

Practical # 01

Introduction to DEV C++ IDE

Objective: *To understand the DEV C++ IDE(Integrated Development Environment) and implement a simple C Program.*

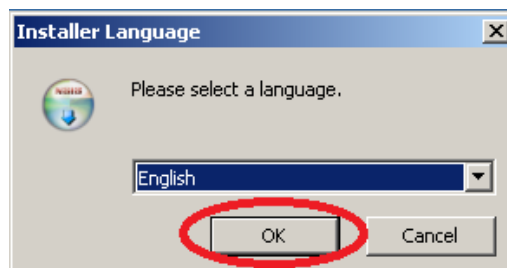
Theory:

The Integrated Development Environment (IDE)

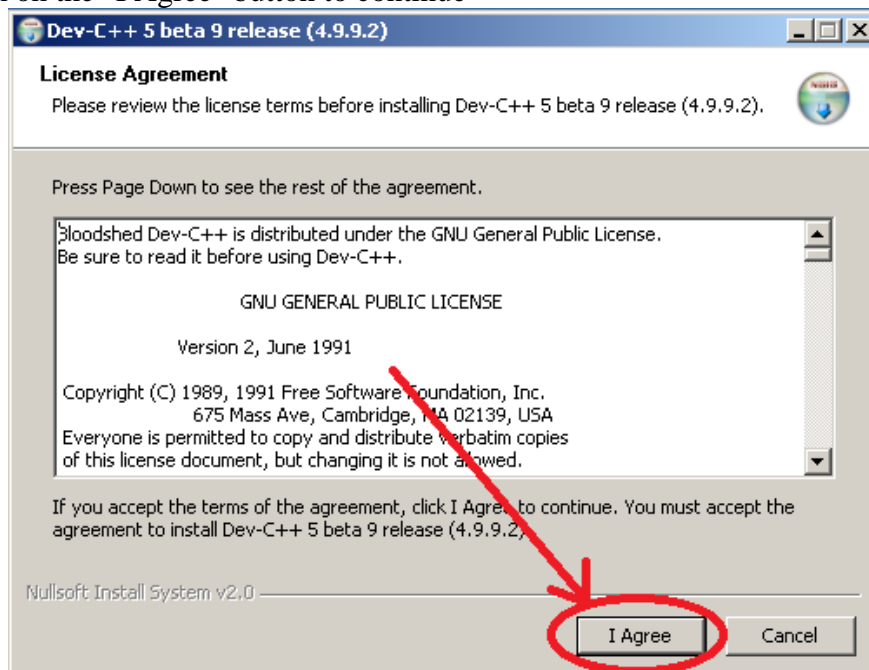
Dev-C++, developed by Bloodshed Software, is a fully featured graphical IDE (Integrated Development Environment), which is able to create Windows or console-based C/C++ programs using the MinGW compiler system. MinGW (Minimalist GNU* for Windows) uses GCC (the GNU g++ compiler collection), which is essentially the same compiler system that is in Cygwin (the unix environment program for Windows) and most versions of Linux.

Installation Steps:

1. Download the installer from the internet. Follow the instructions and install the program. The following screenshots will help you install and run the product:

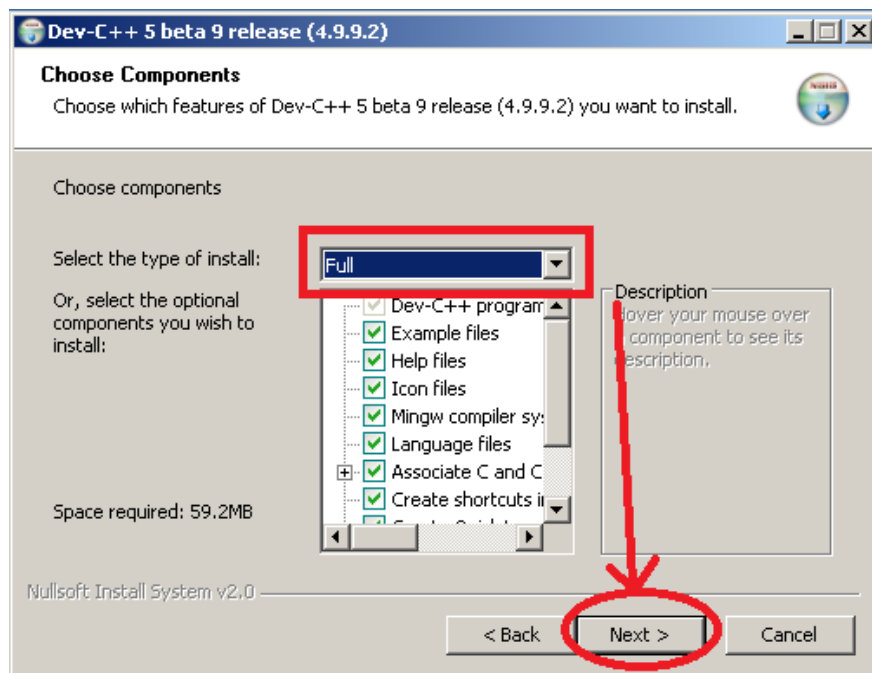


2. License Agreement
Click on the "I Agree" button to continue



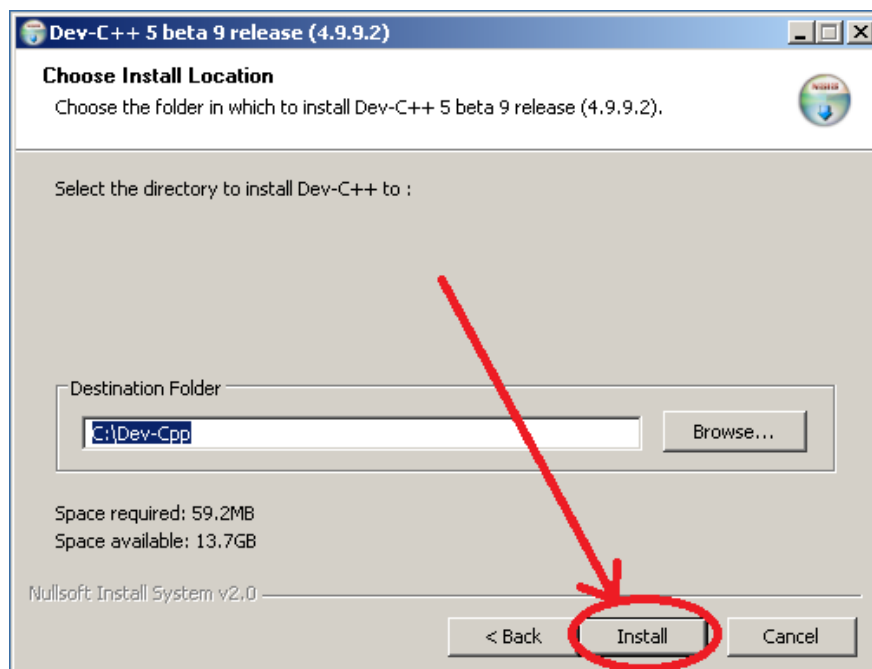
3. Choose Components

Make sure that the type of install is Full and click the Next button to continue



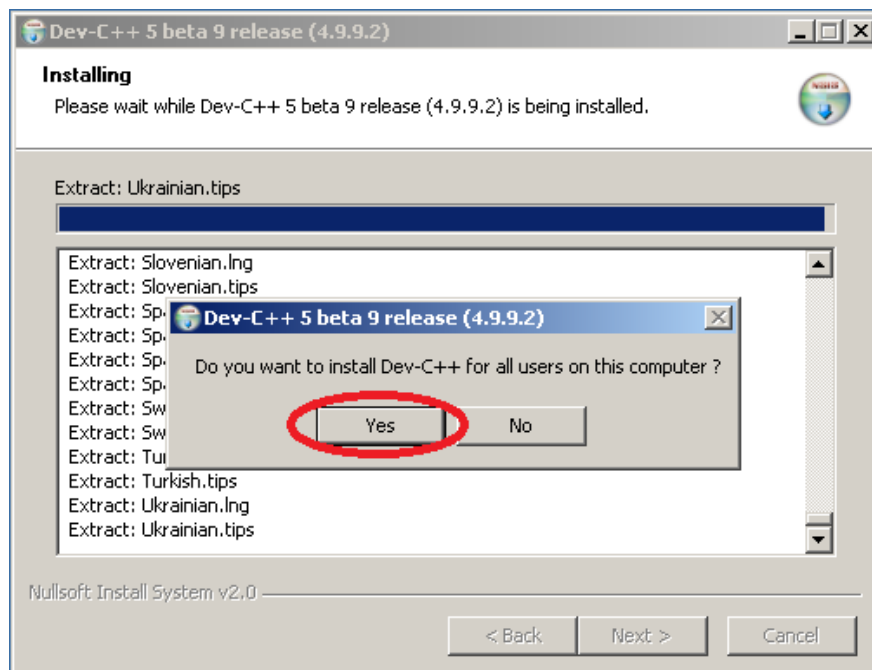
4. Choose Install Location

Click the Install button to continue



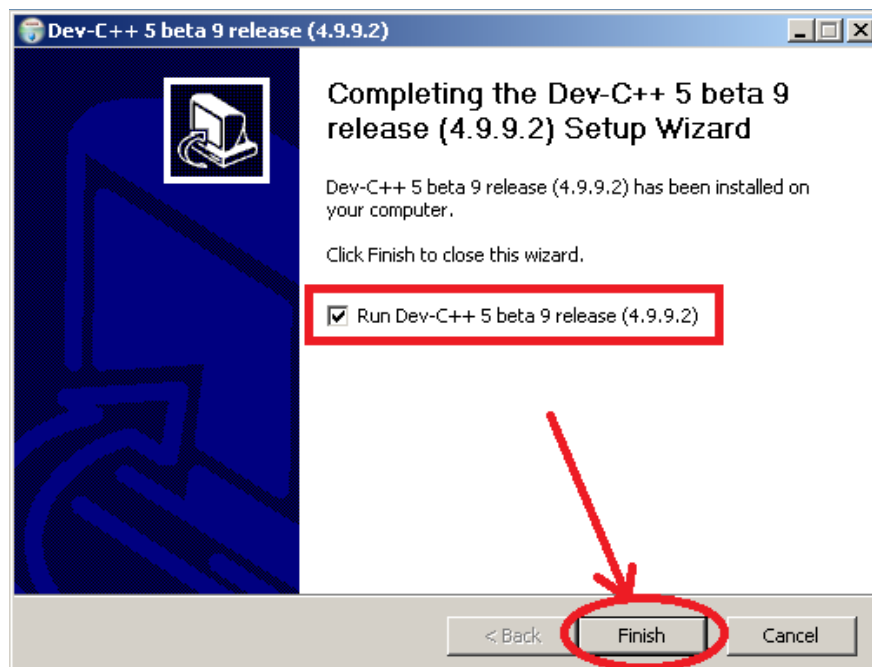
5. Installing

Click the Yes button



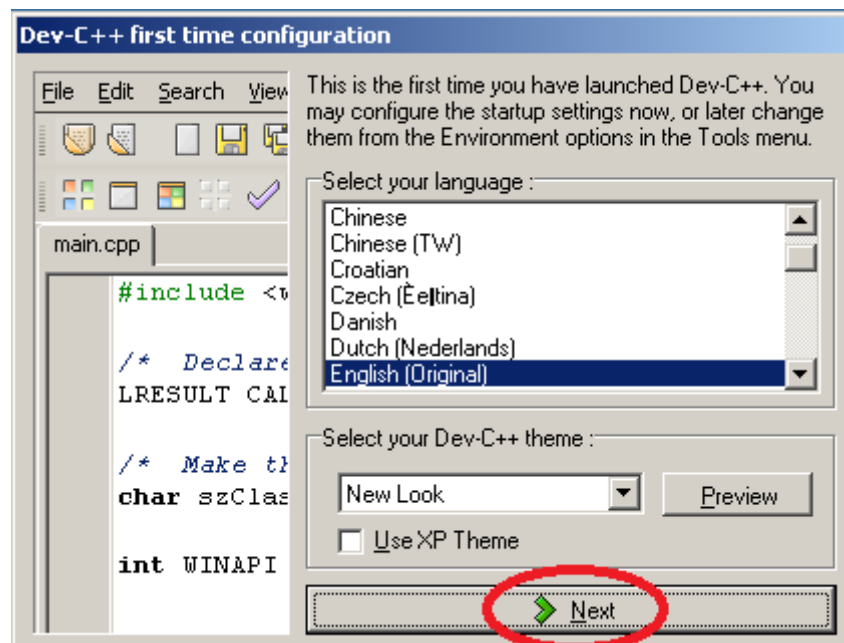
6. Finished

Click the Finish button to finalize the installation and run the program.



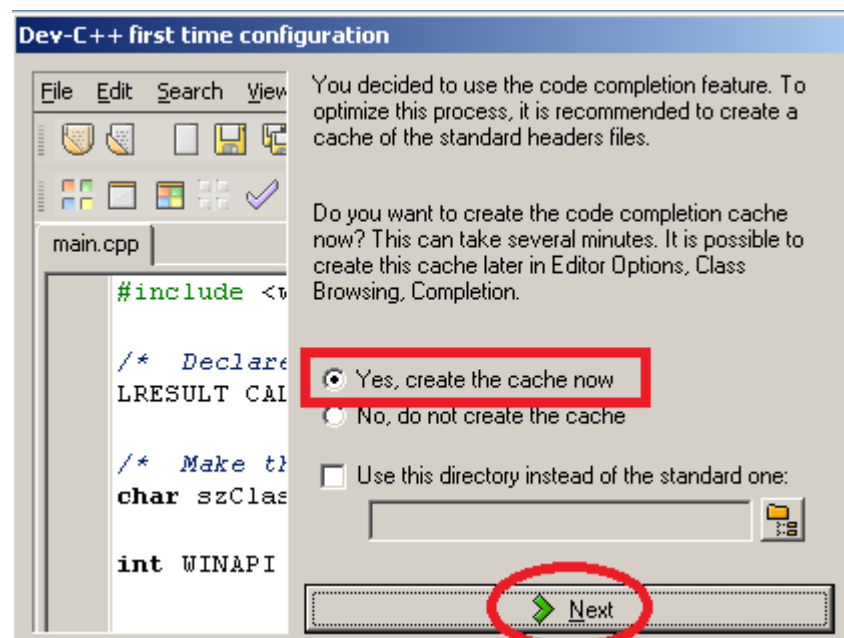
7. First Time Configuration

Click the Next button to continue



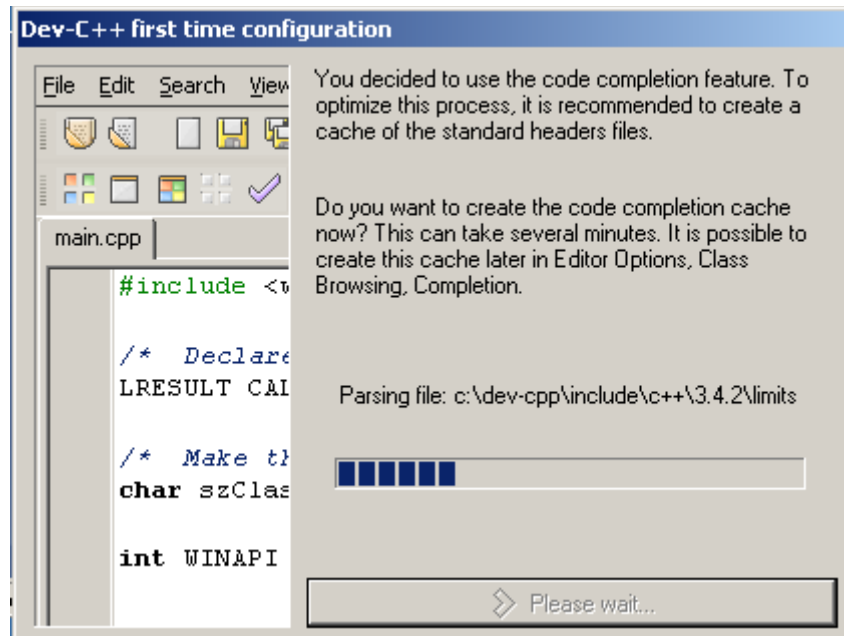
8. First Time Configuration

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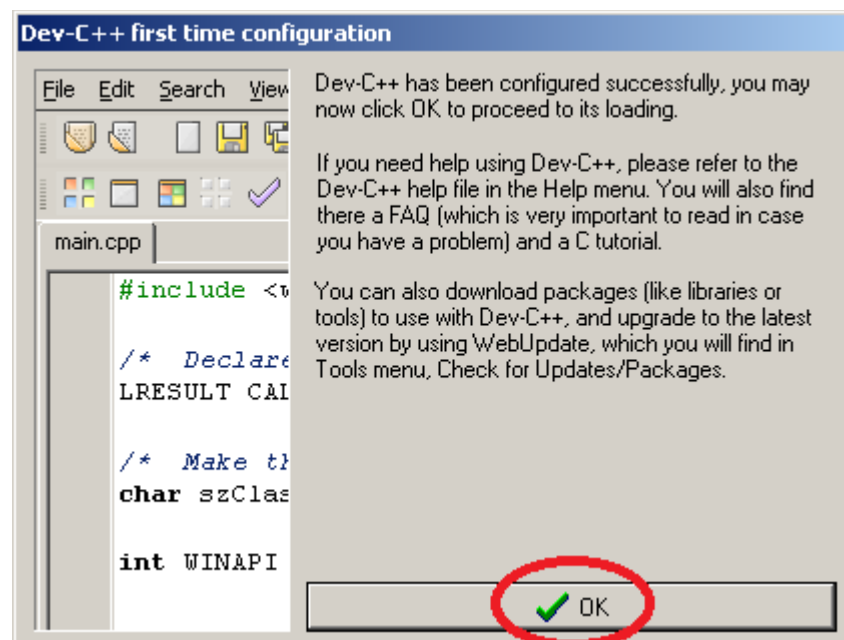
9. First Time Configuration

Wait for the Progress Bar to Complete



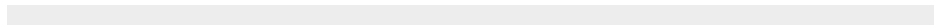
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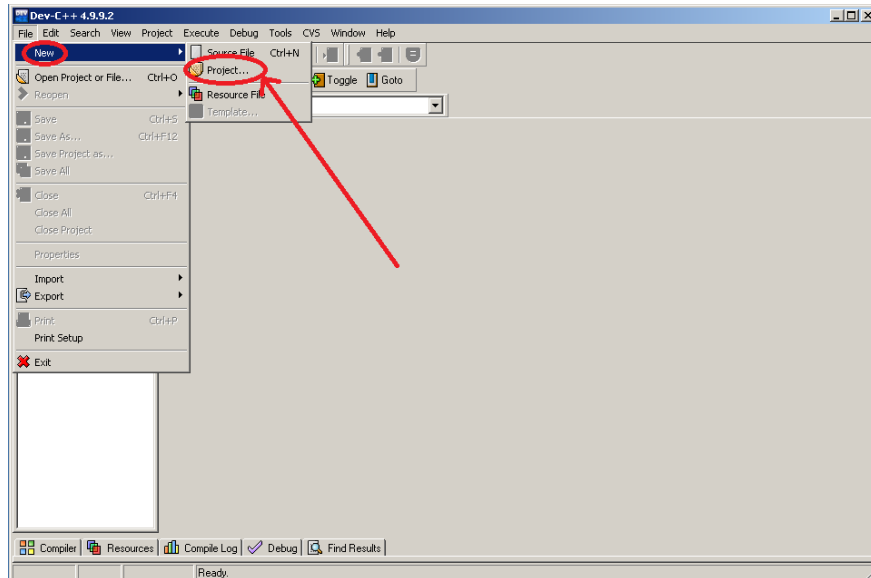
Click the OK button to Finalize



New Project Menu

Click the File menu, then select the New menu item and click the Project menu item.





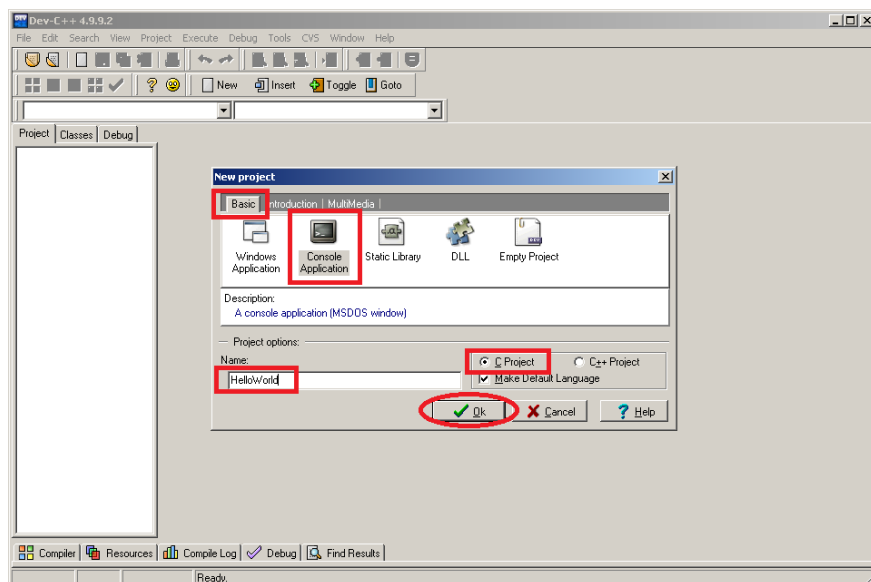
New Project

On the top, make sure that Basic tab is selected and under the Basic tab, select “Console Application”

Give a name to your project using the Name text box, For instance, “Hello World”.

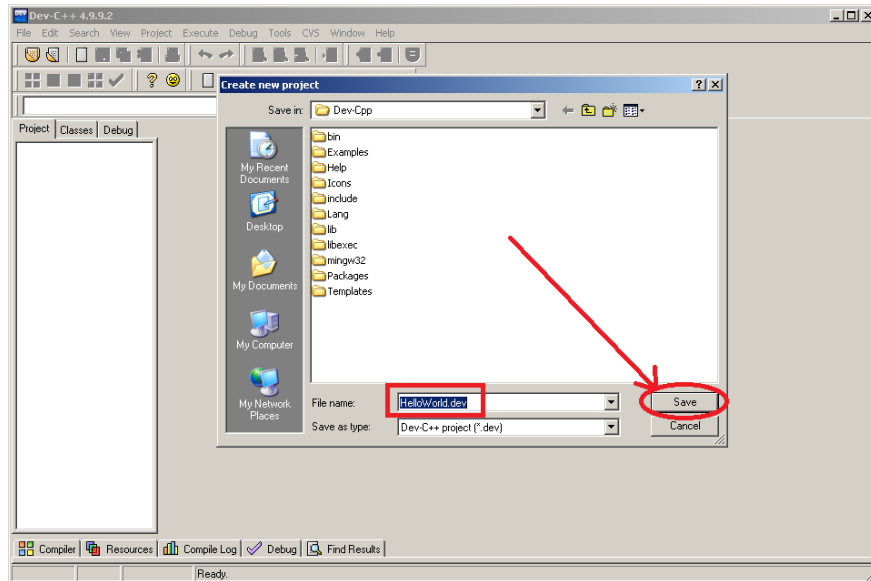
Important: Choose “C Project” under “Project Options”, on the left

Click the OK button to create your project



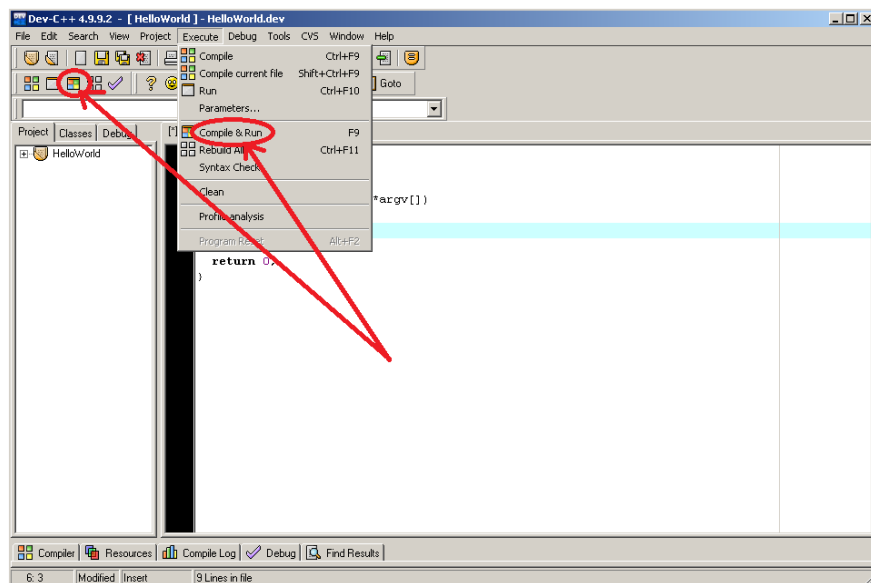
Create New Project

Give a name to your project file and click the Save button to continue



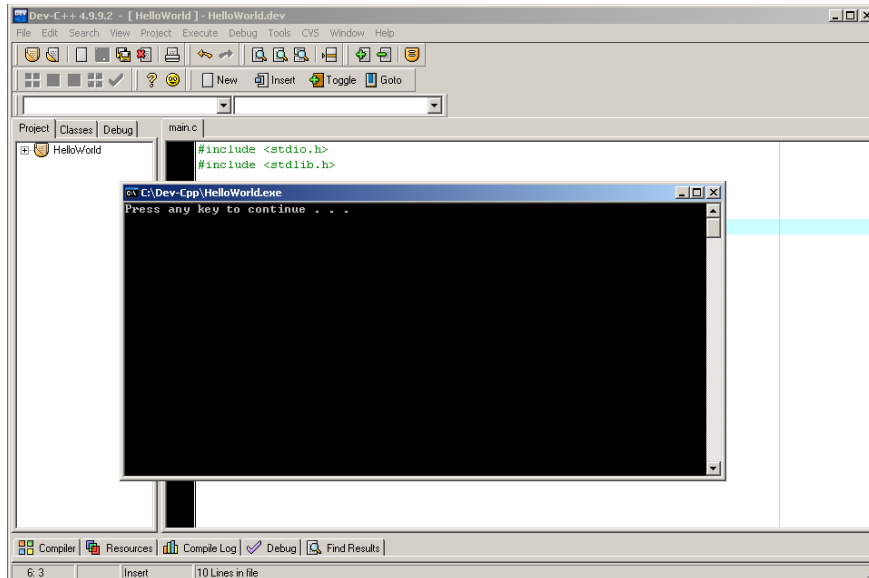
Compile & Run:

Click “Compile & Run” menu item or the icon displayed in the below screenshot or just Press F9 to compile and run your program.



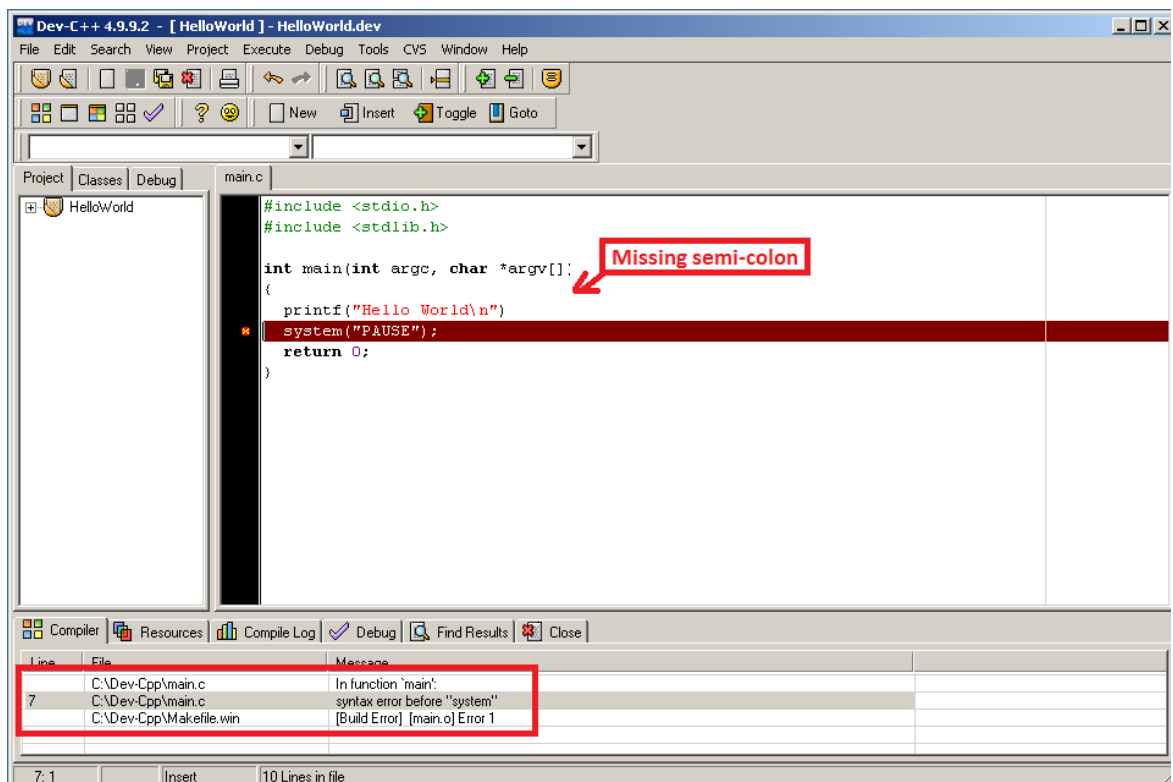
Running:

Assuming you did not make any syntax errors on your code, you should see a similar output window running your program.



Compile Failed

If you try to compile a code which has syntax errors, Compiler window lists the errors with their line numbers. You can double click the error and see the error highlighted in the code.



Review Questions/ Exercise:

1. Discuss the steps necessary to produce executable file?

First, go to the File menu and click on "New." A screen will appear, where you should select "Basic Console Application" as the project type. Next, name your file and choose a save location. Once done, your project or executable file will be ready for use. You can then run and debug the file as needed.

2. Discuss the purpose of Compiler & the file needed by compiler?

A compiler translates code written in languages like Java, C, or C++ into machine code. Its primary purpose is to enable developers to write code in a human-readable or human-friendly format. The compiler requires various files as inputs, including source code files (.c, .cpp, .java, .py), header files (.h, .hpp), and library files (.lib). Together, these files provide the essential components needed for the compiler to produce executable code.

3. Discuss the linker & the file needed by the linker?

A linker is a program that combines multiple compiled files, generated by a compiler, into a single executable file. Its primary role is to resolve external references between object files (compiled code) and libraries, enabling a program to run on a computer. Essentially, the linker makes it possible to use functions and variables defined in other files. The linker typically requires the following types of files:

1. *Object File*: This file contains machine code, created by compiling source code written in languages like C or C++. It serves as the compiled version of the original source.

2. *Library File*: Libraries include pre-compiled code that provides commonly used functions, such as standard library functions like printf and scanf.

3. *Header File*: Header files, usually specified at the beginning of a code file, provide declarations of functions and variables. They help the linker identify and link the functions and variables in external files (e.g., files with .h or .hpp extensions).