supports jetbrains Clion IDE by default unit testing of C code?

As of my knowledge cutoff in September 2021, JetBrains CLion IDE supports unit testing for C code by integrating third-party testing frameworks like Google Test (for C++ projects) and CTest (for both C and C++ projects). Since CLion does not include a built-in unit testing framework for C, you need to set up and configure one of these testing frameworks to test your C code.

To configure a testing framework in CLion:

1. Google Test:

   Download and build Google Test according to the instructions in their repository: https://github.com/google/googletest
   In CLion, go to `File > Settings > Build, Execution, Deployment > CMake` and add the Google Test library path to the `CMake options` field.
   In your CMakeLists.txt, include the Google Test library and enable testing for your project.

2. CTest:

   CTest is part of the CMake suite, so you don't need to install it separately.
   In your CMakeLists.txt file, include the following lines to enable testing:

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   ```scss
   enable_testing() add_test(NAME <test_name> COMMAND <test_executable>)
   ```

   Replace `<test_name>` with a name for your test, and `<test_executable>` with the name of the executable generated by your test code.

After setting up the testing framework, you can write tests using the framework's syntax and run them from CLion's built-in test runner. CLion will display the results in a convenient format, and you can debug the tests within the IDE.

Keep in mind that my knowledge is up to September 2021, and JetBrains might have introduced new features or improvements since then. Make sure to check the latest CLion documentation for updates: https://www.jetbrains.com/help/clion/discover/clion.html

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How to use CTest to write simple unit testing?

CTest is a testing tool that is part of the CMake suite, designed to manage and run tests in a CMake-based build system. It does not provide a testing framework for writing test cases directly. Instead, you can use a C testing library, such as Check or Unity, to write your test cases and then use CTest to manage and execute those tests. Here's an example of how you can use Check with CTest to write simple unit tests for a C project.

1. Install Check (https://libcheck.github.io/check/). Follow the instructions provided in the Check documentation for your platform.
2. Create a basic C project structure:

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```
my_project/ ├── src/ │ ├── my_function.c │ └── my_function.h ├── tests/ │ ├──
CMakeLists.txt │ ├── main_test.c │ └── my_function_test.c └── CMakeLists.txt
```

3. Write a simple function in **`my_function.c`** and declare it in **`my_function.h`**:

my_function.c:

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```c
#include "my_function.h" int add(int a, int b) { return a + b; }
```

my_function.h:

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```
#ifndef MY_FUNCTION_H #define MY_FUNCTION_H int add(int a, int b); #endif
```

4. Write a test case using the Check library in `my_function_test.c`:

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```c
#include <check.h> #include "my_function.h" START_TEST(test_add) { ck_assert_int_eq(add(2, 2), 4); ck_assert_int_eq(add(-1, 1), 0); } END_TEST Suite *my_function_suite(void) { Suite *s; TCase *tc_core; s = suite_create("MyFunction"); tc_core = tcase_create("Core"); tcase_add_test(tc_core, test_add); suite_add_tcase(s, tc_core); return s; }
```

5. Write a test runner in `main_test.c`:

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```c
#include <check.h> #include "my_function_test.c" int main(void) { int number_failed; Suite *s; SRunner *sr; s = my_function_suite(); sr = srunner_create(s); srunner_run_all(sr, CK_NORMAL); number_failed = srunner_ntests_failed(sr); srunner_free(sr); return (number_failed == 0) ? 0 : 1; }
```

6. Set up your CMake configuration in `CMakeLists.txt` and `tests/CMakeLists.txt`:

my_project/CMakeLists.txt:

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```cmake
cmake_minimum_required(VERSION 3.10) project(my_project C) set(CMAKE_C_STANDARD 11) add_subdirectory(src) enable_testing() add_subdirectory(tests)
```

my_project/tests/CMakeLists.txt:

cmake

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```cmake
find_package(Check REQUIRED) include_directories(${CHECK_INCLUDE_DIRS} ../src) set(LIBS ${LIBS} ${CHECK_LIBRARIES}) add_executable(test_my_function
main_test.c) target_link_libraries(test_my_function ${LIBS}) add_test(NAME
my_function_tests COMMAND test_my_function)
```

7. Build and run the tests:

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```sh
mkdir build cd build cmake .. make ctest
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This will run the tests and show the results. CTest will execute the tests and report the status of each test, allowing you to see whether they passed or failed. You can also use other C testing libraries, like Unity, following a similar approach.

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excuse me, its all this require for CTest support in jetbrains Clion IDE?

I apologize if my previous answer was unclear. To set up CTest for your C project in JetBrains CLion IDE, you do not need to use an additional testing library like Check. You can create your own simple test functions and use CTest to run them. Here's a more straightforward example to set up CTest with a basic C project in CLion:

1. Create a basic C project structure:

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```
my_project/ ├── src/ │ ├── my_function.c │ └── my_function.h ├── tests/ │ ├──
CMakeLists.txt │ └── my_function_test.c └── CMakeLists.txt
```

2. Write a simple function in **`my_function.c`** and declare it in **`my_function.h`**:

my_function.c:

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```
#include "my_function.h" int add(int a, int b) { return a + b; }
```

my_function.h:

c

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```c
#ifndef MY_FUNCTION_H #define MY_FUNCTION_H int add(int a, int b); #endif
```

3. Write a test function in **`my_function_test.c`**:

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```c
#include <assert.h> #include "my_function.h" void test_add() { assert(add(2, 2) == 4); assert(add(-1, 1) == 0); } int main() { test_add(); return 0; }
```

4. Set up your CMake configuration in **`CMakeLists.txt`** and **`tests/CMakeLists.txt`**:

my_project/CMakeLists.txt:

cmake

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```cmake
cmake_minimum_required(VERSION 3.10) project(my_project C) set(CMAKE_C_STANDARD 11) add_subdirectory(src) enable_testing() add_subdirectory(tests)
```

my_project/tests/CMakeLists.txt:

cmake

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```cmake
add_executable(my_function_test my_function_test.c) target_link_libraries(my_function_test my_function) add_test(NAME my_function_test COMMAND my_function_test)
```

5. Open the project in CLion, and it will automatically detect the CTest configuration. You can run the tests using the built-in test runner by going to the Run menu and selecting

`Run All Tests`.

Remember that this setup does not provide advanced testing features like test fixtures or advanced assertions. If you want more sophisticated testing features, you can still consider using a dedicated C testing library like Check or Unity and integrate it with CTest.

Which C IDE has simplest support for unit testing?

One of the simplest C IDEs with built-in support for unit testing is Code::Blocks. It is an open-source, cross-platform IDE that supports various compilers, including GCC and Clang. Code::Blocks has a plugin called "CppUnitLite" that can be used for writing and running C unit tests.

Here's how you can use Code::Blocks for unit testing in C:

1. Download and install Code::Blocks from the official website (http://www.codeblocks.org/downloads) if you haven't already.
2. Create a new project by selecting **`File > New > Project...`** and choose "Console application" from the available templates. Follow the project creation wizard to set up the project.
3. Write a simple function in a new file (e.g., **`my_function.c`** and **`my_function.h`**), similar to the previous examples.
4. To enable unit testing, you need to download the CppUnitLite2 library from https://github.com/vermeulen/cppunitlite2. The CppUnitLite2 library is designed for C++, but you can use it for testing C code as well.
5. Add the CppUnitLite2 source files to your project:
    Right-click on your project in the "Projects" tab.
    Select **`Add files...`** and navigate to the location where you downloaded CppUnitLite2.
    Add the files **`CppUnitLite2\src\CppUnitLite\Failure.cpp`** and **`CppUnitLite2\src\CppUnitLite\SimpleString.cpp`** to your project.
6. Create a new file in your project for your test cases, for example, **`my_function_test.cpp`**. Note that the file extension should be **`.cpp`** even though we are testing C code.
7. Write the test cases in **`my_function_test.cpp`**:

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```cpp
extern "C" { #include "my_function.h" } #include
"CppUnitLite2/src/CppUnitLite/TestHarness.h" TEST(Add, PositiveNumbers) {
CHECK_EQUAL(4, add(2, 2)); } TEST(Add, NegativeNumbers) { CHECK_EQUAL(0, add(-1,
1)); } int main(int ac, char **av) { return TestResult::NumberOfFailedTests(); }
```

8. Build and run the project. The test results will be shown in the "Build log" tab.

While Code::Blocks offers a simple way to get started with unit testing in C, it might not provide all the advanced features and integrations you would find in other, more powerful IDEs like CLion or Visual Studio. If you prefer a more feature-rich environment, you might want to consider using those IDEs along with a dedicated C testing library like Check, Unity, or CMocka, as I mentioned in previous answers.

I some unit testing supported by VisualStudio 2022 or VisualCode? Which is simpler? I want to execute VMEX runtime as console application only and I need to provide to the runtime some program code arrays to execute tests.

Both Visual Studio 2022 and Visual Studio Code are capable of supporting unit testing for C projects, but they have different levels of complexity and integration. In general, Visual Studio Code is simpler and more lightweight, while Visual Studio 2022 is more feature-rich and provides better integration with testing frameworks out of the box.

For your use case of executing VMEX runtime as a console application and providing program code arrays for testing, I would recommend using Visual Studio Code, as it is simpler and easier to configure.

Here's how you can set up unit testing in a C project using Visual Studio Code:

1. Install Visual Studio Code (https://code.visualstudio.com/) if you haven't already.
2. Install the "C/C++" extension by Microsoft from the Visual Studio Code marketplace. This extension provides language support for C/C++ and allows you to build and debug your code.

3. Create a new folder for your project and open it in Visual Studio Code.
4. Create your source files (e.g., `my_function.c`, `my_function.h`, and `main.c`) and implement your VMEX runtime and program code arrays.
5. For unit testing, you can use a lightweight testing framework like Unity (https://github.com/ThrowTheSwitch/Unity). Download the Unity repository and copy the `src` folder into your project folder.
6. Create a test file (e.g., `my_function_test.c`) and write your test cases using the Unity framework:

c

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```c
#include "unity.h" #include "my_function.h" void setUp(void) {} void
tearDown(void) {} void test_add(void) { TEST_ASSERT_EQUAL_INT(4, add(2, 2));
TEST_ASSERT_EQUAL_INT(0, add(-1, 1)); } int main(void) { UNITY_BEGIN();
RUN_TEST(test_add); return UNITY_END(); }
```

7. Configure the build and debug settings in Visual Studio Code:

    Create a new folder called `.vscode` in your project folder.

    Inside `.vscode`, create two JSON files: `tasks.json` and `launch.json`.

8. Configure the build settings in `tasks.json`:

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```json
{ "version": "2.0.0", "tasks": [ { "type": "shell", "label": "Build", "command":
"gcc", "args": [ "-g", "my_function.c", "main.c", "-o", "my_program" ], "group":
{ "kind": "build", "isDefault": true }, "problemMatcher": "$gcc" }, { "type":
"shell", "label": "Build and Run Tests", "command": "gcc", "args": [ "-g",
"my_function.c", "my_function_test.c", "Unity/src/unity.c", "-o", "my_tests" ],
"group": "test", "problemMatcher": "$gcc" } ] }
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9. Configure the debug settings in `launch.json`:

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```json
{ "version": "0.2.0", "configurations": [ { "name": "Debug", "type": "cppdbg",
"request": "launch", "program": "${workspaceFolder}/my_program", "args": [],
"stopAtEntry": false, "cwd": "${workspaceFolder}", "environment": [],
"externalConsole": true, "MIMode": "gdb", "setupCommands": [ { "description":
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"text": "-enable-pretty-printing",
"ignoreFailures": true
}
],
"preLaunchTask": "Build",
"miDebuggerPath": "/usr/bin/gdb"
},
{
"name": "Debug Tests",
"type": "cppdbg",
"request": "launch",
"program": "${workspaceFolder}/my_tests",
"args": [],
"stopAtEntry": false,
"cwd": "${workspaceFolder}",
"environment": [],
"externalConsole": true,
"MIMode": "gdb",
"setupCommands": [
{
"description": "Enable pretty-printing for gdb",
"text": "-enable-pretty-printing",
"ignoreFailures": true
}
],
"preLaunchTask": "Build and Run Tests",
"miDebuggerPath": "/usr/bin/gdb"
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}
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}
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Note that you may need to adjust the `miDebuggerPath` to match the path to your
gdb installation. 10. With these configurations in place, you can build your
project and run the tests: - Press `Ctrl+Shift+B` to build the project. - To run
the tests, open the Command Palette (`Ctrl+Shift+P`) and type "Run Test Task".
Select "Build and Run Tests" from the list and press Enter. 11. To debug the
tests, select "Debug Tests" from the debug configurations dropdown and click the
"Run and Debug" button. With this setup, you can now use Visual Studio Code to
write, build, and debug your C project, including unit tests with the Unity
framework.
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With these configurations in place, you can build your project and run the tests:

1. Press `Ctrl+Shift+B` to build the project.
2. To run the tests, open the Command Palette (`Ctrl+Shift+P`) and type "Run Test Task". Select "Build and Run Tests" from the list and press Enter.

To debug the tests, select "Debug Tests" from the debug configurations dropdown and click the "Run and Debug" button.

With this setup, you can now use Visual Studio Code to write, build, and debug your C project, including unit tests with the Unity framework.