

TDD in C++ Setup Instructions

Setting up Windows for C++

1. Install Visual Studio Code
 - <https://code.visualstudio.com/download>
2. Install Extensions:
 - Open VS Code and navigate to the Extensions view (click on the square icon on the sidebar or use **Ctrl+Shift+X**).
 - Search for and install the following extensions:
 - **C/C++ Extension Pack**: Popular extensions for C++ development in Visual Studio Code.
3. Install g++ compiler
 - Follow the instructions on this web page
 - <https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/cpp/config-mingw>
 - Step #1 download the installer from MSYS2 page <https://www.msys2.org/>
 - Continue with Steps #2 through #7
4. Install CMake for Windows
 - https://github.com/Kitware/CMake/releases/download/v3.29.0-rc1/cmake-3.29.0-rc1-windows-x86_64.msi
 - Run the *msi* file.
 - For the install options select *Add CMake to the system PATH for all users*
 - Accept defaults for the remaining settings.
5. Install Git for Windows
 - <https://git-scm.com/downloads>
 - Click Download for Windows
 - Download the latest version and install with the default settings.
6. Clone GoogleTest
 - <https://github.com/google/googletest>
 - Click <>Code
 - Copy HTTPS url
 - Open a terminal window and navigate to desired location (e.g. C:\GTest)
 - `git clone https://github.com/google/googletest.git`
7. Clone Catch2
 - <https://github.com/catchorg/Catch2/tree/devel>
 - Click <>Code
 - Copy HTTPS url
 - Open a terminal window and navigate to desired location (e.g. C:\Catch2)
 - `git clone https://github.com/catchorg/Catch2.git`

Test Project To Confirm Setup

1. Create a new project directory and change to that directory and open it in VS Code.

```
mkdir firstApp && cd firstApp  
code .
```

2. Create a source code file named main.cpp that prints 'Hello World!' to the console.

```
#include <iostream>  
int main()  
{  
    std::cout << "Hello World!" << std::endl;  
}
```

3. Press the play button in the top right corner of the editor.
4. Choose *C/C++ g++.exe build and debug active file* from the list of detected compilers.
5. The output Hello World! should appear in the integrated *Terminal* of VS Code.
6. This confirms that Visual Studio Code and the C++ compiler are all set.