

C++ Programming I

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Platform

Which platform to use?

C++ is platform independent, various IDE exists

- ▶ Windows Microsoft - Visual C/C++ , commercial
- ▶ MacOS X - XCode, free
- ▶ Unix - KDevelop, Eclipse, **QtCreator** etc., Open-Source, i.e. source code available
- ▶ Unix - GCC = Gnu Compiler Collection, free compiler

For newcomers, Linux (e.g Ubuntu) is the recommended development platform due to the free and well-engineered C++ 11 compiler.

Alternatively install Virtual Box, although not really convenient for software development!

In this course

K(Ubuntu) and **QT-Creator** are default.

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The GCC (Gnu Compiler Collection including the gcc and g++ compilers) is usually already installed with Ubuntu (and Mac). To test, open the unix terminal and type “gcc –version”. On my Kubuntu machine this gives the following output:

gcc-version

```
1 $ gcc --version
2
3 gcc (Ubuntu 5.4.0-6ubuntu1~16.04.5) 5.4.0 20160609
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   This is free software; see the source for copying
   conditions.  There is NO warranty; not even for
   MERCHANTABILITY or FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.
```

Make sure your compiler version is at least **gcc 4.8** to enable c++11 features.

To install the build tools and the complete Qt-Creator/qt5 toolchain with examples and documentation simply run:

Install Qt Creator IDE and tools

```
1 % Build tools
2 sudo apt-get install build-essential gdb cmake
   cmake-curses-gui
3
4 % Install Qt with examples and openGL support for widgets
5 sudo apt-get install qtcreator qt5-default
   qttools5-dev-tools qt5-doc qtbase5-examples
   qtbase5-doc-html libgl1-mesa-dev
```

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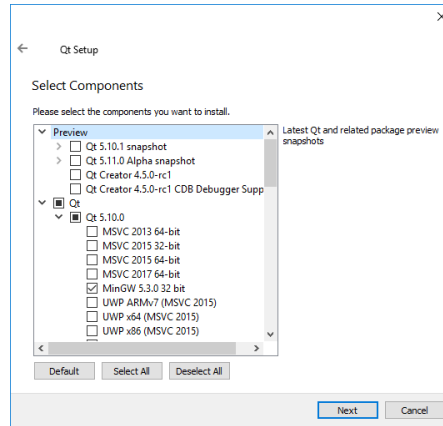
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Install Qt with MinGW

The installation on Windows with MinGW-Compiler is straight-forward following these instructions:

1. Get the open source version of Qt from:
<https://www.qt.io/download>
2. Follow the instructions of the installer. Skip the account creation
3. Select **5.3.0 32-bit** in the Qt 5.10.0 sub-folder for installation



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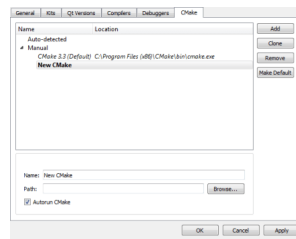
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- 2. For best experience with Qt-Creator get version 3.7.2:
<https://cmake.org/files/v3.7/cmake-3.7.2-win32-x86.msi>
<https://cmake.org/files/v3.7/cmake-3.7.2-win64-x64.msi>
- 3. Start Qt Creator and set up cmake according to the Qt documentation:
<http://doc.qt.io/qtcreator/creator-project-cmake.html>
- 4. CMake should get detected automatically by Qt Creator



Mac

Install Qt XCode

For MacOS X the C++ -Compiler is part of XCode.

1. Install XCode from Apples App Store
2. Get the open source version of Qt from:
<https://www.qt.io/download>
3. Follow the instructions of the installer. Skip the account creation



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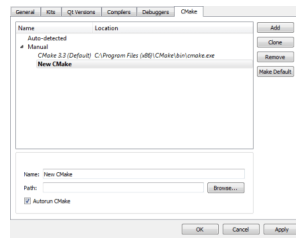
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Hello World

- ▶ Get QT-Creator ([Homework01.pdf](#))
- ▶ Compile and run the helloworld example in a console
- ▶ Compile with: `g++ helloworld.cpp -o helloworld`
- ▶ In a console run with: `./helloworld`

```
1 #include <iostream>
2
3 int main()
4 {
5     std::cout << "Hello World" << std::endl;
6     return 0;
7 }
```

```
1 g++ helloworld.cpp -o helloworld
2 ./helloworld
3
4 Hello World!
```

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Hello World - Analysis

```
1 // Pre-processor directive
2 #include <iostream>
3
4 // Start of your program
5 int main()
6 {
7     /* Write to the screen using std::cout */
8     std::cout << "Hello World" << std::endl;
9
10    // Return a value to the OS
11    return 0;
12 }
```

- ▶ The preprocessor directive `#include` command occurs before the actual compilation starts. It tells the preprocessor to include the content of the specified file at the current line. In this example, `iostream` lets us use the `std::cout` and `std::endl` functions to write on the screen.
- ▶ The `int main()` is the body of your Program. The execution of a C++ program always starts here.
- ▶ The `{}` indicate that everything inside them is part of the function. In this case, they denote that everything inside is a part of the “main” function.

```
1  # Name of project and executable
2  project(HelloWorld)
3
4  # set cmake version
5  cmake_minimum_required(VERSION 2.8)
6
7  # activate latest c++ compiler version
8  set(CMAKE_CXX_FLAGS "${CMAKE_CXX_FLAGS} -std=c++0x")
9
10 # set build type to Debug/Release
11 set(CMAKE_BUILD_TYPE "Debug")
12
13 # including all cpp/h files in the current directory
14 aux_source_directory(. SRC_LIST)
15
16 # Add an executable to the project using the specified
17   src
18 add_executable(${PROJECT_NAME} ${SRC_LIST})
```

- ▶ Comments are set with #
- ▶ Demo - Getting Started



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