

Database Application Development

Project – Assignment SETUP

Objective:

- How to connect to a Oracle server from a C++ program.
- How to write and execute SQL queries in a C++ program.

Getting Started Instructions:

These instructions are similar and can be supplemented by looking at dbs211.ca under week 7.

http://dbs211.ca/courses/dbs211/Week08/index.html#dbase_connections

Create Oracle Server Connection:

To connect to the Oracle server from your C++ program in Visual Studio, you need to follow these steps:

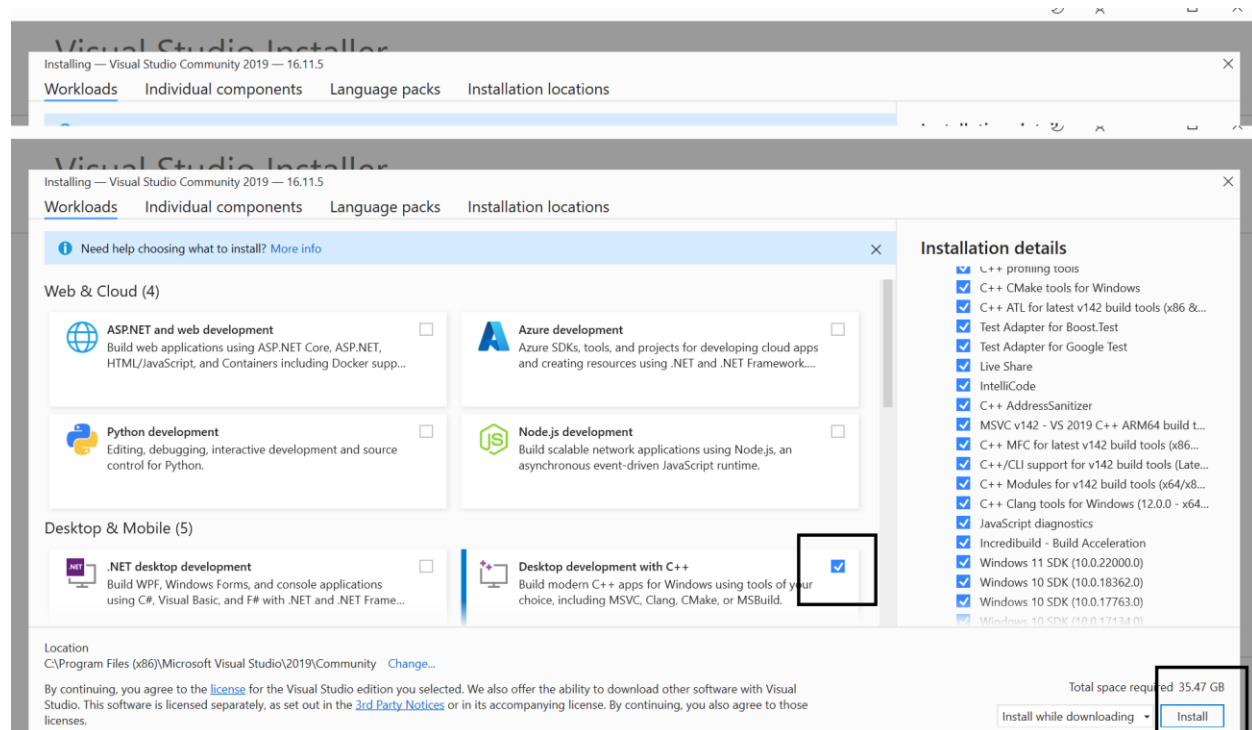
Download the Oracle Instant Client SDK and libraries from for version 12.2.0.1.0 from

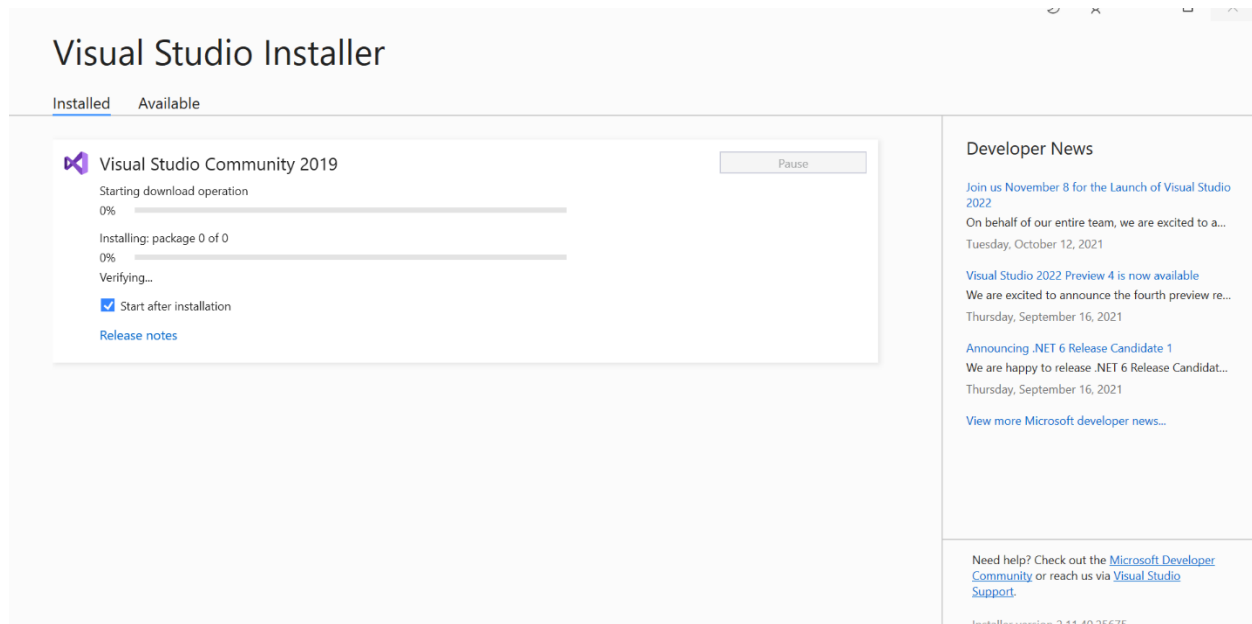
http://dbs211.ca/files/instantclient_12_2.zip or in MS Teams General channel Extract the zip archive to a local folder on your hard drive.

Open Visual Studio and create a new C++ console project. If you do not have visual studio installed, you can obtain it from MyApps at Seneca College or you can download the free Visual Studio Community Edition at:

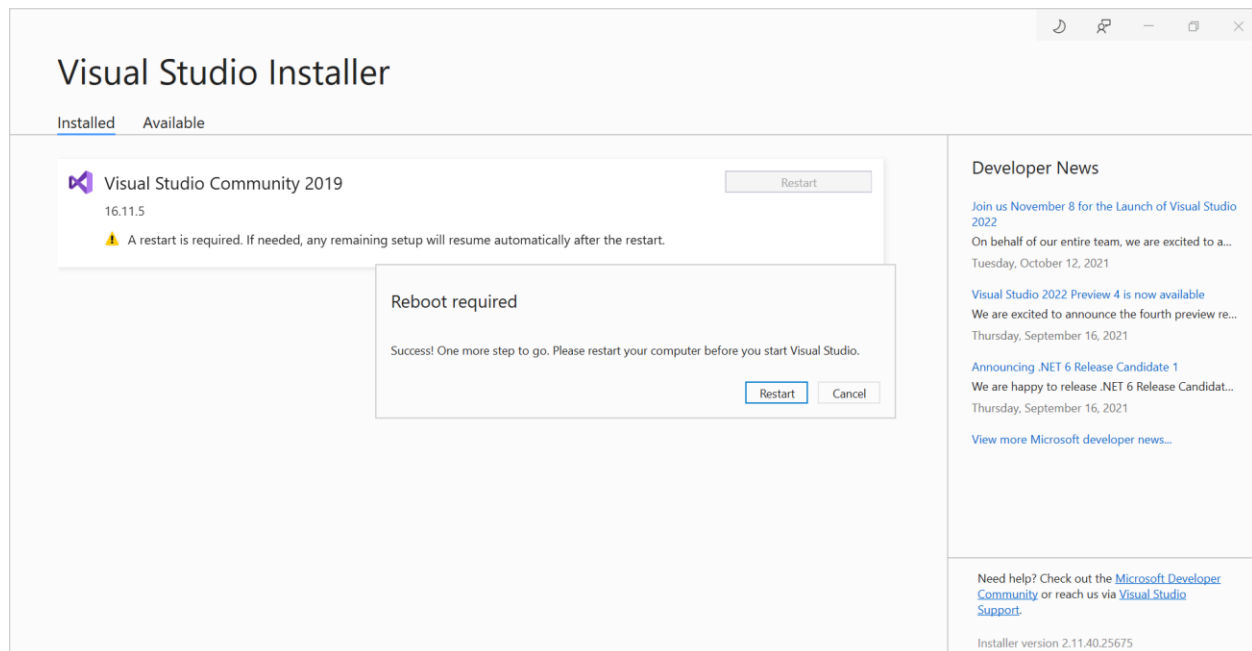
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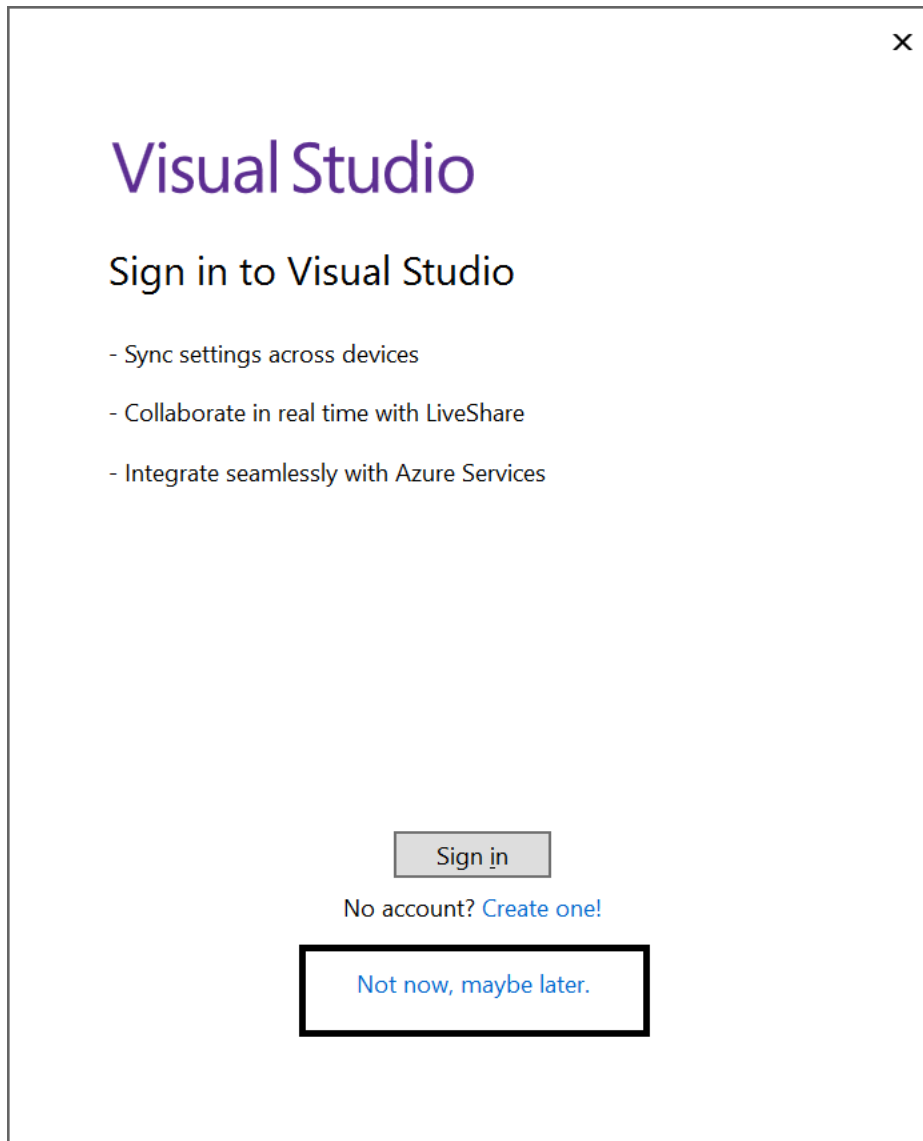


Depending on your download speed, the download might take up to 30 minutes. After the download, you will get the following screen



Close down all the rest of your applications and restart your computer now.

Open Visual Studio. Click launch button and then click on create account later.



Once you have created the project:

The first step in the project is to establish that it is a .cpp project, so create a cpp file by right clicking on the "Source Files" folder and choosing "Add – new Item". Choose a C++ File (.cpp) and enter a name of choice, I suggest something like "*DBS211_Project.cpp*".

In the top of the file write the 2 includes below:

```
#include <iostream>
#include <occi.h>
```

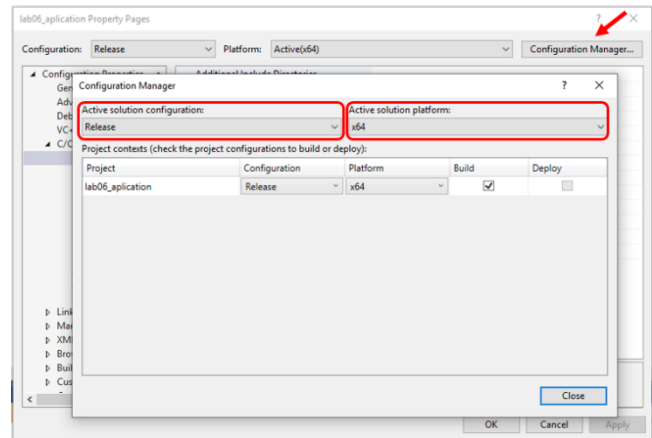
and save the file.

To connect and work with databases in Oracle server, we use the `<occi.h>` header file or library. To set up the visual configuration, right click on your project name in the navigation bar and go to "Properties":

Project/Properties

In the “Configuration” dropdown on the top-left, change to “release” and change “Platform” to “x64” and select “Apply”.

This previous step ensures that the Visual Studio project is set to release so other properties that are set apply to this version. In real life programming, you would work in Debug version until all testing is done, then change to release and test again.

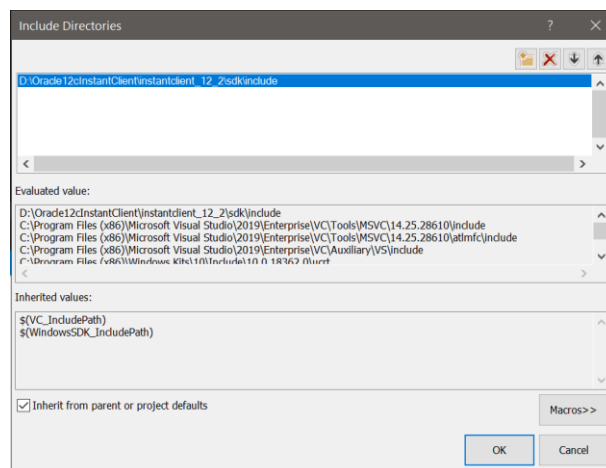
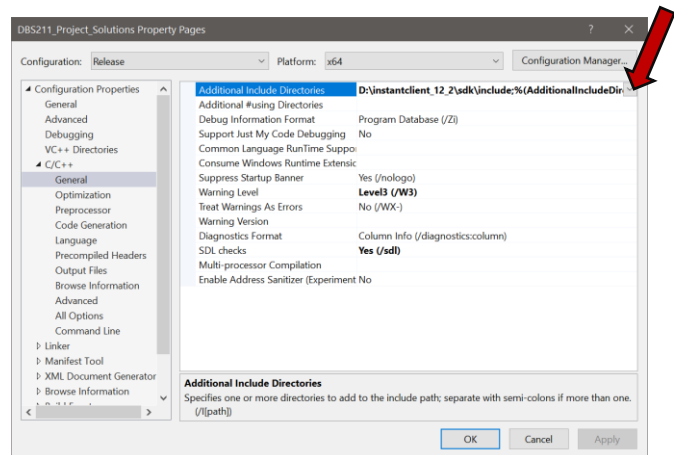


Configuration Properties

In property Page, under Configuration Properties click on “C/C++” and then “General”. On the right side click the drop-down arrow beside “Include Directories” and choose “edit”.

Linking to the Includes Folder to reference the “oci.h” header file required for the project.

On the new screen (shown right), click on the currently blank top line of the first box and you will see a “...” button. Click on this button and navigate to the folder where you extracted the Instant Client SDK and then into the “include” folder, click “Select Folder”. Note: your path may be different then the one shown below as it will depend on where you extracted the instant client SDK zip archive.



Click OK and then Apply.

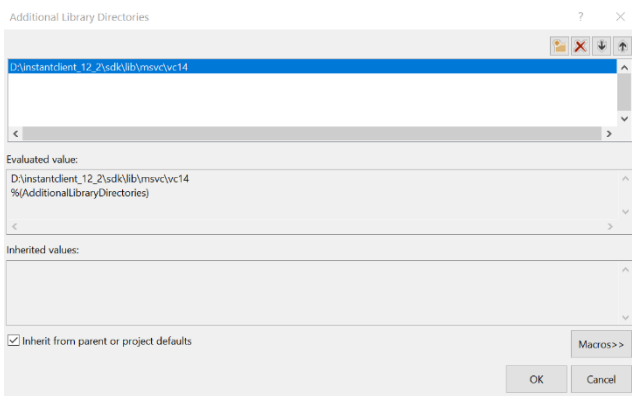
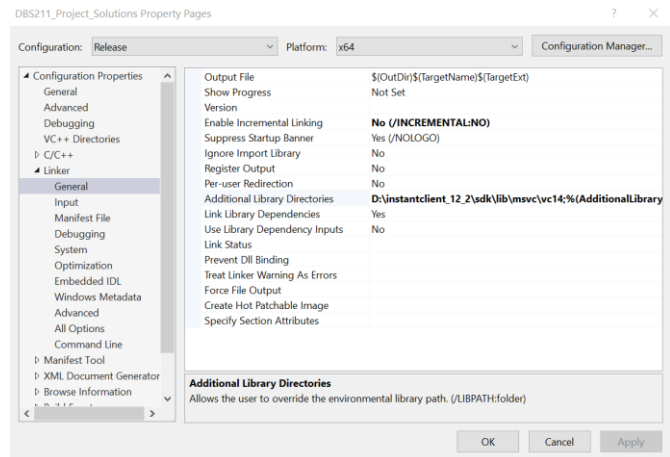
Linking to the Required Libraries

Now we need to tell the application where the library files we will be referencing are found. Navigation the Configuration Properties to Linker and then General

Under Additional Library Directories you will include a reference to the libraries folders:

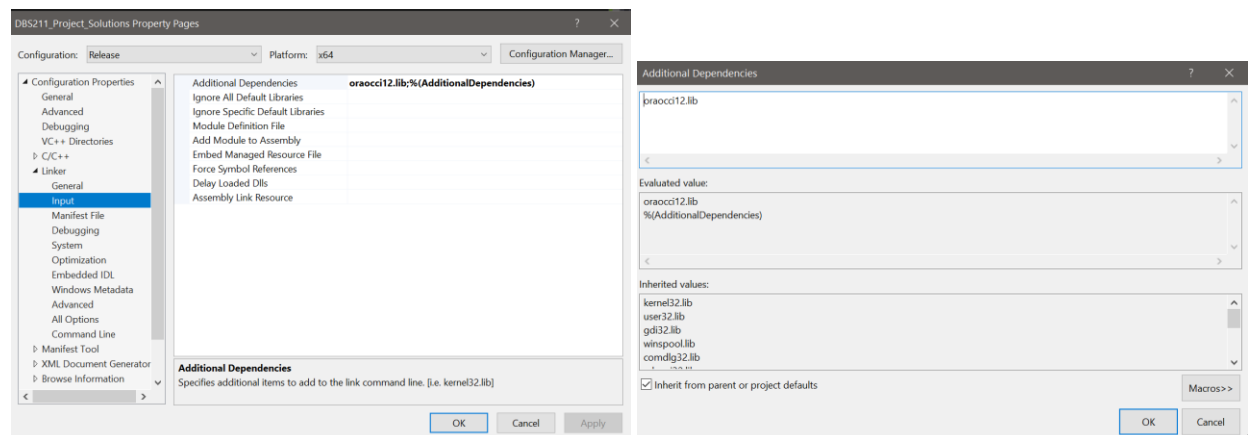
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\ninstantclient_12_2
```

relative to your zip archive extraction location.

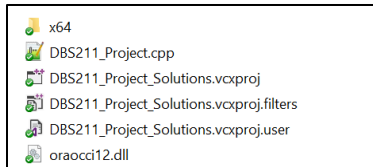


You will then be required to tell the application which library we need to use.

Under Linker / Input / Additional Dependencies, you will need to add `oraocci12.lib`.



And lastly you will need to add the `oraocci12.dll` file to your project folder directory. Right click on the Project and choose: "Open Folder in File Explorer". This is the folder where the .dll file must be placed. The required file can be copied from the main `instantclient_12_2` folder.



Finally make sure that everything seems okay to this point by trying to build the project. An error free build is the first good sign.

Connecting to an Oracle database from a C++ Program

So now we will add some code to make sure we can connect we can do a simple test. In the .cpp file we created earlier, type in the following code to test your connection. It is important that you type it as to learn what is happening to make completing the project tasks much easier. (Hence why I am providing a screen shot rather than text so you cannot copy and paste)

```
#include <iostream>
#include <occi.h>

using oracle::occi::Environment;
using oracle::occi::Connection;
using namespace oracle::occi;
using namespace std;

int main(void) {
    // OCCI Variables
    Environment* env = nullptr;
    Connection* conn = nullptr;
    // User Variables
    string str;
    string usr = ""; // this is your login assigned to you
    string pass = ""; // this is your password assigned to you
    string srv = "myoracle12c.senecacollege.ca:1521/oracle12c";

    try {
        env = Environment::createEnvironment(Environment::DEFAULT);
        conn = env->createConnection(usr, pass, srv);
        cout << "Connection is Successful!" << endl;
        env->terminateConnection(conn);
        Environment::terminateEnvironment(env);
    }
    catch (SQLException& sqlExcp) {
        cout << sqlExcp.getErrorCode() << ": " << sqlExcp.getMessage();
    }
    return 0;
}
```

When executing the above code, if you see the console screen come up with Connection is Successful, then you are ready to move to the next steps.

Running a Simple SELECT query and outputting the results

So we will go through a series of steps to get some output. Type in the following code as shown within the code shown above.... (i.e. merge the two). Use the provided information in class (likely a PPT slideshow) to understand what each line is doing. Some key concepts you will want to understand include:

- Connection (conn)
- RecordSet (rs)
- next() method and how it works
- and all the terminate statements and why they are necessary.

REPLACE OFFICES AS "RETAILOFFICES" IN THE CODE AND TRY IT

```
try {
    env = Environment::createEnvironment(Environment::DEFAULT);
    conn = env->createConnection(usr, pass, srv);
    cout << "Connection is Successful!" << endl;

    Statement* stmt = conn->createStatement();

    ResultSet* rs = stmt->executeQuery("SELECT officecode, city, state, country, postalcode
    FROM offices ORDER BY officecode");

    cout << "The company offices are:" << endl;
    cout << "# City      State      Country      Postal Code" << endl;

    while (rs->next()) {
        int count = rs->getInt(1);        // get the first column as int
        string city = rs->getString(2);    // get the second column as a string
        string state = rs->getString(3);   // etc
        string country = rs->getString(4);
        string pc = rs->getString(5);
        cout << count << " " << city << " " << state << " " << country << " " << pc << endl;
    }

    conn->terminateStatement(stmt);
    env->terminateConnection(conn);
    Environment::terminateEnvironment(env);
}
catch (SQLException& sqlExcp) {
    cout << sqlExcp.getErrorCode() << ": " << sqlExcp.getMessage();
}
```