

1. Setup Clion and create a new project in the same way you do in PyCharm.
2. [OPTIONAL] In the New Project window, select C++17 or C++20 as the language standard to be able to take advantage of the newer and more-user friendly features of the language.
3. Once the project has been launched, click on the drop-down menu with the word “Debug” in the top taskbar and select Edit CMake Profiles...
4. On the settings menu that appears in a new window, click on the plus button in the Profiles section (Fig. 4.1). The Release profile should be added to the project automatically (Fig. 4.2). Once done, click on the blue OK button on the bottom left corner of the window. A highlighted folder named “cmake-build-release” should be visible in the project overview (Fig. 4.3).
5. Click on the three-dot button in the vertical sidebar on the left side of the screen and select Vcpkg (Fig. 5.1).
6. On the menu that appears at the bottom of the screen (Fig. 5.1), click on the plus button, select the “Add vcpkg integration to existing CMake profiles” in case it is not already enabled, and make sure that both Debug and Release profile have been selected (Fig. 5.2). Once done, click on the blue OK button on the bottom left corner of the window.
7. Once the spawned processes have finished (i.e., when the blue progress bar on the bottom right of the screen disappears), you should see a “Clone and bootstrap successful message” on the bottom left side of the screen, next to the vcpkg icon, and the icon next to the name of your vcpkg installation will have turned from gray to orange (Fig. 7.1).
8. Click on the name of your vcpkg installation and search for “cgal” on the search bar that appears to its right. Select the package name and click on ”Install” (Fig. 8.1). Make sure that the triplet option has been set to “Let vcpkg decide”.

[WARNING] This process will take some time. Make sure that you have a stable internet connection throughout and that your PC does not go to sleep or turn off.

9. Once the spawned processes have finished (i.e., when the blue progress bar on the bottom right of the screen disappears), you should see an “Install successful. Installed packages: CGAL” on the bottom left side of the screen, next to the vcpkg, along with a prompt to add CGAL to CMakeLists.txt, which you can think of as a configuration or manifest file for your project. For instance, this is which version of C++ you’re using and which are your library dependencies.

[WARNING] Do not use the prompt!

10. Once CGAL has been installed, the menu you used to install it should mention which triplet is present in your system, along with the library version (Fig. 10.1).
11. Select Edit CMake Profiles... (Step 3), and *for each* profile, click on the Cache variables drop-down menu and replace CVPKG_TARGET_TRIPLET with the triplet from Step 10 (Fig. 11.1). Once done, click on the blue OK button on the bottom left corner of the window.
12. Open CMakeLists.txt and append the following commands to the file:

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find_package(CGAL CONFIG REQUIRED)
target_link_libraries(<project_name> PRIVATE CGAL::CGAL)
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where <project_name> is the name of your project as you defined it and appears next to the profiles drop-down menu, the project overview, as well as the second line of CMakeLists.txt (Fig 12.1).

13. Once done, press the circled button on the top right of Fig. 12.1 to reload your CMake changes. You can also do this by pressing Ctrl+Shift+O. The project should now rebuild for both profiles. The release build should compile without errors, whereas in the debug build, CGAL will complain about potential performance issues. This is expected behavior (Fig. 13.1a-b).

[NOTE] You may get a CMake warning about an unused, manually specified variable. This is fine to ignore (Fig. 13.1b).

14. Copy and paste this example into main.cpp and make sure it compiles and runs in both release and debug.

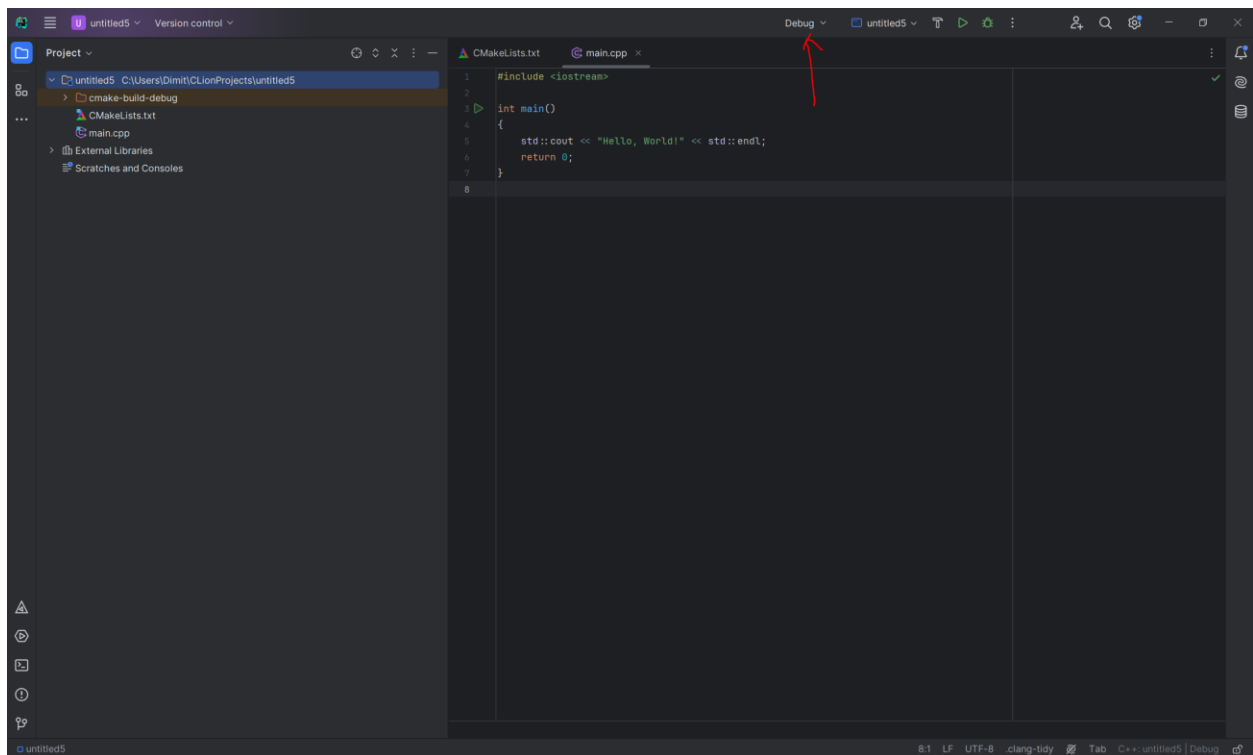


Fig. 4.1

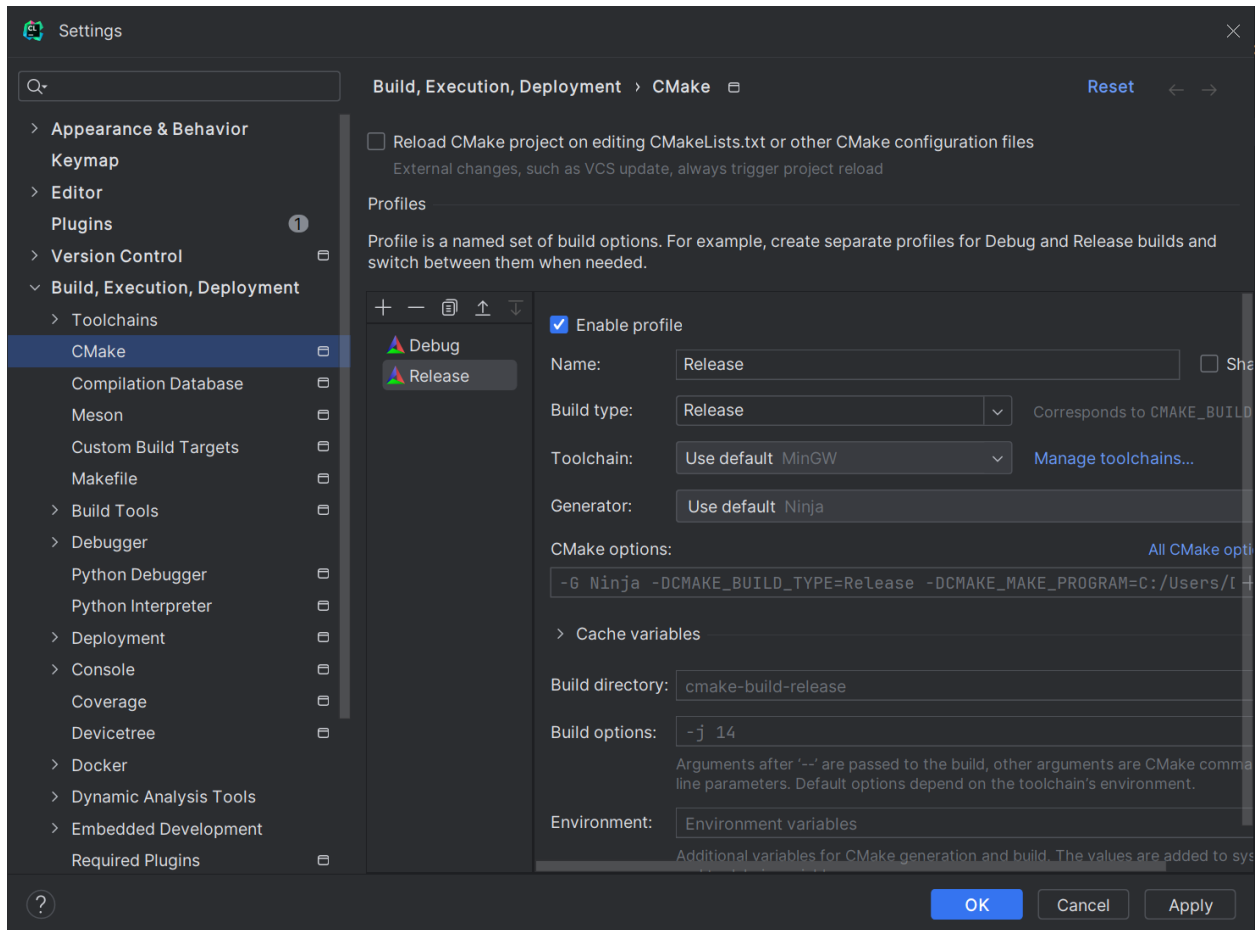


Fig. 4.2

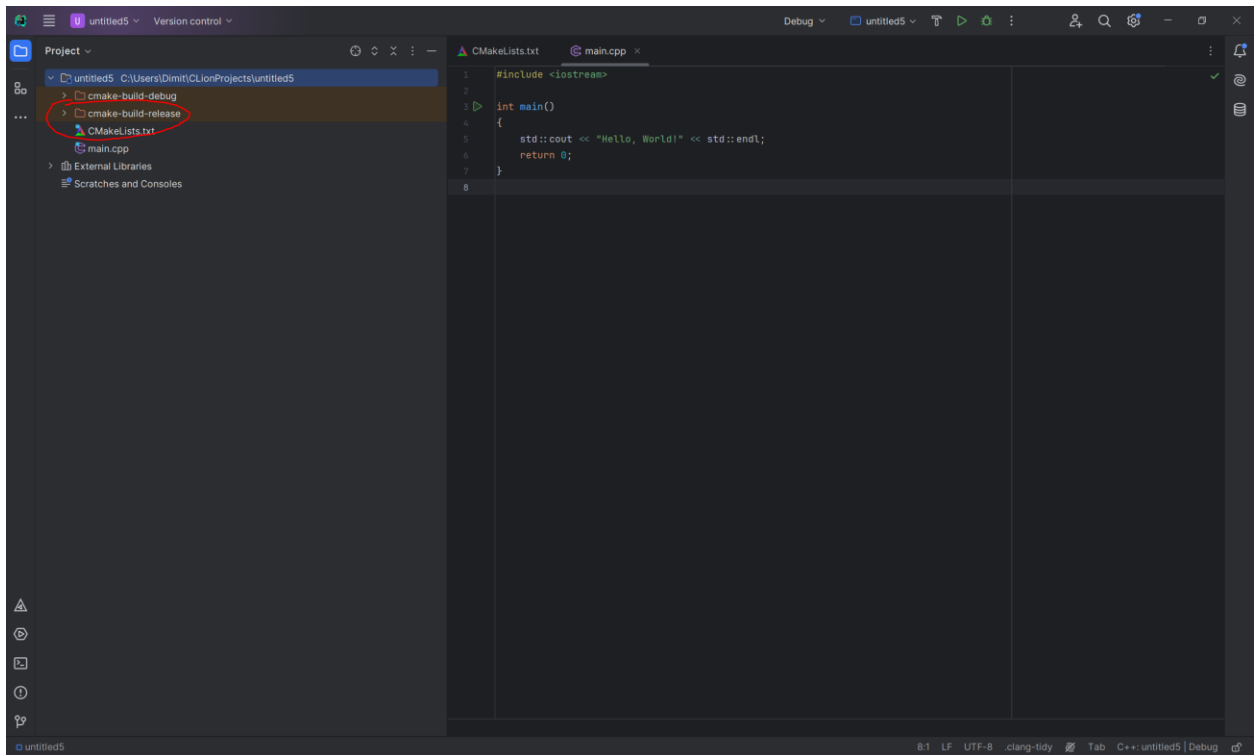


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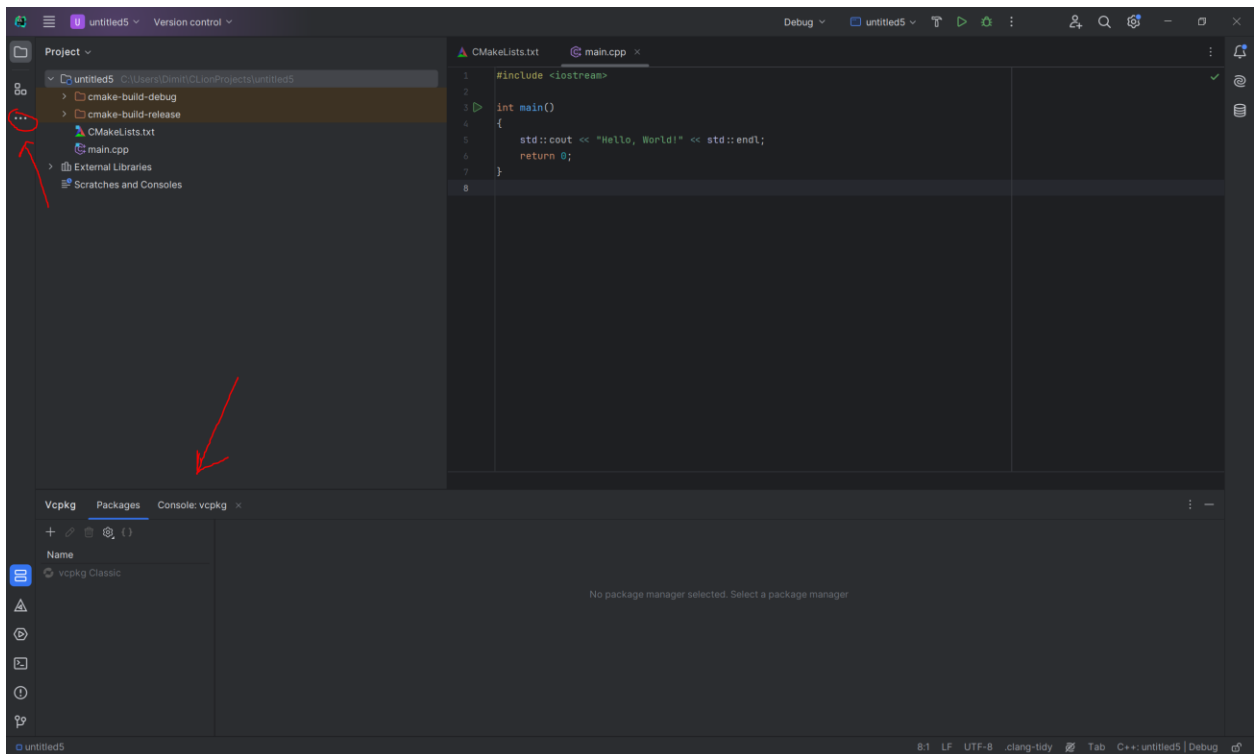


Fig. 5.1

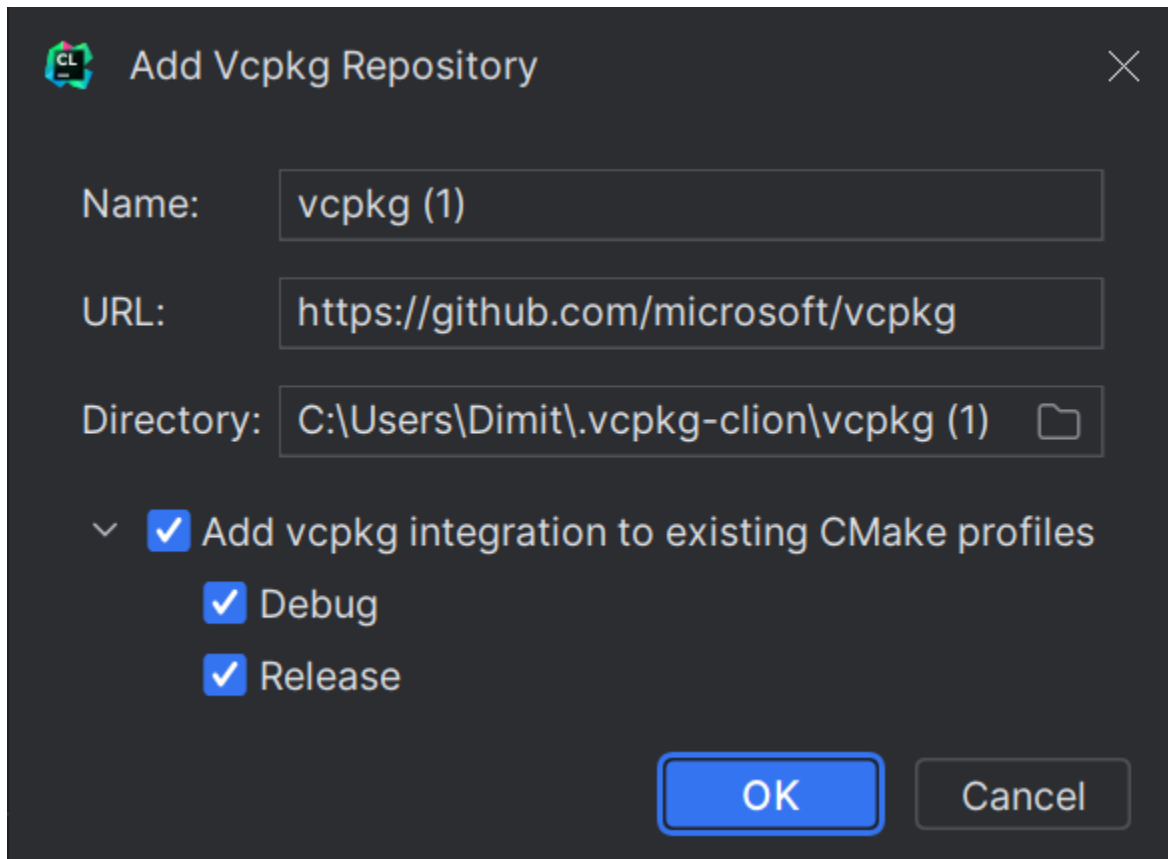


Fig. 5.2

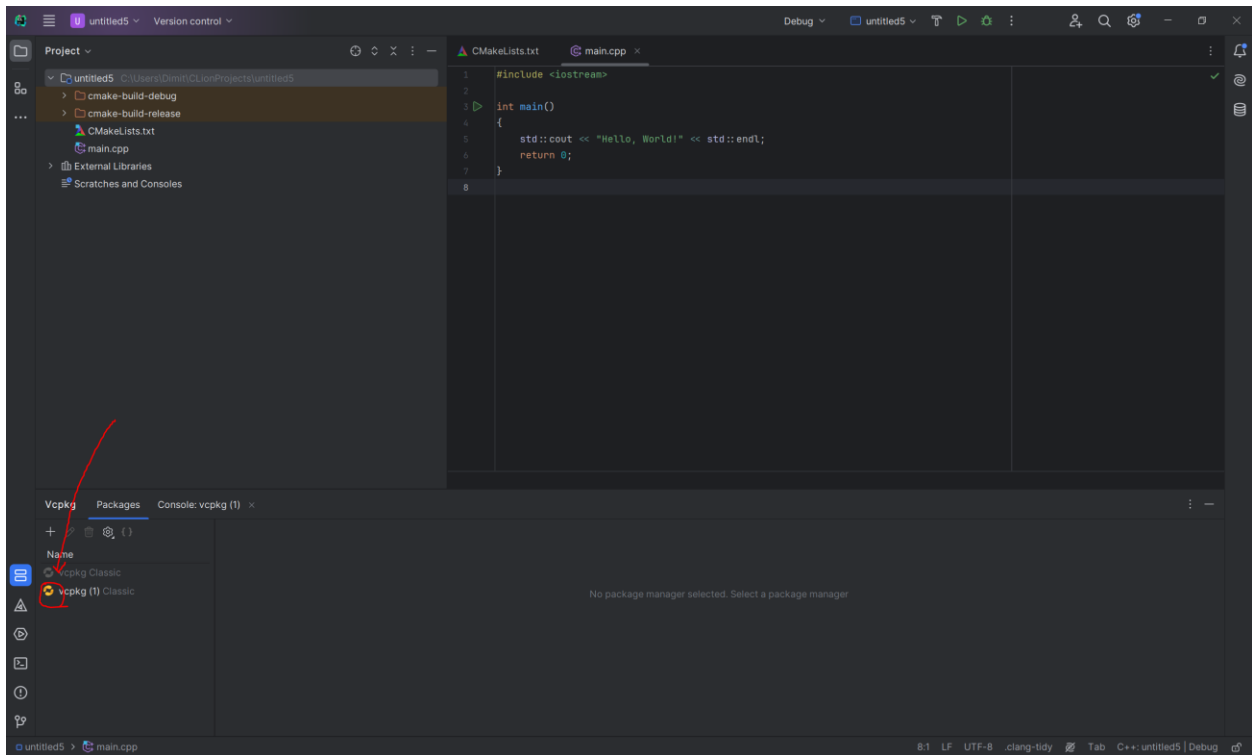


Fig. 7.1

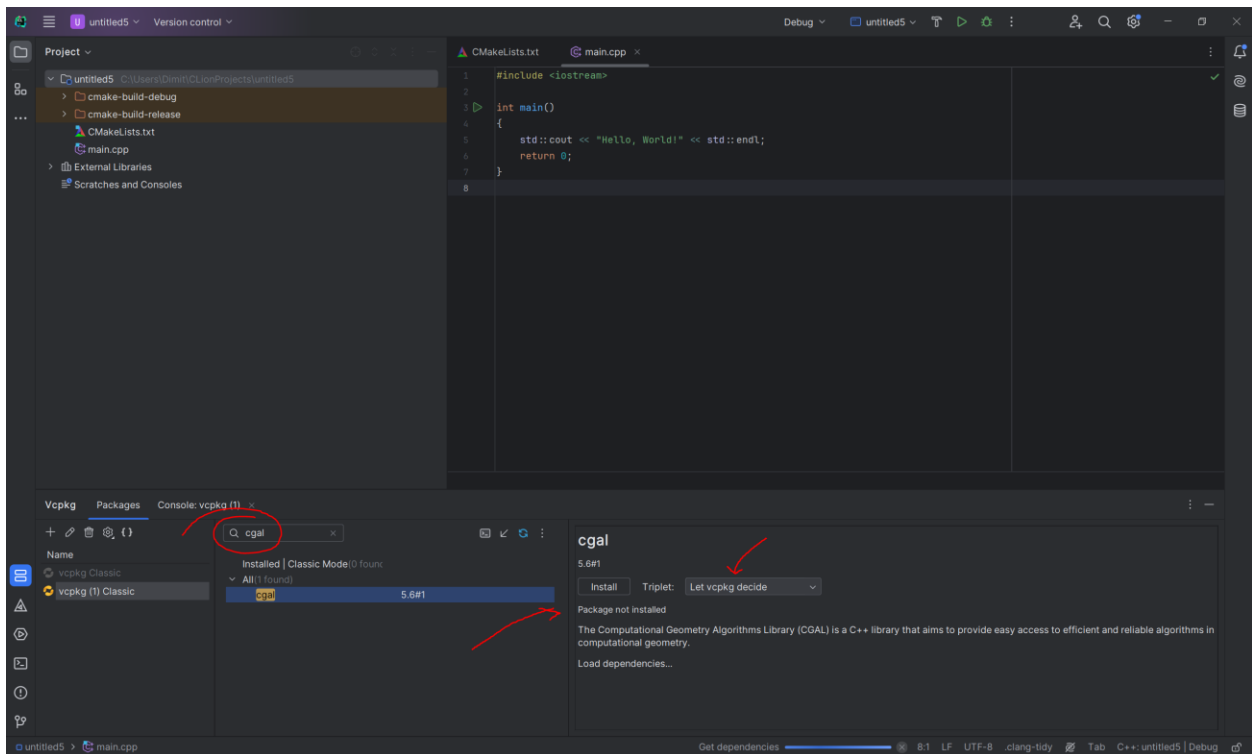


Fig. 8.1

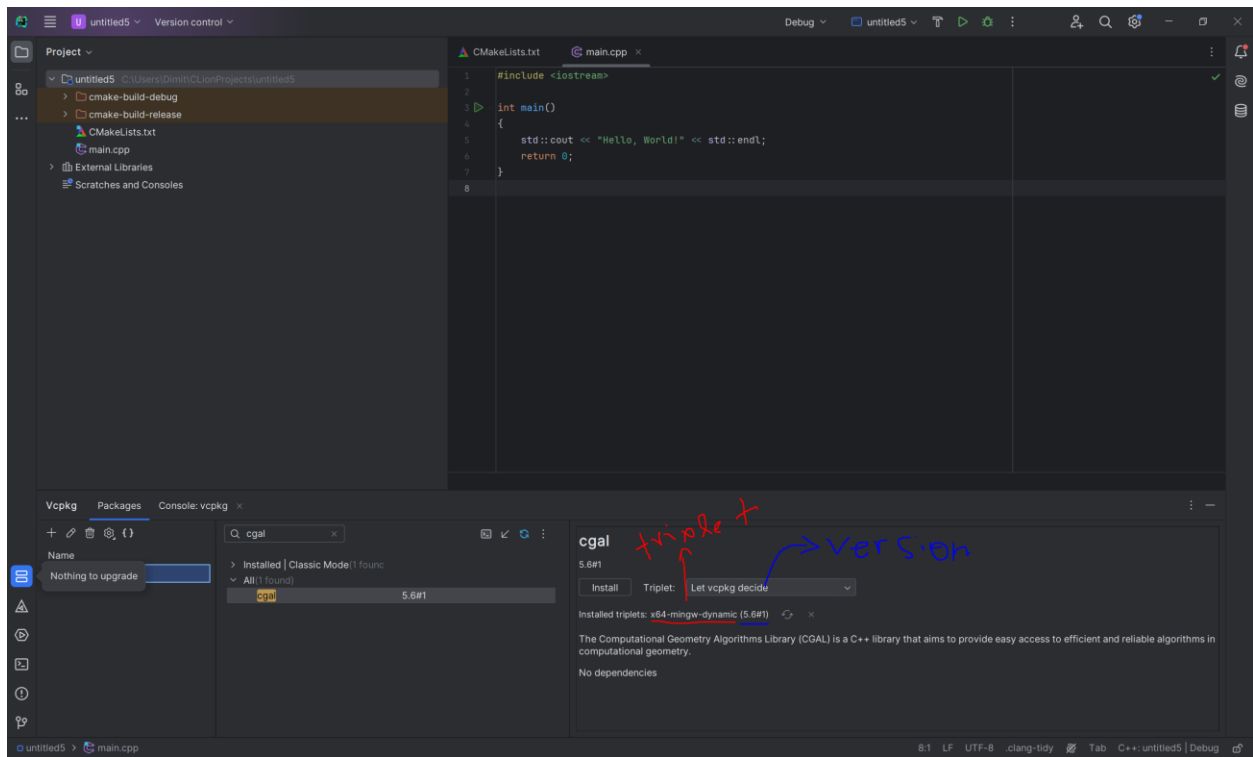


Fig. 10.1

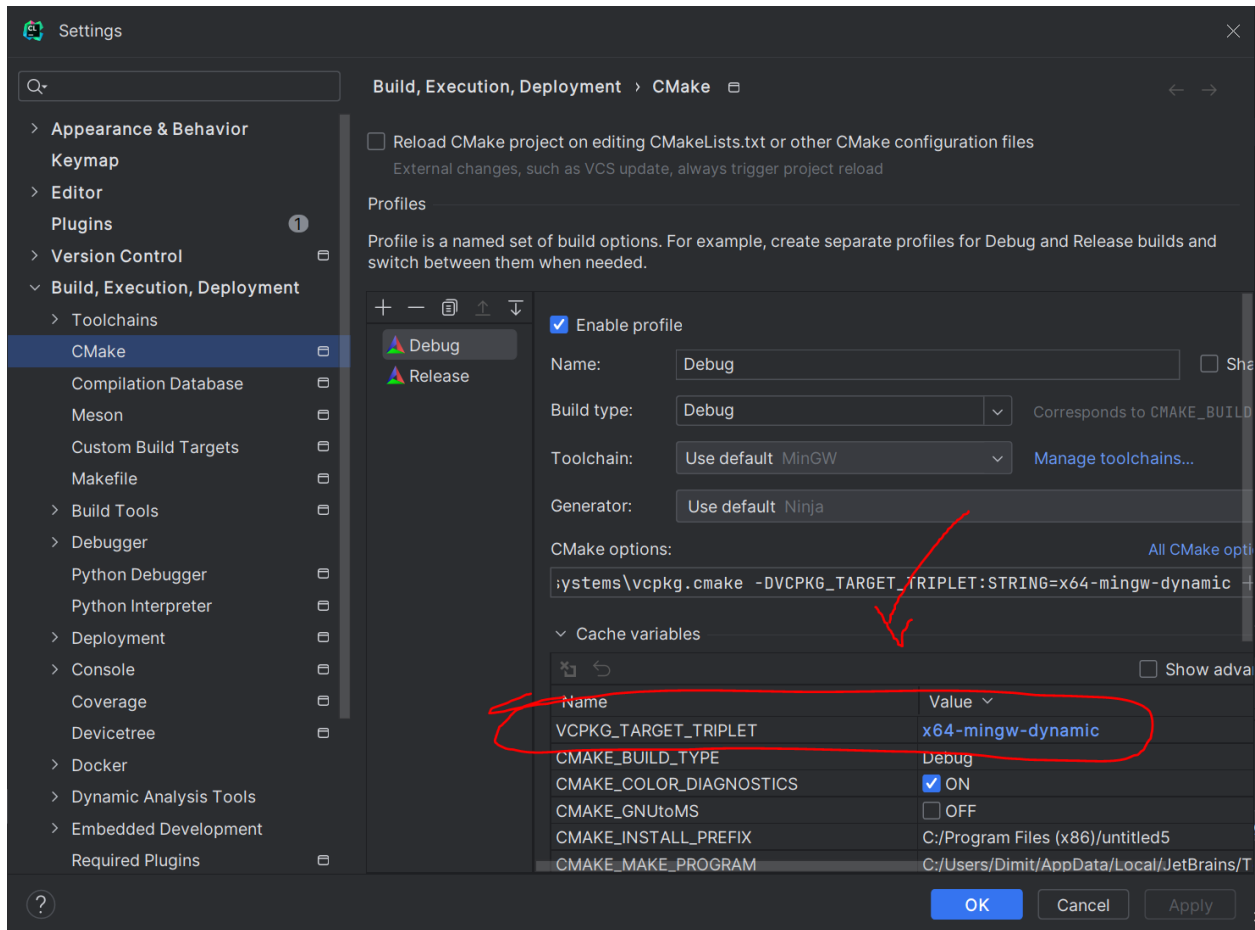


Fig 11.1

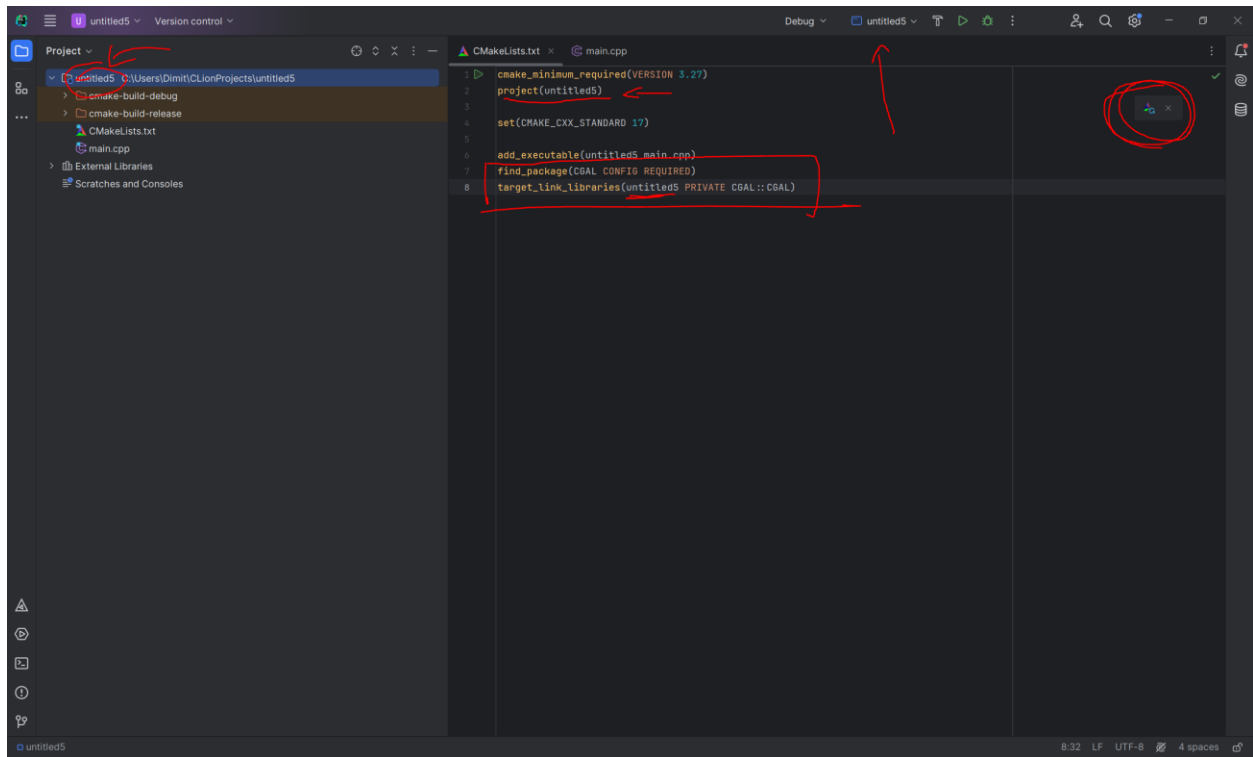


Fig 12.1

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main
CMake  Debug  Release
-- Found MPFR: C:/Users/Dimit/.vcpkg-clion/vcpkg/installed/x64-mingw-dynamic/debug/lib/libmpfr.dll.a
-- Found Boost: C:/Users/Dimit/.vcpkg-clion/vcpkg/installed/x64-mingw-dynamic/include (found suitable version "1.84.0",
-- Boost include dirs: C:/Users/Dimit/.vcpkg-clion/vcpkg/installed/x64-mingw-dynamic/include
-- Boost libraries:
-- Performing Test CMAKE_HAVE_LIBC_PTHREAD
-- Performing Test CMAKE_HAVE_LIBC_PTHREAD - Success
-- Found Threads: TRUE
-- Using gcc version 4 or later. Adding -frounding-math
CMake Warning at C:/Users/Dimit/.vcpkg-clion/vcpkg/installed/x64-mingw-dynamic/share/cgal/CGAL_enable_end_of_configurat
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CGAL performance notice:

The variable CMAKE_BUILD_TYPE is set to "Debug". For performance reasons,
you should set CMAKE_BUILD_TYPE to "Release".

Set CGAL_DO_NOT_WARN_ABOUT_CMAKE_BUILD_TYPE to TRUE if you want to disable
this warning.

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Call Stack (most recent call first):
C:/Users/Dimit/.vcpkg-clion/vcpkg/installed/x64-mingw-dynamic/share/cgal/CGAL_enable_end_of_configuration_hook.cmake:
CMakeLists.txt:DEFERRED

-- Configuring done (2.2s)
-- Generating done (0.0s)
CMake Warning: Explain with AI
Manually-specified variables were not used by the project:

  CMAKE_TOOLCHAIN_FILE

-- Build files have been written to: C:/Users/Dimit/CLionProjects/untitled5/cmake-build-debug

[Finished]
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Fig 13.1a

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C:\Users\Dimit\AppData\Local\JetBrains\Toolbox\apps\CLion\ch-0\233.14015.92\bin\cmake\win\x64\bin\cmake.exe -D
-- Visual Leak Detector (VLD) is not found.
-- Using header-only CGAL
-- Targeting Ninja
-- Using C:/Users/Dimit/AppData/Local/JetBrains/Toolbox/apps/CLion/ch-0/233.14015.92/bin/mingw/bin/g++.exe con
-- Found GMP: C:/Users/Dimit/.vcpkg-clion/vcpkg/installed/x64-mingw-dynamic/lib/libgmp.dll.a
-- Found MPFR: C:/Users/Dimit/.vcpkg-clion/vcpkg/installed/x64-mingw-dynamic/lib/libmpfr.dll.a
-- Found Boost: C:/Users/Dimit/.vcpkg-clion/vcpkg/installed/x64-mingw-dynamic/include (found suitable version
-- Boost include dirs: C:/Users/Dimit/.vcpkg-clion/vcpkg/installed/x64-mingw-dynamic/include
-- Boost libraries:
-- Performing Test CMAKE_HAVE_LIBC_PTHREAD
-- Performing Test CMAKE_HAVE_LIBC_PTHREAD - Success
-- Found Threads: TRUE
-- Using gcc version 4 or later. Adding -frounding-math
-- Configuring done (1.4s)
-- Generating done (0.0s)
CMake Warning: Explain with AI
Manually-specified variables were not used by the project:

    CMAKE_TOOLCHAIN_FILE

-- Build files have been written to: C:/Users/Dimit/CLionProjects/untitled5/cmake-build-release

[Finished]
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Fig 13.1b