



Installation Desktop IDE and wxWidgets ToolKit with DSPESEL (DSBprt)

for

HAN Electrical/Embedded Systems Engineering

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1 Software IDE installation

There are several options for software development of desktop software. HAN ESE supports the possibility to perform the DSPESEL practicum on the following platforms:

- Apple Mac OS X
- Microsoft Windows 7 and higher
- Ubuntu Linux or FreeBSD



The DSPESEL practicum is largely performed on the basis of the [wxWidgets toolkit](#). The choice for this toolkit is based on the following points:

- wxWidgets is a mature cross-platform GI toolkit that can also be used commercially. The design of the toolkit is similar to Qt.
- WxWidgets is fully open source.
- WxWidgets produces applications that are indistinguishable from the platform standard.
- Students must learn a variety of tools, and not only know other common platforms (such as Qt).

A comparison between wxWidgets and Qt can be found [here](#) .

The following sections explain how wxWidgets is used in the practicum. JetBrains CLion is used on Unix platforms, MS Visual Studio is used on Microsoft Windows.

The DSPESEL practicum uses CMake for the project structure.

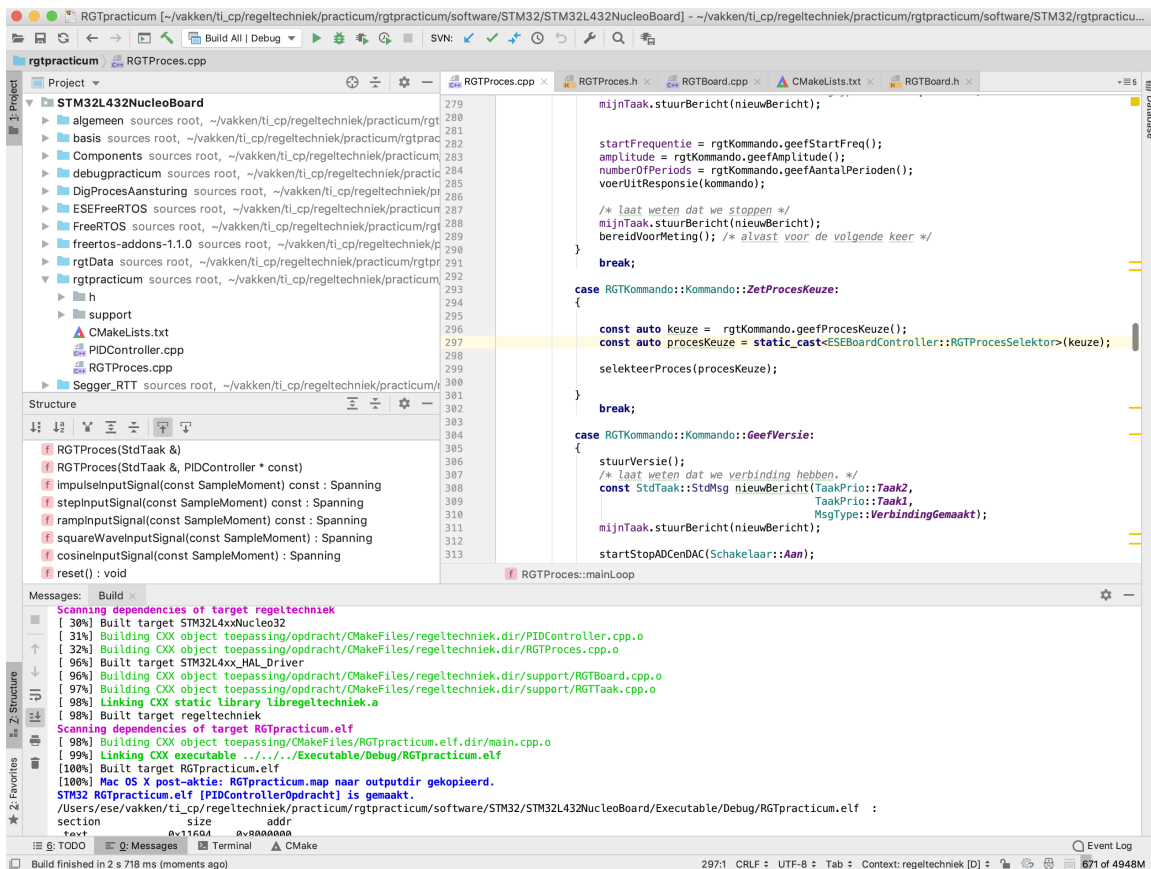


1.1 JetBrains CLion (Apple Mac OS X and Linux)



CLion is a superior development environment (IDE) for software projects based on the [CMake](#) project structure.

CLion looks as depicted below (Mac OS X version) :



JetBrains CLion

The benefits of CLion are:

- A superior IDE to work with modern features such as refactoring, very good navigation and full support for version management with SVN, Git and others.
- A much better support for modern C ++ variants (currently: C ++ 14).
- Flexible project design based on [CMake](#).
- A superior and very fast debugger.

1.1.1 Installatie van CLion

Download [Jetbrains Clion](#) for the desired platform.

If errors occur, then something is probably not installed correctly in the previous steps. CLion comes with a 30-day trial period, after which a license is required.

Optional: Register with JetBrains immediately to obtain a student license. When obtaining a license, make sure you use an official student.han.nl email address (not google / hotmail, etc.) for identification.

1.1.2 Installatie of wxWidgets

The installation can be performed must be performed in various steps.

Proceed as follows:

1. [Only for Apple Mac OS X]



If not present, download and install Apple XCode via the App Store.

Install through [MacPorts](#) (or HomeBrew) the wxWidgets toolkit and optionally the clang compiler and subversion :

- [Macport wxWidgets link](#)
- [Macports LLVM Link](#)
- [MacPorts SVN link](#)

2. [FreeBSD/Linux]



If not present, download and install the gcc and g++ and or llvm c++ compilers for Ubuntu Linux. FreeBSD has standard llvm clang C / C++ compilers installed.

3. In FreeBSD, install the wxgtk3 toolkit via Packages / Ports. In Ubuntu, do something similar with apt-get (not entirely clear, changes quite often). See the [wx installation guide](#) for more information.

1.1.3 Usage of CLion

CLion can be used to build an (embedded) software project if a suitable CMake project file (CMakeLists.txt) is available, in which are defined:

- The used compiler toolchain.
- The target processor.
- All options for the assembler, compiler and linker in the toolchain.
- All source files that must be compiled into the binary.
- All paths for header files.
- The desired form of the binary.
- Any custom steps that are required in the project.

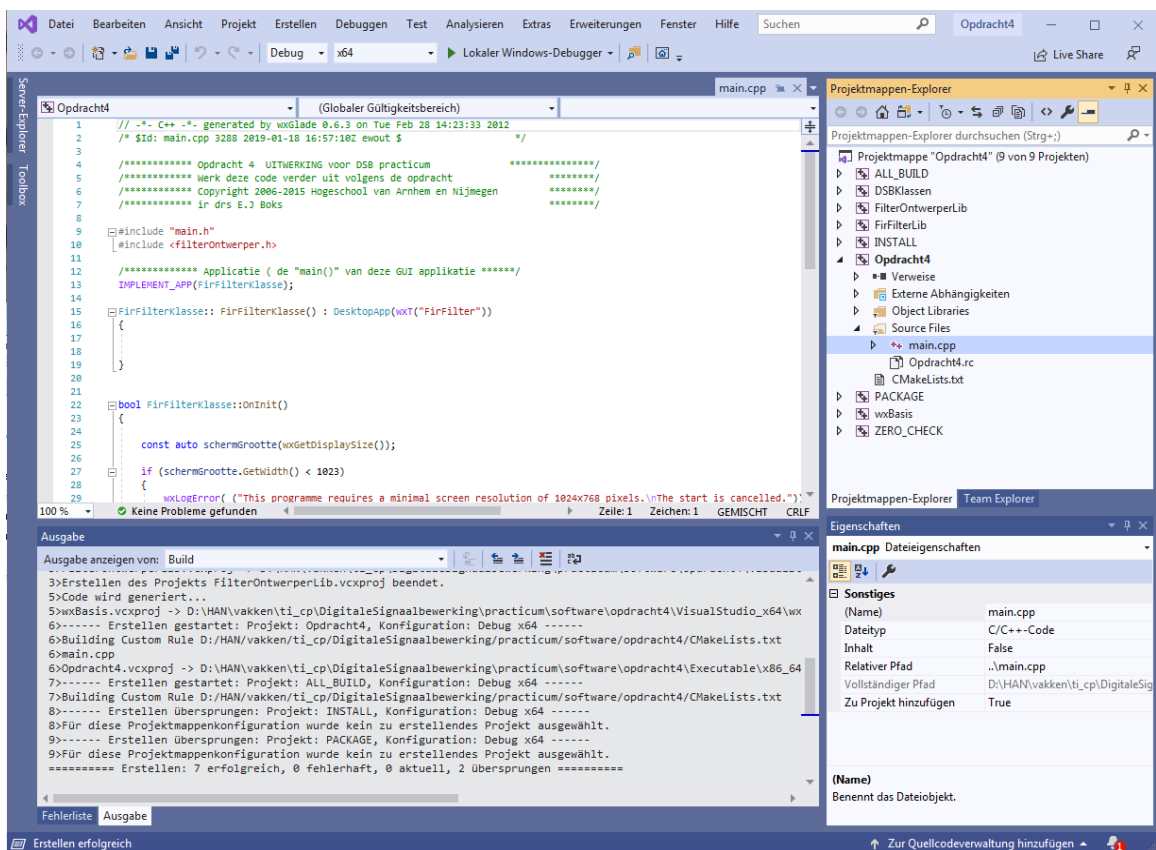
Various tutorials and lots of information about CMake can be found on the internet. The practicals explain how each practical project must be configured for Cmake, Clion and Ozone.

1.2 Microsoft Visual Studio (Microsoft Windows)

Microsoft Visual Studio is used on the Microsoft Windows platform.

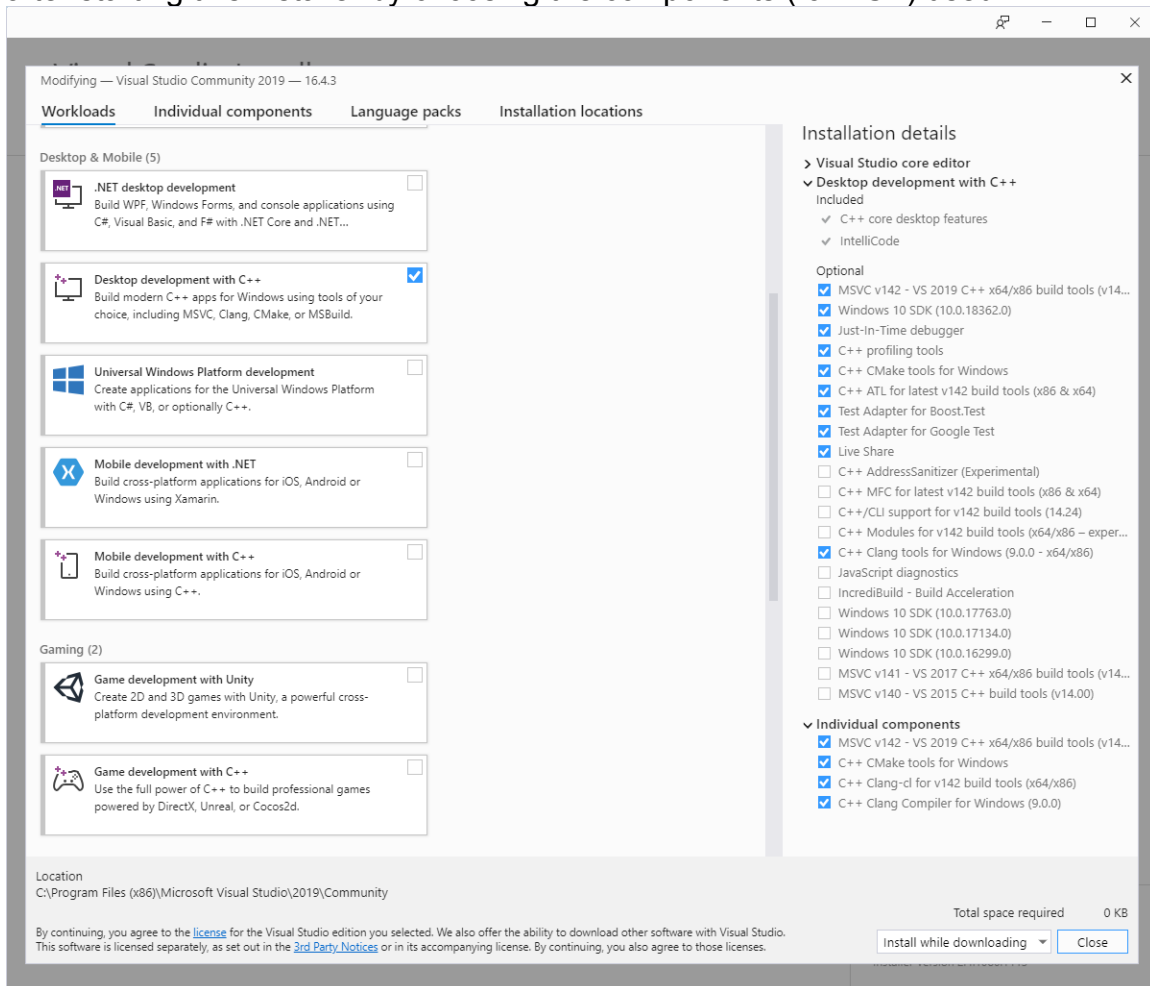


Visual Studio is a professional and very pleasant IDE that (of course) is very suitable for writing applications for Microsoft Windows. The reason that we opted for Visual Studio instead of CLion is the fact that the Microsoft compiler delivers better binaries for Windows than the GCC compiler that CLion works with on Windows. Microsoft keeps up with the times and integration with tools that are common in the Unix world is becoming more and more self-evident, making Visual Studio easier to handle alongside other tools.



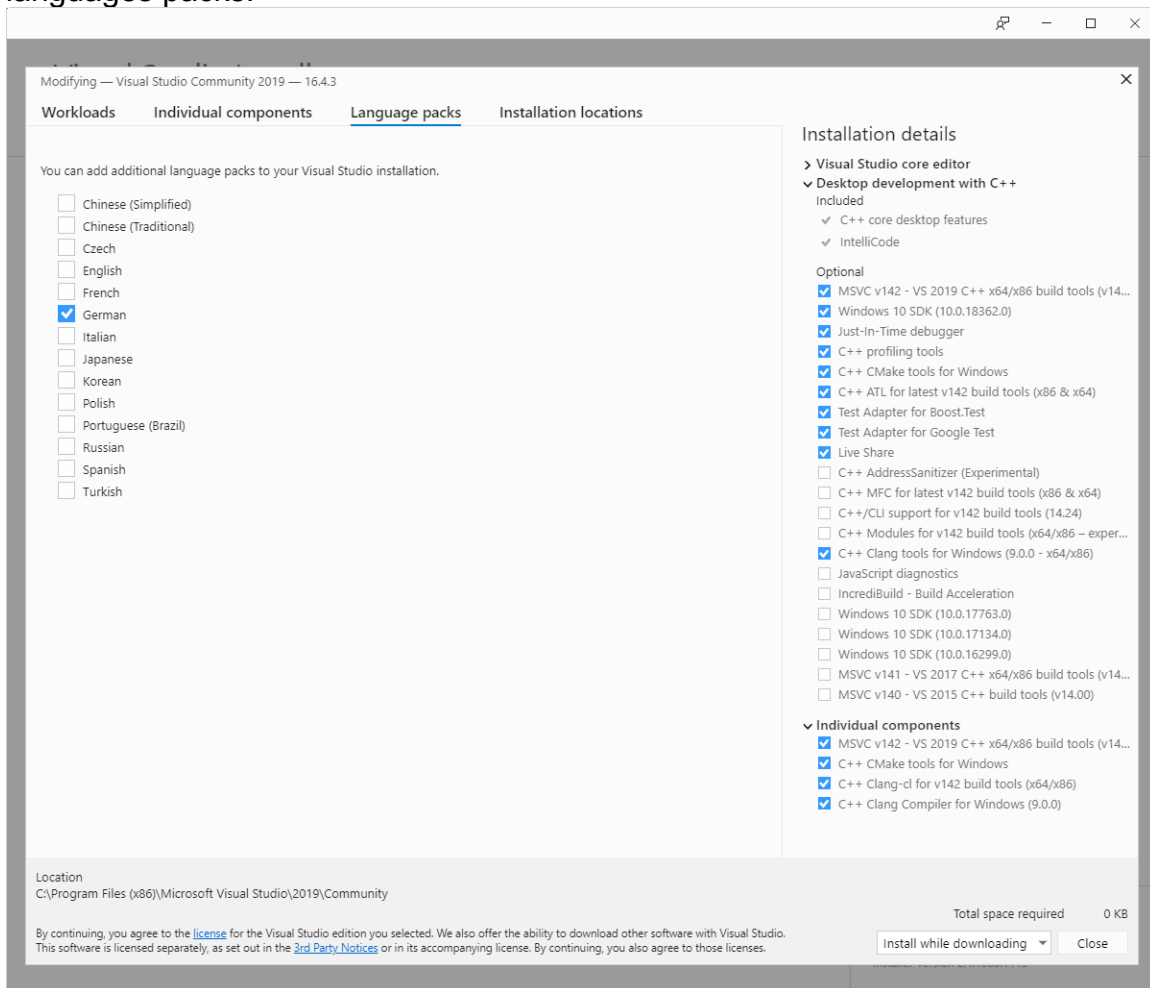
Microsoft Visual Studio Community 2019

An installer for Visual Studio is named [VS Community](#). The installation follows after starting this installer by choosing the components (for ESE) used:



Choose "Desktop development with C ++" and also check CMake and CLang tools. Other options are less relevant.

As can be seen in the image above from Visual Studio, a language other than English can be chosen. Those who like this can choose from a number of languages packs.



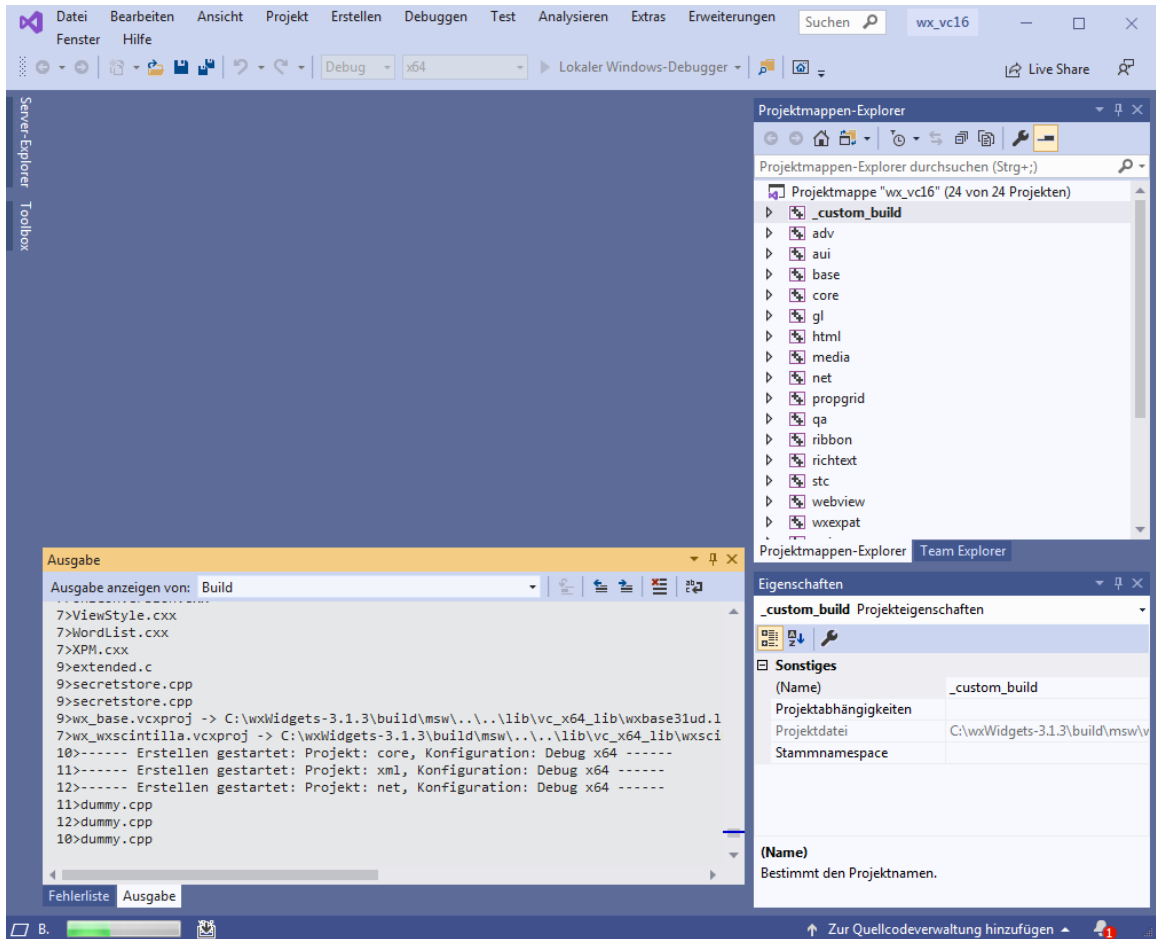
After installing Visual Studio, it is advisable to link it to a Microsoft account (for example, OneDrive).

1.2.1 Installation of wxWidgets on MS Windows.

1. Download the wxWidgets win32 installer from [the wxWidgets website](#) to the standard location (C:/wxWidgets_x.xx).
2. Start Visual Studio en navigate to the directory where a vc_15/vc_16 solution is at your disposal (C:/wxWidgets_x.xx/build/msw/wx_vc15 of 16):

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3. Build the solution in 64 bit mode (not in 32 bit mode!) In static debug and optional static release mode. DLL mode is not required :



After the construction is finished, everything is ready - leave the construction folder with all obj files, this is the wxWidgets toolkit for use in the practicum.

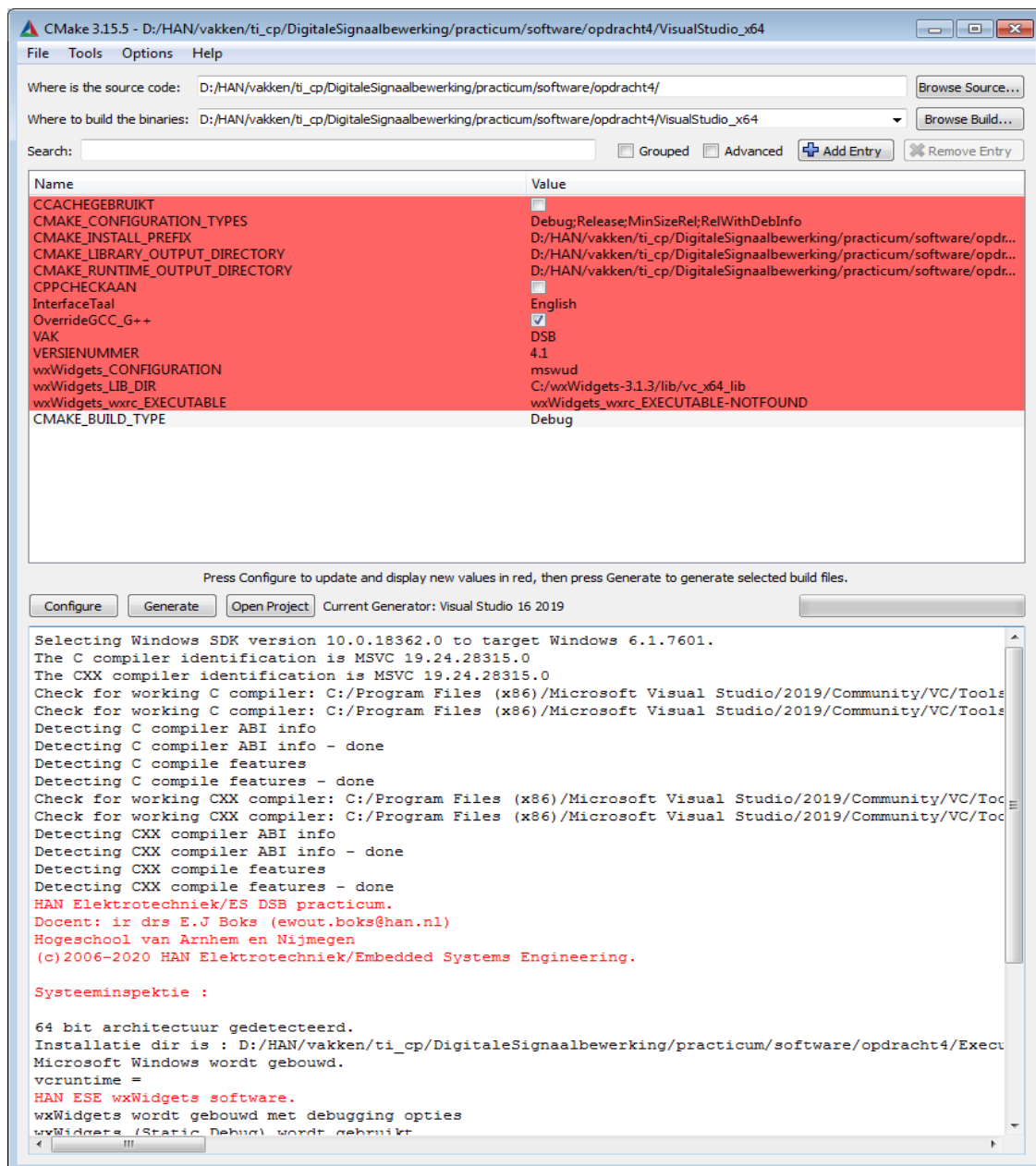
1.2.2 Installation of CMake

It is advisable to install [CMake](#) in addition to Visual Studio as well, to independently generate Visual Studio Solution projects from CMake project files.

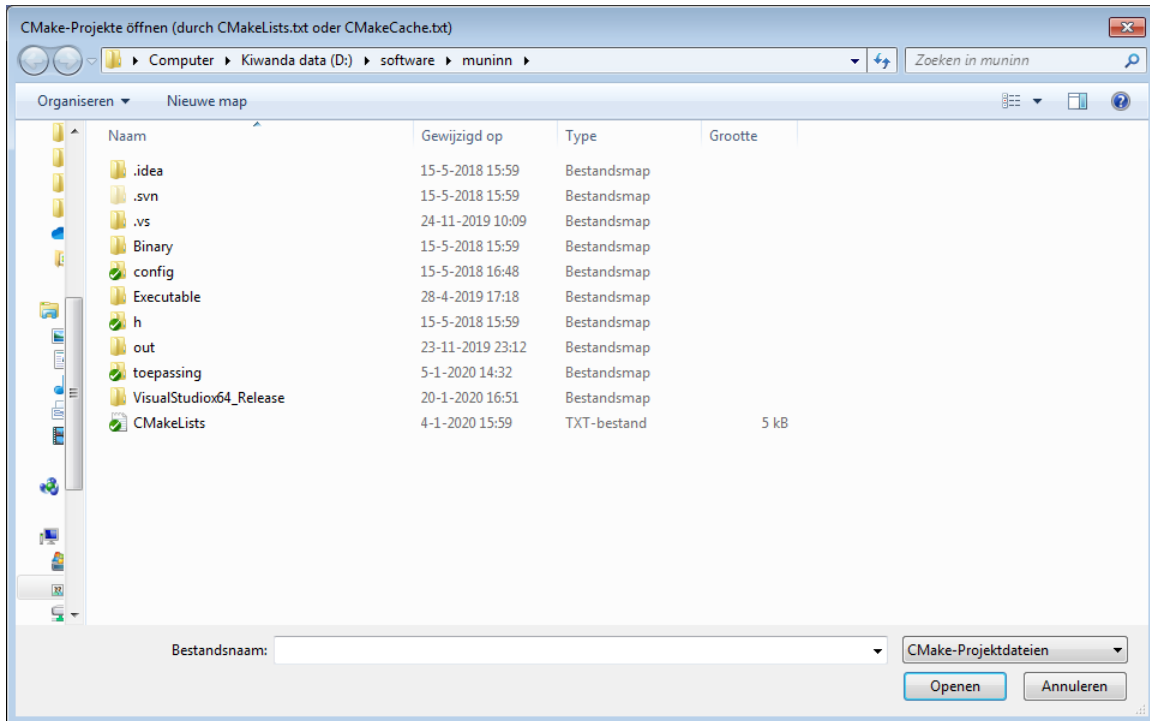
1.2.3 Usage of CMake with Visual Studio

It is possible to use the practical projects in Visual Studio in two ways:

- The traditional way. A VS Solution is constructed with the CMake generator, which is then loaded into Visual Studio:

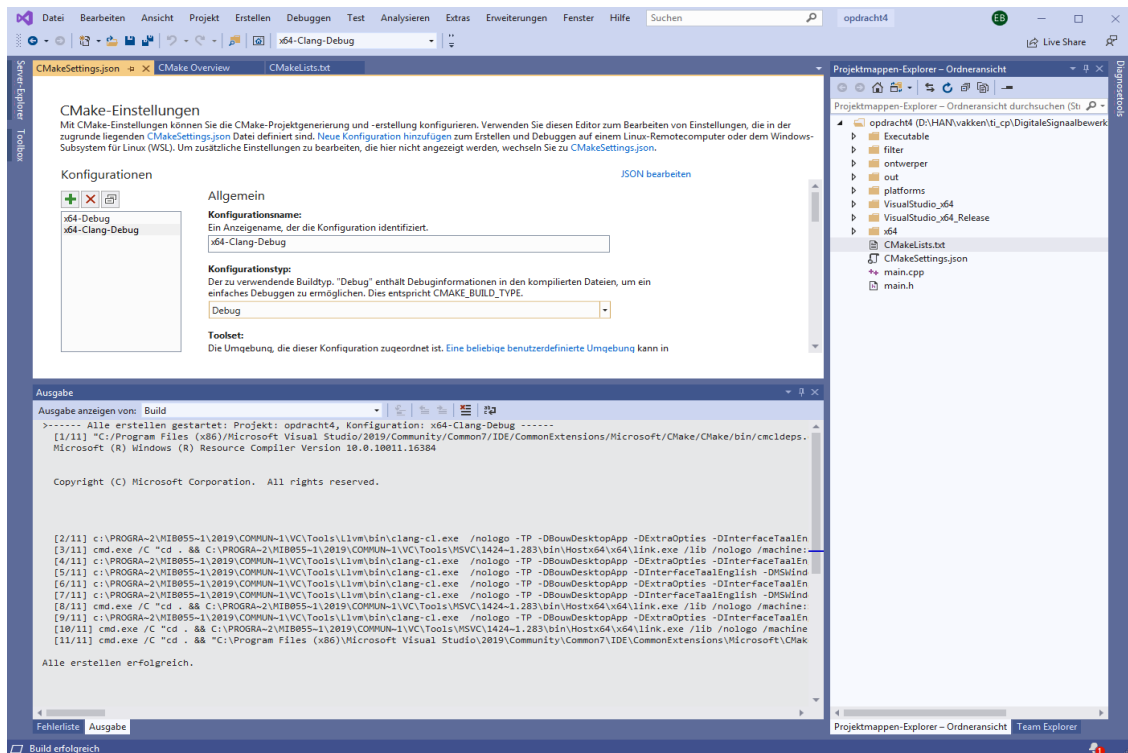


- The "new" way. Microsoft has since VS2017 introduced a method with which CMake projects can be loaded directly into Visual Studio. At File / Open go to the opening option "CMake", where after the file dialog appears with which a CMakeLists.txt file can be chosen:

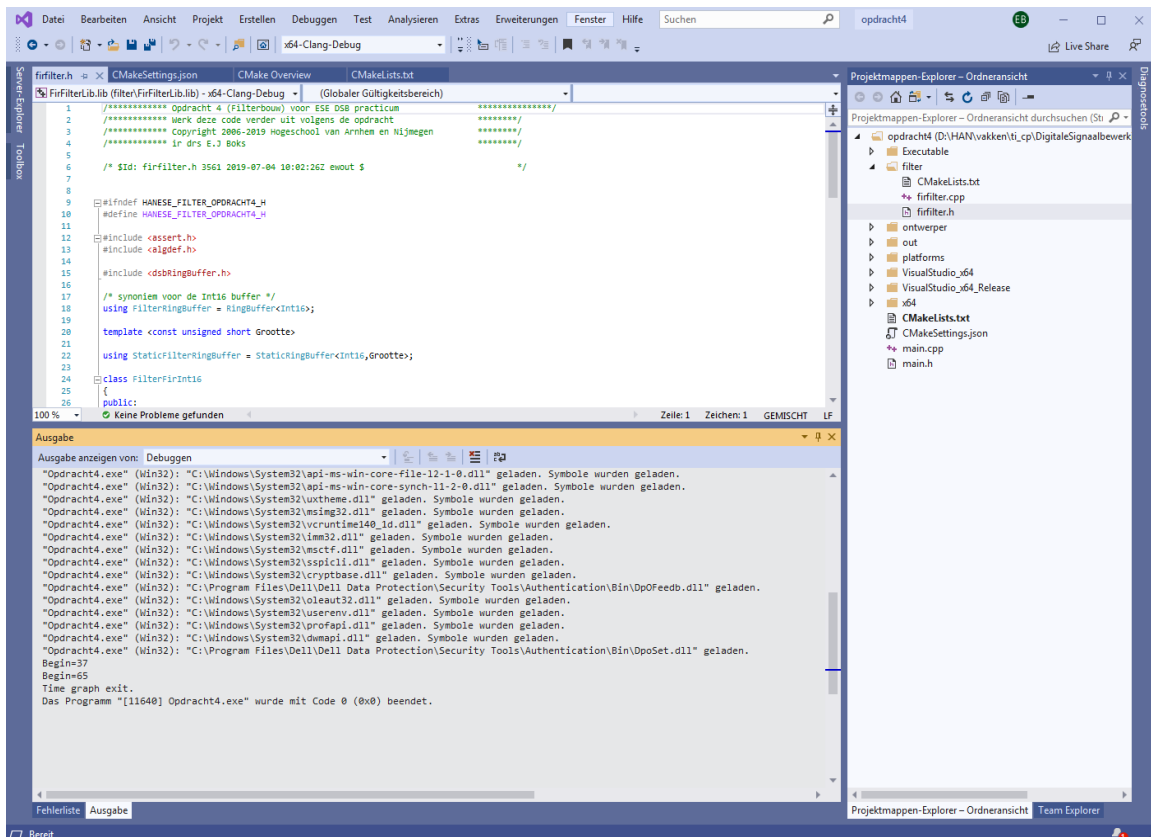


Visual Studio will load here after the project and set to the standard construction method.

In addition to this standard method, other building configurations can be chosen. A configuration based on the [LLVM clang compiler suite](#) (the standard compiler for Apple Mac OS X and FreeBSD) is now also possible; the miracles are not out of the world yet.....:



After this, the project can be built and executed based on clang!



For questions and comments, contact me! I will try to solve problems or ambiguities as quickly as possible.

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