

Supplement II.C: Dev-C++ Tutorial

For Introduction to C++ Programming
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1. Introduction

Dev-C++ is a free C++ IDE, which can be downloaded from <http://www.bloodshed.net/dev/devcpp.html>. C++.NET is much more powerful than Dev-C++. But Dev-C++ is simpler and easier than C++.NET for new IDE users.

2 Getting Started with Dev-C++

Dev-C++ is easy to install. If you need help on installation, please refer to *Dev-C++ Tutorial* in the supplements.

Suppose you have installed Dev-C++. You can launch Dev-C++ from Windows Start button by choosing *All Programs, Bloodshed Dev-C++, Dev-C++*. The Dev-C++ user interface appears, as shown in Figure 1.

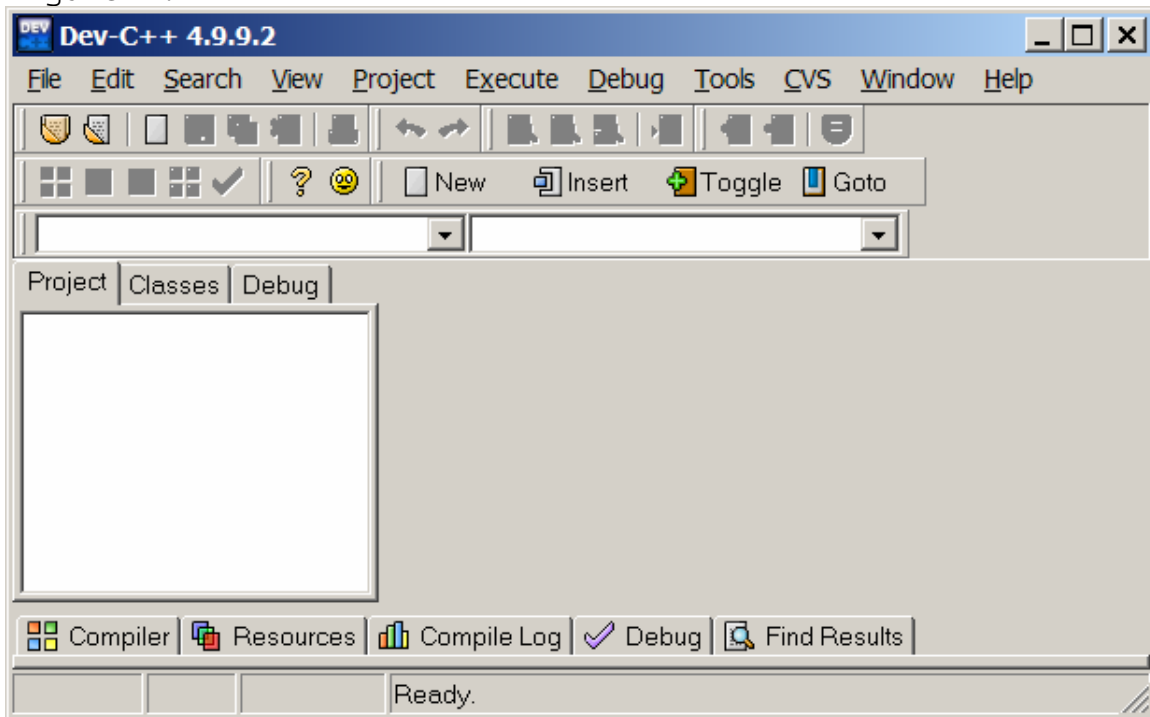


Figure 1

The Dev-C++ user interface is a single window that performs functions for editing, compiling, debugging, and running programs.

3 Creating a Program

To create a C++ programs in Dev-C++.NET, follow the steps below:

1. Choose *File, New, Source File*, an untitled file appears in the content pane, as shown in Figure 2.
2. Type in the code exactly from Listing 1.1 in the content pane, as shown in Figure 3.
3. Choose *File, Save* to display the Save File dialog box, as shown in Figure 4. Enter Welcome.cpp in the File name field and click *Save* to save the file into Welcome.cpp. (Note: you may change the directory in the Save in field to save the file in any directory.)
4. After you save the file, you will see Welcome.cpp tab appears in the content pane, as shown in Figure 5.

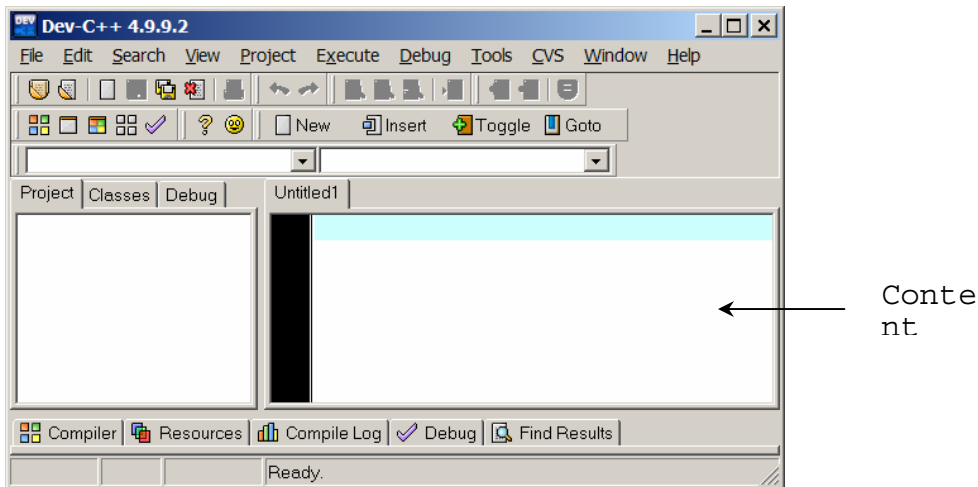


Figure 2

The contents of the file are displayed in the content pane.

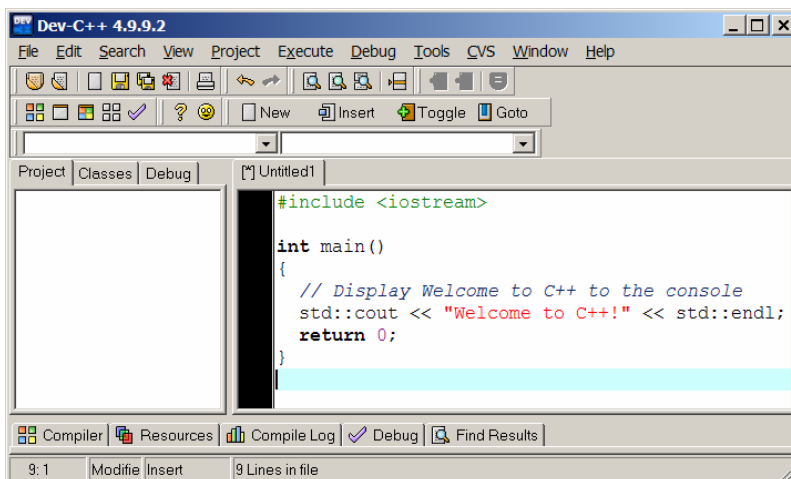


Figure 3

The code is entered in the content pane.

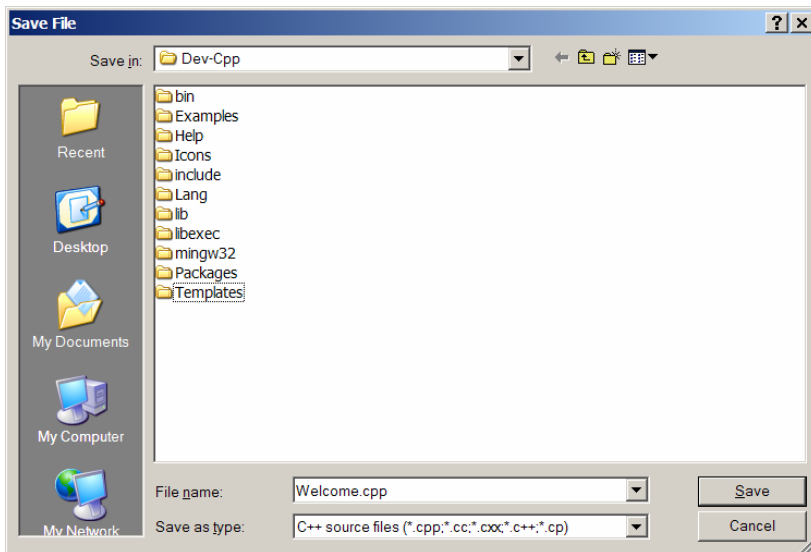


Figure 4

You may save the file in any directory.

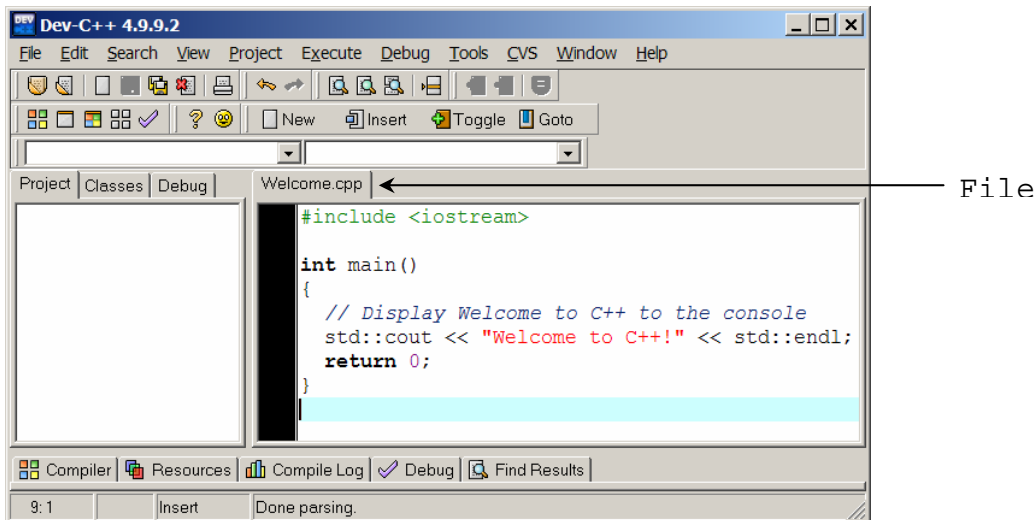



Figure 5

Welcome.cpp tab appears in the content pane.

4 Compiling a C++ Program

After you created a program, you can compile it. You may compile it by choosing *Execute*, *Compile*, or press Ctrl+F9, or choose the *Compile* toolbar button (), as shown in Figure 6. The compile status is displayed in a dialog box, as shown in Figure 7. You may close this dialog box now.

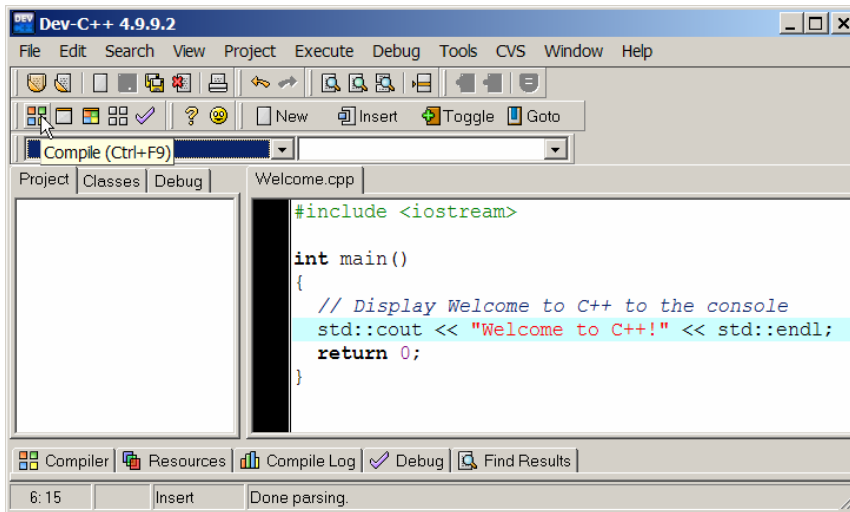


Figure 6

You can click a tool button to compile the program.

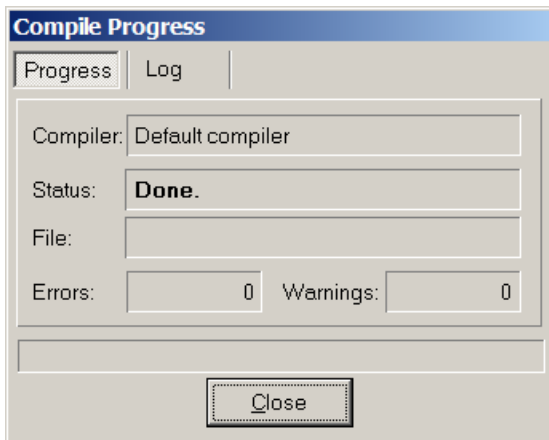



Figure 7

The compilation status is displayed.

5 Running a C++ Program

To run the program, choose *Execute*, *Run*, or press F9, or click the *Run* toolbar button (). A Windows command window is displayed, but quickly disappeared. You almost cannot see the command window. To see this window, you have to add the following statement before the return statement, as shown in Figure 8.

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system("PAUSE");
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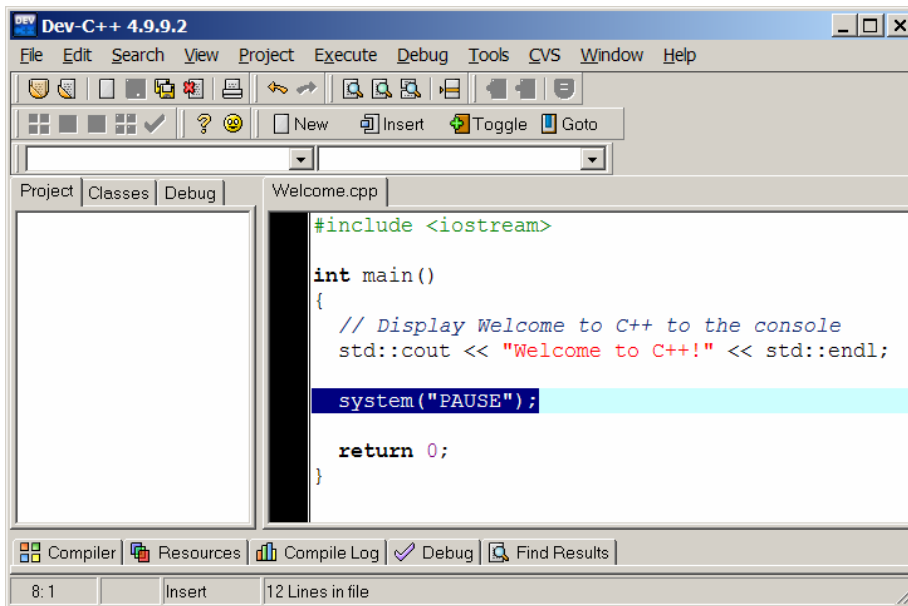


Figure 8

The statement `system("PAUSE")` is added. Recompile and run the program. You will see the command window displayed, as shown in Figure 9.

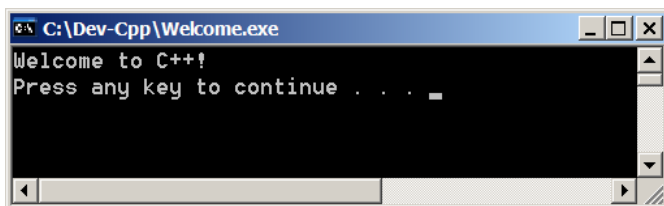



Figure 9

The command window displays the console output.
TIP:

<Side Remark: compile and run>

You may compile and run the program using one command by choosing *Execute, Compile & Run*, or pressing F9, or clicking the *Compile & Run* toolbar button ().

NOTE:

<Side Remark: multiple programs>

If you have multiple programs in the content pane, choose the one you want to run from the file tab and use the *Compile & Run* command to run the selected program.