

Laboratory Exercise 1

You may obtain a (free) copy of [MS Visual C++ Compiler](#) for use on your home computer.

Please use this tutorial to acquaint yourself with the MS Visual C++ compiler.

To get started:

1. Log in

Enter your Username – *Login*

From the bottom row of buttons select **gnome -> Windows XP**

(Only now) Enter your Password – *Login*

Create a folder (preferably on a memory stick) called “Lab1”

2. Enter the IDE

Select **Visual Studio 2010**

File -> New -> Project

Visual C++ -> Win32 -> Win32 Console Application

Enter **Name** as “tut1”

Select **Location** as your Lab1 folder

Select **Solution name** as “tut1”

3. Enter your program (Note that key-words are automatically **bold**).

4. Compile, link and execute your program.

Select **Debug -> Start Debugging**

If there are any errors, correct them and repeat

It is recommended that you use a USB memory device to transfer files between home and University.

1. Type and save this code through the IDE. Then compile it and execute it.

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// Tutorial 1 - A simple program which utilises
// <iostream>.
// We will discuss this in more detail next week.

#include "stdafx.h"
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    char name[50];
    cout << "\n*****\n";
    cout << "Hello world!" << endl;
    cout << "Please enter your name: ";
    cin.getline(name, 50);
    cout << "\n*****" << endl;
    cout << endl;
    cout << "Hello " << name << " !" << endl;
    system("PAUSE");
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

2. Modify the program so that it prints Hello World! three times.
Do this with a for loop and then repeat the enhancement with the use of a while loop.
3. Enhance the program so that it displays a menu of options to perform different functions.
Use a switch statement to evaluate which functions should be executed.

These `<iostream>` functions may prove useful.

`cout << string` sends strings and numeric values to standard output

`cout << endl` sends a newline character to standard output and flushes the output buffer

`cin >> string` accepts strings and values from standard input, ignoring leading whitespace, and terminating when a whitespace character is encountered .
(whitespace: any number of spaces, tabs or newlines)

`cin.get(ch)` extracts a character from the input stream into a character variable.

You may still use `<stdio.h>` but it is also worthwhile learning `<iostream.h>` capabilities.