

## ***CMake Hello World Tutorial (Written Using [CMake Documentation](#))***

### **Part 1:** Install [CMake](#)

### **Part 2:** Create *tutorial.cpp* and *CMakeLists.txt*

Basic setup for CMakeLists.txt

```
cmake_minimum_required(VERSION 3.0)

project(Tutorial)

add_executable(
    Tutorial
    tutorial.cpp
)
```

cmake\_minimum\_required(VERSION 3.0)

- Sets the minimum required version to use this CMake for this project

project(Tutorial)

- Sets the project name

add\_executable( ... )

- Setting the executable file name (Tutorial) and the source files to compile the executable with (tutorial.cpp)

### **Part 3:** Add a version number to your project

Updating line 3 of our CMakeLists.txt, we may add a version number to our project, in this case specifying version 1.0

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cmake_minimum_required(VERSION 3.0)

project(Tutorial VERSION 1.0)

add_executable(
    Tutorial
    tutorial.cpp
)
```

#### **Part 4:** Compiling and creating our build path

After writing your hello world program, we may compile our project.

Create a build directory called *build*. And run the command: `cmake -S ./ -B ./build -G "MinGW Makefiles"`

- `-S ./`
  - The path to our source, and where CMakeLists.txt is located
- `-B ./build`
  - Building to the directory build. It's optional to not create a build directory, however your project will be very clustered without one
- `-G "MinGW Makefiles"`
  - Making our project using MinGW Makefiles, not nmake which is the CMake default