cpp_novice_template

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This is a template for novices learning C++. It requires no C++ or cmake experience.

Software Requirements

- Git
- a C++ IDE that supports CMake (latest Visual Studio, Qt Creator, CLion, etc.)

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Usage

1. Open your IDE (latest Visual Studio, Qt Creator, CLion, etc.) or *configured* Editors (VSCode with CMake Tools, etc.).
2. In your IDE, open this unzipped folder `as a folder` or `as a cmake project`.

How to add a new program?

Basics

The best thing about studying C++ with cmake is that a single project can manage multiple programs: you're not required to setup a new project in order to do the next exercise.

In this template, you can simply add a program by:

1. open `CMakeLists.txt` in the root folder.
2. add `add_program(<program_name> <source_file1> [source_file2...])` (for example, `add_program(example_single src/example_single/main.cpp)`).
3. Reconfigure the project by using some button or reopening the IDE.

It's highly recommended to put your code inside `src` folder.

Headers

As for header files (`.h`, `.hpp`, etc.), you can simply put them together with source files. Then source files will be able to correctly `#include "<header_file>"`. For example, in `src/example_multiple` folder, `hello.cpp` can `#include "hello.hpp"` directly.

If you want to make a header file includable globally, you can put it inside `include` folder. For example, in `src/example_single` folder, `main.cpp` can `#include "add.hpp"` which is put inside `include` folder.

Install third-party libraries

See README_install_thirdparty_libraries.

References

I learnt cmake mostly from *Modern CMake for C++*.

What's more, this repository highly depends on aminya/project_options, which improves the CMake experience a lot.

For conan 2.0, the official documentation is helpful.

Details about this repository can be found in 对配置文件的解释.