**Creating a repository** From your GitHub profile page (figure 17), click on the plus ('Create new ...') at the top right, then click 'New repository' (figure 18).

Do check 'Initialize this repository with a README', add a .gitignore with 'C++' and add a licence like 'GPL 3.0'.

You have now created your own online version controlled repository (figure 19)!

## 6.2 Bring the git repository to your local computer

**What is git?** git is a version control system.

**Using git** Go to the terminal and type the following line to download your repository:

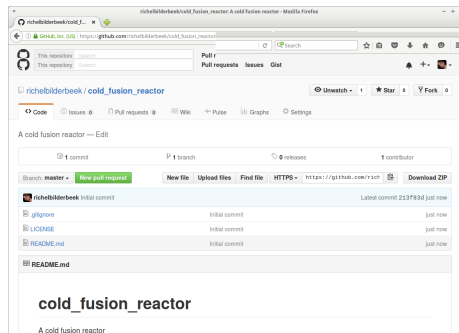


Figure 19: Created a GitHub repository



Figure 20: git logo

```
git clone https://github.com/[your_name]/[your_repository]
```

Replace '[your\_name]' and '[your\_repository]' by your GitHub username and the repository name. For example, to download this tutorial its repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/richelbilderbeek/travis_cpp_tutorial
```

A new folder called '[your\_repository]' is created where you should work in.

### 6.3 Create a Qt Creator project

**What is Qt Creator?** Qt Creator is a C++ IDE

**Creating a new project** Project will have some defaults: GCC.

**What is a Qt Creator project file?** A Qt Creator project file contains the information how a Qt Creator project must be built. It commonly has the .pro file extension.

**What is qmake?** qmake is a tool to create makefiles.

**What is GCC?** GCC, the GNU Compiler Collection, is a collection of compilers, among other, the C++ compiler called g++.

**What is g++?** g++ is the C++ compiler that is part of the GCC.

**What is C++98?** C++98 is the first C++ standard in 1998.

**What is the STL?** The STL, the Standard Template Library, is the C++ standard library.

## 6.4 Create the build bash scripts

**What is bash?** 'bash' is a shell scripting language

## 7 The basic build

The basic build has the following specs:

- Build system: qmake
- C++ compiler: gcc
- C++ version: C++98
- Libraries: STL only
- Code coverage: none
- Source: one single file, main.cpp
- Functionality: Show the text 'Hello world' on screen

First I will show the single C++ file this build is about:

---

**Algorithm 37** main.cpp

---

```
#include <iostream>

int main() {
    std::cout << "Hello_world\n";
}
```

---

All the code does is display the text 'Hello world', which is a traditional start for many programming languages. In more details:

- `#include <iostream>`  
Read a header file called 'iostream'
- `int main() { /* your code */ }`  
The 'main' function is the starting point of a C++ program. Its body is between curly braces
- `std::cout << "Hello world\n";`

Show the text 'Hello world' on screen and go to the next line

The code is written in C++98. It does not use features from the newer C++ standards, but can be compiled under these newer standards. It will not compile under plain C.

This single file is compiled with qmake from the following Qt Creator project file:

---

**Algorithm 38** travis\_qmake\_gcc\_cpp98.pro

---

```
TEMPLATE = app
CONFIG += console
CONFIG -= app_bundle qt
SOURCES += main.cpp
QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -Wall -Wextra -Weffc++ -Werror
```

---

This Qt Creator project file has the following elements

- `TEMPLATE = app`  
  `CONFIG += console`  
  `CONFIG -= app_bundle qt`

This is a typical setup for a standard console application

- `SOURCES += main.cpp`

The file 'main.cpp' is a source file, that has to be compiled

- `QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -Wall -Wextra -Weffc++ -Werror`

The project is checked with all warnings ('-Wall'), with extra warnings ('-Wextra') and with the Effective C++ advices ('-Weffc++') enforced. A warning is treated as an error ('-Werror'). This forces you to write tidy code.

The bash build script to build this is:

---

**Algorithm 39** build.sh

---

```
#!/bin/bash
qmake
make
./travis_qmake_gcc_cpp98
```

---

This build script calls

- `#!/bin/bash`

This line indicates the script is a bash script

- `qmake`

'qmake' is called to create a makefile

- `make`

'make' is called to compile the makefile

- `./travis_qmake_gcc_cpp98`

The created executable 'travis\_qmake\_gcc\_cpp98' is run

There is a potential error in the first and last step: the Qt Creator project file may be incorrect, or the executable will crash, possibly due to a failed test.

Setting up Travis is done by the following `.travis.yml`<sup>6</sup> file:

---

**Algorithm 40** `.travis.yml`

---

```
language: cpp
compiler: gcc
script: ./build.sh
```

---

This `.travis.yml` file has the following elements:

- `language: cpp`

The main programming language of this project is C++

- `compiler: gcc`

The C++ code will be compiled by the GCC

- `script: ./build.sh`

The script that Travis will run. In this case, it will execute the 'build.sh' bash script.

## 8 Extending the build by one step

The following chapter describe how to extend the build in one direction. These are:

- Use of C++11: see chapter 8.1
- Use of C++14: see chapter 8.2

---

<sup>6</sup>the filename starts with a dot. This means it is a hidden file

- Use of Boost: see chapter 8.3
- Use of Boost.Test: see chapter 8.4
- Use of gcov: see chapter 8.5
- Use of gprof: see chapter 8.6
- Use of Rcpp: see chapter 8.7

## 8.1 Use of C++11

In this example, the basic build (chapter 7) is extended by using C++11.

**What is C++11?** C++11 is a C++ standard

**Specifications** The chapter has the following specs:

- Build system: qmake
- C++ compiler: gcc
- C++ version: C++11
- Libraries: STL only
- Code coverage: none
- Source: one single file, main.cpp

The single C++ source file used is:

---

**Algorithm 41** main.cpp

---

```
#include <iostream>

void f() noexcept {
    std::cout << "Hello_world\n";
}

int main() { f(); }
```

---

This is a C++11 version of a 'Hello world' program. The keyword 'noexcept' does not exist in C++98 and it will fail to compile. This code will compile under newer versions of C++.

This single file is compiled with qmake from the following Qt Creator project file:

---

**Algorithm 42** `travis_qmake_gcc_cpp11.pro`

---

```
TEMPLATE = app
CONFIG += console
CONFIG -= app_bundle qt
SOURCES += main.cpp
QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -Wall -Wextra -Weffc++ -Werror

QMAKE_CXX = g++-5
QMAKE_LINK = g++-5
QMAKE_CC = gcc-5
QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -std=c++11
```

---

The Qt Creator project file has the same lines as the basic project in chapter 7, except for:

- `QMAKE_CXX = g++-5`

Set the C++ compiler to use g++ version 5, which is a newer version than currently used by default

- `QMAKE_LINK = g++-5`

Set the C++ linker to use g++ version 5, which is a newer version than currently used by default

- `QMAKE_CC = gcc-5`

Set the C compiler to use gcc version 5, which is a newer version than currently used by default

- `QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -std=c++11`

Compile under C++11

The bash build script to build and run this:

---

**Algorithm 43** `build.sh`

---

```
qmake
make
./travis_qmake_gcc_cpp11
```

---

The bash script has the same lines as the basic project in chapter 7. Setting up Travis is done by the following `.travis.yml`:

---

**Algorithm 44** .travis.yml

---

```
sudo: true
language: cpp
compiler: gcc
before_install:
  - sudo add-apt-repository -y ppa:ubuntu-toolchain-r/test
  - sudo apt-get update -qq
install: sudo apt-get install -qq g++-5
script: ./build.sh
```

---

This .travis.yml file has some new features:

- `before_install:`

The following events will take place before installation

- `- sudo add-apt-repository -y ppa:ubuntu-toolchain-r/test`

A new apt repository is added. The '-y' explicitly states that we are sure we want to do this. Without the '-y' flag, Travis will be prompted if it is sure it wants to add this repository. This would break the build.

- `- sudo apt-get update -qq`

After adding the new apt repository, then the current repositories need to be updated. The '-qq' means that this happens quietly; with the least amount of output.

- `install: sudo apt-get install -qq g++-5`

Install g++-5, which is a newer version of GCC than is installed by default

## 8.2 Use of C++14

In this example, the basic build (chapter 7) is extended by using C++14.

**What is C++14?** C++14 is a C++ standard.

### Specifications

- Build system: qmake
- C++ compiler: gcc
- C++ version: C++14
- Libraries: STL only



- Code coverage: none
- Source: one single file, main.cpp

The single C++ source file used is:

---

**Algorithm 45** main.cpp

---

```
#include <iostream>

auto f() noexcept {
    return "Hello_world\n";
}

int main() {
    std::cout << f();
}
```

---

This is a simple C++14 program that will not compile under C++11.

This single file is compiled with qmake from the following Qt Creator project file:

---

**Algorithm 46** travis\_qmake\_gcc\_cpp14.pro

---

```
TEMPLATE = app
CONFIG += console
CONFIG -= app_bundle qt
SOURCES += main.cpp
QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -Wall -Wextra -Weffc++ -Werror

QMAKE_CXX = g++-5
QMAKE_LINK = g++-5
QMAKE_CC = gcc-5
QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -std=c++14
```

---

The Qt Creator project file has the same lines as the C++11 build in chapter 8.1, except for that it uses one different QMAKE\_CXXFLAGS item:

- QMAKE\_CXXFLAGS += -std=c++14

Compile under C++14

The bash build script to build and run this:



Figure 21: Boost logo

---

**Algorithm 47** build.sh

---

```
qmake
make
./travis_qmake_gcc_cpp14
```

---

The bash script has the same lines as the C++11 build in chapter 8.1  
Setting up Travis is done by the following .travis.yml:

---

**Algorithm 48** .travis.yml

---

```
sudo: true
language: cpp
compiler: gcc
before_install:
  - sudo add-apt-repository -y ppa:ubuntu-toolchain-r/test
  - sudo apt-get update -qq
install: sudo apt-get install -qq g++-5
script: ./build.sh
```

---

This .travis.yml file is the same as the C++11 build in chapter 8.1

### 8.3 Adding the Boost libraries

In this example, the basic build (chapter 7) is extended by also using the Boost libraries.

**What is Boost?** Boost is a collection of C++ libraries

#### Specifications

- Build system: qmake
- C++ compiler: gcc
- C++ version: C++98
- Libraries: STL and Boost
- Code coverage: none

- Source: one single file, main.cpp

The single C++ source file used is:

---

**Algorithm 49** main.cpp

---

```
#include <boost/graph/adjacency_list.hpp>

int main() {
    const boost::adjacency_list<> g;
}
```

---

All the file does is to create an empty graph, from the Boost.Graph library. It will only compile when the Boost libraries are present.

This single file is compiled with qmake from the following Qt Creator project file:

---

**Algorithm 50** travis\_qmake\_gcc\_cpp98\_boost.pro

---

```
TEMPLATE = app
CONFIG += console
CONFIG -= app_bundle qt
SOURCES += main.cpp
QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -Wall -Wextra -Weffc++ -Werror
```

---

The Qt Creator project file has the same lines as the basic project in chapter 7.

The bash build script to build and run this:

---

**Algorithm 51** build.sh

---

```
qmake
make
./travis_qmake_gcc_cpp98_boost
```

---

The bash script has the same lines as the basic project in chapter 7. Setting up Travis is done by the following .travis.yml:



Figure 22: Codecov logo

---

**Algorithm 52** `.travis.yml`

---

```
language: cpp
compiler: gcc
addons:
  apt:
    packages: libboost-all-dev
script: ./build.sh
```

---

This `.travis.yml` file has one new feature:

- `addons:`
  - `apt:`
    - `packages: libboost-all-dev`

This makes Travis aware that you want to use the aptitude package 'libboost-all-dev'. Note that this code cannot be put on one line: it has to be indented similar to this

## 8.4 Adding a testing framework

Adding only a testing framework does not work: it will not compile in C++98. Instead, this is covered in chapter 10.1.

## 8.5 Adding code coverage

In this example, the basic build (chapter 7) is extended by calling `gcov` and using `codecov` to show the code coverage.

**What is `gcov`?** `gcov` is a tool that works with GCC to analyse code coverage

**What is `Codecov`?** `Codecov` works nice with GitHub and give nicer reports

**Build overview** This will be a more complex build, consisting of two projects:

- The regular project that just runs the code
- The project that measures code coverage

The filenames are shown in this figure:

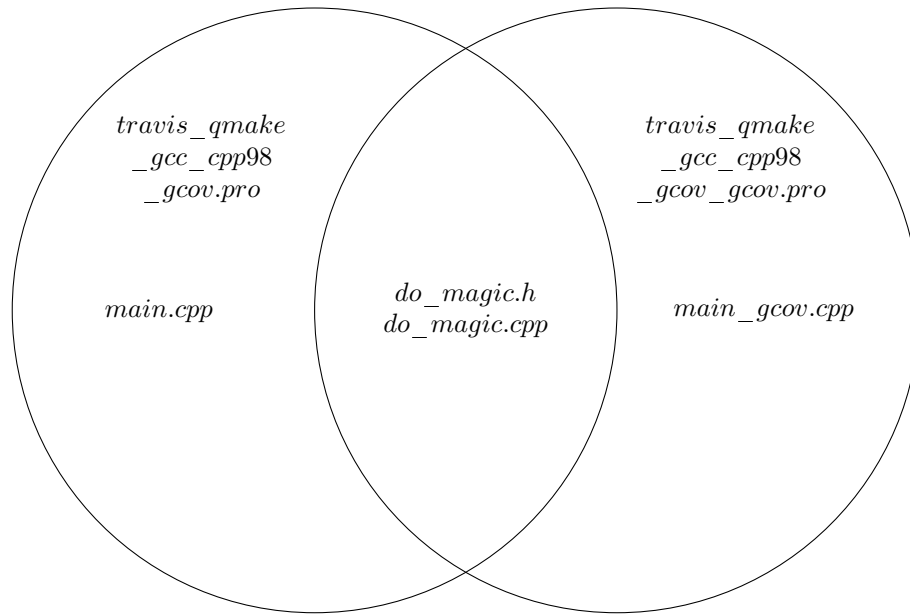


Figure 23: Venn diagram of the files uses in this build

**Specifications** The basic build has the following specs:

- Build system: qmake
- C++ compiler: gcc
- C++ version: C++98
- Libraries: STL only
- Code coverage: yes
- Source: multiple files

**Common files** Both builds use the following code:

---

**Algorithm 53** do\_magic.h

---

```
#ifndef DO_MAGIC_H
#define DO_MAGIC_H

int do_magic(const int x);

#endif // DO_MAGIC_H
```

---

And its implementation:

---

**Algorithm 54** do\_magic.cpp

---

```
#include "do_magic.h"

int do_magic(const int x)
{
    if (x == 42)
    {
        return 42;
    }
    if (x == 314)
    {
        return 314;
    }
    return x * 2;
}
```

---

**Normal build main function** The C++ source file used by the normal build is:

---

**Algorithm 55** main.cpp

---

```
#include "do_magic.h"
#include <iostream>

int main() {
    std::cout << do_magic(123) << '\n';
}
```

---

**Normal build Qt Crator project file** This normal is compiled with qmake from the following Qt Creator project file:

---

**Algorithm 56** travis\_qmake\_gcc\_cpp98\_gcov.pro

---

```
TEMPLATE = app
CONFIG += console
CONFIG -= app_bundle qt
SOURCES += main.cpp do_magic.cpp
HEADERS += do_magic.h

QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -Wall -Wextra -Weffc++ -Werror
```

---

**Code coverage main function** The C++ source file used by the normal build is:

---

**Algorithm 57** main.cpp

---

```
#include "do_magic.h"

int main()
{
    if (do_magic(2) != 4) return 1;
    if (do_magic(42) != 42) return 1;
    //Forgot to test do_magic(314)
}
```

---

**Code coverage build Qt Crator project file** This normal is compiled with qmake from the following Qt Creator project file:

---

**Algorithm 58** travis\_qmake\_gcc\_cpp98\_gcov.pro

---

```
TEMPLATE = app
CONFIG += console
CONFIG -= app_bundle qt
SOURCES += main_gcov.cpp do_magic.cpp
HEADERS += do_magic.h
QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -Wall -Wextra -Weffc++ -Werror

# gcov
QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -fprofile-arcs -ftest-coverage
LIBS += -lgcov
```

---

The Qt Creator project file has two new lines:

- `QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -fprofile-arcs -ftest-coverage`

Let the C++ compiler add coverage information

- `LIBS += -lgcov`

Link against the gcov library

The bash build script to build this, run this and measure the code coverage:

---

**Algorithm 59** `build.sh`

---

```
#!/bin/bash
echo "Normal_run"
qmake travis_qmake_gcc_cpp98_gcov.pro
make
./travis_qmake_gcc_cpp98_gcov
./clean.sh
echo "Coverage_run"
qmake travis_qmake_gcc_cpp98_gcov_gcov.pro
make
./travis_qmake_gcc_cpp98_gcov_gcov
gcov main_gcov.cpp
gcov do_magic.cpp
cat main_gcov.cpp.gcov
cat do_magic.cpp.gcov
```

---

The new step is after having run the executable,

- `gcov main_gcov.cpp`

Let gcov create a coverage report

- `cat main_gcov.cpp.gcov`

Show the file 'main.cpp.gcov', which contains the coverage of 'main.cpp'

**Travis script** Setting up Travis is done by the following `.travis.yml`:

---

**Algorithm 60** `.travis.yml`

---

```
sudo: true
language: cpp
compiler: gcc
before_install: sudo pip install codecov
script: ./build.sh
after_success: codecov
```

---

This `.travis.yml` file has some new features:





Figure 24: R logo

- `sudo: true`

Travis will give super user rights to the script. This will slow the build time, but it is inevitable for the next step

- `before_install: sudo pip install codecov`

Travis will use pip to install codecov using super user rights

- `after_success: codecov`

After the script has run successfully, codecov is called

## 8.6 Adding profiling

## 8.7 Adding Rcpp

In this example, the basic build (chapter 7) is extended by also using the Rcpp library/package.

**What is R?** R is a programming language.

**What is Rcpp?** Rcpp is a package that allows to call C++ code from R

**Specifications** The chapter has the following specs:

- Build system: qmake
- C++ compiler: gcc
- C++ version: C++98
- Libraries: STL and Rcpp
- Code coverage: none
- Source: multiple files

The build will be complex: I will show the C++ build and the R build separately

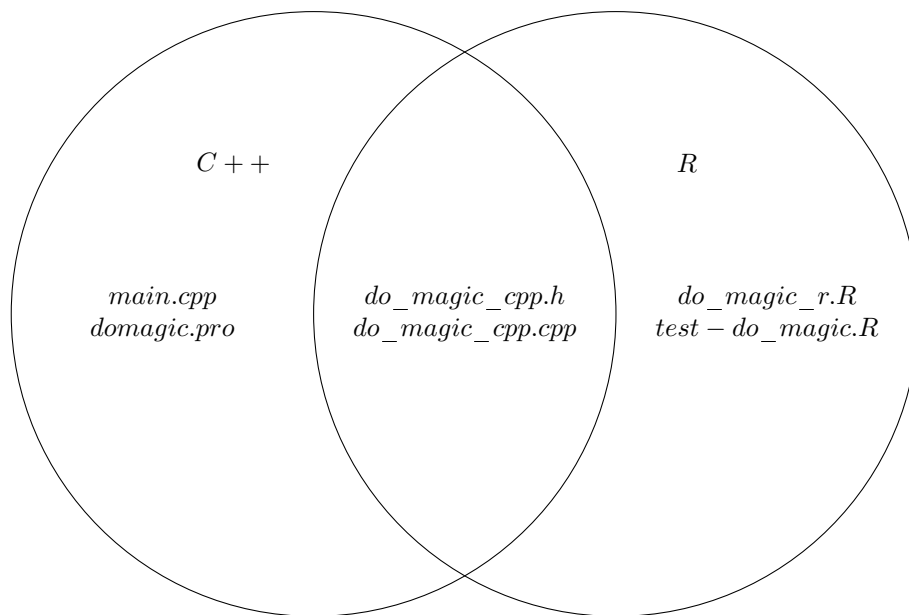


Figure 25: Venn diagram of the files uses in this build

### 8.7.1 C++ and R: the C++ function

Both C++ and R use this function. It is called 'do\_magic\_cpp'. It is declared in the header file 'do\_magic\_cpp.h', as shown here:

---

**Algorithm 61** src/do\_magic\_cpp.h

---

```
#ifndef DO_MAGIC_CPP_H
#define DO_MAGIC_CPP_H

int do_magic_cpp(const int x);

#endif // DO_MAGIC_CPP_H
```

---

The header file consists solely of #include guards and the declaration of the function 'do\_magic\_cpp'.

The function 'do\_magic\_cpp' is implemented in the implementation file 'do\_magic\_cpp.cpp', as shown here:

---

**Algorithm 62** src/do\_magic\_cpp.cpp

---

```
#include "do_magic_cpp.h"

// ' Does magic
// ' @param x Input
// ' @return Magic value
// ' @export
// [[Rcpp::export]]
int do_magic_cpp(const int x)
{
    return x * 2;
}
```

---

This implementation file has gotten rather elaborate, thanks to Rcpp and documentation. This is because it has to be callable from both C++ and R and satisfy the requirement from both languages.

### 8.7.2 C++: main source file

The C++ program has a normal main function:

---

**Algorithm 63** main.cpp

---

```
#include "do_magic_cpp.h"

int main()
{
    if (do_magic_cpp(2) != 4) return 1;
}
```

---

All it does is a simple test of the 'do\_magic\_cpp' function.

### 8.7.3 C++: Qt Creator project file

This single file is compiled with qmake from the following Qt Creator project file:

---

**Algorithm 64** domagic.pro

---

```
TEMPLATE = app
CONFIG += console
CONFIG -= app_bundle
CONFIG -= qt

INCLUDEPATH += src

INCLUDEPATH += /home/p230198/R/x86_64-pc-linux-gnu-library/3.2/Rcpp/include
INCLUDEPATH += /home/riche1/R/i686-pc-linux-gnu-library/3.2/Rcpp/include
#INCLUDEPATH += /home/p230198/R/x86_64-pc-linux-gnu-library/3.2/Rcpp11/include/Rcpp
#INCLUDEPATH += /home/riche1/R/i686-pc-linux-gnu-library/3.2/Rcpp11/include/Rcpp.h

INCLUDEPATH += /usr/share/R/include/

SOURCES += \
    src/do_magic_cpp.cpp \
    main.cpp

HEADERS += \
    src/do_magic_cpp.h

LIBS += -lR
```

---

The name of the Qt Creator project file is 'domagic' as it follows the same naming as the R project. It add the R and Rcpp and src folders to its include path and links to R.

#### 8.7.4 R: the R function

The R function 'do\_magic\_r' calls the C++ function 'do\_magic\_cpp':

---

**Algorithm 65** R/do\_magic\_r.R

---

```
#' Does magic
#' @param x Input
#' @return Magic value
#' @export
#' @useDynLib domagic
#' @importFrom Rcpp sourceCpp
do_magic_r <- function(x) {
  return(do_magic_cpp(x))
}
```

---

Next to this, it is just Roxygen2 documentation

#### 8.7.5 R: The R tests

R allows for easy testing using the 'testthat' package. A test file looks as such:

---

**Algorithm 66** tests/testthat/test-do\_magic\_r.R

---

```
context("do_magic")
```

```
test_that("basic use", {
  expect_equal(do_magic_r(2), 4)
  expect_equal(do_magic_r(3), 6)
  expect_equal(do_magic_r(4), 8)

  expect_equal(domagic::do_magic_cpp(2), 4)
  expect_equal(domagic::do_magic_cpp(3), 6)
  expect_equal(domagic::do_magic_cpp(4), 8)
})
```

---

The tests call both the R and C++ functions with certain inputs and checks if the output matches the expectations.

#### 8.7.6 The build script

The bash build script is empty.

---

**Algorithm 67** build\_cpp.sh

---

```
#!/bin/bash
qmake
make
./domagic
```

---

It is empty, because we set Travis CI to do the testing from R its point of view. The C++ code has to be tested manually. I do not know how to do both, if you do know, please send me an email.

#### 8.7.7 The Travis script

Setting up Travis is done by the following .travis.yml:



Figure 26: SFML logo

---

**Algorithm 68** `.travis.yml`

---

```
language: r
warnings_are_errors: true
sudo: required
```

---

This `.travis.yml` file is completely different than others:

- `language: r`

Travis has to work with R code

- `warnings_are_errors: true`

Travis will give an error when a warning is emitted. This enforces clean coding

- `sudo: required`

Travis will need sudo. This will slow down the build

## 8.8 Adding the SFML library

In this example, the basic build (chapter 7) is extended by also using the SFML library.

**What is SFML?** SFML ('Simple and Fast Multimedia Library') is a library very suitable for 2D game development

### Specifications

- Build system: `qmake`
- C++ compiler: `gcc`
- C++ version: `C++98`
- Libraries: `STL` and `SFML`
- Code coverage: `none`
- Source: one single file, `main.cpp`

The single C++ source file used is:

---

**Algorithm 69** main.cpp

---

```
#include <SFML/Graphics.hpp>

int main()
{
    ::sf::RectangleShape shape(::sf::Vector2f(100.0,250.0))
    ;
    if (shape.getSize().x < 50) return 1;
}
```

---

All the file does is to create an empty graph, from the Boost.Graph library. It will not compile without the SFML libraries absent.

This single file is compiled with qmake from the following Qt Creator project file:

---

**Algorithm 70** travis\_qmake\_gcc\_cpp98\_sfml.pro

---

```
TEMPLATE = app
CONFIG += console
CONFIG -= app_bundle qt

SOURCES += main.cpp

QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -Wall -Wextra -Werror

LIBS += -lsfml-graphics -lsfml-window -lsfml-system -lsfml-audio
```

---

The Qt Creator project file has the same lines as the basic project in chapter 7.

The bash build script to build this, run this and measure the code coverage:

---

**Algorithm 71** build.sh

---

```
#!/bin/bash
qmake
make
./travis_qmake_gcc_cpp98_sfml
```

---

The bash script has the same lines as the basic project in chapter 7. Setting up Travis is done by the following .travis.yml:



Figure 27: Wt logo

---

**Algorithm 72** `.travis.yml`

---

```
language: cpp
compiler: gcc
sudo: true

before_install:
- sudo apt-add-repository ppa:sonkun/sfml-development -y
- sudo apt-get update -qq

install:
- sudo apt-get install libsfml-dev

script:
- ./build.sh
```

---

This `.travis.yml` file has one new feature:

- `install: sudo apt-get install libsfml-dev`

This makes Travis install the needed package.

## 8.9 Adding the Wt library

In this example, the basic build (chapter 7) is extended by also using the Wt library.

**What is Wt?** Wt (pronounce 'witty') is a library to create C++ websites.

### Specifications

- Build system: `qmake`
- C++ compiler: `gcc`
- C++ version: `C++98`
- Libraries: `STL` and `Wt`



- Code coverage: none
- Source: one single file, `main.cpp`

The single C++ source file used is:

---

**Algorithm 73** main.cpp

---

```
#pragma GCC diagnostic push
#pragma GCC diagnostic ignored "-Weffc++"
#include <boost/program_options.hpp>
#include <boost/signals2.hpp>
#include <Wt/WApplication>
#include <Wt/WContainerWidget>
#include <Wt/WEnvironment>
#include <Wt/WPaintDevice>
#include <Wt/WPaintedWidget>
#include <Wt/WPainter>
#include <Wt/WPushButton>
#pragma GCC diagnostic pop

struct WtWidget : public Wt::WPaintedWidget
{
    WtWidget()
    {
        this->resize(32,32);
    }
protected:
    void paintEvent(Wt::WPaintDevice *paintDevice)
    {
        Wt::WPainter painter(paintDevice);
        for (int y=0; y!=32; ++y)
        {
            for (int x=0; x!=32; ++x)
            {
                painter.setPen(
                    Wt::WPen(
                        Wt::WColor(
                            ((x+0) * 8) % 256,
                            ((y+0) * 8) % 256,
                            ((x+y) * 8) % 256)));
                //Draw a line of one pixel long
                painter.drawLine(x,y,x+1,y);
                //drawPoint yiels too white results
                //painter.drawLine(x,y,x+1,y);
            }
        }
    }
};

struct WtDialog : public Wt::WContainerWidget
{
    WtDialog()
    : m_widget(new WtWidget)
    {
        this->addWidget(m_widget);
    }
private:
    WtDialog(const WtDialog&); //delete
    WtDialog& operator=(const WtDialog&); //delete
    WtWidget * const m_widget;
};
```

All the file does is to create an empty graph, from the Boost.Graph library. It will not compile without the SFML libraries absent.

This single file is compiled with qmake from the following Qt Creator project file:

---

**Algorithm 74** `travis_qmake_gcc_cpp98_wt.pro`

---

```
TEMPLATE = app
CONFIG += console
CONFIG -= app_bundle qt
QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -Wall -Wextra -Weffc++ -Werror

LIBS += \
    -lboost_date_time \
    -lboost_filesystem \
    -lboost_program_options \
    -lboost_regex \
    -lboost_signals \
    -lboost_system

LIBS += -lwt -lwthttp

SOURCES += main.cpp

DEFINES += BOOST_SIGNALS_NO_DEPRECATION_WARNING
```

---

The Qt Creator project file has the same lines as the basic project in chapter 7.

The bash build script to build this, run this and measure the code coverage:

---

**Algorithm 75** `build.sh`

---

```
#!/bin/bash
qmake
make
# ./travis_qmake_gcc_cpp98_wt # Do not run: this will
    start a server
```

---

The bash script has the same lines as the basic project in chapter 7. Setting up Travis is done by the following `.travis.yml`:

---

**Algorithm 76** `.travis.yml`

---

```
language: cpp
compiler: gcc
addons:
  apt:
    packages: libboost-all-dev
install: sudo apt-get install witty-dev
script: ./build.sh
```

---

This `.travis.yml` file has ...

## 9 Extending the build by two steps

The following chapter describe how to extend the build in two directions. These are:

- Use of C++11 and Boost: see chapter 9.1
- Use of C++14 and Boost: see chapter 9.2

### 9.1 C++11 and Boost libraries

In this example, the basic build (chapter 3) is extended by also using the Boost libraries.

The chapter has the following specs:

- Build system: qmake
- C++ compiler: gcc
- C++ version: C++11
- Libraries: STL and Boost
- Code coverage: none
- Source: one single file, `main.cpp`

The single C++ source file used is:

---

**Algorithm 77** main.cpp

---

```
#include <boost/graph/adjacency_list.hpp>

int f() noexcept {
    boost::adjacency_list<> g;
    boost::add_vertex(g);
    return boost::num_vertices(g);
}

int main() {
    if (f() != 1) return 1;
}
```

---

All the file does is to create an empty graph, from the Boost.Graph library. It will not compile without the Boost libraries absent.

This single file is compiled with qmake from the following Qt Creator project file:

---

**Algorithm 78** travis\_qmake\_gcc\_cpp11\_boost.pro

---

```
TEMPLATE = app
CONFIG += console
CONFIG -= app_bundle qt
SOURCES += main.cpp
QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -Wall -Wextra -Weffc++ -Werror

QMAKE_CXX = g++-5
QMAKE_LINK = g++-5
QMAKE_CC = gcc-5
QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -std=c++11
```

---

The Qt Creator project file has the same lines as the basic project in chapter 3.

The bash build script to build and run this:

---

**Algorithm 79** build.sh

---

```
#!/bin/bash
qmake
make
./travis_qmake_gcc_cpp11_boost
```

---

The bash script has the same lines as the basic project in chapter 3.

Setting up Travis is done by the following .travis.yml:

---

**Algorithm 80** .travis.yml

---

```
sudo: true
language: cpp
compiler: gcc
before_install:
  - sudo add-apt-repository -y ppa:ubuntu-toolchain-r/test
  - sudo apt-get update -qq
install: sudo apt-get install -qq g++-5
addons:
  apt:
    packages: libboost-all-dev
script: ./build.sh
```

---

This .travis.yml file has ...

## 9.2 C++14 and Boost libraries

In this example, the basic build (chapter 3) is extended by also using the Boost libraries.

The chapter has the following specs:

- Build system: qmake
- C++ compiler: gcc
- C++ version: C++14
- Libraries: STL and Boost
- Code coverage: none
- Source: one single file, main.cpp

The single C++ source file used is:

---

**Algorithm 81** main.cpp

---

```
#include <boost/graph/adjacency_list.hpp>

auto f() noexcept
{
    boost::adjacency_list<> g;
    boost::add_vertex(g);
    return boost::num_vertices(g);
}

int main() {
    if (f() != 1) return 1;
}
```

---

All the file does is to create an empty graph, from the Boost.Graph library. It will not compile without the Boost libraries absent.

This single file is compiled with qmake from the following Qt Creator project file:

---

**Algorithm 82** travis\_qmake\_gcc\_cpp14\_boost.pro

---

```
TEMPLATE = app
CONFIG += console
CONFIG -= app_bundle qt
SOURCES += main.cpp
QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -Wall -Wextra -Weffc++ -Werror

QMAKE_CXX = g++-5
QMAKE_LINK = g++-5
QMAKE_CC = gcc-5
QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -std=c++14
```

---

The Qt Creator project file has the same lines as the basic project in chapter 3.

The bash build script to build and run this:

---

**Algorithm 83** build.sh

---

```
#!/bin/bash
qmake
make
./travis_qmake_gcc_cpp14_boost
```

---

The bash script has the same lines as the basic project in chapter 3.

Setting up Travis is done by the following .travis.yml:

---

**Algorithm 84** .travis.yml

---

```
sudo: true
language: cpp
compiler: gcc
before_install:
  - sudo add-apt-repository -y ppa:ubuntu-toolchain-r/test
  - sudo apt-get update -qq
install: sudo apt-get install -qq g++-5
addons:
  apt:
    packages: libboost-all-dev
script: ./build.sh
```

---

This .travis.yml file has ...

## 10 Extending the build by multiple steps

The following chapter describe how to extend the build in two directions. These are:

- Use of C++11, Boost and Boost.Test: see chapter 10.1
- Use of C++11, Boost, Boost.Test and gcov: see chapter

### 10.1 C++11, Boost and Boost.Test

This project consists out of two projects:

- travis\_qmake\_gcc\_cpp11\_boost\_test.pro: the real code
- travis\_qmake\_gcc\_cpp11\_boost\_test\_test.pro: the tests

Both projects center around a function called 'add', which is located in the 'my\_function.h' and 'my\_function.cpp' files, as shown here:



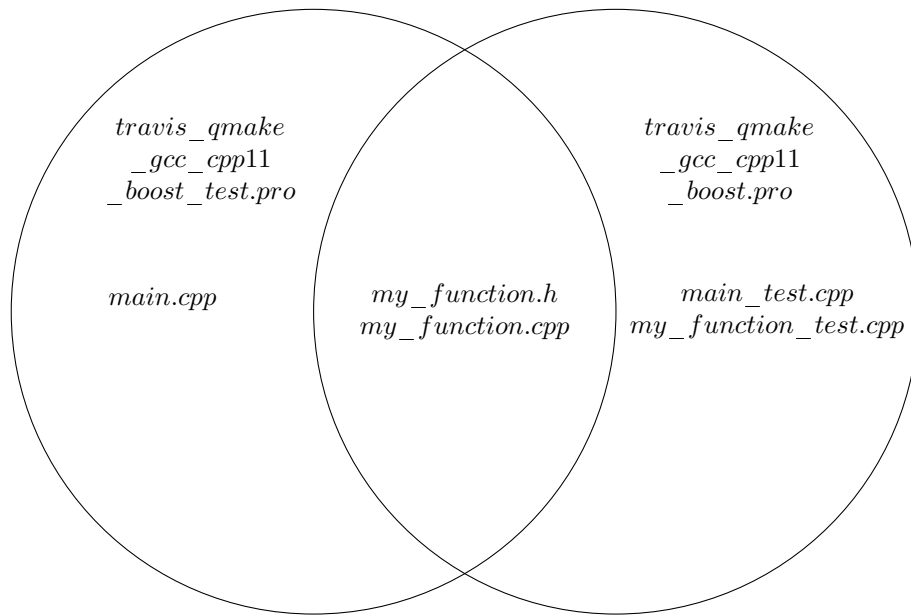


Figure 28: Venn diagram of the files uses in this build

Both of these are compiled both in release and debug mode.

**Specifics** The basic build has the following specs:

- Build system: qmake
- C++ compiler: gcc
- C++ version: C++11
- Libraries: STL and Boost, demonstrating Boost.Test
- Code coverage: none
- Source: multiple files: *main.cpp*, *my\_function.h*, *my\_function.cpp*, *test\_my\_function.cpp*

#### 10.1.1 The function

First the function that is (1) tested by the test build (2) called by the real build, is shown here:

---

**Algorithm 85** my\_function.h

---

```
#ifndef MY_FUNCTIONS_H
#define MY_FUNCTIONS_H

int add(const int i, const int j) noexcept;

#endif // MY_FUNCTIONS_H
```

---

This header file has the `#include` guards and the declaration of the function 'add'. It takes two integer values as an argument and returns an int.

Its definition is shown here:

---

**Algorithm 86** my\_function.cpp

---

```
#include "my_functions.h"

int add(const int i, const int j) noexcept
{
    return i + j;
}
```

---

Perhaps it was expected that 'add' adds the two integers

### 10.1.2 Test build

The test build is the build that tests the function. It does not have a 'main.cpp' as the exe build has, but uses 'test\_my\_functions.cpp' as its main source file. This can be seen in the Qt Creator project file:

---

**Algorithm 87** travis\_qmake\_gcc\_cpp11\_boost\_test\_test.pro

---

```
CONFIG += console debug_and_release
CONFIG -= app_bundle
QT -= core gui
TEMPLATE = app

CONFIG(release, debug|release) {
    DEFINES += NDEBUG
}

QMAKE_CXX = g++-5
QMAKE_LINK = g++-5
QMAKE_CC = gcc-5
QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -Wall -Wextra -Wffc++ -Werror -std=c
                ++11

HEADERS += my_functions.h
SOURCES += my_functions.cpp \
            main_test.cpp \
            my_functions_test.cpp

LIBS += -lboost_unit_test_framework
```

---

Note how this Qt Creator project file links to the Boost unit test framework.  
Its main source file is shown here:

---

**Algorithm 88** main\_test.cpp

---

```
#define BOOST_TEST_DYN_LINK
#define BOOST_TEST_MODULE my_functions_test_module
#include <boost/test/unit_test.hpp>

//No main needed, BOOST_TEST_DYN_LINK creates it
```

---

It uses the Boost.Test framework to automatically generate a main function and test suite. An empty file is created, so Travis can verify there has been built both a debug and release mode.

Its main testing file file is shown here:

---

**Algorithm 89** my\_functions\_test.cpp

---

```
#include <boost/test/unit_test.hpp>
#include "my_functions.h"

BOOST_AUTO_TEST_CASE(add_works)
{
    BOOST_CHECK(add(1, 1) == 2);
    BOOST_CHECK(add(1, 2) == 3);
    BOOST_CHECK(add(1, 3) == 4);
    BOOST_CHECK(add(1, 4) == 5);
}
```

---

It tests the function 'add'.

### 10.1.3 Exe build

The 'exe' build' is the build that uses the function.

---

**Algorithm 90** main.cpp

---

```
#include "my_functions.h"
#include <iostream>

int main() {
    std::cout << add(40,2) << '\n';
}
```

---

Next to using the function 'add', also a file is created, so Travis can verify there has been built both a debug and release mode.

This single file is compiled with qmake from the following Qt Creator project file:

---

**Algorithm 91** travis\_qmake\_gcc\_cpp11\_boost\_test.pro

---

```
CONFIG += console debug_and_release
CONFIG -= app_bundle
QT -= core gui
TEMPLATE = app

CONFIG(release, debug|release) {
    DEFINES += NDEBUG
}

QMAKE_CXX = g++-5
QMAKE_LINK = g++-5
QMAKE_CC = gcc-5
QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -Wall -Wextra -Weffc++ -Werror -std=c++11

SOURCES += main.cpp my_functions.cpp
HEADERS += my_functions.h
```

---

Note how this Qt Creator project file does not link to the Boost unit test framework.

#### 10.1.4 Build script

The bash build script to build, test and run this:

---

**Algorithm 92** build.sh

---

```
#!/bin/bash
qmake travis_qmake_gcc_cpp11_boost_test.pro
make debug
./travis_qmake_gcc_cpp11_boost_test

qmake travis_qmake_gcc_cpp11_boost_test.pro
make release
./travis_qmake_gcc_cpp11_boost_test

qmake travis_qmake_gcc_cpp11_boost_test_test.pro
make debug
./travis_qmake_gcc_cpp11_boost_test_test

qmake travis_qmake_gcc_cpp11_boost_test_test.pro
make release
./travis_qmake_gcc_cpp11_boost_test_test
```

---

In this script both projects are compiled in both debug and release mode. All four executables are run.

#### 10.1.5 Travis script

Setting up Travis is done by the following .travis.yml:

---

**Algorithm 93** .travis.yml

---

```
sudo: true
language: cpp
compiler: gcc
addons:
  apt:
    packages: libboost-all-dev
before_install:
  - sudo add-apt-repository -y ppa:ubuntu-toolchain-r/test
  - sudo apt-get update -qq
install: sudo apt-get install -qq g++-5
script: ./build.sh
```

---

This .travis.yml file has ...

## 10.2 C++11, Boost, Boost.Test and gcov

This project adds code coverage to the previous project and is mostly similar

This project consists out of two projects:

- travis\_qmake\_gcc\_cpp11\_boost\_test\_gcov.pro: the real code
- travis\_qmake\_gcc\_cpp11\_boost\_test\_gcov\_test.pro: the tests, also measures the code coverage

Both projects center around a function called 'add', which is located in the 'my\_function.h' and 'my\_function.cpp' files, as shown here:

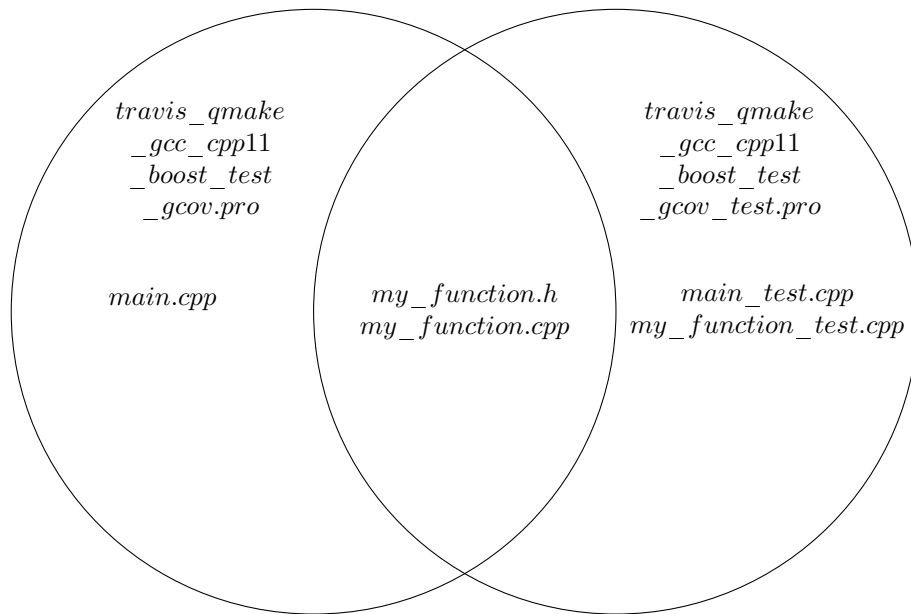


Figure 29: Venn diagram of the files uses in this build

Both of these are compiled both in release and debug mode.

### 10.2.1 The function

Same

### 10.2.2 Test build

The test build is the build that tests the function. It does not have a 'main.cpp' as the exe build has, but uses 'test\_my\_functions.cpp' as its main source file. This can be seen in the Qt Creator project file:

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**Algorithm 94** travis\_qmake\_gcc\_cpp11\_boost\_test\_gcov\_test.pro

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```
#CONFIG += console debug_and_release
CONFIG += console
CONFIG -= app_bundle
QT -= core gui
TEMPLATE = app
QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -Wall -Wextra -Weffc++ -Werror

CONFIG(release, debug|release) {
    DEFINES += NDEBUG
}

HEADERS += my_functions.h
SOURCES += my_functions.cpp \
    main_test.cpp \
    my_functions_test.cpp

# C++11
QMAKE_CXX = g++-5
QMAKE_LINK = g++-5
QMAKE_CC = gcc-5
QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -std=c++11

# Boost.Test
LIBS += -lboost_unit_test_framework

# gcov
QMAKE_CXXFLAGS += -fprofile-arcs -ftest-coverage
LIBS += -lgcov
```

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Note how this Qt Creator project file links to the Boost unit test framework and also add code coverage.

Its main source file is identical.

Its main testing file file is identical.

### 10.2.3 Normal build

The normal build is identical.

### 10.2.4 Build script

The bash build script to build, test and run this:



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**Algorithm 95** build\_test.sh

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```
#!/bin/bash
./clean.sh
qmake travis_qmake_gcc_cpp11_boost_test_gcov_test.pro
make
./travis_qmake_gcc_cpp11_boost_test_gcov_test
gcov-5 main_test.cpp
gcov-5 my_functions.cpp

# Create gcov files
#for filename in `ls *.cpp`; do gcov $filename; done
#for filename in `ls *.h`; do gcov $filename; done

# Display gcov files
#for filename in `ls *.h.gcov`; do cat $filename; done
#for filename in `ls *.cpp.gcov`; do cat $filename; done
```

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In this script both projects are compiled in both debug and release mode. All four exectables are run.

### 10.2.5 Travis script

Setting up Travis is done by the following .travis.yml:

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**Algorithm 96** .travis.yml

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```
sudo: true
language: cpp
compiler: gcc
addons:
  apt:
    packages: libboost-all-dev

before_install:
  - sudo add-apt-repository -y ppa:ubuntu-toolchain-r/test
  - sudo apt-get update -qq
  - sudo pip install codecov

install: sudo apt-get install -qq g++-5

script:
  - ./build_normal_debug.sh
  - ./build_normal_release.sh
  - ./build_test.sh

after_success:
  - codecov
```

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