



# Using an XML Parser

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# Objective

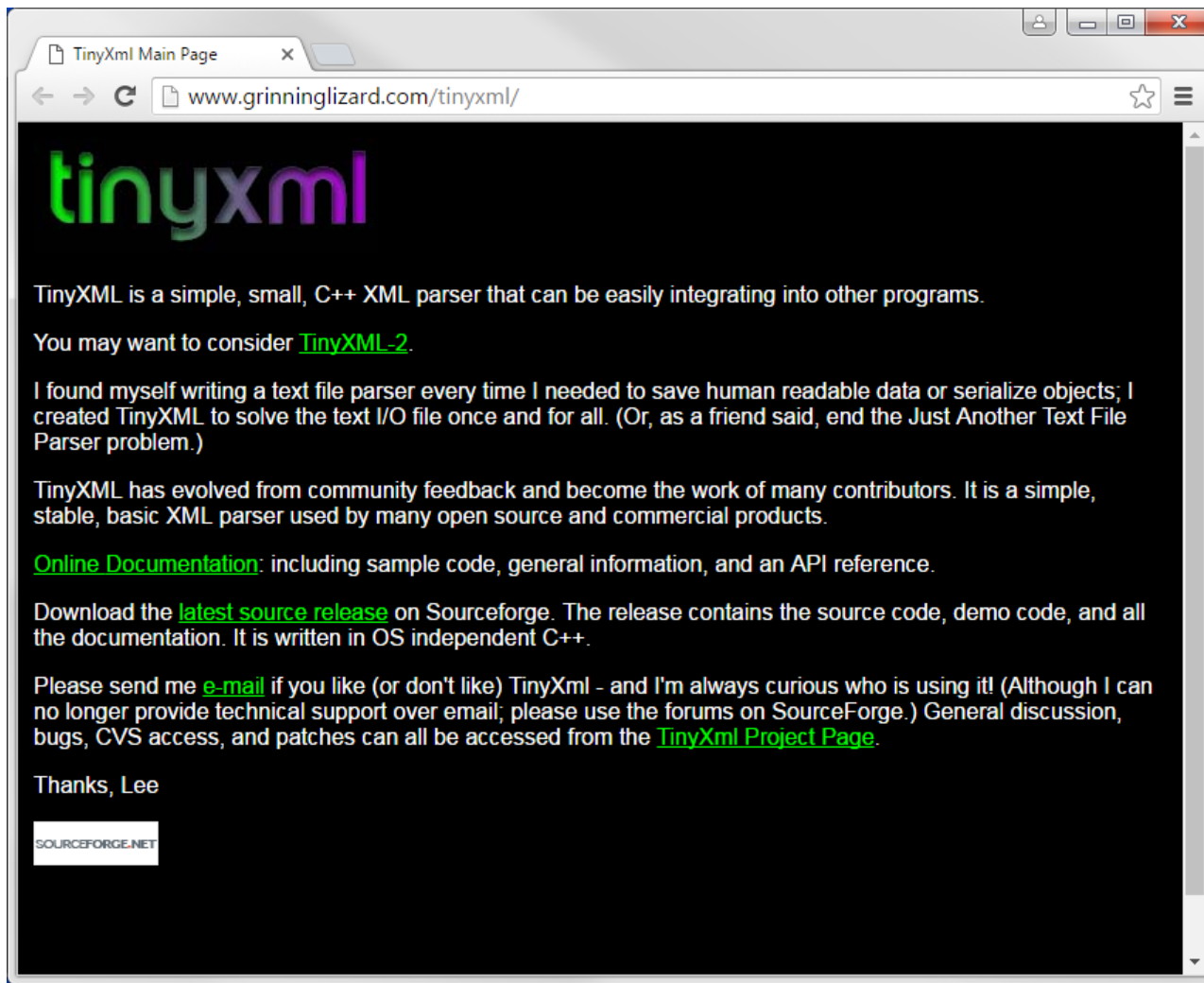
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- You will be able to use a publically available open source parser to convert an XML file into an internal data structure accessible by your C++ code.



# tinyxml

<http://www.grinninglizard.com/tinyxml/>



# Download from sourceforge

<http://sourceforge.net/projects/tinyxml/>



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the SourceForge project page for TinyXML. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://sourceforge.net/projects/tinyxml/>. The SourceForge logo is at the top left, with a search bar and navigation links (Browse, Enterprise, Blog, Download) to its right. Below the logo, there are links for SOLUTION CENTERS, Go Parallel, Resources, Newsletters, and Cloud Storage Providers. A featured download banner for IBM Bluemix Platform is visible. The main content area shows the project name "TinyXML" with a subtext "Brought to you by: leethomason". A navigation bar includes links for Summary, Files, Reviews, Support, Wiki, Tickets, News, Discussion, Git, and CVS. The project statistics section shows 4.7 Stars (64), 1,678 Downloads (This Week), and a last update date of 2015-03-23. Social media links for Twitter, Google+, and Facebook are also present. A prominent green "Download" button is labeled "tinyxml\_2\_6\_2.zip". Below the download button, there are icons for Windows, Linux, and Mac OS. A "Browse All Files" link is also visible. The description section states: "TinyXML is a simple, small, minimal, C++ XML parser that can be easily integrating into other programs. It reads XML and creates C++ objects representing the XML document. The objects can be manipulated, changed, and saved again as XML."



# Getting Started

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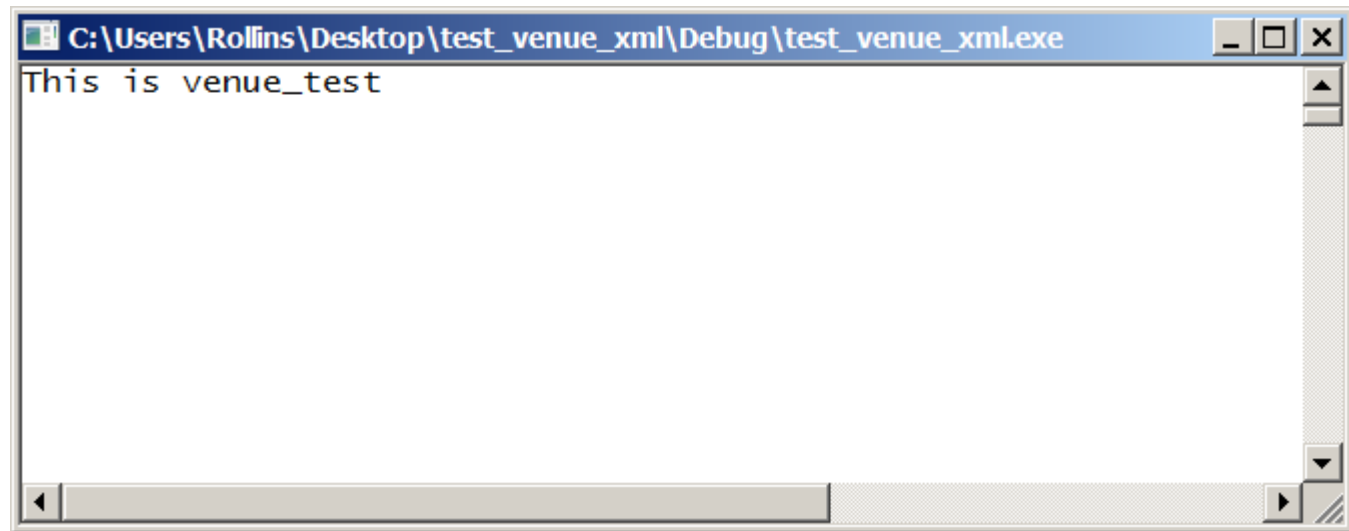
- Create a new empty C++ console application.
  - test\_venue.xml
- Add new item test\_venue.cpp
- Start with Hello World.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
{
    cout << "This is venue_test\n";

    cin.get();
    cin.get();
    return 0;
}
```

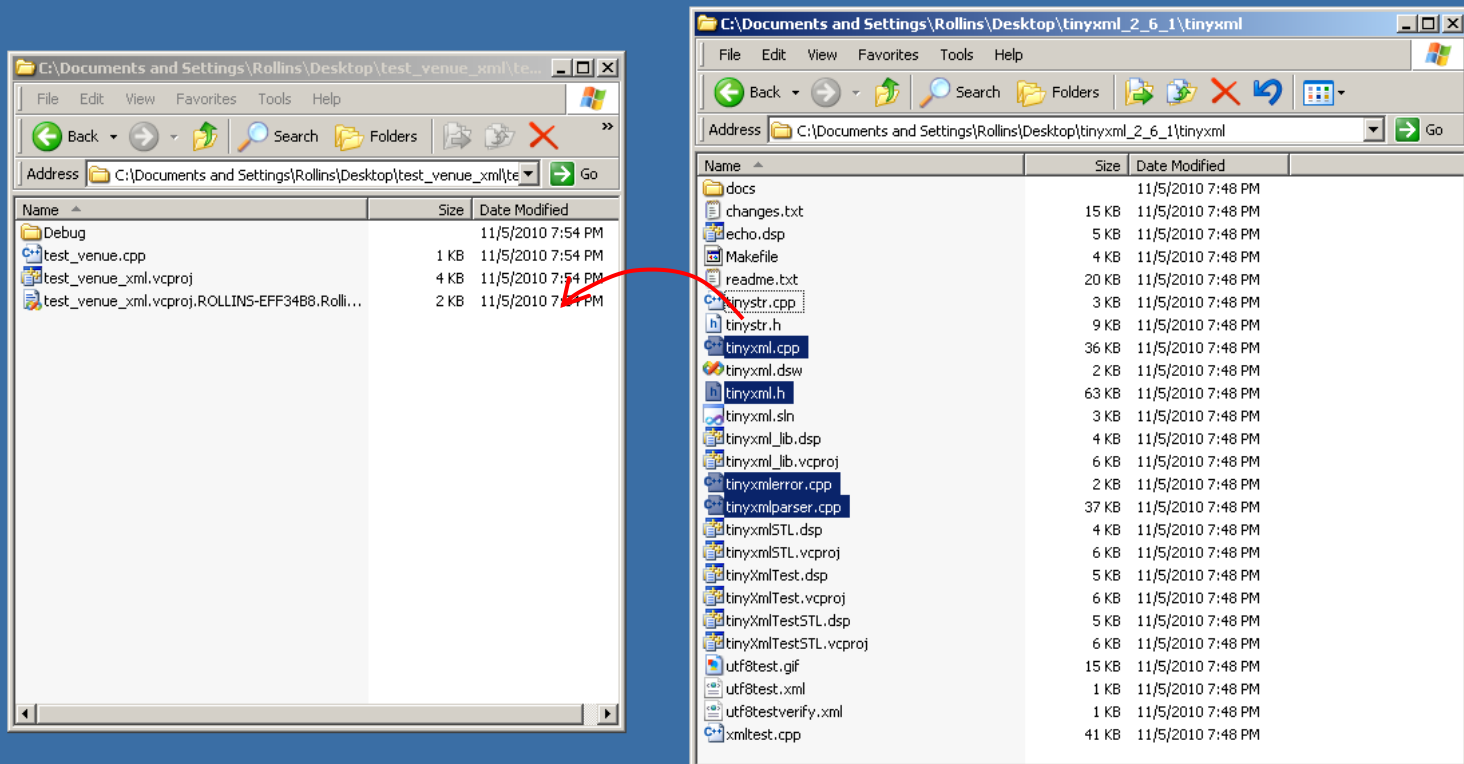
Build and Run

# test\_venue\_xml

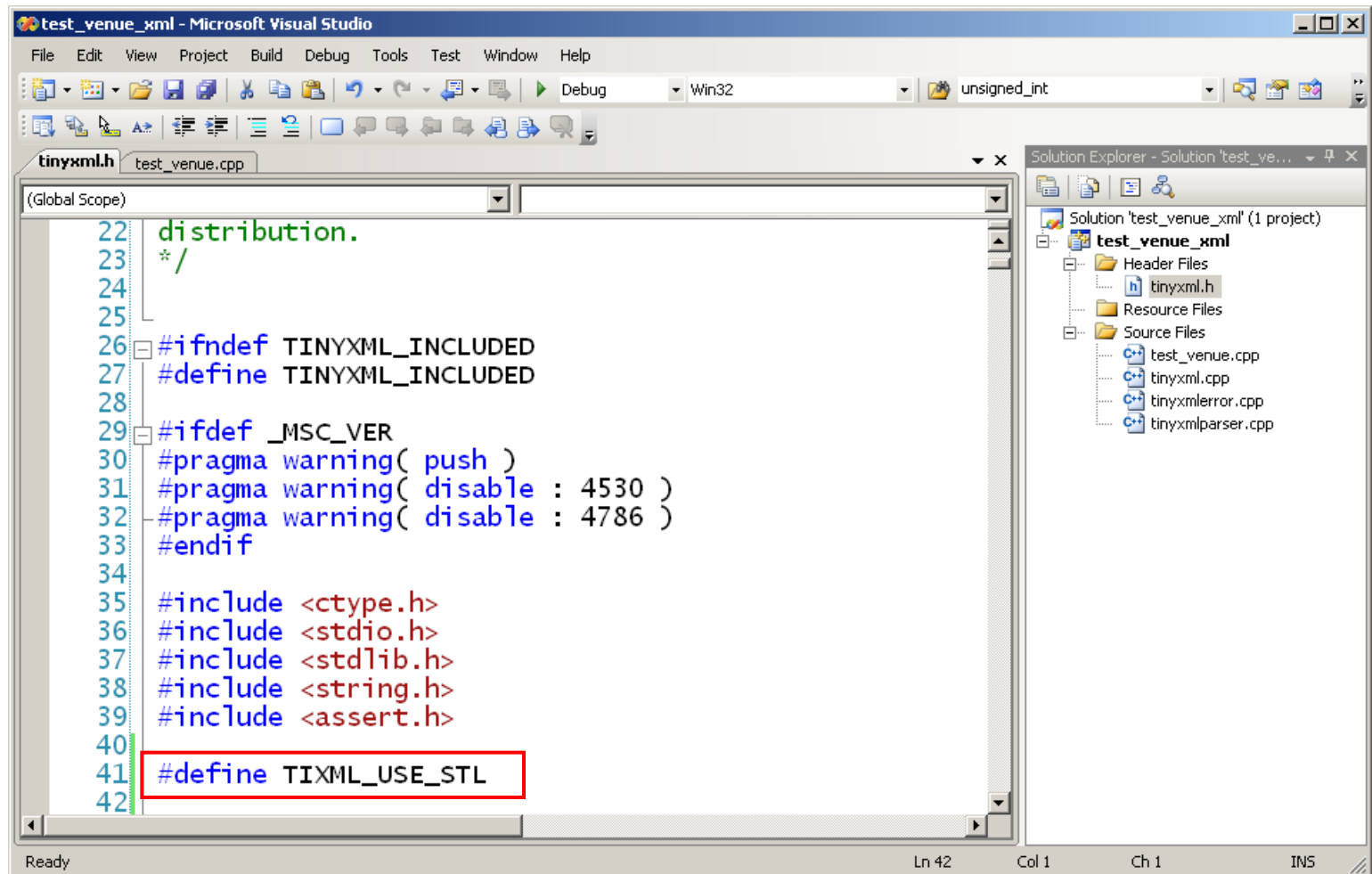


# Copy Downloaded Source files

- Copy tinyxml source files into the project directory and add to project.
  - tinyxml.cpp, tinyxml.h, tinyxmlerror.cpp, tinyxmlparser.cpp



# Add a #define to tinyxml.h



The screenshot shows the Microsoft Visual Studio IDE with the 'test\_venue\_xml' project open. The 'tinyxml.h' header file is displayed in the editor. The code in the editor is as follows:

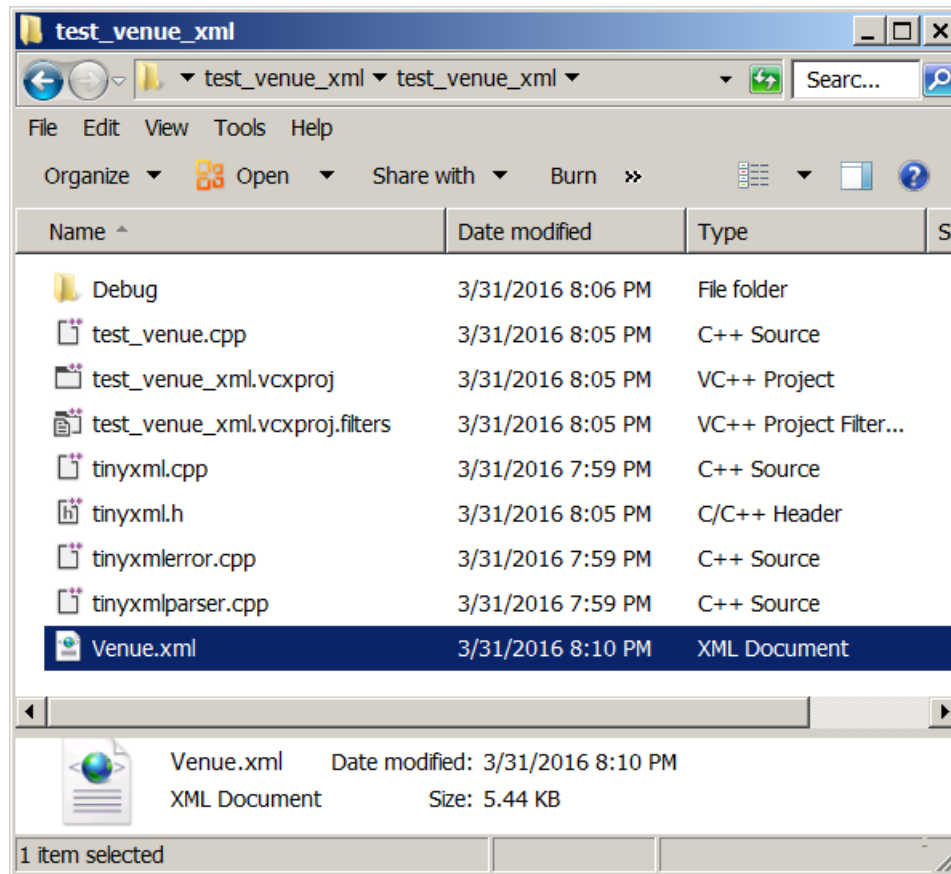
```
22 distribution.  
23 */  
24  
25  
26 #ifndef TINYXML_INCLUDED  
27 #define TINYXML_INCLUDED  
28  
29 #ifdef _MSC_VER  
30 #pragma warning( push )  
31 #pragma warning( disable : 4530 )  
32 #pragma warning( disable : 4786 )  
33 #endif  
34  
35 #include <ctype.h>  
36 #include <stdio.h>  
37 #include <stdlib.h>  
38 #include <string.h>  
39 #include <assert.h>  
40  
41 #define TIXML_USE_STL  
42
```

The line 41, `#define TIXML_USE_STL`, is highlighted with a red rectangle. The Solution Explorer on the right shows the project structure for 'test\_venue\_xml' (1 project), which includes Header Files, Resource Files, and Source Files. The Source Files folder contains 'test\_venue.cpp', 'tinyxml.cpp', 'tinyxmlerror.cpp', and 'tinyxmlparser.cpp'.



# venue.xml

- Download venue.xml
- Copy venue.xml into the project folder



# test\_venue.cpp

```
#include <iostream>
#include <string>
#include <cassert>
#include "tinyxml.h"

using namespace std;
int main()
{
    cout << "This is venue_test\n";
    string filename = "Venue.xml";
    TiXmlDocument doc(filename);

    bool loadOkay = doc.LoadFile();
    if (!loadOkay)
    {
        cout << "Could not load file " << filename << endl;
        cout << "Error='" << doc.ErrorDesc() << "'. Exiting.\n";
        cin.get();
        exit( 1 );
    }
    cout << filename << " read from disk " << endl;
    cout << "Printing via doc.Print \n";
    doc.Print( stdout );
    cin.get();
    return 0;
}
```

## Build and Run

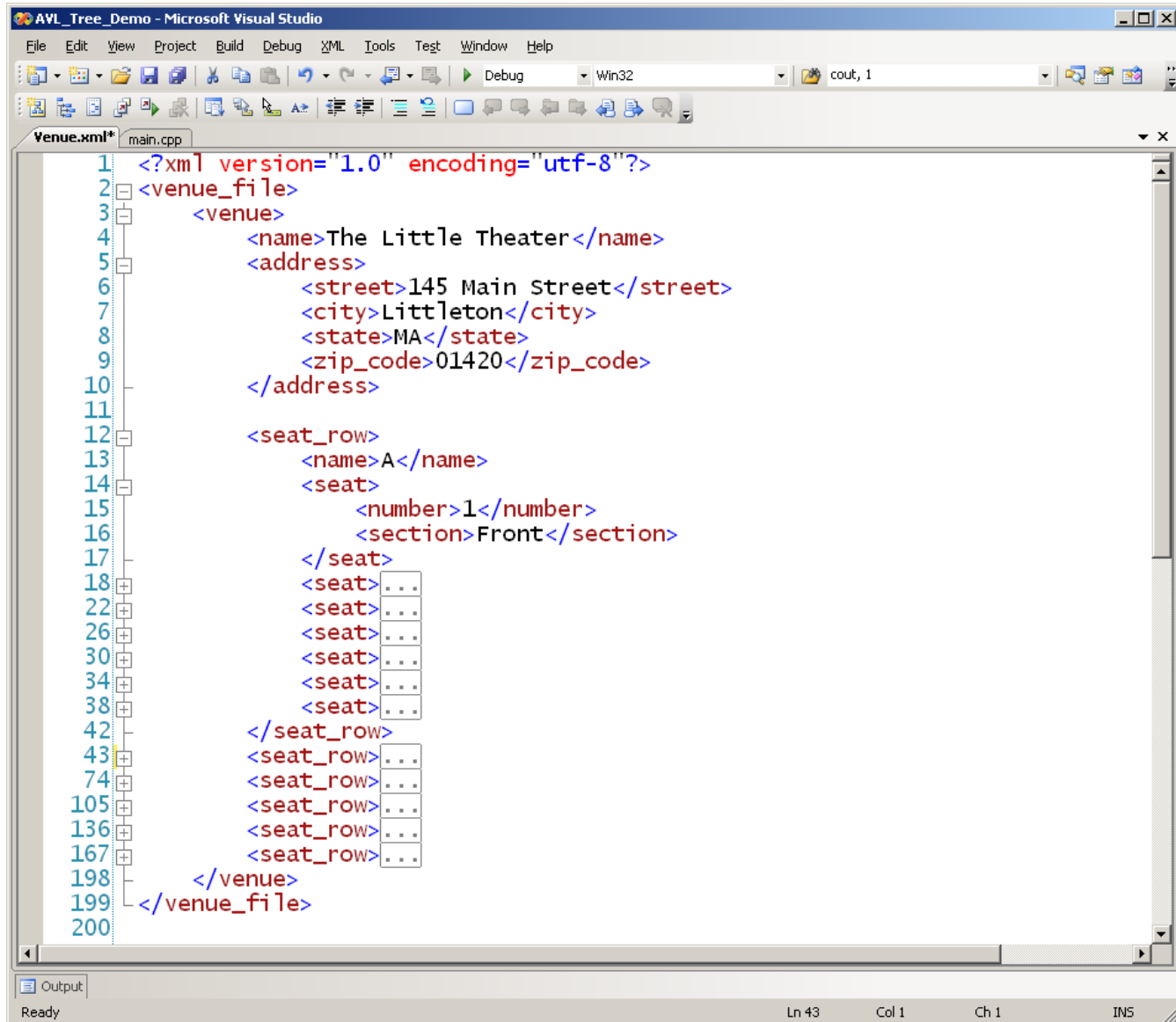
# Initial Test Run

```
c:\Documents and Settings\Rollins\Desktop\test_venue_xml\Debug\test_venue_xml.exe
This is venue_test
Demo doc read from disk
Printing via doc.Print
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
<venue_file>
  <venue>
    <name>The Little Theater</name>
    <address>
      <street>145 Main Street</street>
      <city>Littleton</city>
      <state>MA</state>
      <zip_code>01420</zip_code>
    </address>
    <seat_row>
      <name>A</name>
      <seat>
        <number>1</number>
        <section>Front</section>
      </seat>
      <seat>
        <number>2</number>
        <section>Front</section>
      </seat>
      <seat>
        <number>3</number>
        <section>Front</section>
      </seat>
      <seat>
        <number>4</number>
        <section>Front</section>
      </seat>
      <seat>
        <number>5</number>
        <section>Front</section>
      </seat>
    </seat_row>
  </venue>
</venue_file>
```

# Initial Test Run (continued)

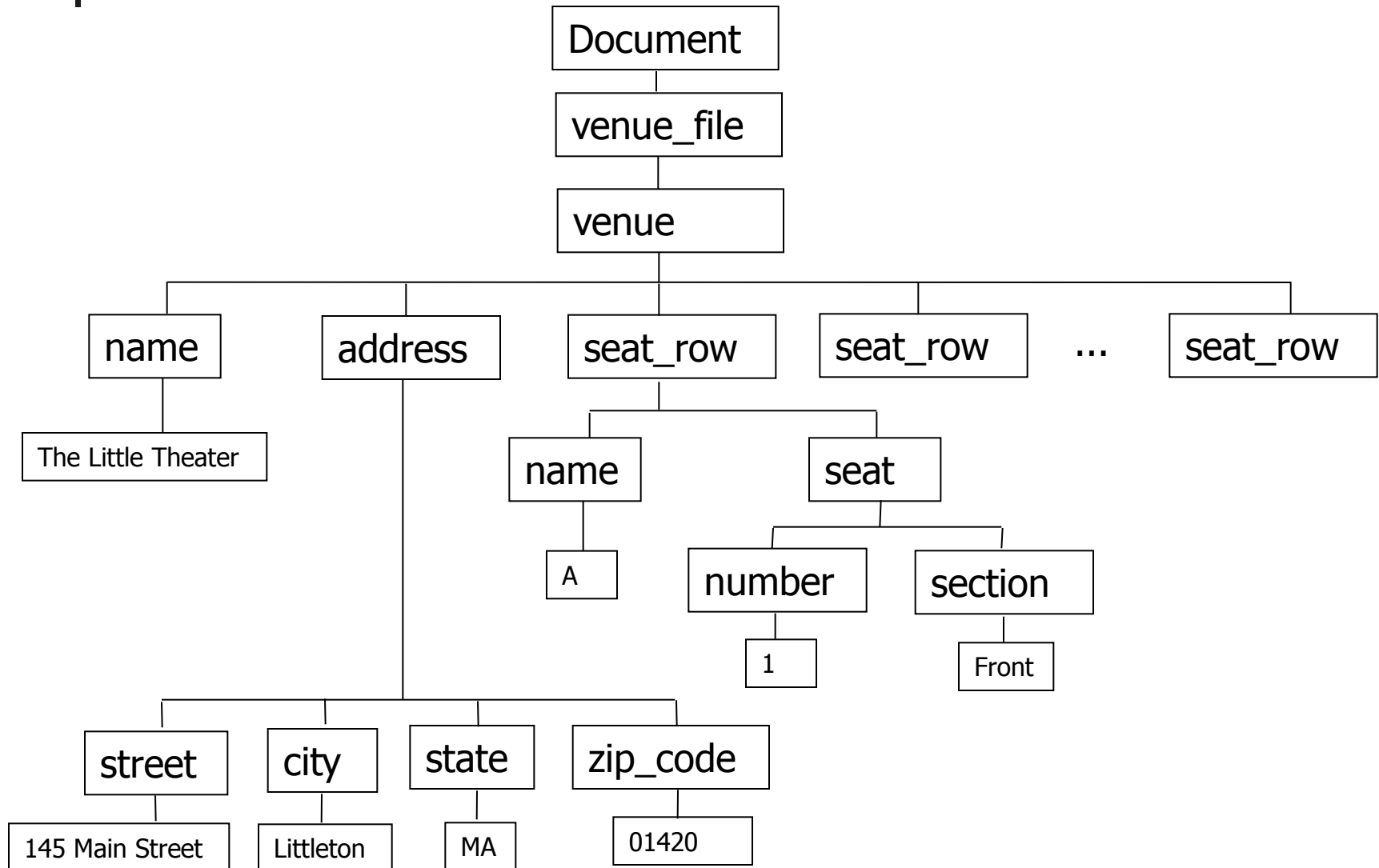
```
c:\Documents and Settings\Rollins\Desktop\test_venue_xml\Debug\test_venue_xml.exe
<seat_row>
  <name>F</name>
  <seat>
    <number>1</number>
    <section>Back</section>
  </seat>
  <seat>
    <number>2</number>
    <section>Back</section>
  </seat>
  <seat>
    <number>3</number>
    <section>Back</section>
  </seat>
  <seat>
    <number>4</number>
    <section>Back</section>
  </seat>
  <seat>
    <number>5</number>
    <section>Back</section>
  </seat>
  <seat>
    <number>6</number>
    <section>Back</section>
  </seat>
  <seat>
    <number>7</number>
    <section>Back</section>
  </seat>
</seat_row>
</venue>
</venue_file>
```

# Venue.xml



```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
2 <venue_file>
3   <venue>
4     <name>The Little Theater</name>
5     <address>
6       <street>145 Main Street</street>
7       <city>Littleton</city>
8       <state>MA</state>
9       <zip_code>01420</zip_code>
10    </address>
11
12    <seat_row>
13      <name>A</name>
14      <seat>
15        <number>1</number>
16        <section>Front</section>
17      </seat>
18      <seat>...
22      <seat>...
26      <seat>...
30      <seat>...
34      <seat>...
38      <seat>...
42    </seat_row>
43    <seat_row>...
74    <seat_row>...
105   <seat_row>...
136   <seat_row>...
167   <seat_row>...
198 </venue>
199 </venue_file>
200
```

# Venue.xml DOM





# Reading Nodes from the DOM

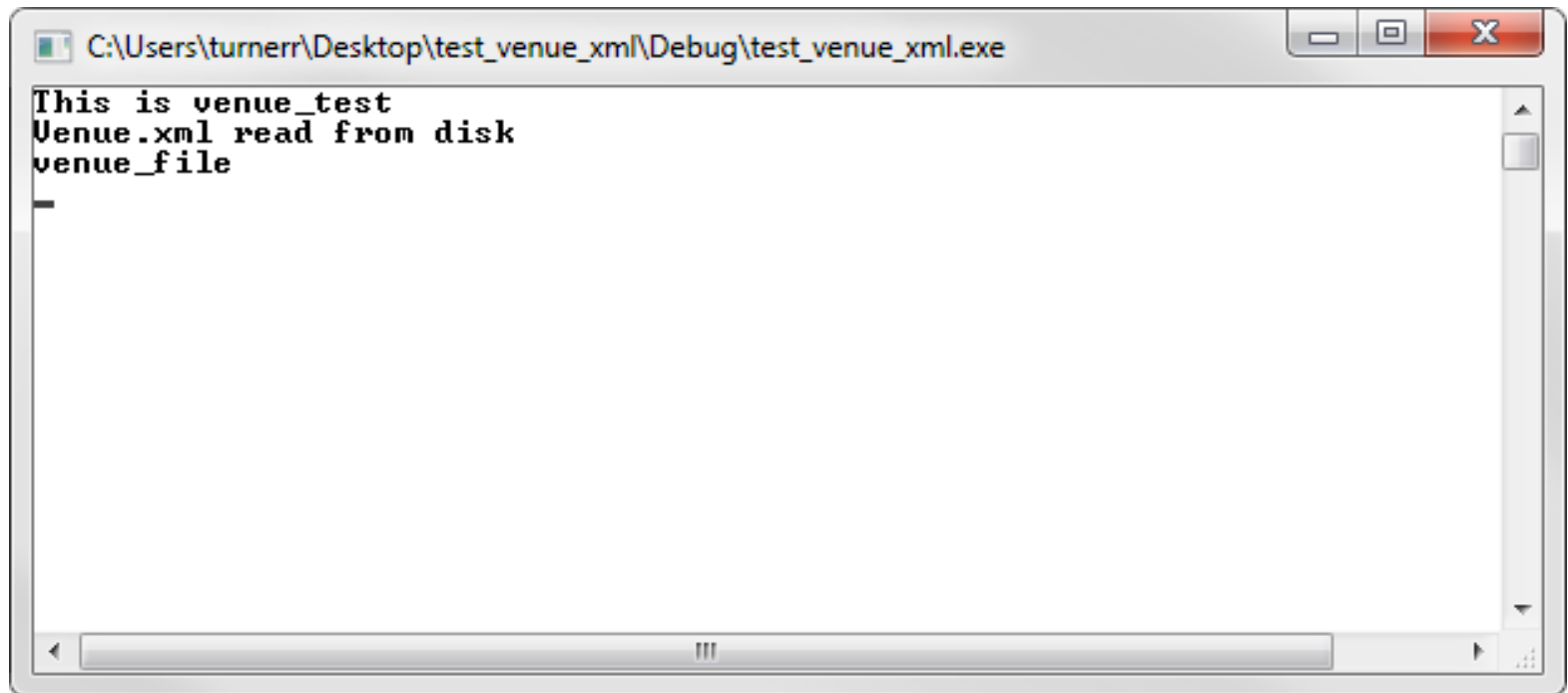
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- Add at end of main():

```
TiXmlNode* venue_file_node = doc.FirstChild("venue_file");  
assert(venue_file_node != 0);  
cout << venue_file_node->Value() << endl;  
  
cin.get();  
return 0;  
}
```

- Comment out doc.Print

# The First Node



```
C:\Users\turnerr\Desktop\test_venue_xml\Debug\test_venue_xml.exe  
This is venue_test  
Venue.xml read from disk  
venue_file
```





# Navigating the DOM

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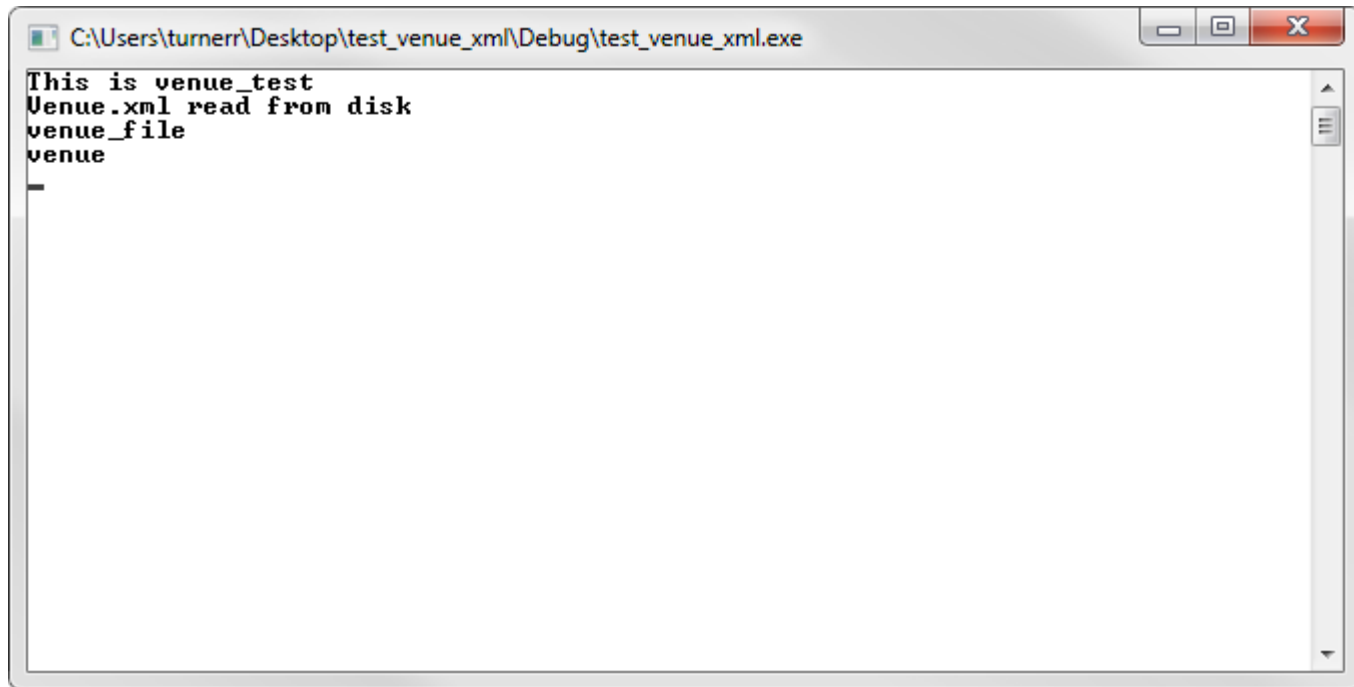
```
TiXmlNode* venue_file_node = doc.FirstChild("venue_file");  
assert(venue_file_node != 0);  
cout << venue_file_node->Value() << endl;
```

```
TiXmlNode* venue_node = venue_file_node->FirstChild();  
assert(venue_node != 0);  
cout << venue_node->Value() << endl;
```

```
cin.get();  
return 0;
```

```
}
```

# Second Node



```
C:\Users\turnerr\Desktop\test_venue_xml\Debug\test_venue_xml.exe  
This is venue_test  
Venue.xml read from disk  
venue_file  
venue  
-
```



# More Nodes

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```
TiXmlNode* venue_file_node = doc.FirstChild("venue_file");  
assert(venue_file_node != 0);  
cout << venue_file_node->Value() << endl;
```

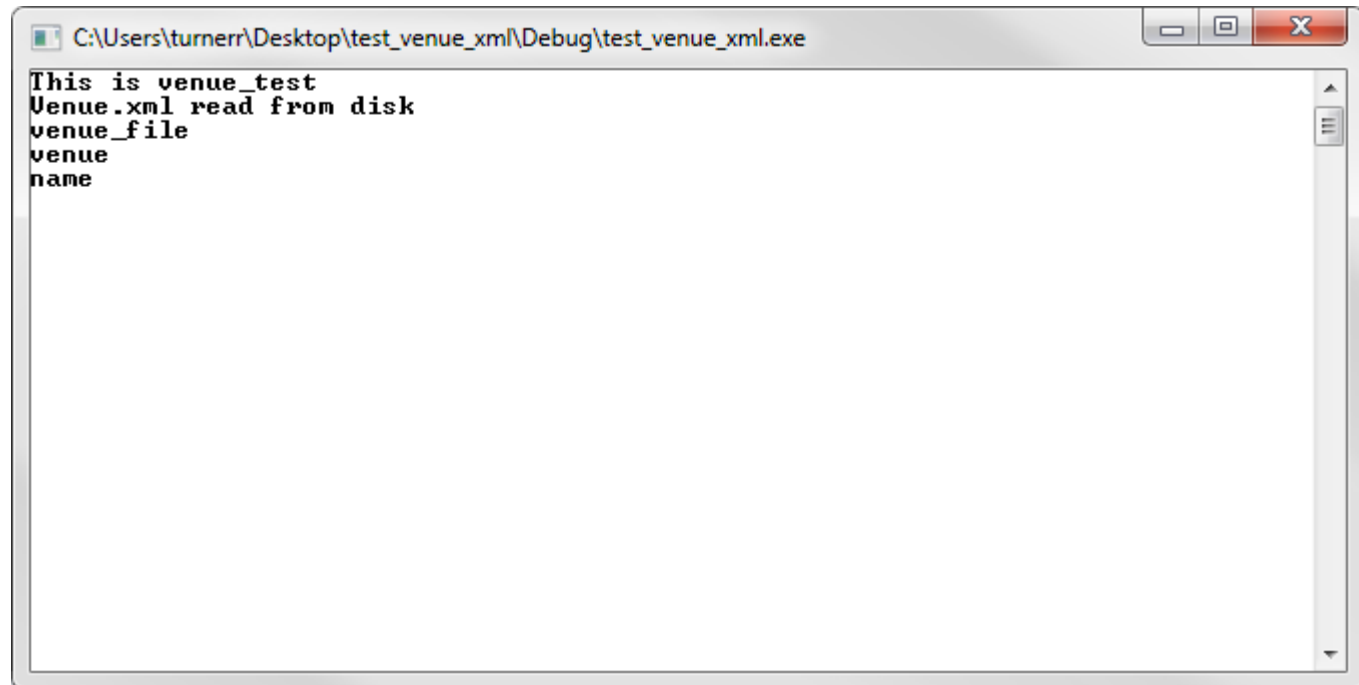
```
TiXmlNode* venue_node = venue_file_node->FirstChild();  
assert(venue_node != 0);  
cout << venue_node->Value() << endl;
```

```
TiXmlNode* name_node = venue_node->FirstChild();  
assert(name_node != 0);  
cout << name_node->Value() << endl;
```

```
cin.get();  
return 0;
```

```
}
```

# More Nodes



```
C:\Users\turnerr\Desktop\test_venue_xml\Debug\test_venue_xml.exe  
This is venue_test  
Venue.xml read from disk  
venue_file  
venue  
name
```



# A Text Value

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```
TiXmlNode* venue_file_node = doc.FirstChild("venue_file");  
assert(venue_file_node != 0);  
cout << venue_file_node->Value() << endl;
```

```
TiXmlNode* venue_node = venue_file_node->FirstChild();  
assert(venue_node != 0);  
cout << venue_node->Value() << endl;
```

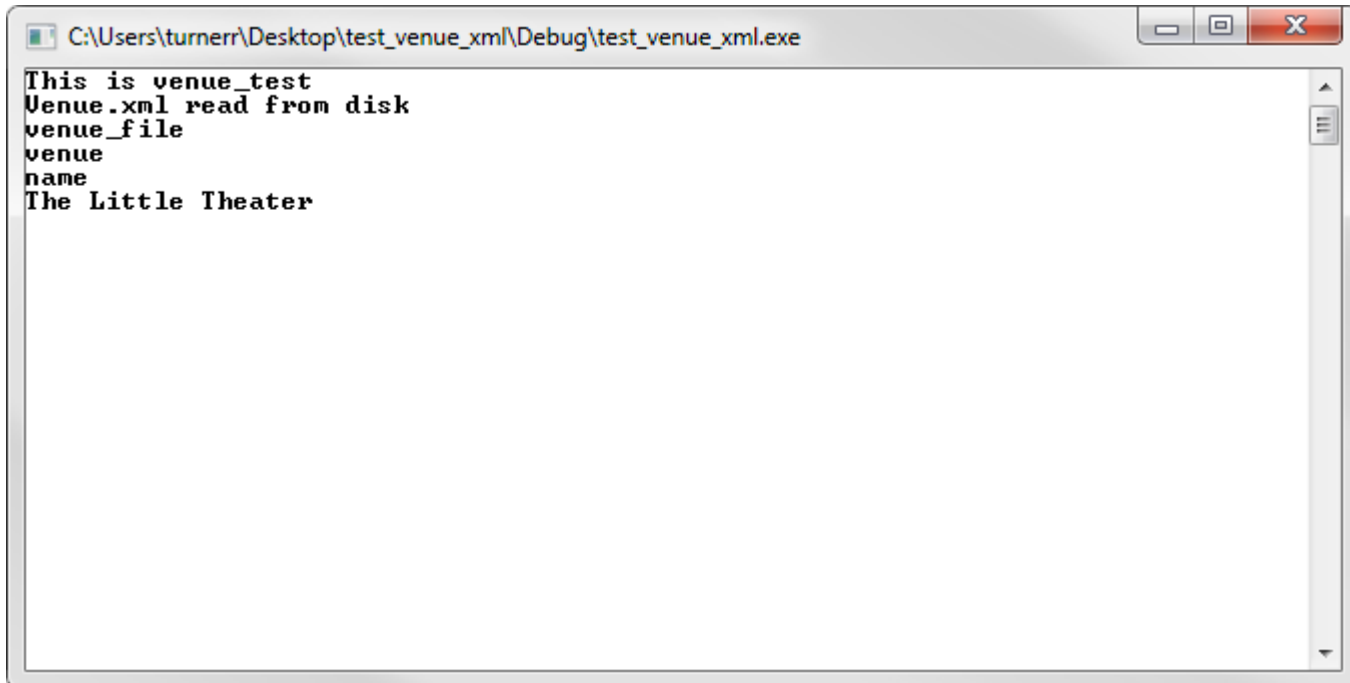
```
TiXmlNode* name_node = venue_node->FirstChild();  
assert(name_node != 0);  
cout << name_node->Value() << endl;
```

```
TiXmlNode* name_text_node = name_node->FirstChild();  
assert(name_text_node != 0);  
cout << name_text_node->Value() << endl;
```

```
cin.get();  
return 0;
```

```
}
```

# A Text Value



```
C:\Users\turnerr\Desktop\test_venue_xml\Debug\test_venue_xml.exe
This is venue_test
Venue.xml read from disk
venue_file
venue
name
The Little Theater
```

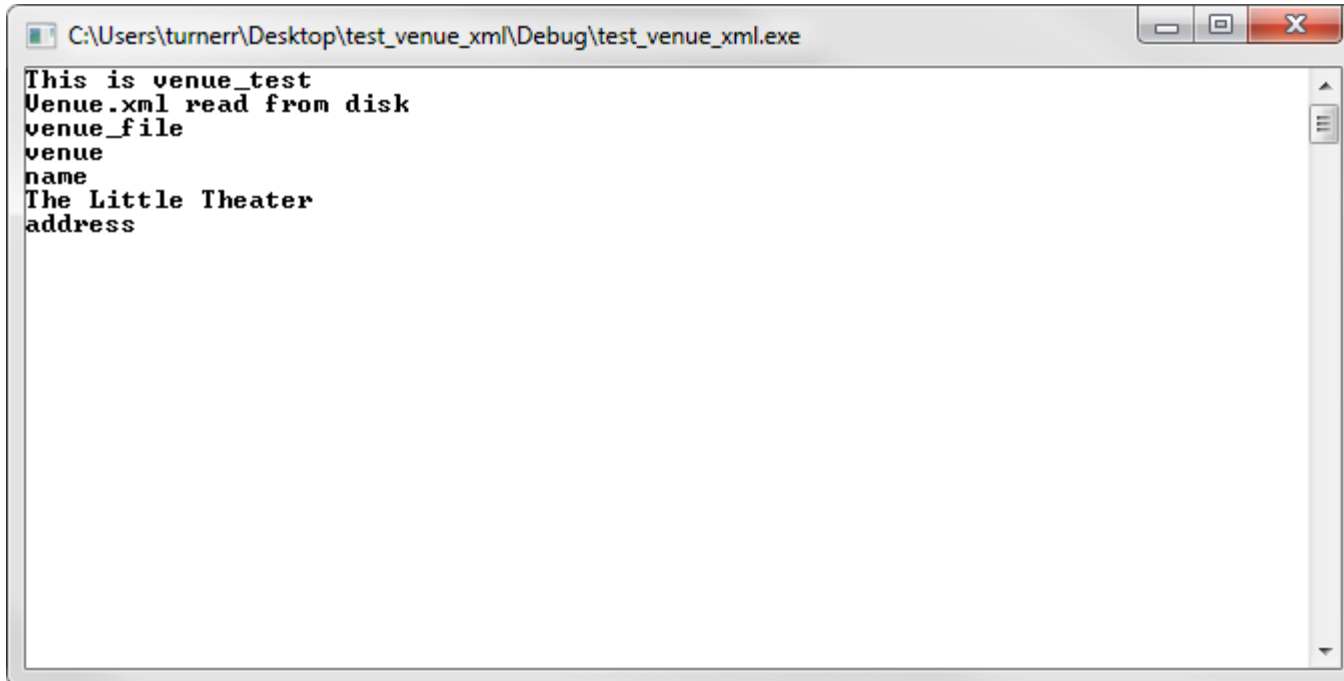


# The Address Node

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```
TiXmlNode* address_node = name_node->NextSibling();  
assert(address_node != 0);  
cout << address_node->Value() << endl;  
  
cin.get();  
return 0;  
}
```

# The Address Node



```
C:\Users\turnerr\Desktop\test_venue_xml\Debug\test_venue_xml.exe
This is venue_test
Venue.xml read from disk
venue_file
venue
name
The Little Theater
address
```



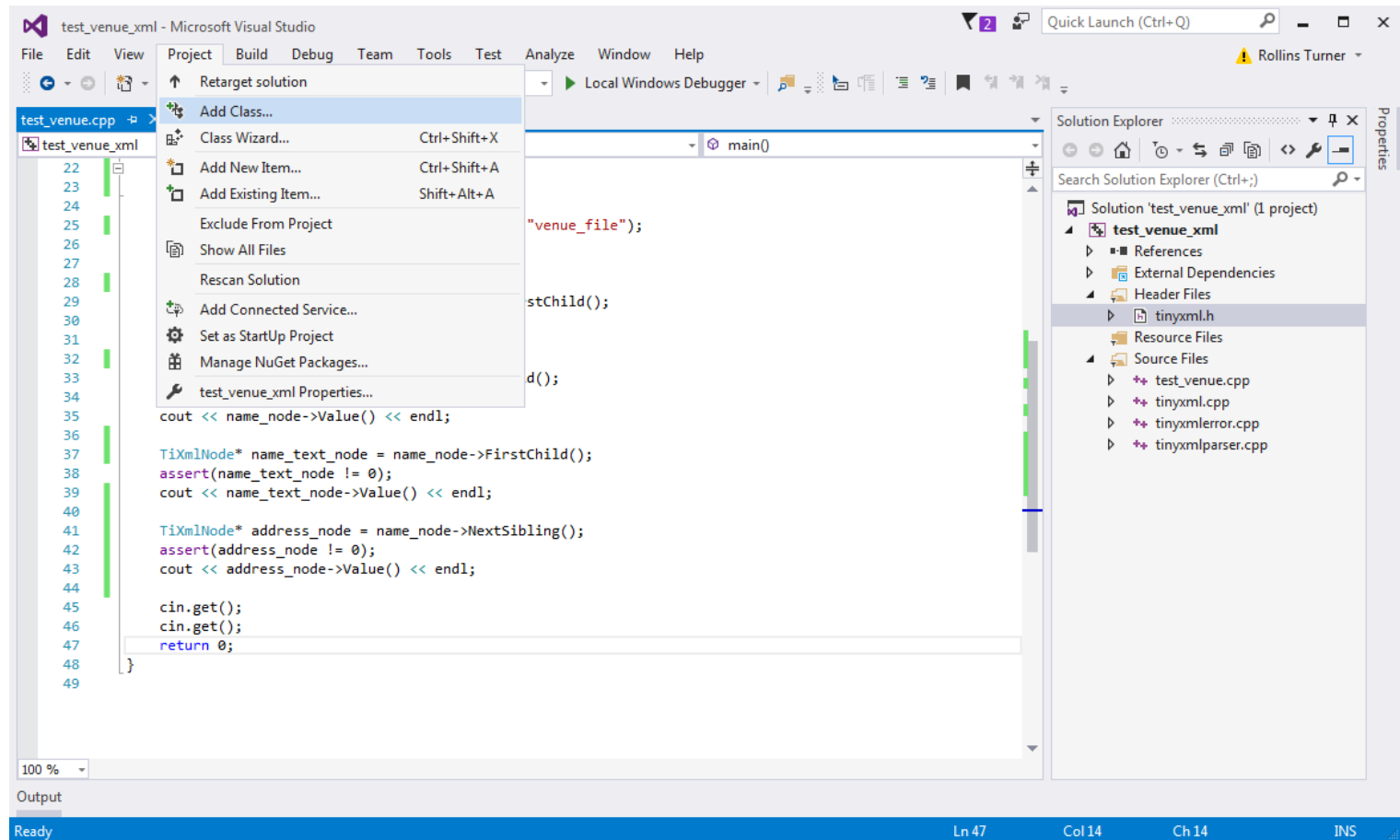


# Adding a Boundary Class

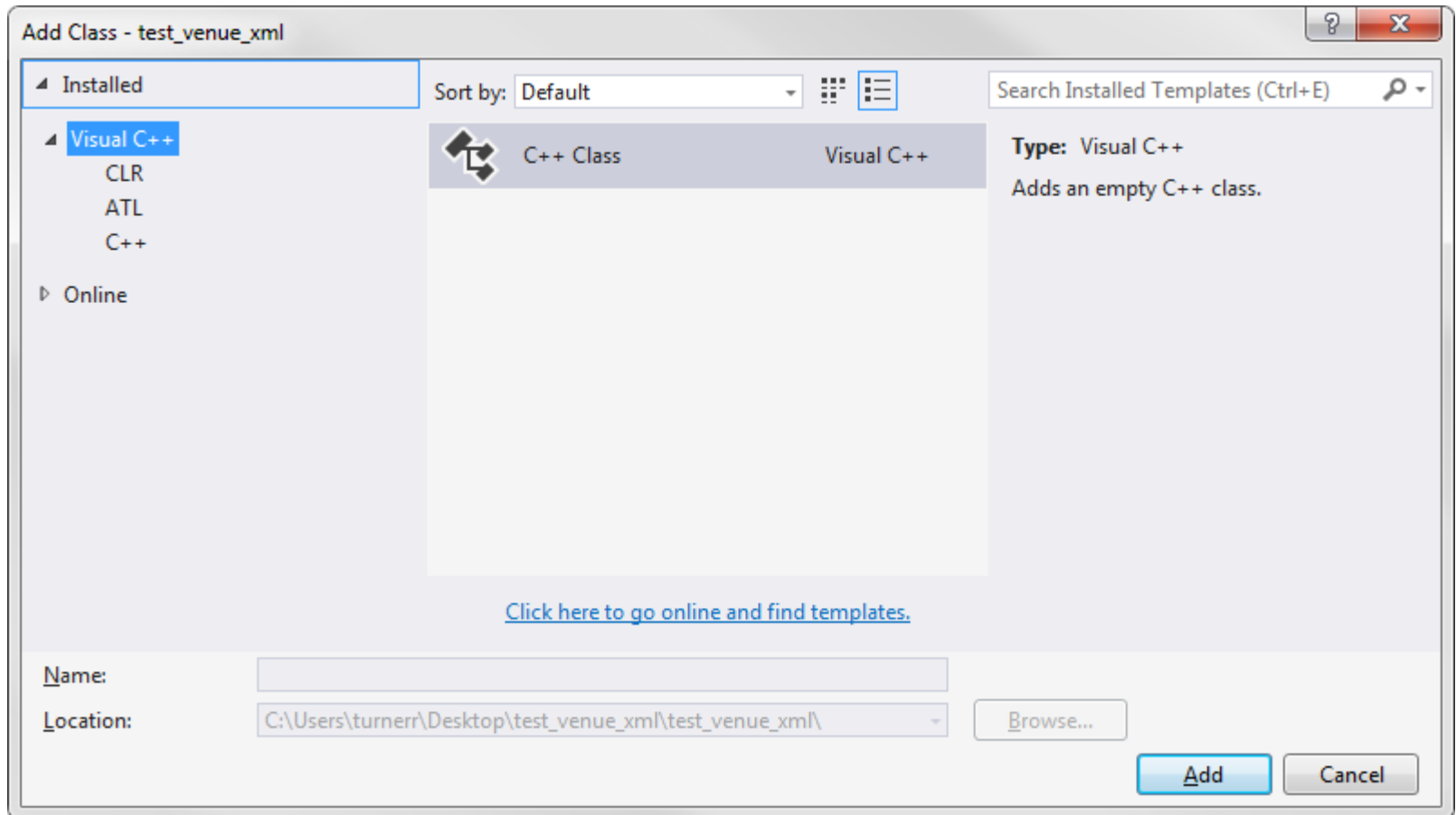
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- `main()` is getter verbose!
- Let's put this code into a boundary class.
- Add class `Venue_from_Xml`
  - static method `Get_Venue(TiXmlNode* venue_node)`

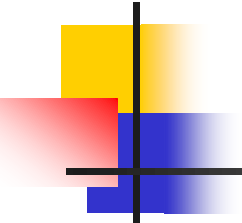
# Add Class to Project




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Generic C++ Class Wizard - test\_venue\_xml

 **Welcome to the Generic C++ Class Wizard**

Class name: Venue\_from\_Xml

Base class:

.h file: Venue\_from\_Xml.h

Access: public

.cpp file: Venue\_from\_Xml.cpp

☐ Virtual destructor

☐ Inline

☐ Managed

Finish Cancel



# Venue\_from\_Xml.h

---

```
#pragma once
#include "tinyxml.h"

class Venue_from_Xml
{

public:
    static void Get_Venue(TiXmlNode* venue_node);
};
```



# Venue\_from\_Xml.cpp

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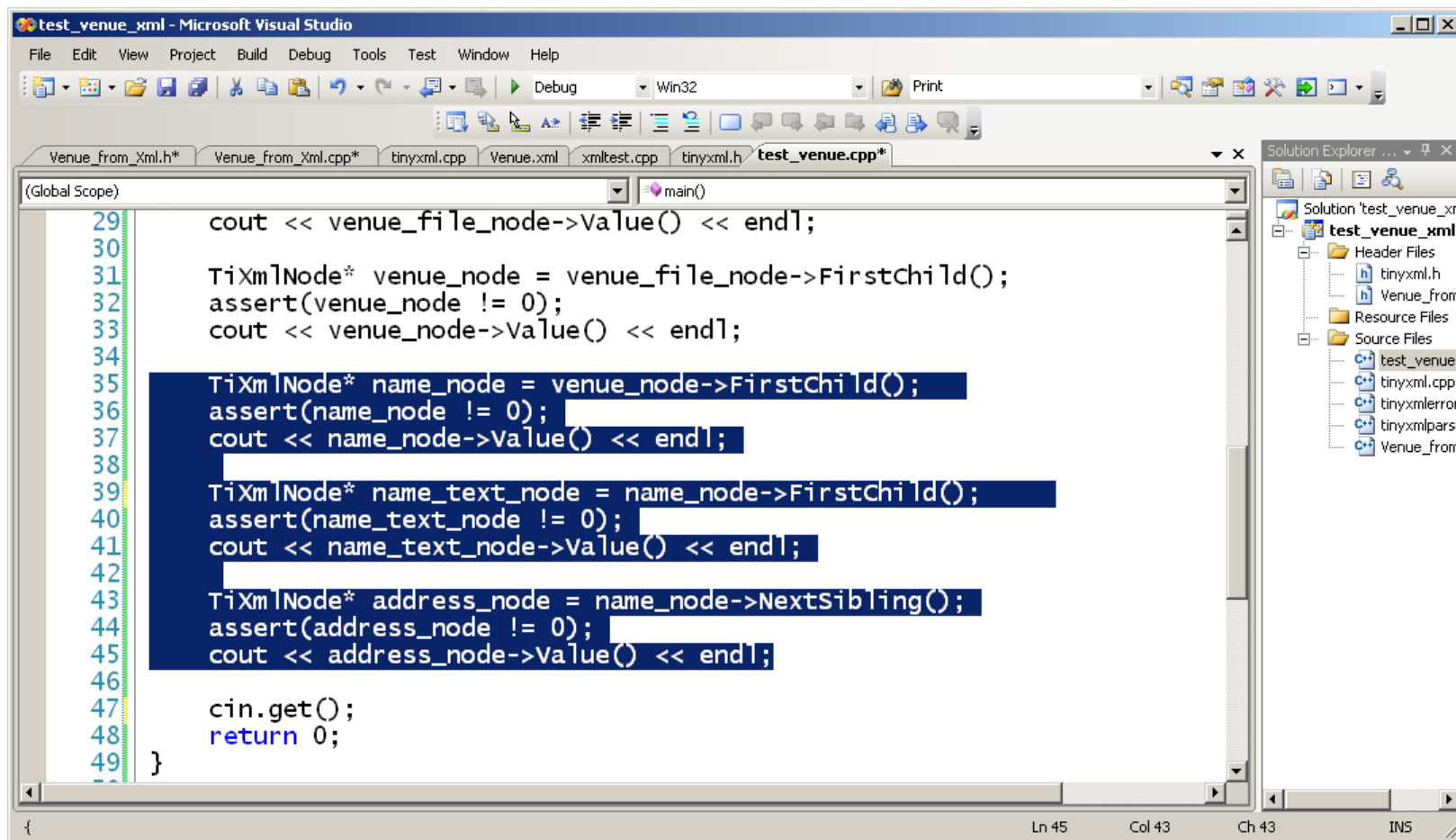
```
#include <iostream>
#include "Venue_from_Xml.h"
#include "tinyxml.h"
using namespace std;

void Venue_from_Xml::Get_Venue(TiXmlNode* venue_node)
{

}
```

# Move Code from main()

Add #include "Venue\_from\_Xml.h"



The screenshot shows the Microsoft Visual Studio IDE with the file `test_venue.cpp` open. The code in the `main()` function is as follows:

```
29 cout << venue_file_node->Value() << endl;  
30  
31 TiXmlNode* venue_node = venue_file_node->FirstChild();  
32 assert(venue_node != 0);  
33 cout << venue_node->Value() << endl;  
34  
35 TiXmlNode* name_node = venue_node->FirstChild();  
36 assert(name_node != 0);  
37 cout << name_node->Value() << endl;  
38  
39 TiXmlNode* name_text_node = name_node->FirstChild();  
40 assert(name_text_node != 0);  
41 cout << name_text_node->Value() << endl;  
42  
43 TiXmlNode* address_node = name_node->NextSibling();  
44 assert(address_node != 0);  
45 cout << address_node->Value() << endl;  
46  
47 cin.get();  
48 return 0;  
49 }
```

The code blocks from line 35 to 45 are highlighted in blue, indicating they are to be moved to `Venue_from_Xml.cpp`. The Solution Explorer on the right shows the project structure for `test_venue_xml`, including header files (`tinysql.h`, `Venue_from.h`), resource files, and source files (`test_venue.cpp`, `tinysql.cpp`, `tinysqlerror`, `tinysqlparse`, `Venue_from`).

Move these statements to Venue\_from\_Xml.cpp

Replace with call to `Venue_from_Xml::Get_Venue(venue_node)`



# Venue\_from\_Xml.cpp

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```
#include <iostream>
#include "Venue_from_Xml.h"
#include "tinysql.h"
using namespace std;

void Venue_from_Xml::Get_Venue(TiXmlNode* venue_node)
{
    TiXmlNode* name_node = venue_node->FirstChild();
    assert(name_node != 0);
    cout << name_node->Value() << endl;

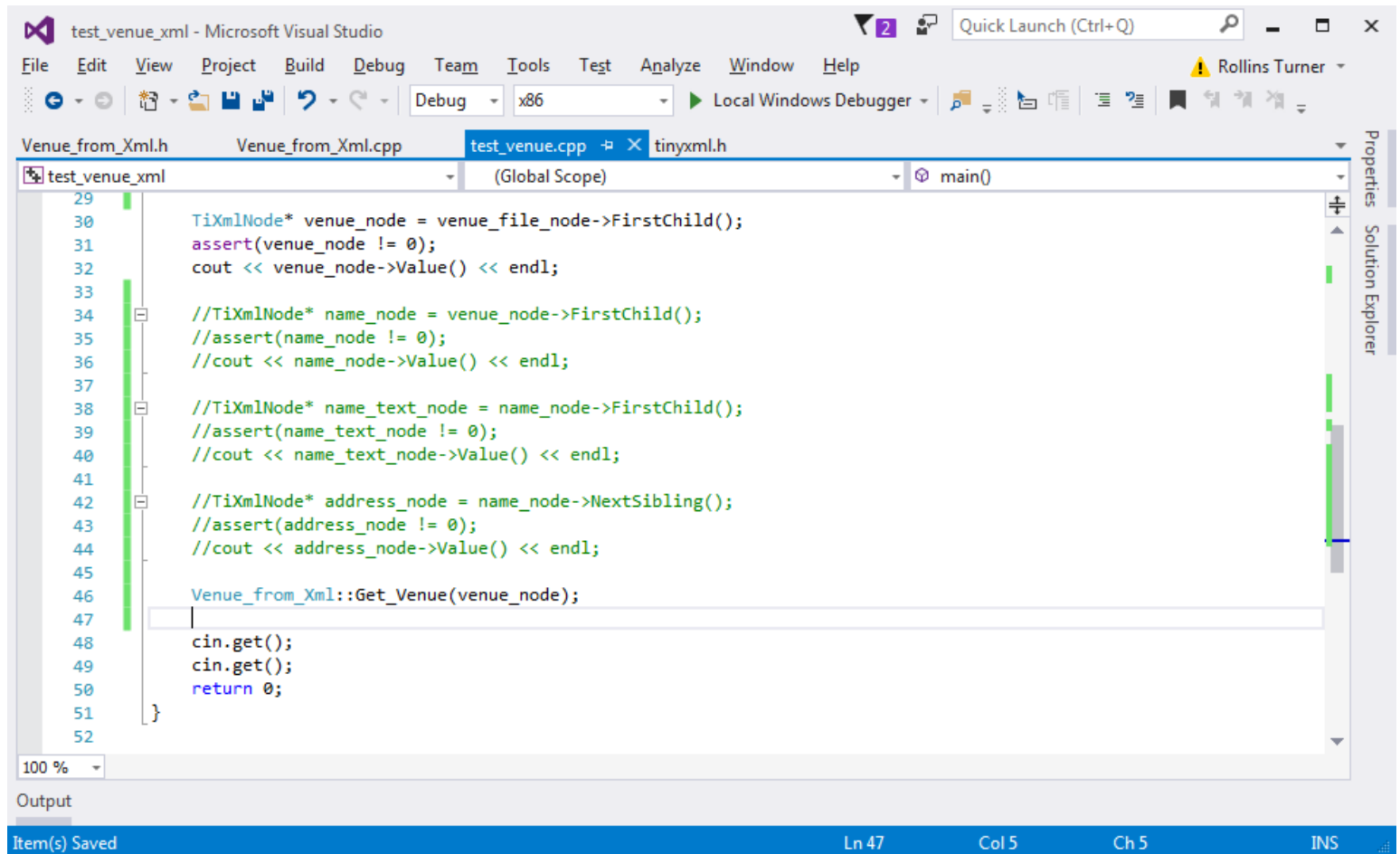
    TiXmlNode* name_text_node = name_node->FirstChild();
    assert(name_text_node != 0);
    cout << name_text_node->Value() << endl;

    TiXmlNode* address_node = name_node->NextSibling();
    assert(address_node != 0);
    cout << address_node->Value() << endl;
}
```



# test\_venue.cpp

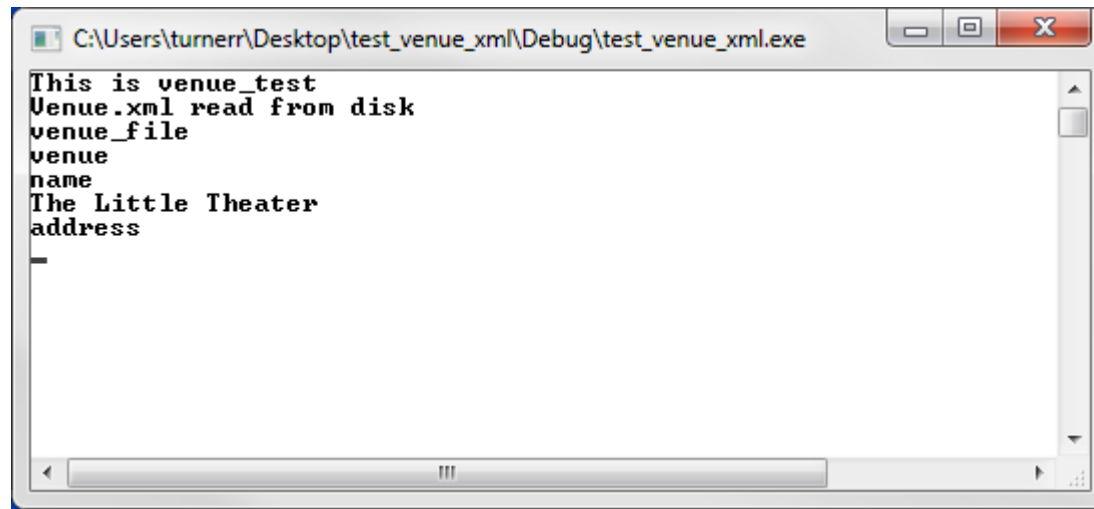
Add `#include "Venue_from_Xml.h"` at top.



```
test_venue_xml - Microsoft Visual Studio
File Edit View Project Build Debug Team Tools Test Analyze Window Help
Debug x86 Local Windows Debugger
Venue_from_Xml.h Venue_from_Xml.cpp test_venue.cpp x tinycl.h
test_venue_xml (Global Scope) main()
29
30 TiXmlNode* venue_node = venue_file_node->FirstChild();
31 assert(venue_node != 0);
32 cout << venue_node->Value() << endl;
33
34 //TiXmlNode* name_node = venue_node->FirstChild();
35 //assert(name_node != 0);
36 //cout << name_node->Value() << endl;
37
38 //TiXmlNode* name_text_node = name_node->FirstChild();
39 //assert(name_text_node != 0);
40 //cout << name_text_node->Value() << endl;
41
42 //TiXmlNode* address_node = name_node->NextSibling();
43 //assert(address_node != 0);
44 //cout << address_node->Value() << endl;
45
46 Venue_from_Xml::Get_Venue(venue_node);
47
48 cin.get();
49 cin.get();
50 return 0;
51
52
100 %
Output
Item(s) Saved Ln 47 Col 5 Ch 5 INS
```

Build and run

# Program Running



```
C:\Users\turnerr\Desktop\test_venue_xml\Debug\test_venue_xml.exe
This is venue_test
Venue.xml read from disk
venue_file
venue
name
The Little Theater
address
-
```

Works the same!



# Add Get\_Address

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```
void Venue_from_Xml::Get_Address(TiXmlNode* address_node)
{
    TiXmlNode* street_node = address_node->FirstChild();
    assert(street_node != 0);
    cout << street_node->FirstChild()->Value() << endl;

    TiXmlNode* city_node = street_node->NextSibling();
    assert(city_node != 0);
    cout << city_node->FirstChild()->Value() << endl;

    TiXmlNode* state_node = city_node->NextSibling();
    assert(state_node != 0);
    cout << state_node->FirstChild()->Value() << endl;

    TiXmlNode* zip_code = state_node->NextSibling();
    assert(zip_code != 0);
    cout << zip_code->FirstChild()->Value() << endl;
}
```



# Add Call to Get\_Address

```
void Venue_from_Xml::Get_Venue(TiXmlNode* venue_node)
{
    TiXmlNode* name_node = venue_node->FirstChild();
    assert(name_node != 0);
    cout << name_node->Value() << endl;

    TiXmlNode* name_text_node = name_node->FirstChild();
    assert(name_text_node != 0);
    cout << name_text_node->Value() << endl;

    TiXmlNode* address_node = name_node->NextSibling();
    assert(address_node != 0);
    cout << address_node->Value() << endl;

    Get_Address(address_node);
}
```



# Add Get\_Address to Venue\_from\_Xml.h

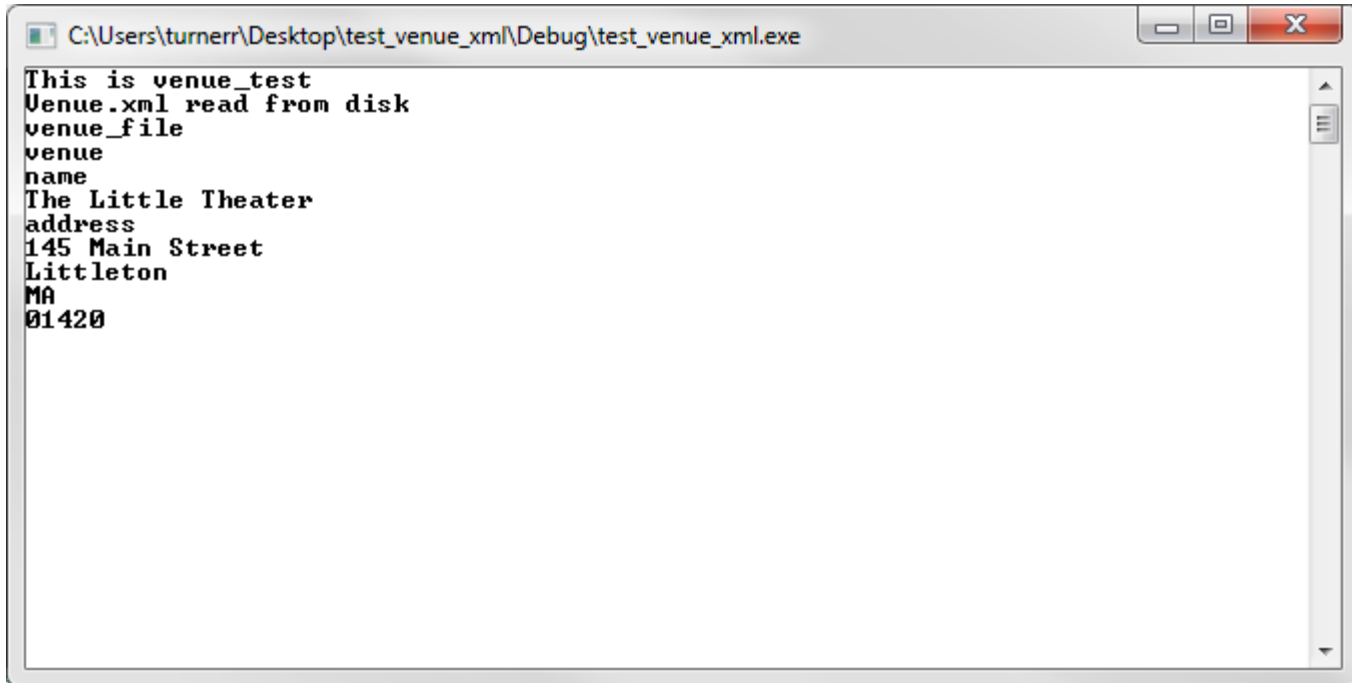
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```
#pragma once
#include "tinyxml.h"

class Venue_from_Xml
{
public:
    static void Get_Venue(TiXmlNode* venue_node);

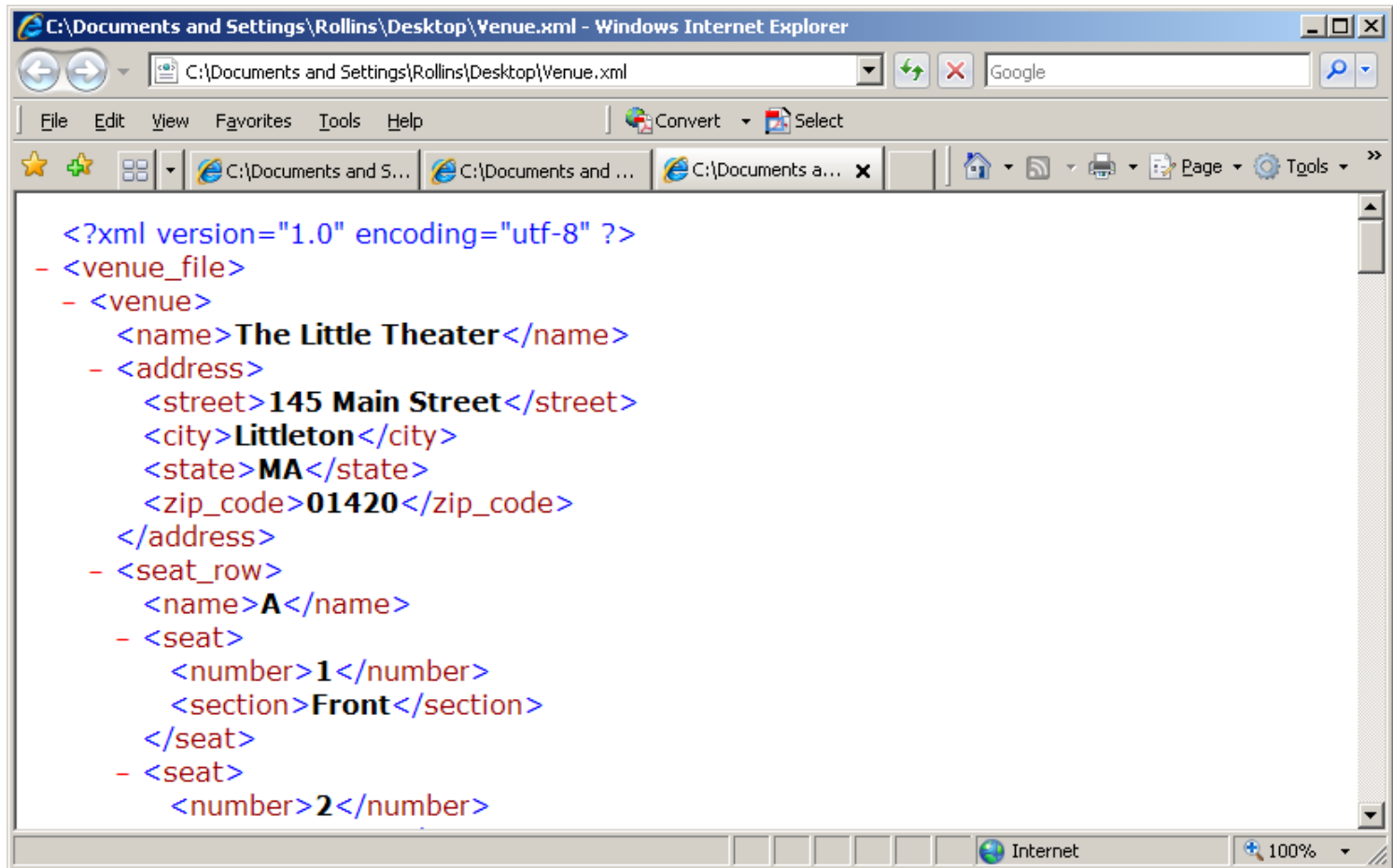
private:
    static void Get_Address(TiXmlNode* address_node);
};
```

# The Address in Output



```
C:\Users\turnerr\Desktop\test_venue_xml\Debug\test_venue_xml.exe
This is venue_test
Venue.xml read from disk
venue_file
venue
name
The Little Theater
address
145 Main Street
Littleton
MA
01420
```

# Get Seat Rows



```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
- <venue_file>
- <venue>
  <name>The Little Theater</name>
  - <address>
    <street>145 Main Street</street>
    <city>Littleton</city>
    <state>MA</state>
    <zip_code>01420</zip_code>
  </address>
  - <seat_row>
    <name>A</name>
    - <seat>
      <number>1</number>
      <section>Front</section>
    </seat>
    - <seat>
      <number>2</number>
```



# Get\_Seat\_Row()

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- Start by getting a single seat row name.

## Venue\_from\_Xml.cpp

```
void Venue_from_Xml::Get_Seat_Row(TiXmlNode* seat_row_node)
{
    cout << seat_row_node->Value() << endl;
    TiXmlNode* name_node = seat_row_node->FirstChild("name");
    assert(name_node != 0);
    cout << name_node->Value() << ": ";
    cout << name_node->FirstChild()->Value() << endl;
}

void Venue_from_Xml::Get_Seats(TiXmlNode* seat_row_node)
{
    Get_Seat_Row(seat_row_node);
}
```





# Venue\_from\_Xml.cpp

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```
void Venue_from_Xml::Get_Venue(TiXmlNode* venue_node)
{
    ...
    Get_Address(address_node);

    TiXmlNode* seat_row_node = address_node->NextSibling();
    assert(seat_row_node != 0);
    Get_Seats(seat_row_node);
}
```



# Venue\_from\_Xml.h

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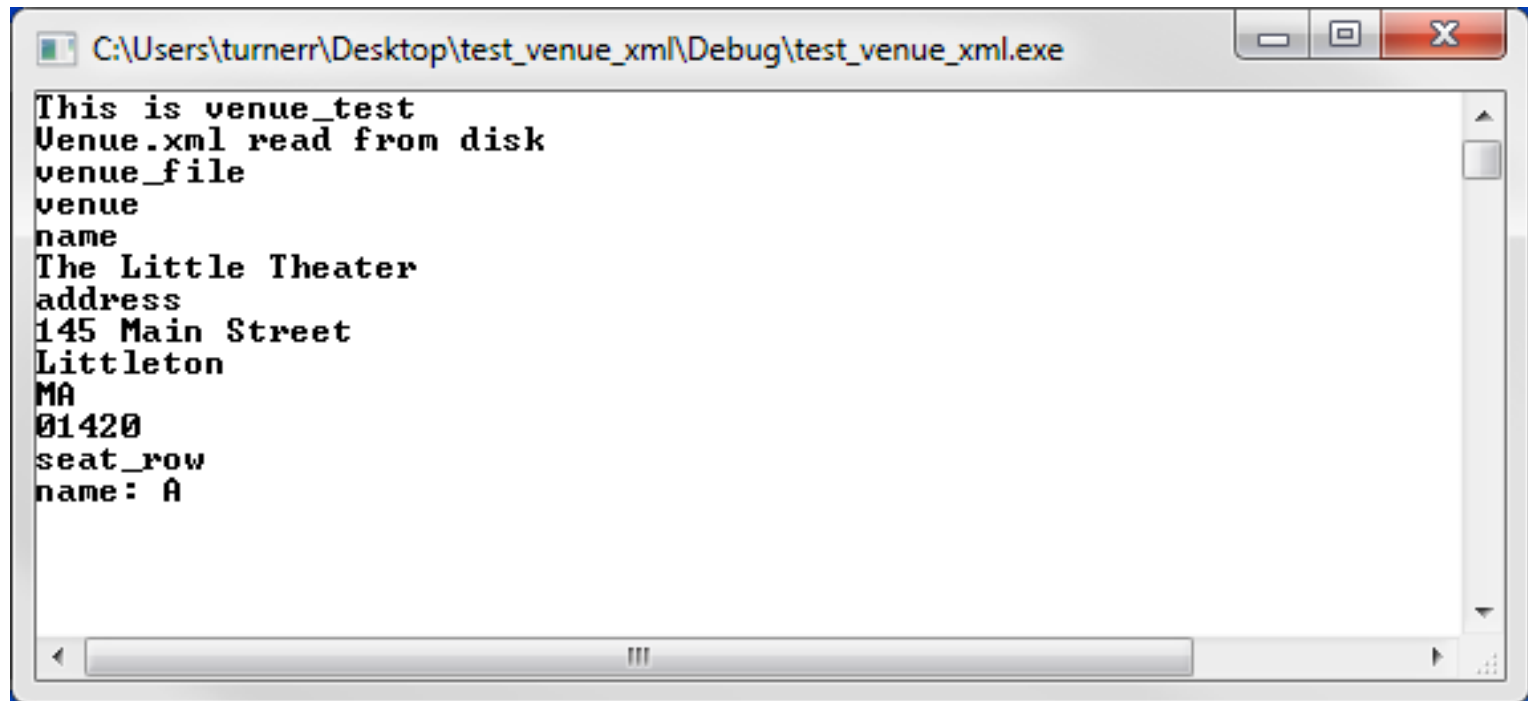
```
#pragma once
#include "tinyxml.h"

class Venue_from_Xml
{
public:
    static void Get_Venue(TiXmlNode* venue_node);

private:
    static void Get_Address(TiXmlNode* address_node);

    static void Get_Seat_Row(TiXmlNode* seat_row_node);
    static void Get_Seats(TiXmlNode* seat_row_node);
};
```

# First Seat Row



```
C:\Users\turnerr\Desktop\test_venue_xml\Debug\test_venue_xml.exe
This is venue_test
Venue.xml read from disk
venue_file
venue
name
The Little Theater
address
145 Main Street
Littleton
MA
01420
seat_row
name: A
```



# Get All Seats in the Row

```
void Venue_from_Xml::Get_Seat_Row(TiXmlNode* seat_row_node)
{
    cout << seat_row_node->Value() << endl;
    TiXmlNode* name_node = seat_row_node->FirstChild("name");
    assert(name_node != 0);
    cout << name_node->Value() << ": ";
    cout << name_node->FirstChild()->Value() << endl;

    TiXmlNode* seat_node = seat_row_node->FirstChild("seat");
    while (seat_node != 0)
    {
        cout << seat_node->Value() << " ";
        Get_Seat(seat_node);
        seat_node = seat_node->NextSibling();
    }
}
```



# Get Seat

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```
void Venue_from_Xml::Get_Seat(TiXmlNode* seat_node)
{
    TiXmlNode* number_node = seat_node->FirstChild("number");
    cout << number_node->Value() << ": ";
    cout << number_node->FirstChild()->Value() << " ";

    TiXmlNode* section_node = seat_node->FirstChild("section");
    cout << section_node->Value() << ": ";
    cout << section_node->FirstChild()->Value() << endl;
}
```



# Venue\_from\_Xml.h

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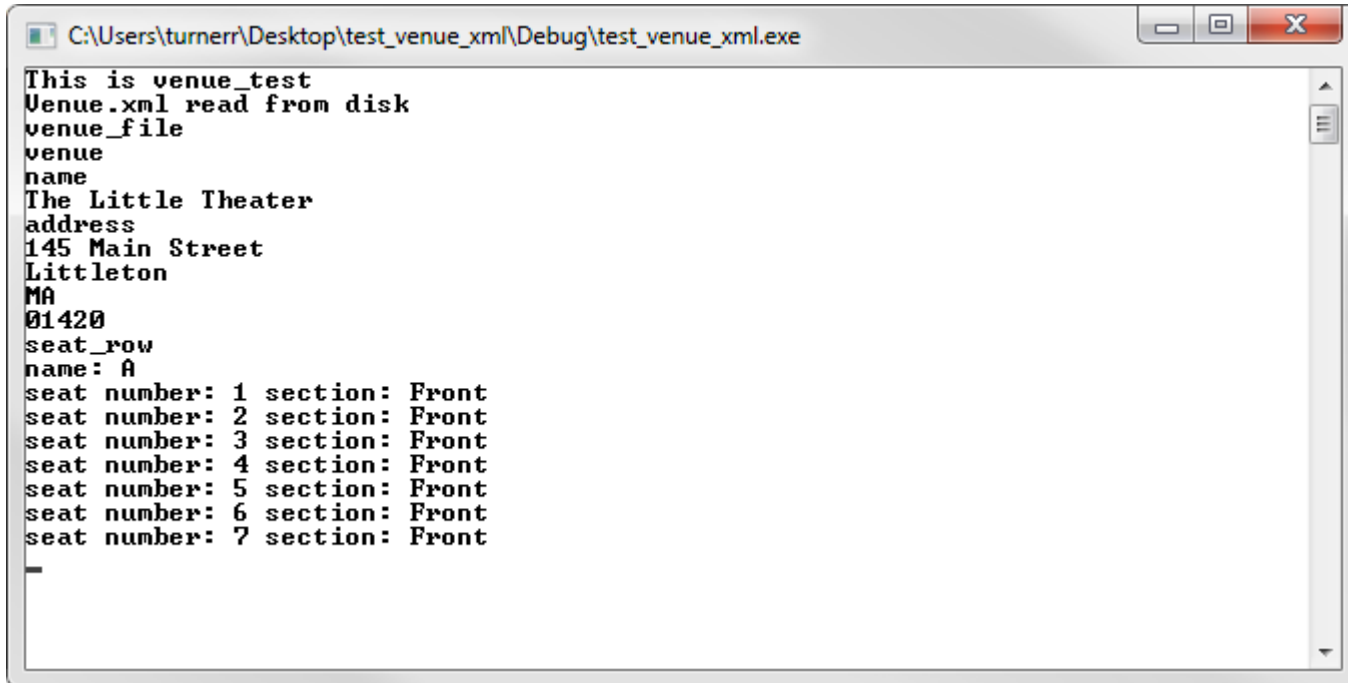
```
#pragma once
#include "tinyxml.h"

class Venue_from_Xml
{
public:
    static void Get_Venue(TiXmlNode* venue_node);

private:
    static void Get_Address(TiXmlNode* address_node);

    static void Get_Seat_Row(TiXmlNode* seat_row_node);
    static void Get_Seats(TiXmlNode* seat_row_node);
    static void Get_Seat(TiXmlNode* seat_node);
};
```

# Seat Row A



```
C:\Users\turnerr\Desktop\test_venue_xml\Debug\test_venue_xml.exe
This is venue_test
Venue.xml read from disk
venue_file
venue
name
The Little Theater
address
145 Main Street
Littleton
MA
01420
seat_row
name: A
seat number: 1 section: Front
seat number: 2 section: Front
seat number: 3 section: Front
seat number: 4 section: Front
seat number: 5 section: Front
seat number: 6 section: Front
seat number: 7 section: Front
```



# Get all seat rows

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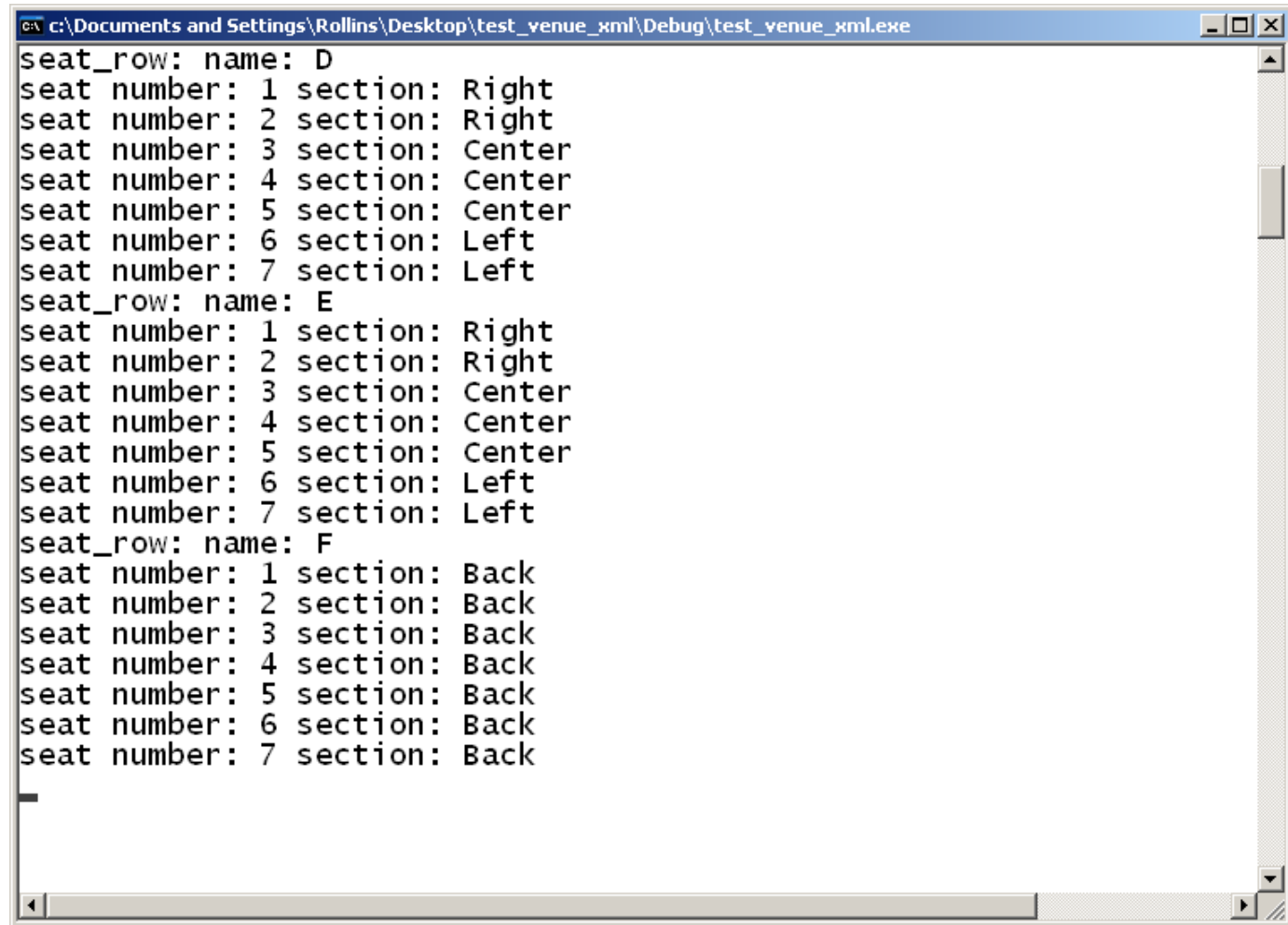
```
void Venue_from_Xml::Get_Seats(TiXmlNode* seat_row_node)
{
    while (seat_row_node != 0)
    {
        Get_Seat_Row(seat_row_node);
        seat_row_node = seat_row_node->NextSibling();
    }
}
```



# All Seat Rows in Output

```
c:\Documents and Settings\Rollins\Desktop\test_venue_xml\Debug\test_venue_xml.exe
This is venue_test
venue_file
venue
name
The Little Theater
address
145 Main Street
Littleton
MA
01420
seat_row
seat_row: name: A
seat number: 1 section: Front
seat number: 2 section: Front
seat number: 3 section: Front
seat number: 4 section: Front
seat number: 5 section: Front
seat number: 6 section: Front
seat number: 7 section: Front
seat_row: name: B
seat number: 1 section: Right
seat number: 2 section: Right
seat number: 3 section: Center
seat number: 4 section: Center
seat number: 5 section: Center
seat number: 6 section: Left
seat number: 7 section: Left
seat_row: name: C
```

# All Seat Rows in Output



```
c:\Documents and Settings\Rollins\Desktop\test_venue_xml\Debug\test_venue_xml.exe
seat_row: name: D
seat number: 1 section: Right
seat number: 2 section: Right
seat number: 3 section: Center
seat number: 4 section: Center
seat number: 5 section: Center
seat number: 6 section: Left
seat number: 7 section: Left
seat_row: name: E
seat number: 1 section: Right
seat number: 2 section: Right
seat number: 3 section: Center
seat number: 4 section: Center
seat number: 5 section: Center
seat number: 6 section: Left
seat number: 7 section: Left
seat_row: name: F
seat number: 1 section: Back
seat number: 2 section: Back
seat number: 3 section: Back
seat number: 4 section: Back
seat number: 5 section: Back
seat number: 6 section: Back
seat number: 7 section: Back
```