

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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Debian based Distributions

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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 Copyright (C)
   2015 Free Software Foundation, Inc. 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.

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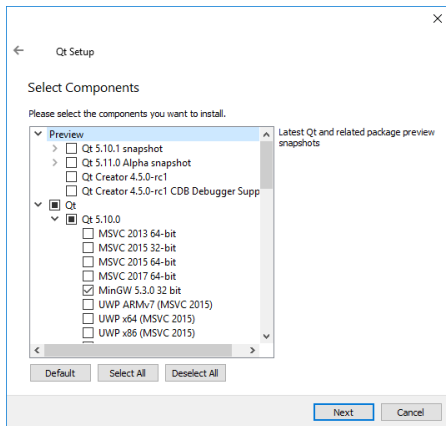
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The installation on Windows with MinGW-Compiler is straight-forward following these instructions:

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 Qt 5.12.1 (or newer) sub-folder for installation with corresponding MinGW-Compiler





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- 2. For best experience with Qt-Creator get version 3.7.2 or later:
<https://cmake.org/files/v3.13/cmake-3.13.4-win64-x64.msi>
- 3. During install, check “add CMake to system tools” for convenience, so that CMake gets detected automatically by Qt Creator
- 4. Verify you have a working tool-chain, i.e. you can build and run simple programs. Therefore, launch Qt Creator and create a CMake based C++ project.

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

1. Install XCode from Apples App Store
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`https://www.qt.io/download`
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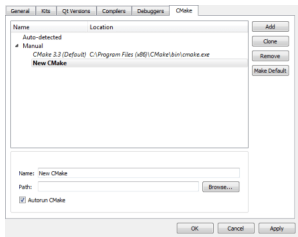
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3. Set up cmake according to the official Qt documentation:
<http://doc.qt.io/qtcreator/creator-project-cmake.html>





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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

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- ▶ 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.

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- ▶ The “;” denotes the end of a line. Most lines of C++ code need to end with a semicolon.
- ▶ `cout` (console-out) writes the “Hello World” to the screen. `cout` is a *stream* defined in the standard `std` and therefore `std::cout`. The stream insertion parameter `<<` puts the text in the stream and `std::endl` ends a line.
- ▶ `main()` is a function and always returns an integer: 0 for success and -1 in the event of an error. Other error codes using the available range of integers can be used.

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- ▶ C++ supports two styles of comments
 - ▶ `//` indicates the start of a comment until the end of the line
 - ▶ `/* */` indicates that the contained text is a comment
- ▶ Use `using namespace std` in order to use `cout` instead of `std::cout`

```
1 # Set Name of project and language
2 project(HelloWorld LANGUAGES CXX)
3
4 # Set cmake version
5 cmake_minimum_required(VERSION 3.0)
6
7 # set build type to Debug/Release
8 set(CMAKE_BUILD_TYPE "Debug")
9
10 # Create executable using the specified src
11 add_executable(${PROJECT_NAME} helloworld.cpp)
12
13 # Define required c++ standard to C++11
14 target_compile_features(${PROJECT_NAME} PUBLIC cxx_std_11)
15
16 # Set compile options, enable warnings
17 target_compile_options(${PROJECT_NAME} PRIVATE
18     $<$<OR:$<CXX_COMPILER_ID:Clang>,$<CXX_COMPILER_ID:GNU>>: -Wall>
19     $<$<CXX_COMPILER_ID:MSVC>: /W3>
20 )
```

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



Thank You

Questions

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