Instructions for Installing and Building a C Program in Microsoft Visual Studio 2012

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1. Installation

Step 1: Go to the MSDNA site at: https://account.engr.arizona.edu/msdn_aa.php

Step 2: Login using your UofA email and password.


2. Setting up your Environment

Step 1: Run Microsoft Visual Studio 2012; choose general C++ development as your environment (you are only asked the first time you run the program)

Step 2: Go to Tools>>Options>>Debugging>>Symbols and check Microsoft Symbol Servers
Step 3: Choose a directory to cache debugging information and press OK

Step 4: To create a new project, go to File>>New Project. Under Visual C++ choose General>>Empty Project. Name your project with your name of choice. You will see a set of folders being created in the Solution Explorer.
Step 5: Right click on the project that you created and go to properties >> configuration properties >> linker >> system and change the subsystem value to “CONSOLE (/SUBSYSTEM CONSOLE)”

Step 6: To add a file to your project, right click on the “source files” folder, press add >> new item >> C++ file. Give it a name and save it with a .c extension
Step 7: Right click on the file that you added and go to properties. Under C/C++ go to Advanced>>Compile As and change the default value to “Compile as C Code (/TC)” and press apply

3. Building your Code

Step 1: After you have edited your program press save

Step 2: Press Build>>Build solution (F7). If your code contains no errors you will see the following message in the output: “========== Build: 1 succeeded, 0 failed, 0 up-to-date, 0 skipped ==========

Step 3: To execute your program press Debug>>Start without debugging (Ctrl+F5)