

Installing and Configuring the CLion IDE with GCC Compiler and Toolchain

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There are four necessary steps explained in this guide that you MUST do in order to make things go smoothly.

1. Downloading MinGW GCC and toolchain
2. Getting a free one year student license for CLion
3. Installing CLion
4. Automatically configuring CLion to work with GCC and creating your first project.

Please follow these steps in the order they appear in.

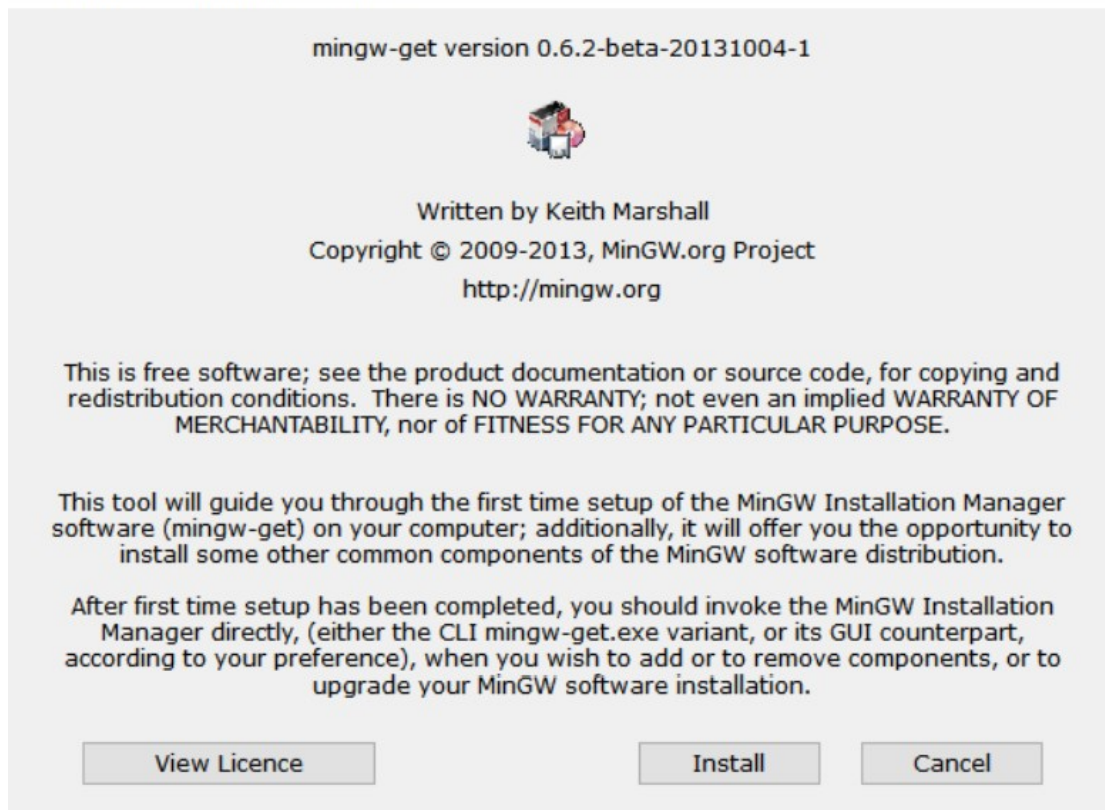
1. Downloading MinGW GCC

This link downloads MinGW GCC Get downloader.

<https://sourceforge.net/projects/mingw/files/latest/download>

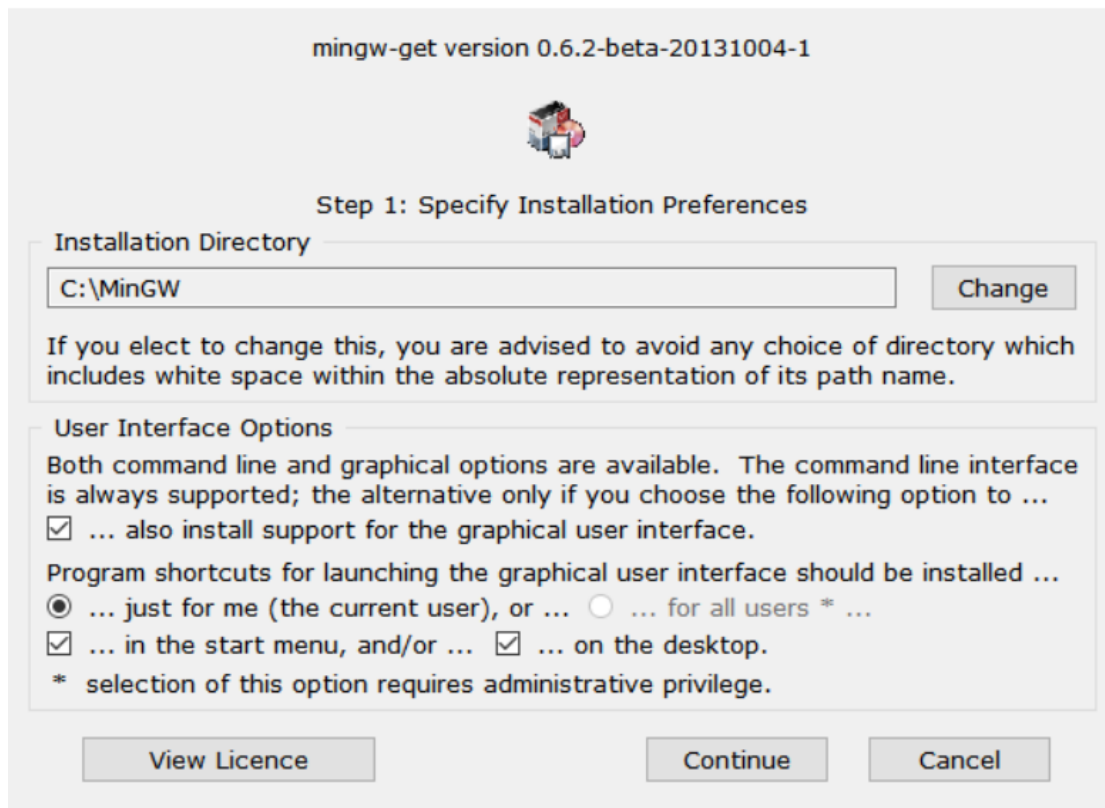
When you open the tool, this screen will appear. **Press Install.**

MinGW Installation Manager Setup Tool



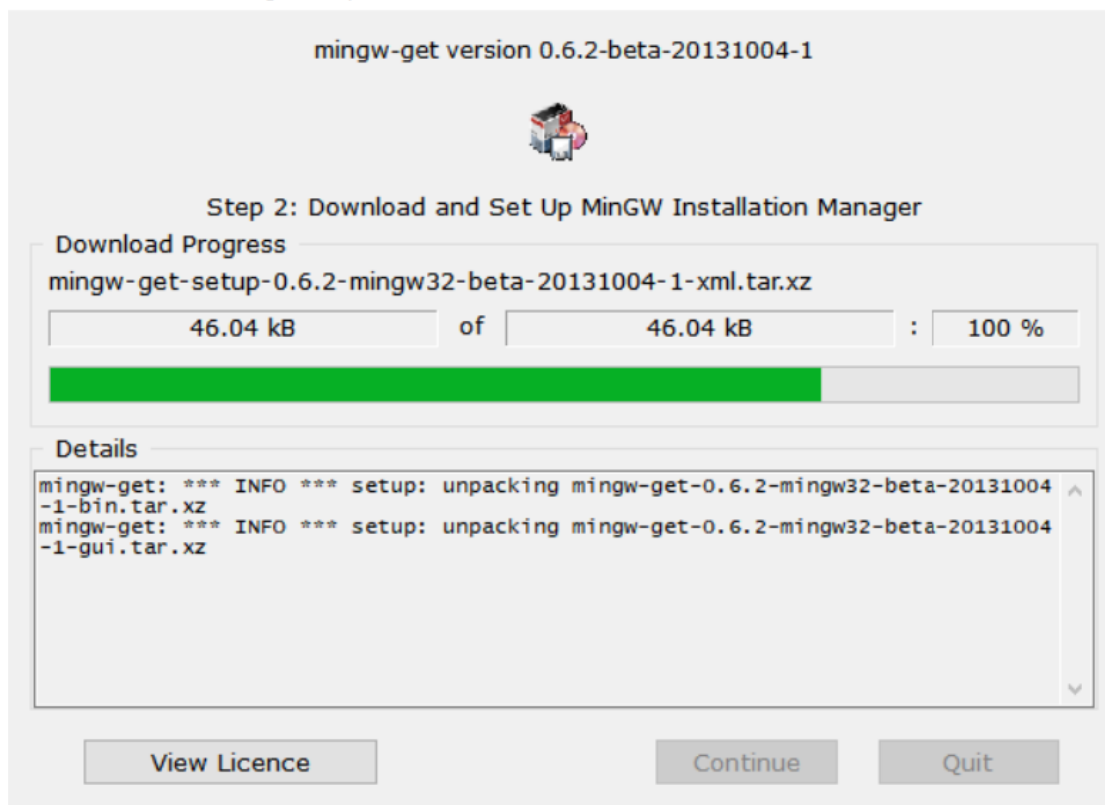
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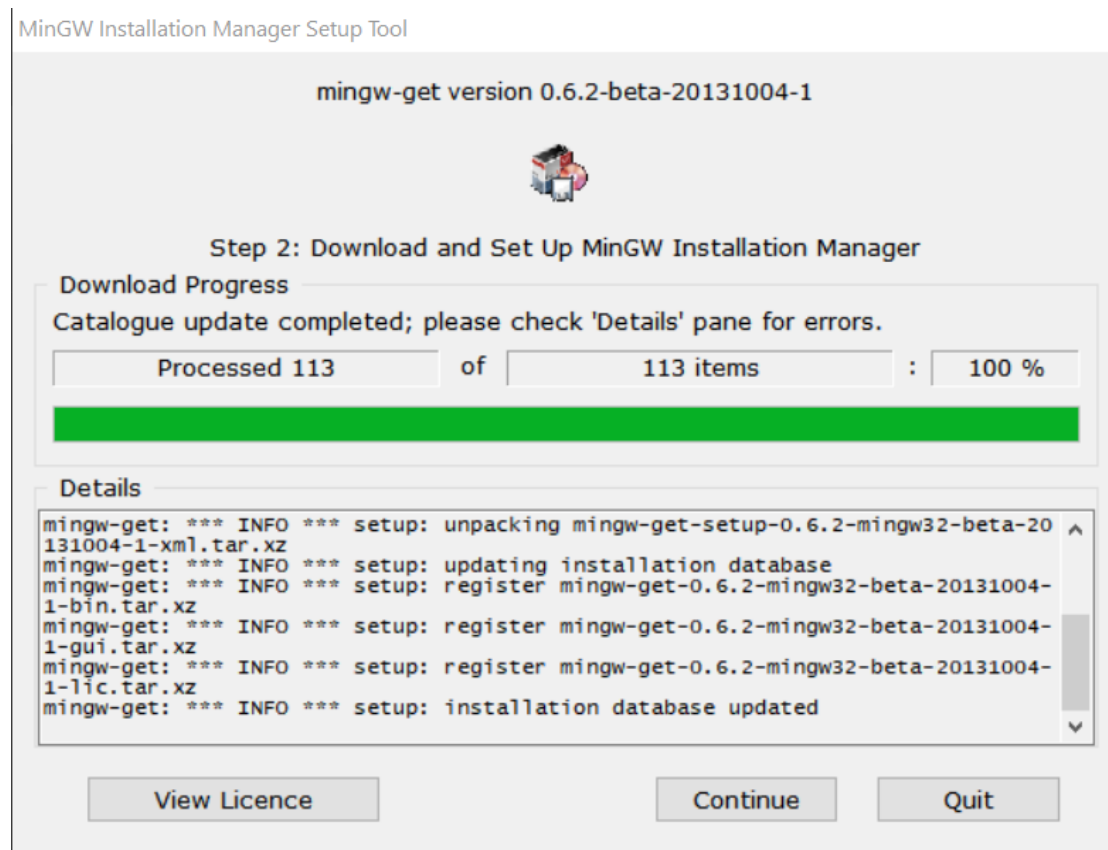


The MinGW getter will start downloading its files.

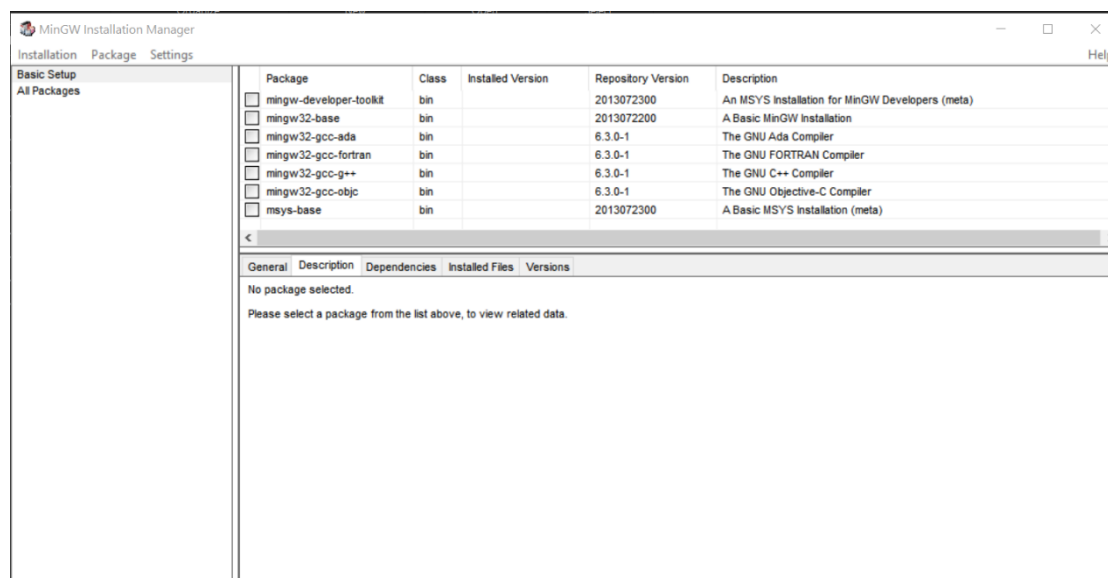
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When the download is done. The “Continue” button is enabled. **Press Continue.**

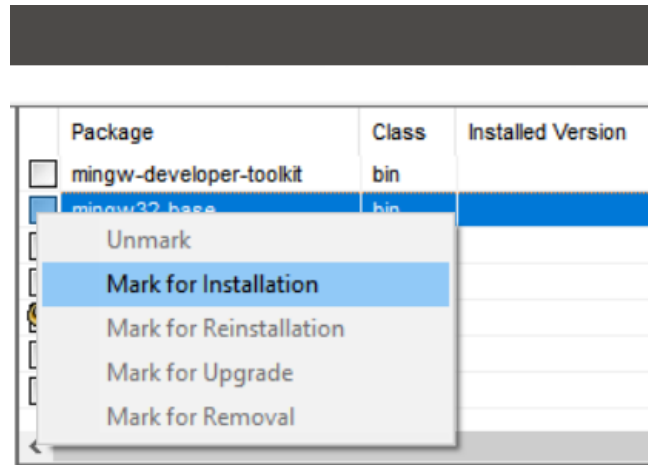


The following screen is the screen that we will use to install MinGW GCC Toolchain. We need to only install: [mingw32-base](#) and [mingw32-gcc-g++](#).

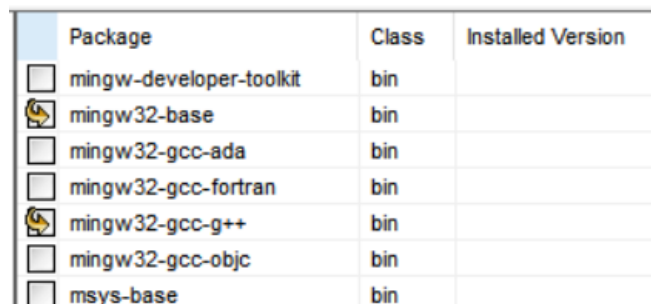


Click on : [mingw32-base](#) then select “Mark for Installation”.

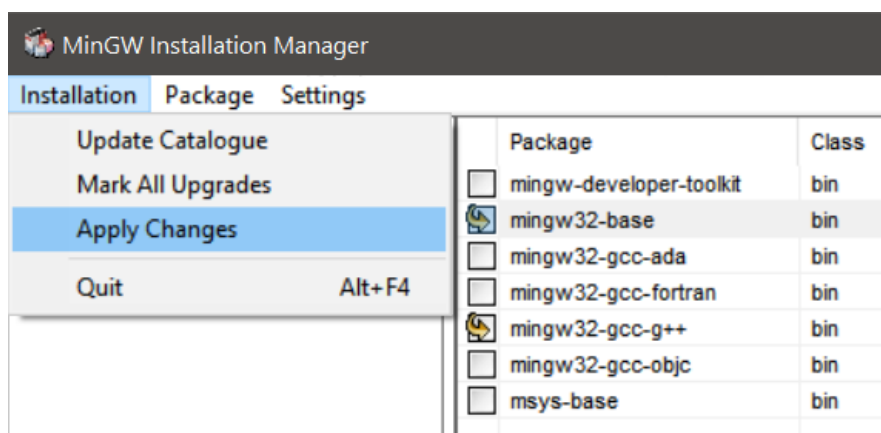
Click on [mingw32-gcc-g++](#). then select “Mark for Installation.”



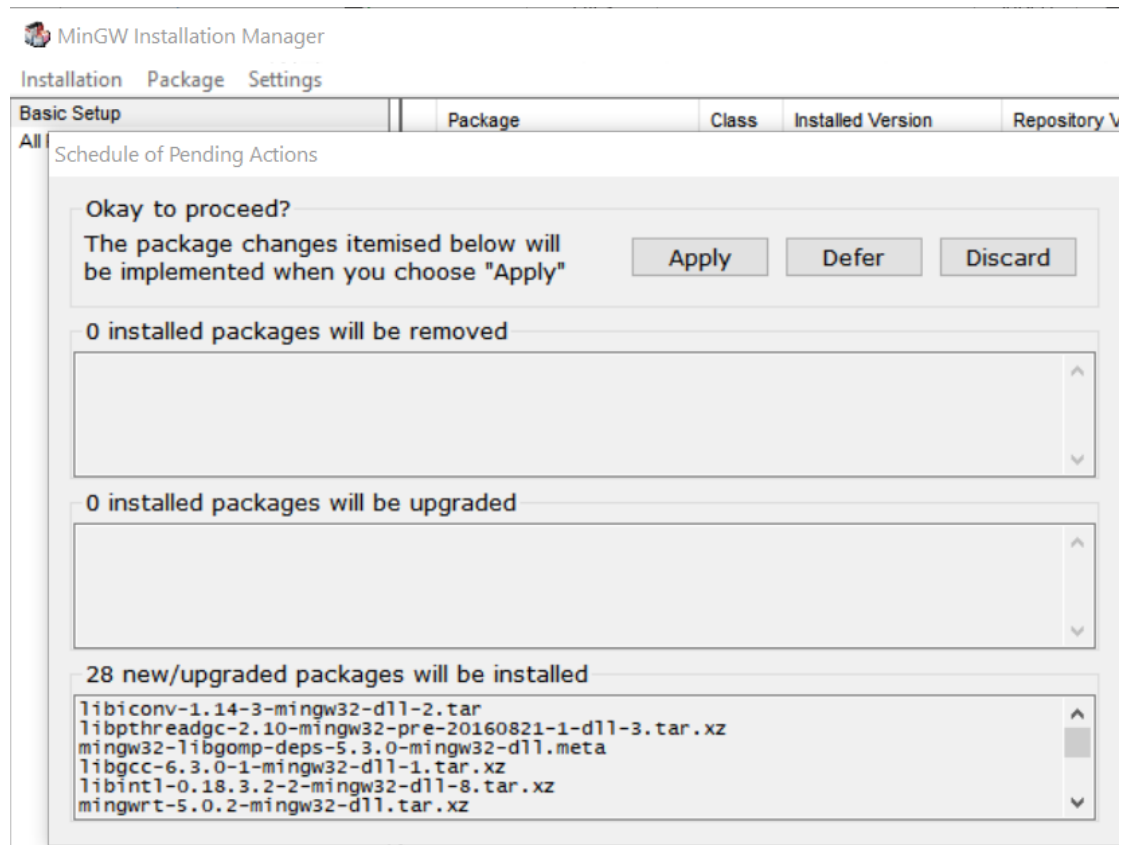
If you do it correctly, then they should look like this:



Finally, Go to Installation, then “Apply Changes.”

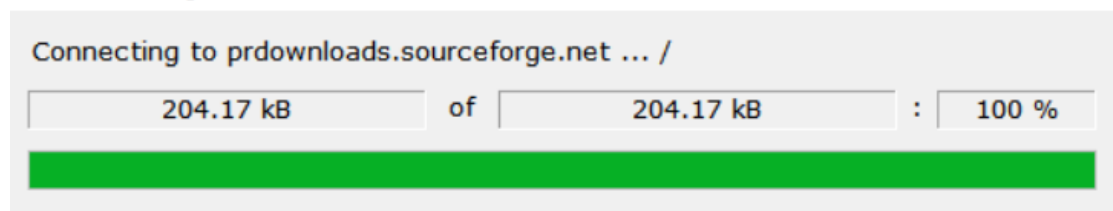


Confirm the Installation by Clicking Apply



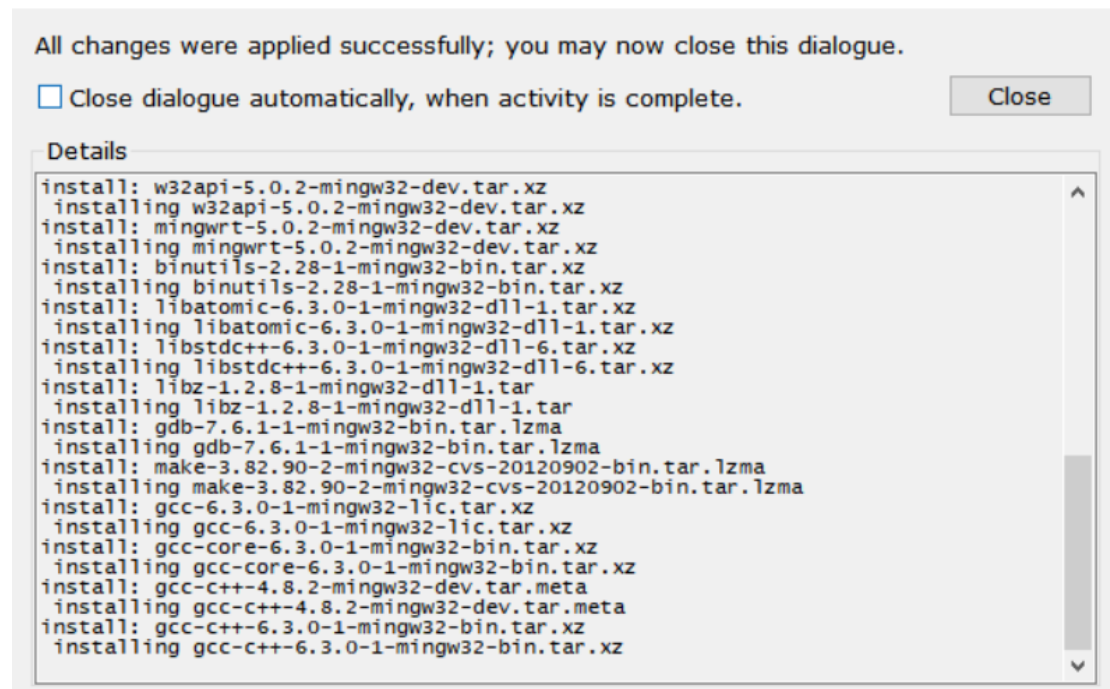
It will take few minutes to finalize the download and installation. Please be patient.

Download Package



When this screen shows up, this means the compiler and all the toolchain has been setup successfully.

Applying Scheduled Changes



1. Getting a free license for CLion

Use this link to apply for a free 1-year account to use CLion. **Please remember the email and password you use to apply because you will need them later to activate the license.**

<https://www.jetbrains.com/shop/eform/students>

Apply with: UNIVERSITY EMAIL ADDRESS ISIC/ITIC MEMBERSHIP OFFICIAL DOCUMENT GITHUB

Status: I'm a student
 I'm a teacher

Level of study: Undergraduate ▾

Is Computer Science or Engineering your major field of study?
 Yes
 No

Graduation date: Choose
Choose expected graduation date.

Email address: University email address, e.g. js@mit.edu
I certify that the university email address provided above is valid and belongs to me.

Name: Your **real name** as it appears in your passport, driver's license, or other legal documents.
First Name Last Name

Country / region: Jordan ▾

I am under 13 years old

2. Downloading the JetBrains CLion IDE

Use this link to download CLion. The IDE is around 451 MB in size.

<https://www.jetbrains.com/clion/download/#section=windows>



Version: 2020.3.2
Build: 203.7148.70
28 January 2021

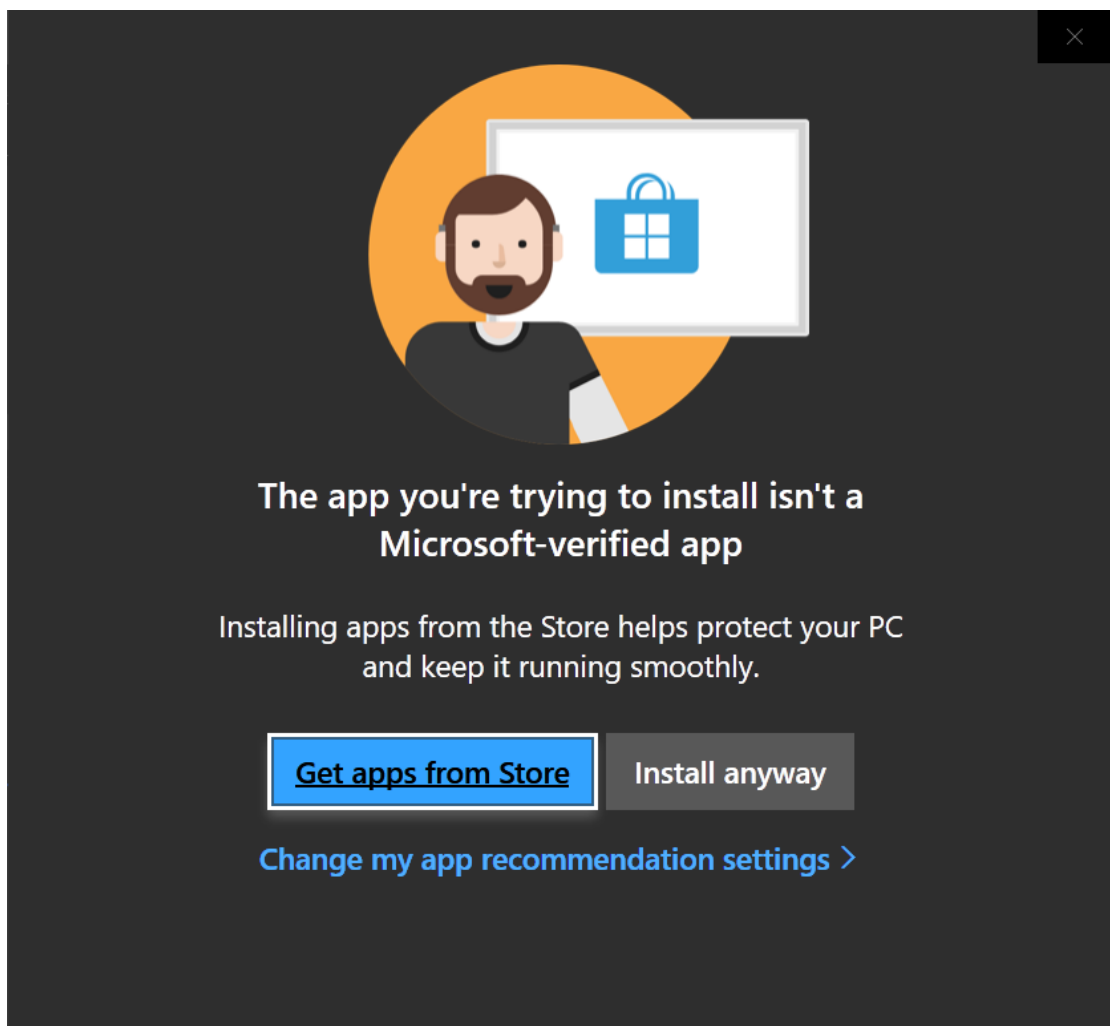
Download CLion

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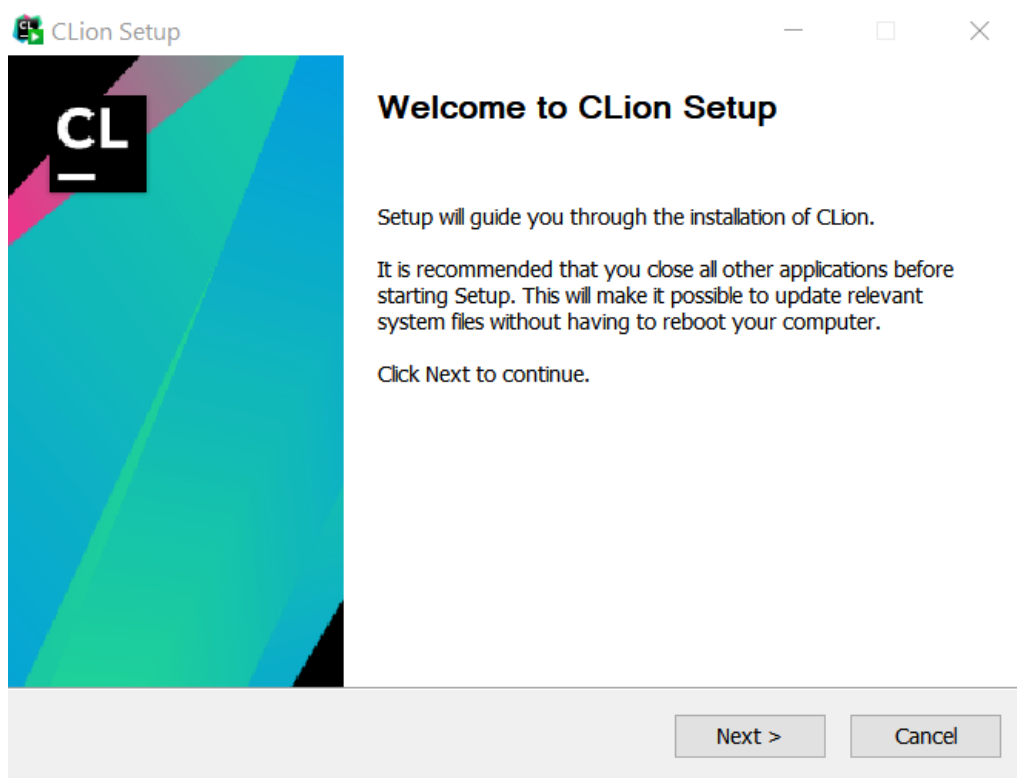
CLion includes an evaluation license key for a **free 30-day trial**.



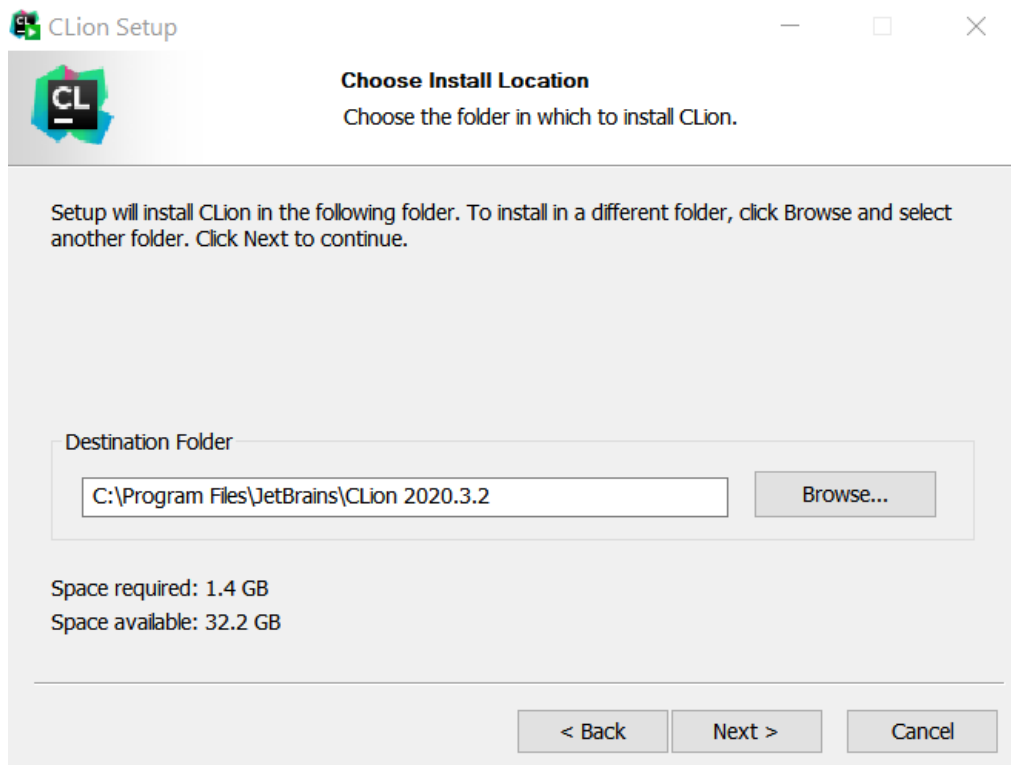
After Downloading the IDE, click on the installer. **If** this screen appears, choose **Install anyway**.



Click Next on the Welcome Screen

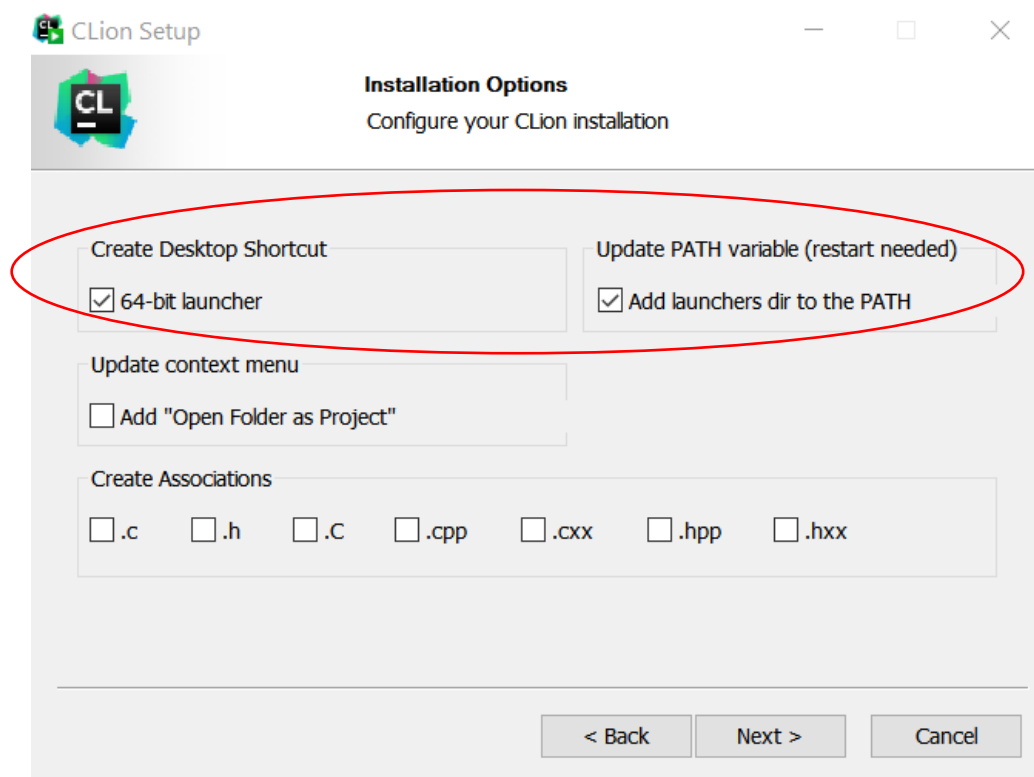


Keep the Destination as is. Click Next.

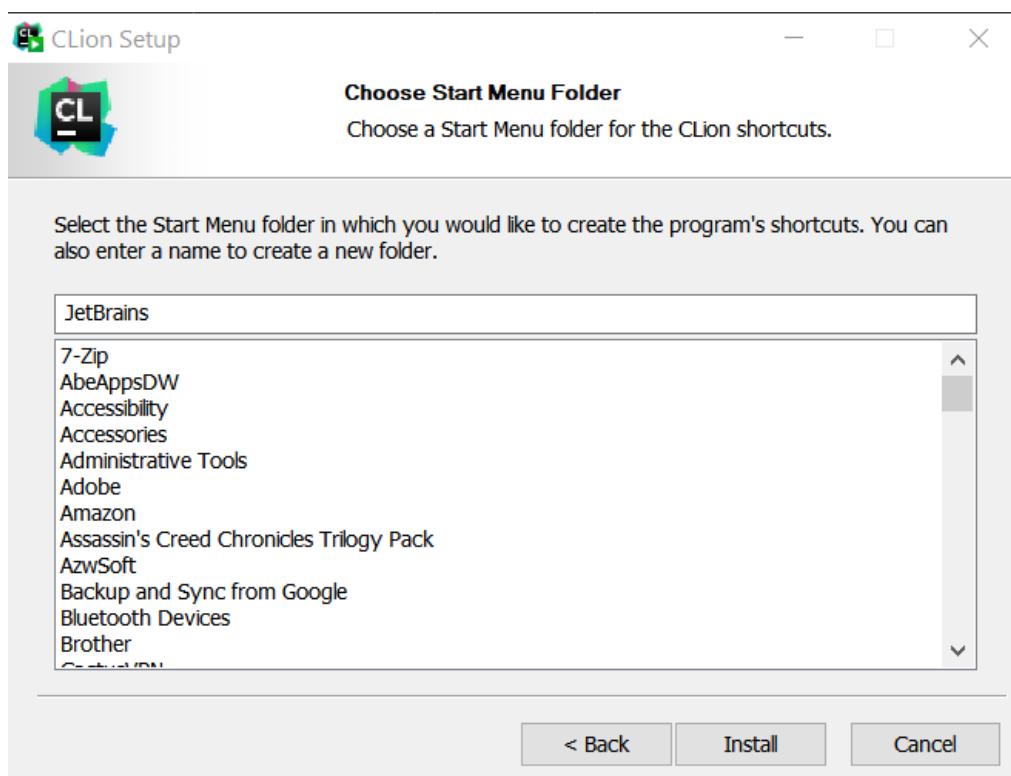


Check the 64-bit Installer.

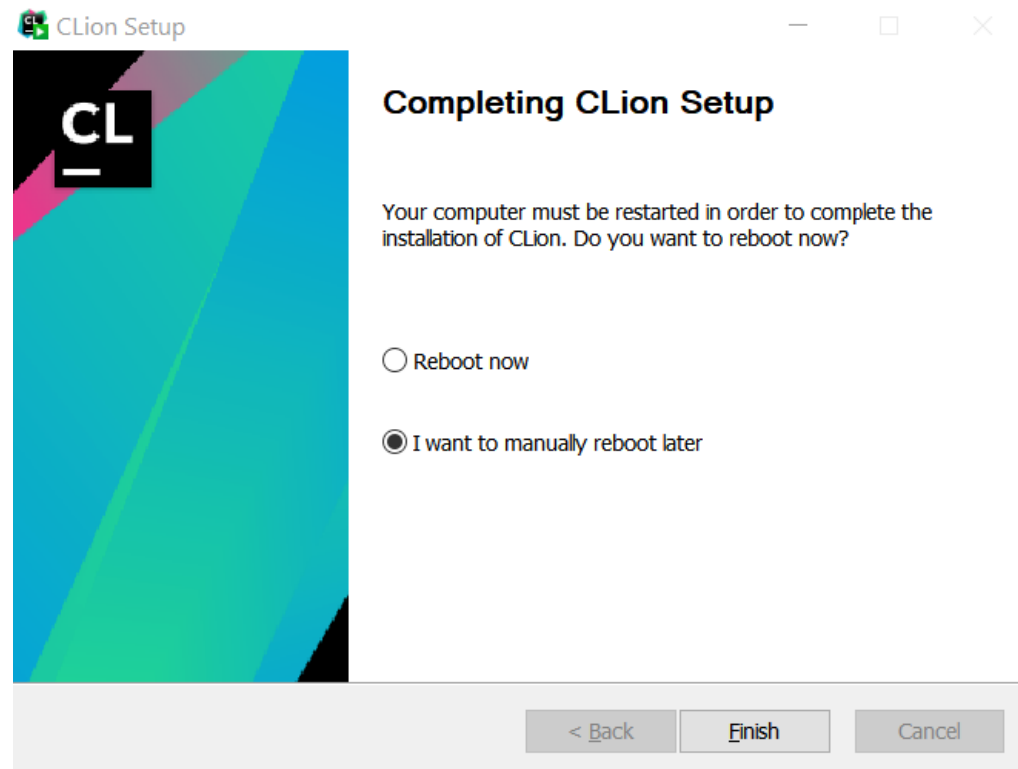
Check the "Add Launcher to Path"



Click Install



Once done, Reboot your Computer.



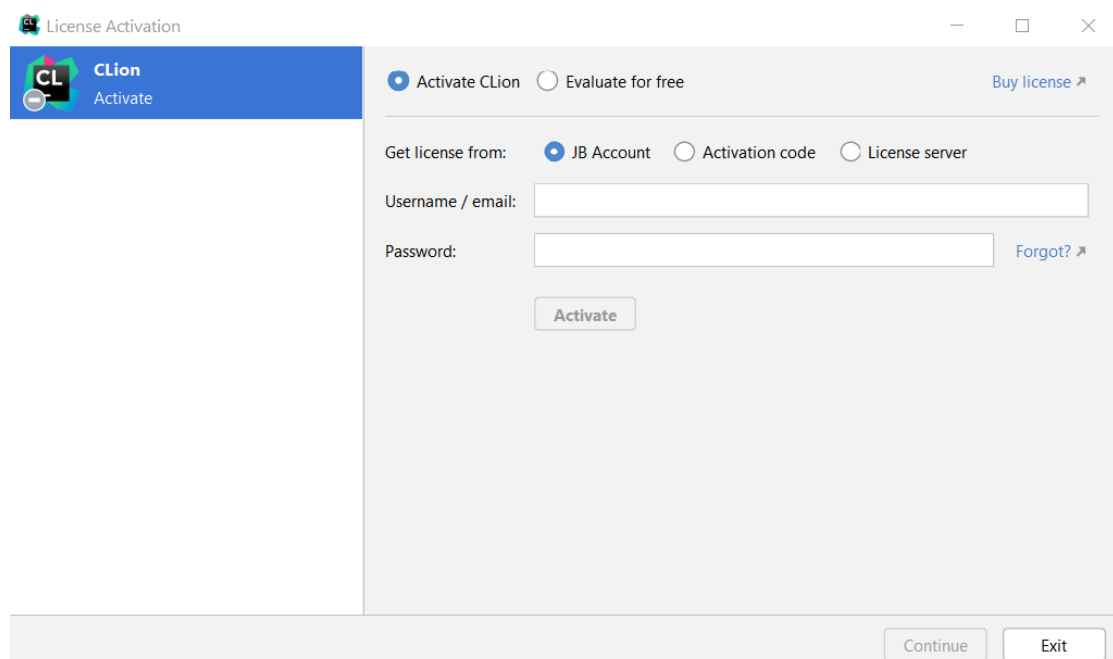
3. Creating your first Project and Making sure CLion is able to detect GCC

When you finish installing CLion, its shortcut will appear on the Desktop. The first time you open CLion, you must agree to the User Agreement, then click Continue.



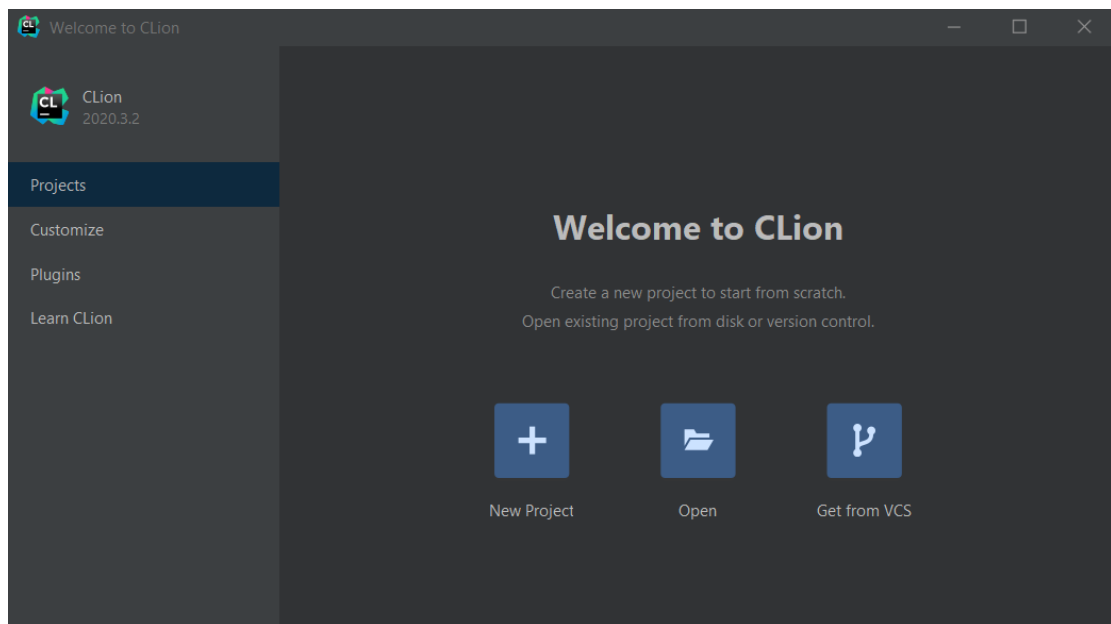
The screenshot shows a window titled "CLion User Agreement". The main heading is "JETBRAINS USER AGREEMENT". Below it, the version is "Version 1.2, effective as of January 9th, 2019". A bold instruction says "IMPORTANT! READ CAREFULLY:". The text explains that by clicking "I AGREE", the user is entering into a legal agreement. A section titled "1. PARTIES" contains a paragraph about JetBrains s.r.o. At the bottom, there is a checkbox for "I confirm that I have read and accept the terms of this User Agreement" and two buttons: "Exit" and "Continue".

In this step, use the email and password you used to apply for your license in order to activate it.

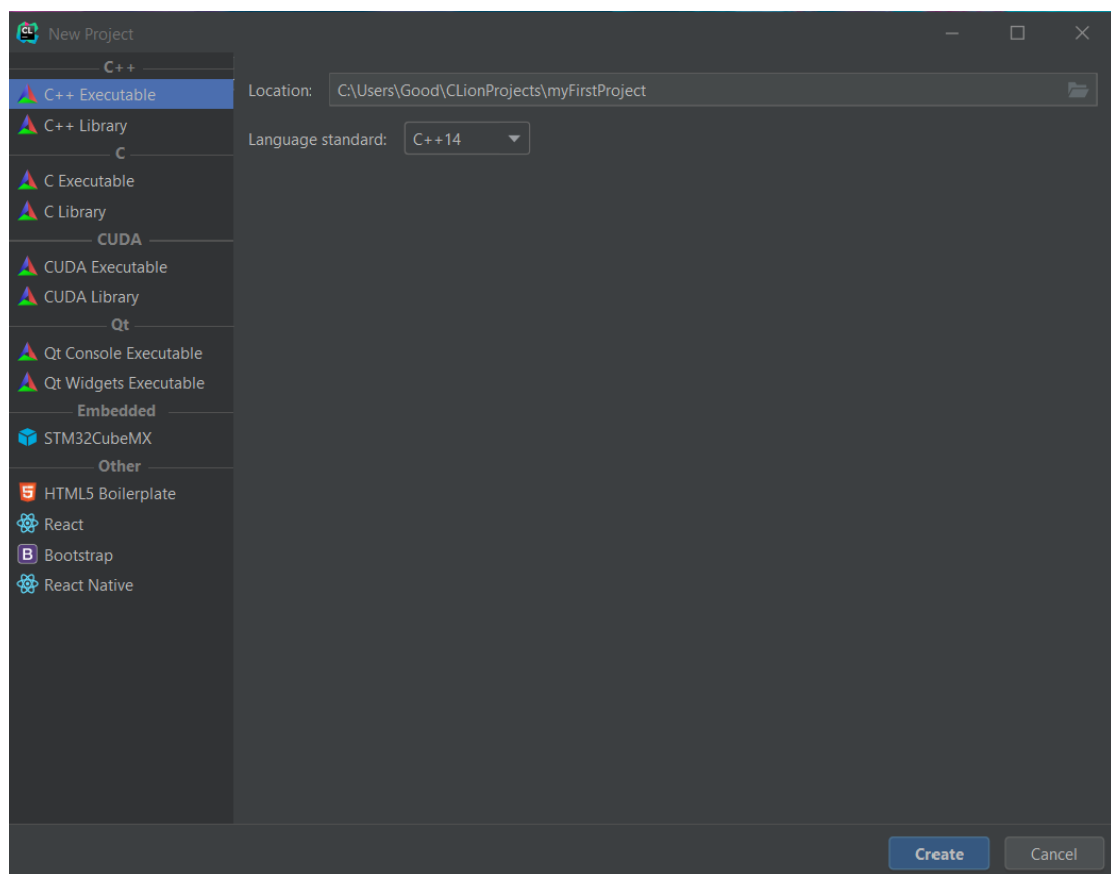


The screenshot shows a window titled "License Activation". On the left is a sidebar with the CLion logo and the text "CLion Activate". The main area has two radio buttons: "Activate CLion" (selected) and "Evaluate for free". A link "Buy license" is on the right. Below, there are three radio buttons for "Get license from": "JB Account" (selected), "Activation code", and "License server". There are input fields for "Username / email:" and "Password:", with a "Forgot?" link next to the password field. An "Activate" button is at the bottom. At the very bottom of the window are "Continue" and "Exit" buttons.

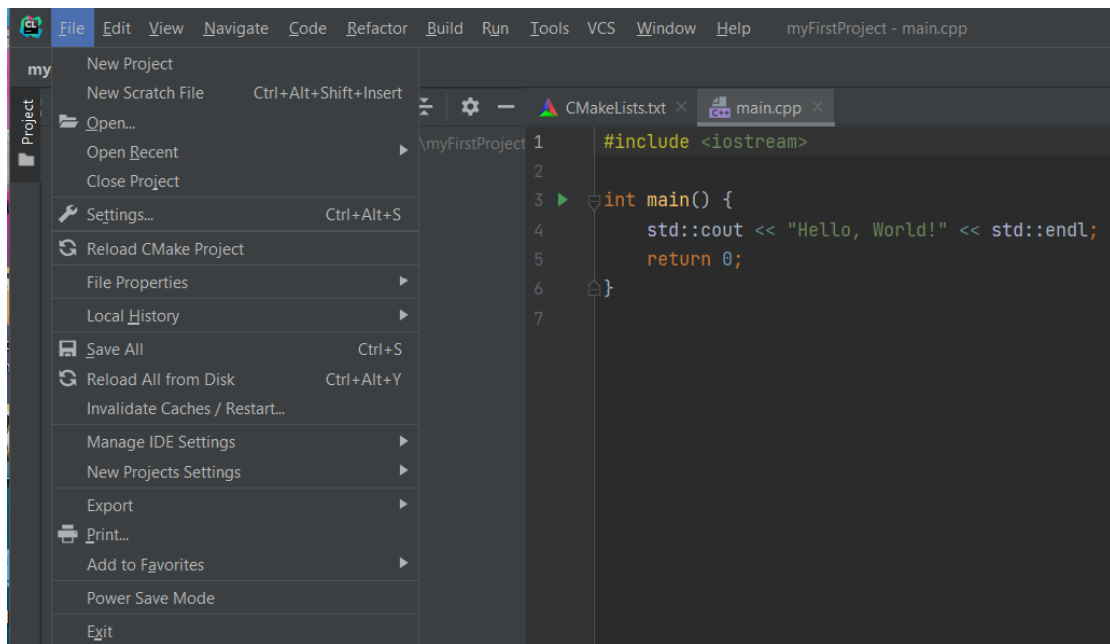
You are now almost setup. The Welcome Screen will show up. You can create a new project by pressing the “New Project” icon, or later on by clicking **Click File → New Project**.



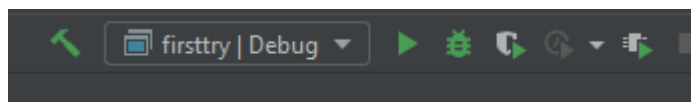
In this screen, choose **C++ Executable**, then choose a location and a name for your project. Make sure that your compiler version is no less than **C++14**



A new Project is created for you.



Make sure the Debug and run buttons are enabled and in green like the figure below.



If they are not, then simply go to Files → Settings → "Build Execution, Deployment" → MinGW. CLion should detect the GCC and toolchain and you must see the green checks. If not, you might not have installed MinGW correctly.

