

ppp3_novice_template

This is a template for novices learning *Programming: Principles and Practice Using C++ (3rd Edition)*. It requires no C++ or cmake experience.

Software Requirements

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

Download and unzip

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2. Click the `Download ZIP` button. This will download the latest repository as a zip file.
3. Unzip the downloaded zip file somewhere you are going to store your code.

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_code(<program_name> <source_file1> [source_file2...])` (for example, `add_code(example_single src/example_single/main.cpp)`).
3. Reconfigure the project by using some button or reopening the IDE.

The headers used in book is configured correctly by default, just do the `add_code` step, then you can `#include "PPP.h"` or `#include "PPPheaders.h"` freely.

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.

#include "PPP.h" issues error?

Currently the module feature is not supported well. If your `#include "PPP.h"` issues error, you should use `#include "PPPheaders.h"` instead of `#include "PPP.h"`.

TLDR: If you're using clang 18+ as the compiler or the latest version of Visual Studio 2022 as the IDE, you might be lucky enough to successfully `#include "PPP.h"`. But for now, you'll usually fail, and continuing to tinker with it will leave you physically and mentally exhausted.

click [here](#) to see current tools support for module. What's more,

- for MacOS homebrew clang users: There's a [bug](#) for homebrew clang with CMake's standard module library support, which requires your manual fix.
- for clangd users (possibly using VSCode, Qt Creator, vim, etc.): Although clangd has [supported module](#) since 19, it hasn't supported it very well.

Install Qt

Here I provide three ways to install Qt. After installation, You're able to use it in this project template directly.

(recommended) Download Qt installer and install it manually

1. Download Qt installer in [this link](#).
2. Double click the downloaded Qt installer to install it.

For more details, see [villevoutilainen/ProgrammingPrinciplesAndPracticeUsingQt](#).

Use vcpkg

Edit `CMakeLists.txt`, add a line `run_vcpkg()` between `include(fetch_project_options)` and `project(cpp_novice LANGUAGES CXX)`. That is:

```
1 cmake_minimum_required(VERSION 3.25)
2
3 list(APPEND CMAKE_MODULE_PATH "${CMAKE_CURRENT_SOURCE_DIR}/cmake")
4 include(enable_cpp_module NO_POLICY_SCOPE)
5 include(cpp_novice_fetch_project_options)
6
7 run_vcpkg()
8 project(cpp_novice LANGUAGES CXX)
```

Reopen your IDE. Then if you're lucky, the installation should have happened automatically.

Use conan

1. Install conan 2 somehow.

2. [Similarly](#), add `run_conan()` between `include(fetch_project_options)` and `project(cpp_novice LANGUAGES CXX)`.
3. Reopen your IDE.

If you're lucky, the installation should have happened automatically.

Install other 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](#).