PlotLab 5.0

Visual C++ Quick Start

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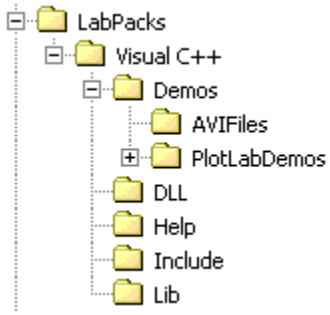
Installation

PlotLab comes with an installation program. Just start the installation by double-clicking on the Setup.exe file and follow the installation instructions.

Where is PlotLab?

After the installation PlotLab is located under a single root directory. The default location is C:\Program Files\LabPacks. During the installation the user has the option to select alternative directory.
Here is how the directory structure should look like after the installation:



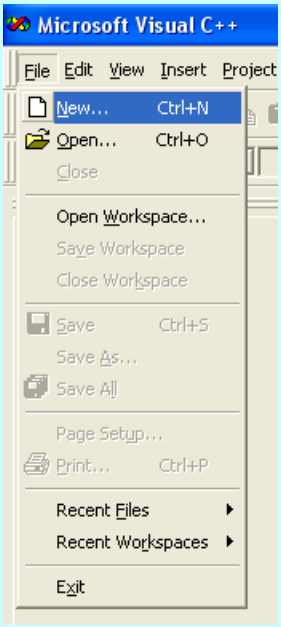
Under the PlotLabDemos directory are located the demo files. The help files and the documentation are located under the Help directory. The DLL directory contains the redistributable DLL files. The header files needed for your projects are located under the Include directory. The Release and Debug version of the library is located under the Lib directory.
It is a great idea to start by opening and compiling the demo files. The demo projects ware designed with Visual C++ 6.0. They can be opened and compiled under Visual C++.NET as well. In this case the IDE will create the necessary solution files.

Creating a new PlotLab project in Visual C++

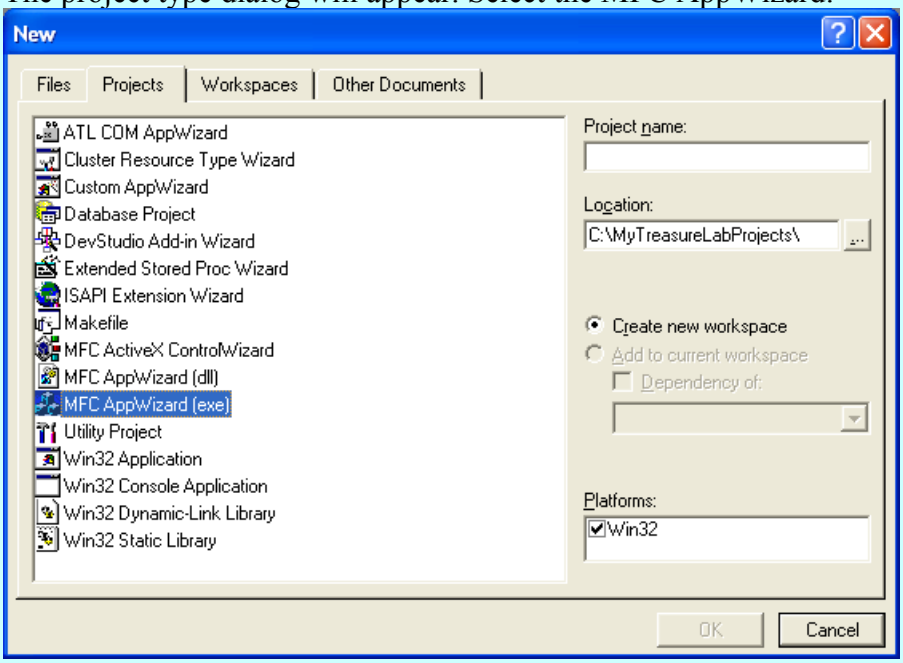
All of the examples in this manual start with creating a MFC Dialog based project. This is not a PlotLab requirement, but using the resource editor to design the application makes writing the examples much easier.
The following chapters will assume that you have created the project and will teach you how to add specific PlotLab functionality.

Visual C++ 6.0:

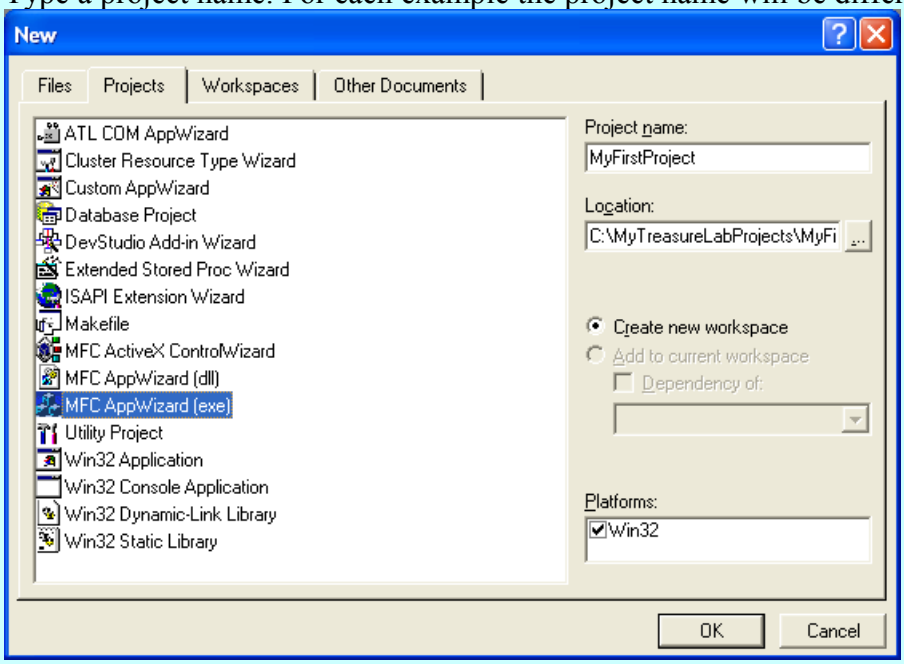
Start by creating a new project.
From the VC++ menu, select | File | New…|



The project type dialog will appear. Select the MFC AppWizard:

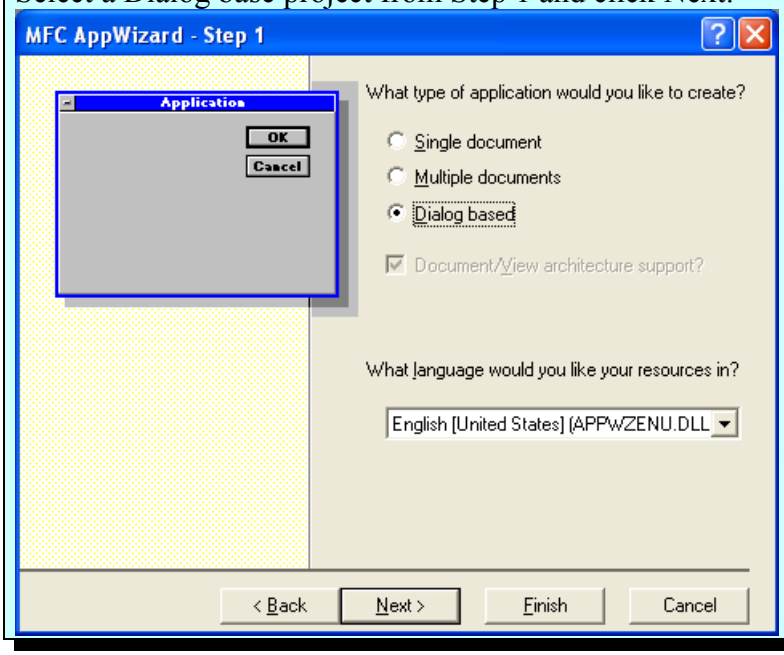


Type a project name. For each example the project name will be different:



Click OK.

Select a Dialog base project from Step 1 and click Next:



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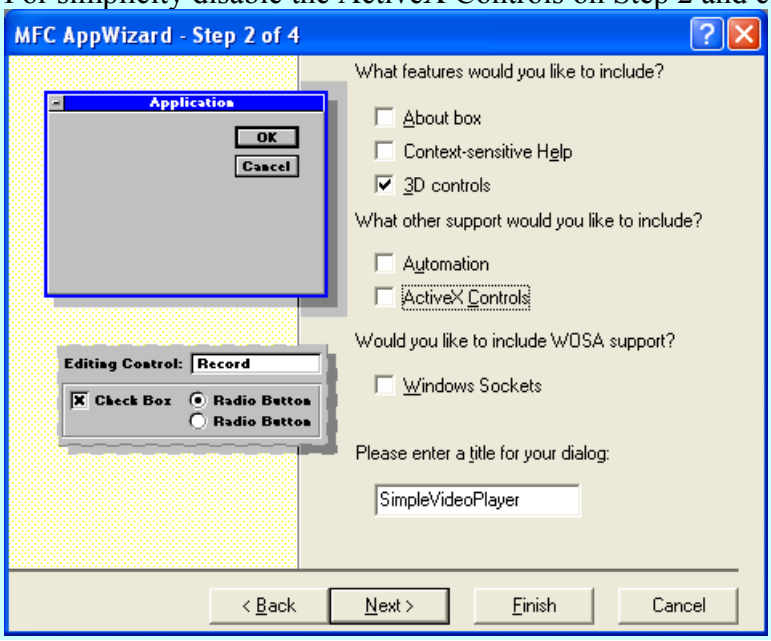
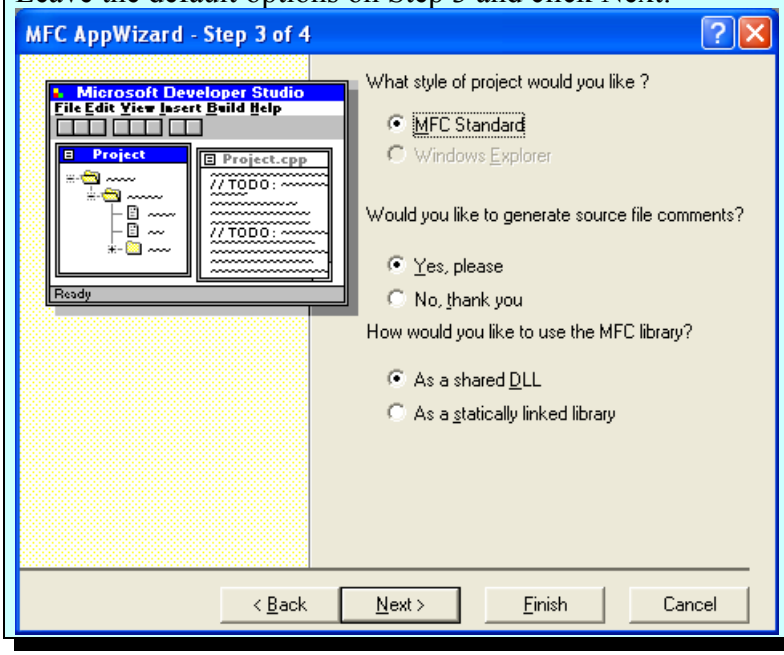
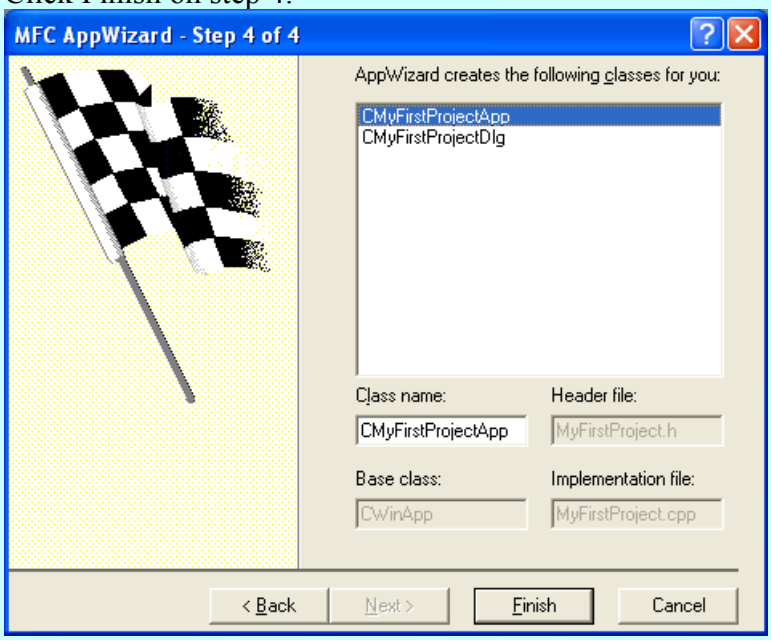


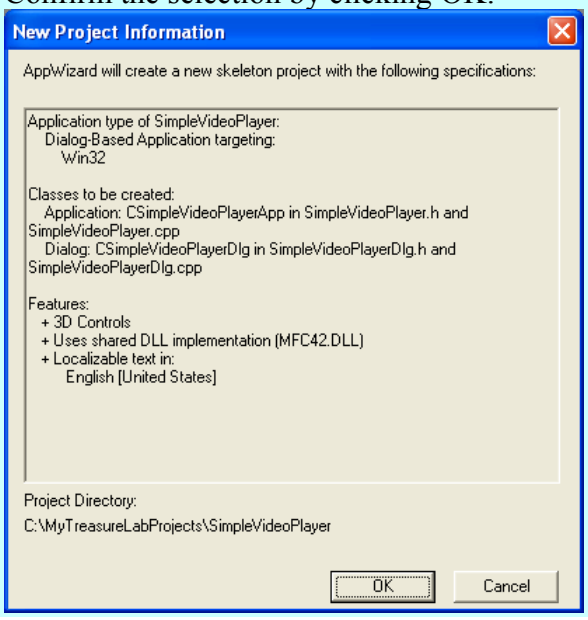
Leave the default options on Step 3 and click Next:



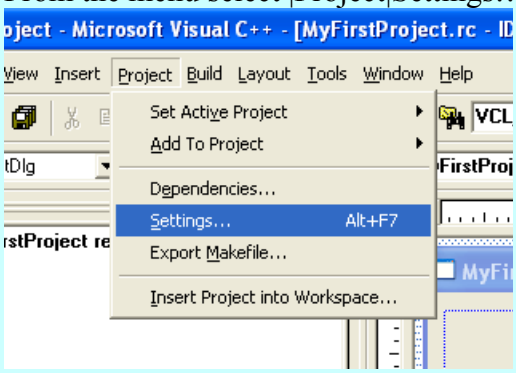
Click Finish on step 4:



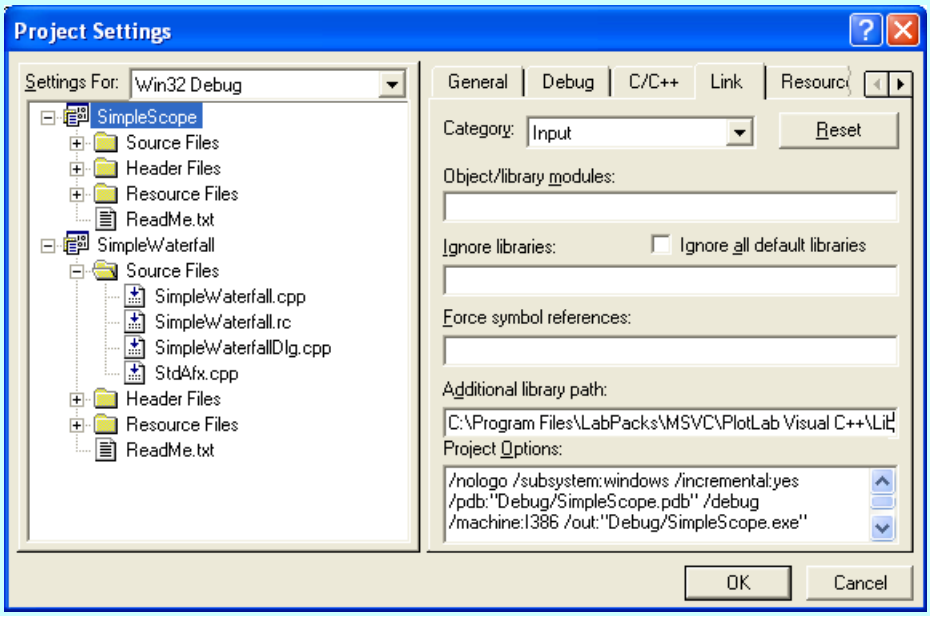
Confirm the selection by clicking OK:



At this point you should have a new project created.
From the menu select |Project|Settings…| :

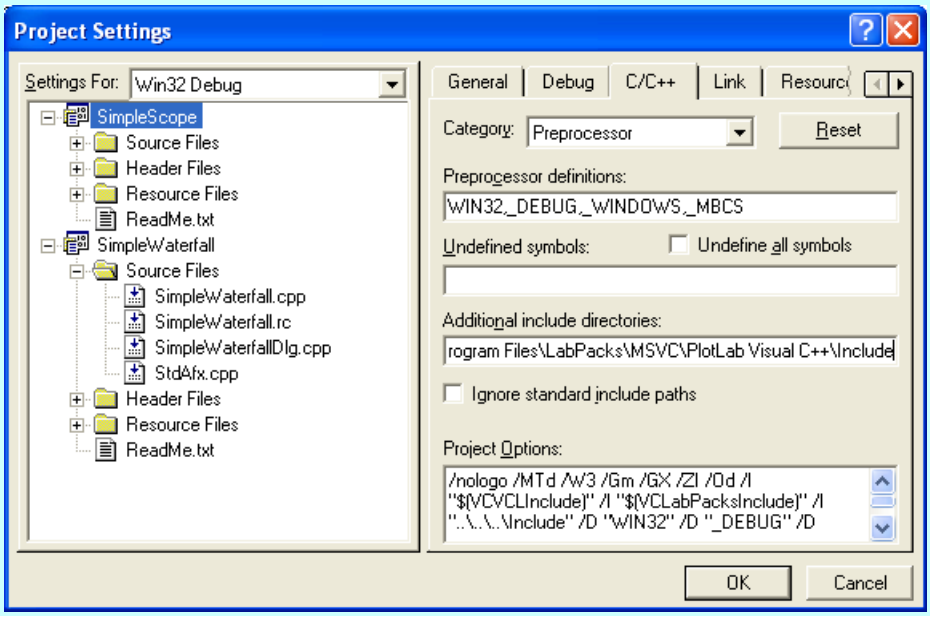


In the Project Settings dialog select the | Link | tab and in the “. Switch to the “Input” cathegory. In the “Additional library path:” edit box add the path to the library files. If you have followed the default installation it should be located at C:\Program Files\LabPacks\Visual C++\Lib:



Switch to the |C/C++| tab.
In the “Additional include directories:” edit box add the path to the header files. If you have followed the default installation they should be located at C:\Program

Files\LabPacks\Visual C++\Include:

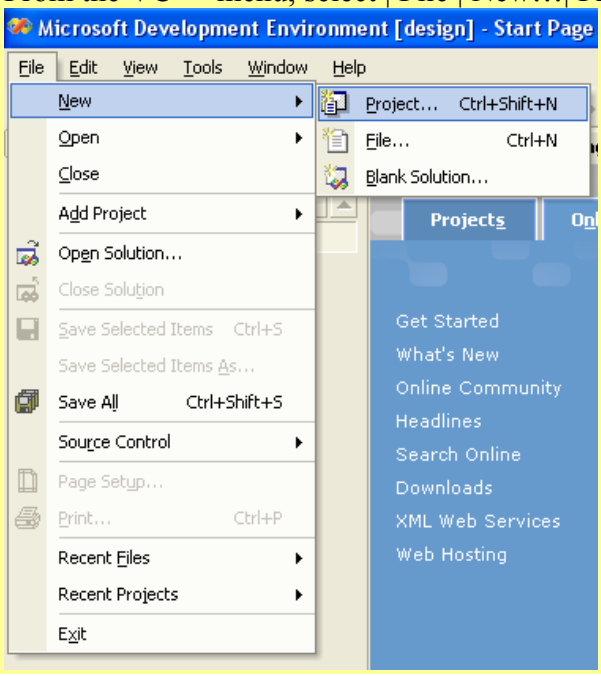


Click OK.

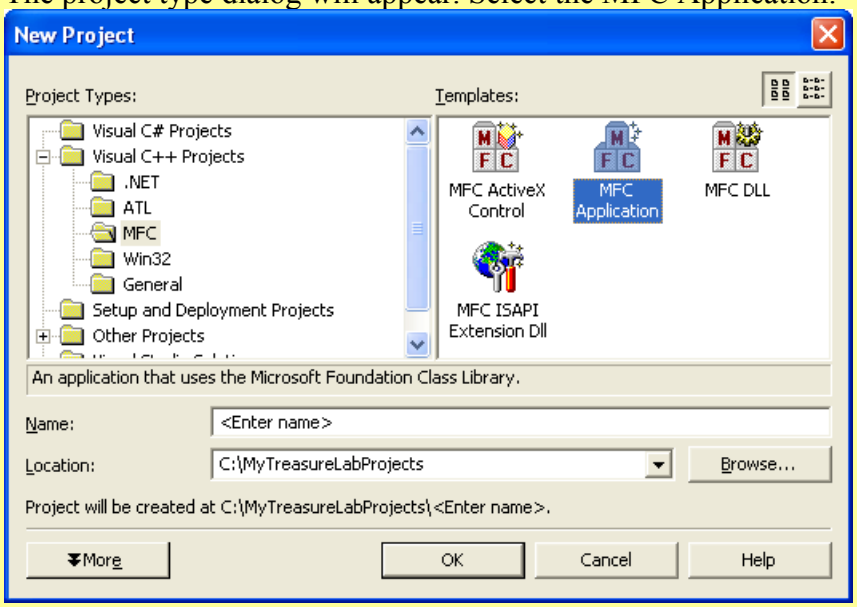
Now you have fully configured project, and you can start writing the actual code.

Visual C++ 2003:

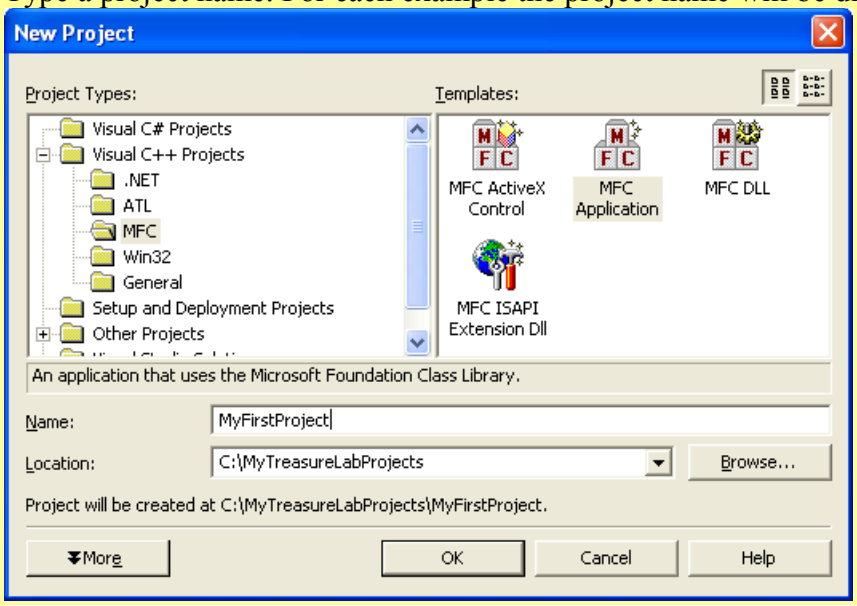
Start by creating a new project.
From the VC++ menu, select | File | New…| Project… |



The project type dialog will appear. Select the MFC Application:

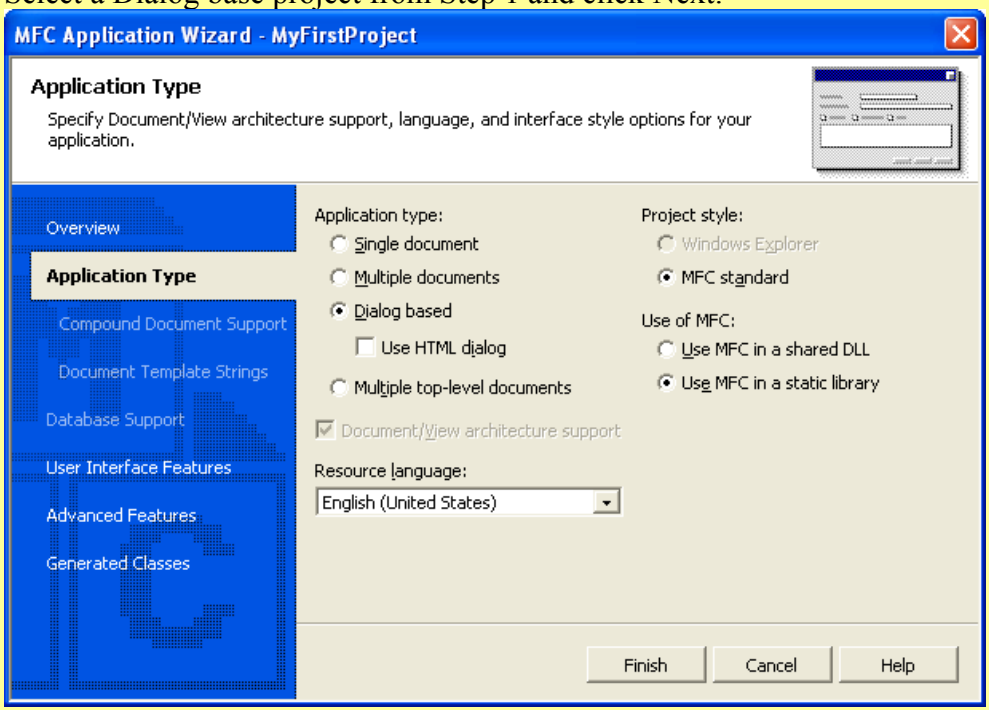


Type a project name. For each example the project name will be different:



Click OK.

Select a Dialog base project from Step 1 and click Next:



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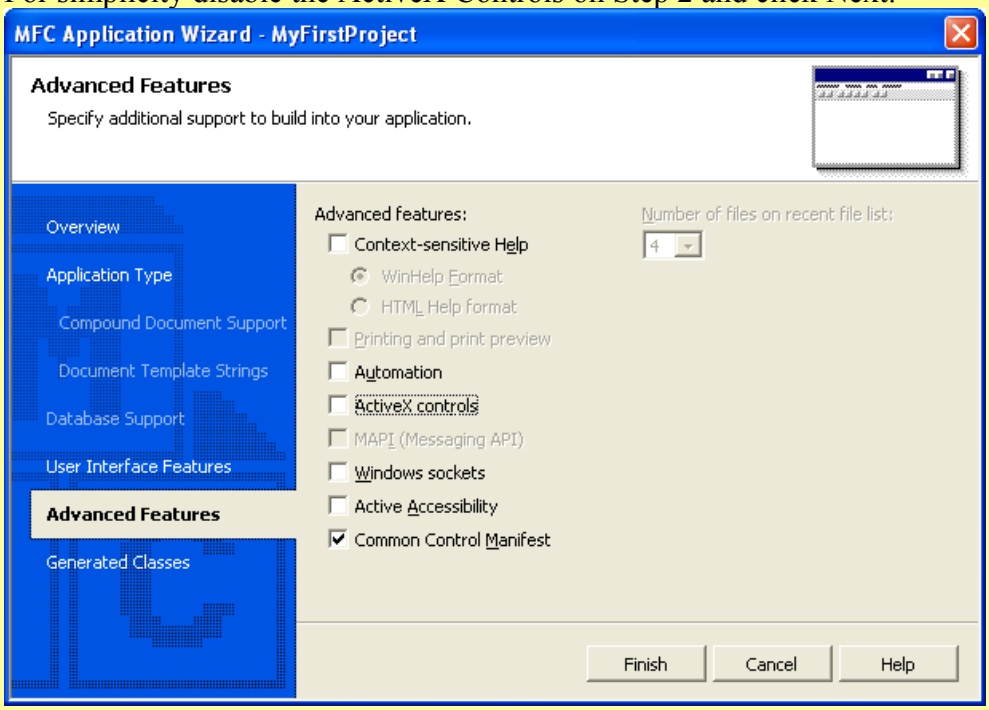
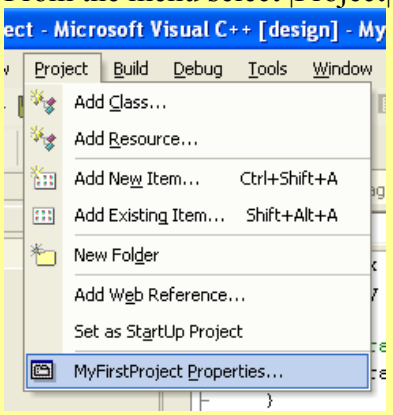
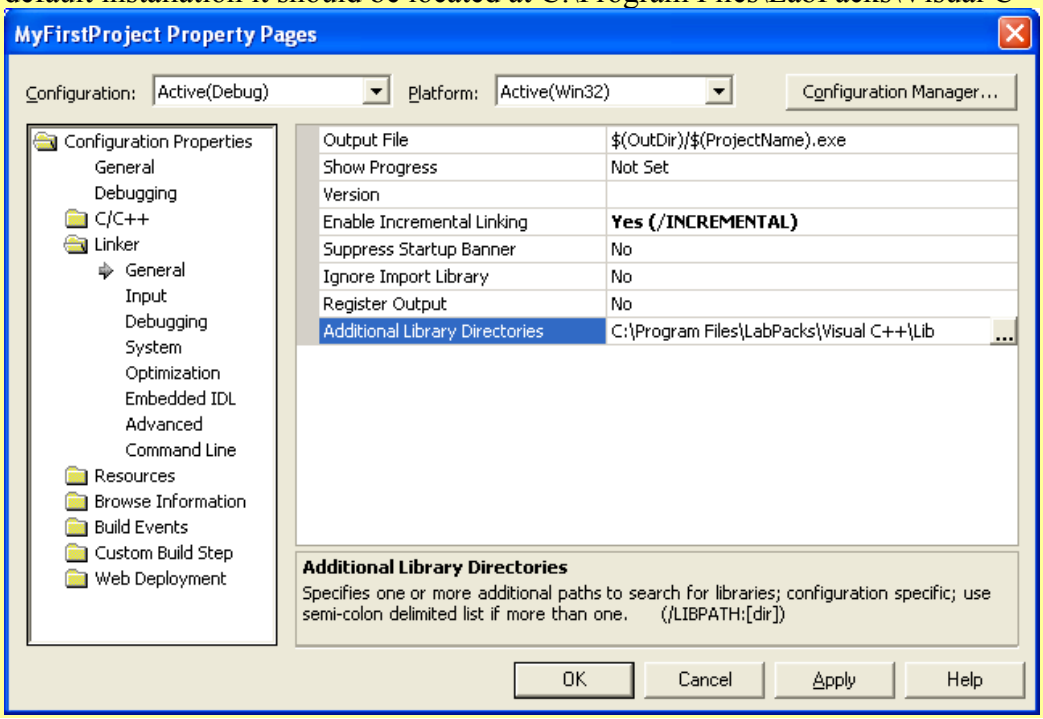


Click Finish.

At this point you should have a new project created.
From the menu select |Project|Settings…| :

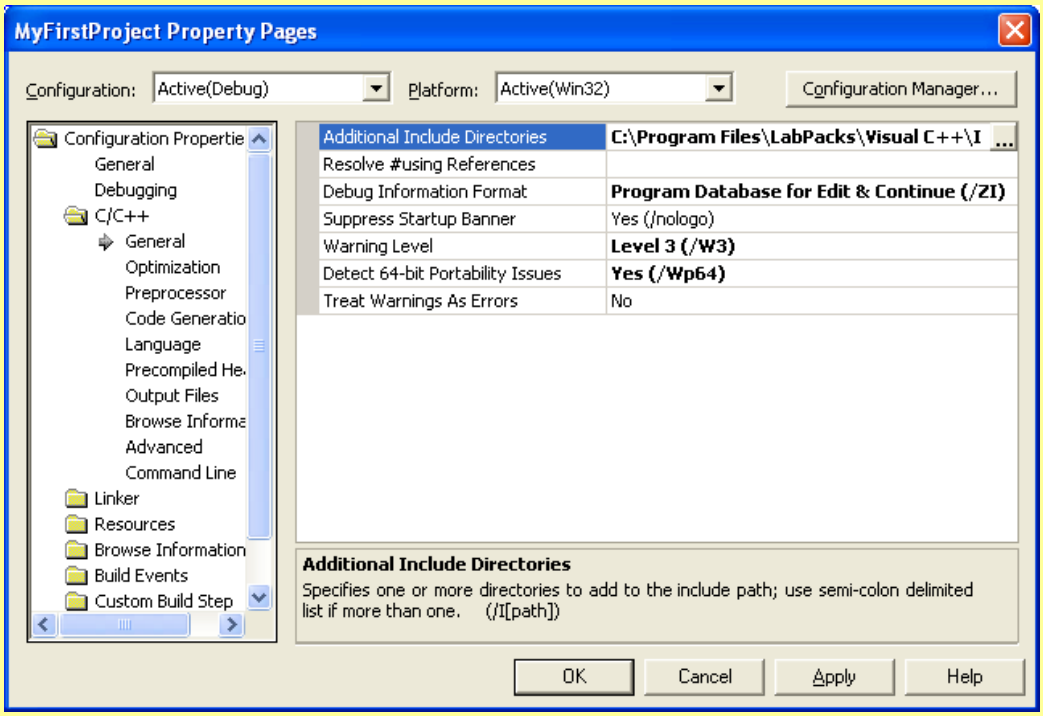


In the Project Property dialog select the Linker General page. In the "Additional library directories:" edit box add the path to the library files. If you have followed the default installation it should be located at C:\Program Files\LabPacks\Visual C++\Lib:



Switch to the C/C++ General page.
In the "Additional include directories:" edit box add the path to the header files. If you have followed the default installation they should be located at C:\Program

Files\LabPacks\Visual C++\Include:



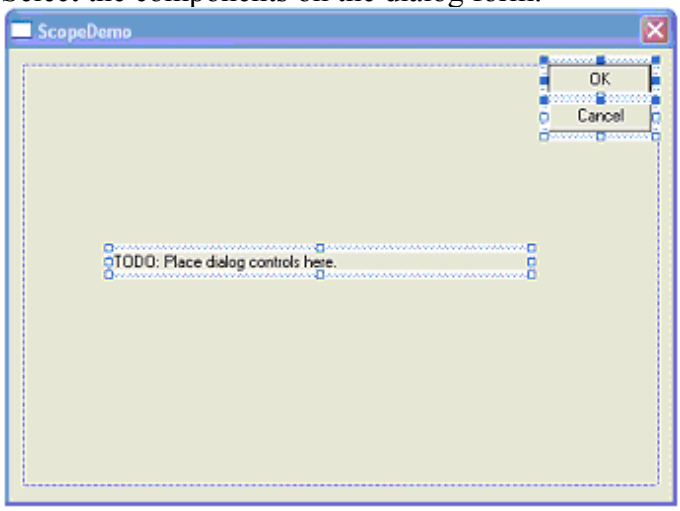
Click OK.

Now you have fully configured project, and you can start writing the actual code.

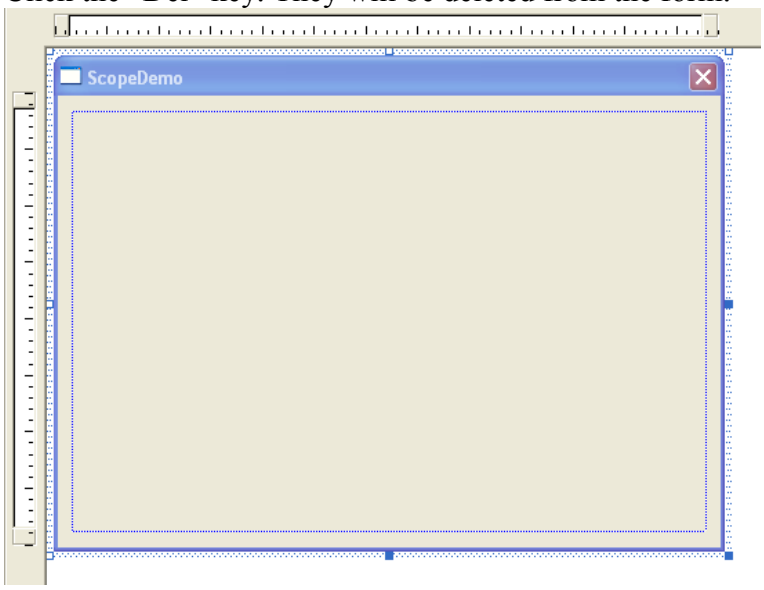
Creating a simple Scope application

Create and setup a new project named ScopeDemo as described in the "Creating a new PlotLab project in Visual C++" chapter.

Select the components on the dialog form:



Click the “Del” key. They will be deleted from the form:



From the controls toolbar select a “Static Text” control:

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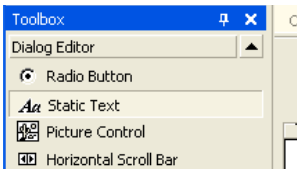
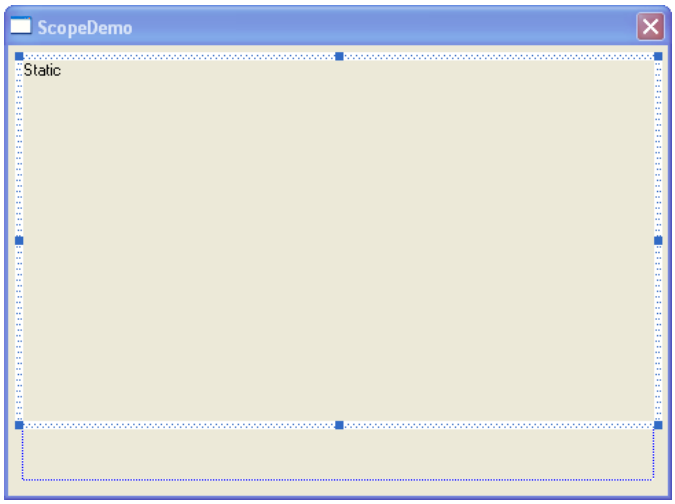
VC++ 2003/2005:

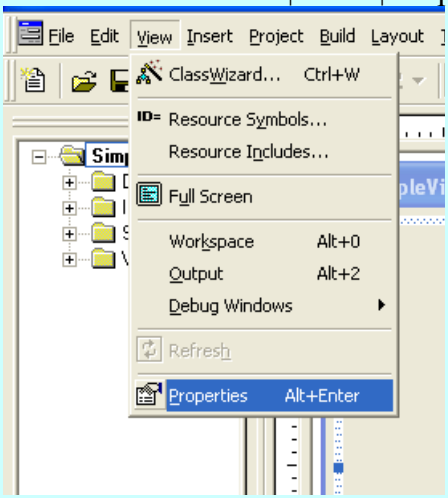


Place the control on the form:

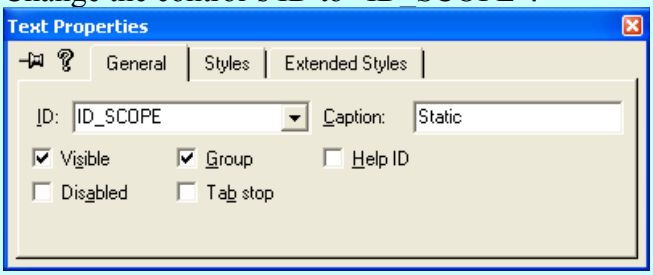


In Visual C++ 6.0:

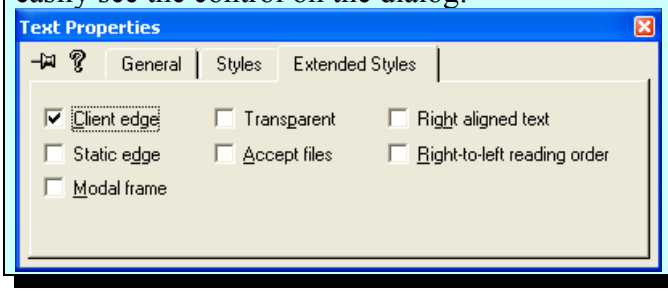
From the menu select | View | Properties |:



Change the control's ID to "ID_SCOPE":

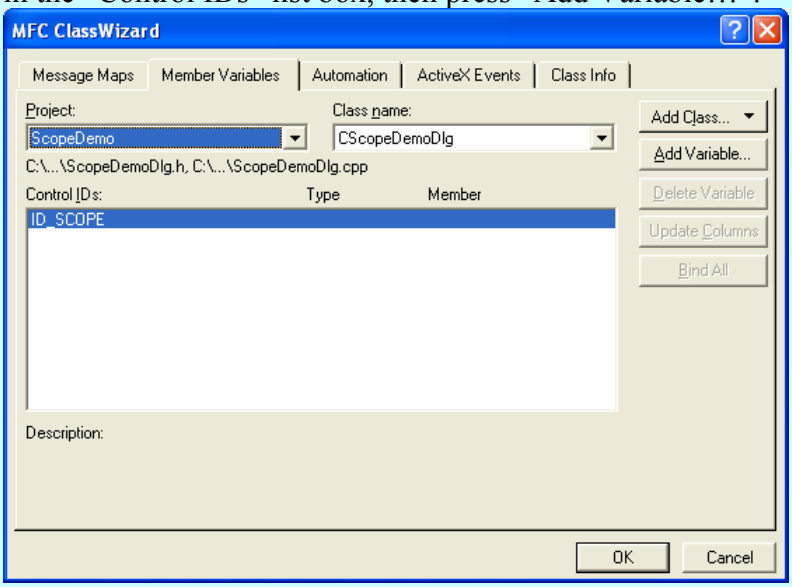


Switch to the "Extended Styles" tab and check the "Client edge" property so you can easily see the control on the dialog:

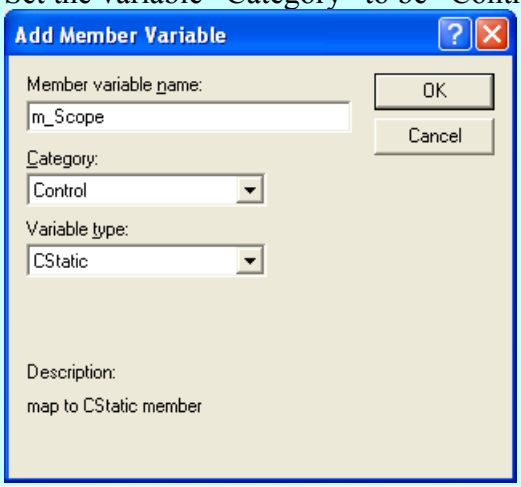


From the menu select | View | ClassWizard… |:

In the "ClassWizard" select the "Member Variables" tab and select the "ID_SCOPE" in the "Control IDs" list box, then press "Add Variable…":

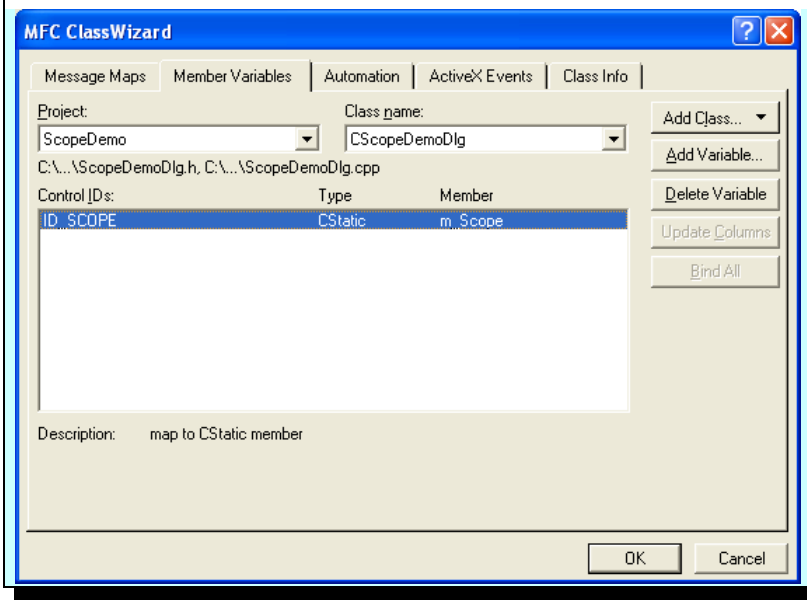


Set the variable “Category” to be “Control”, and set the name to be m_Scope:



Click OK.

In the “ClassWizard” click OK:



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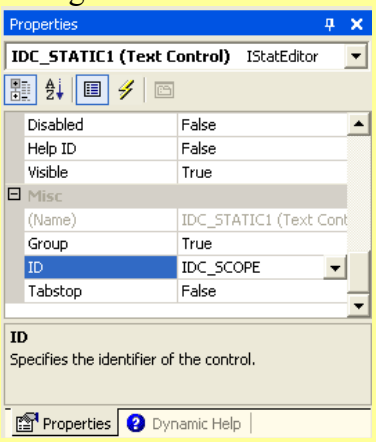
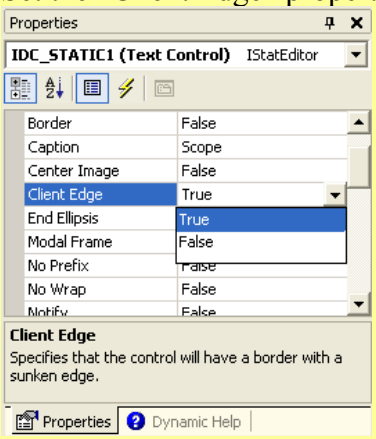
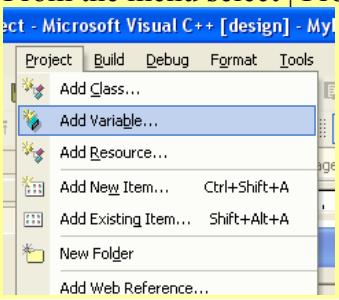


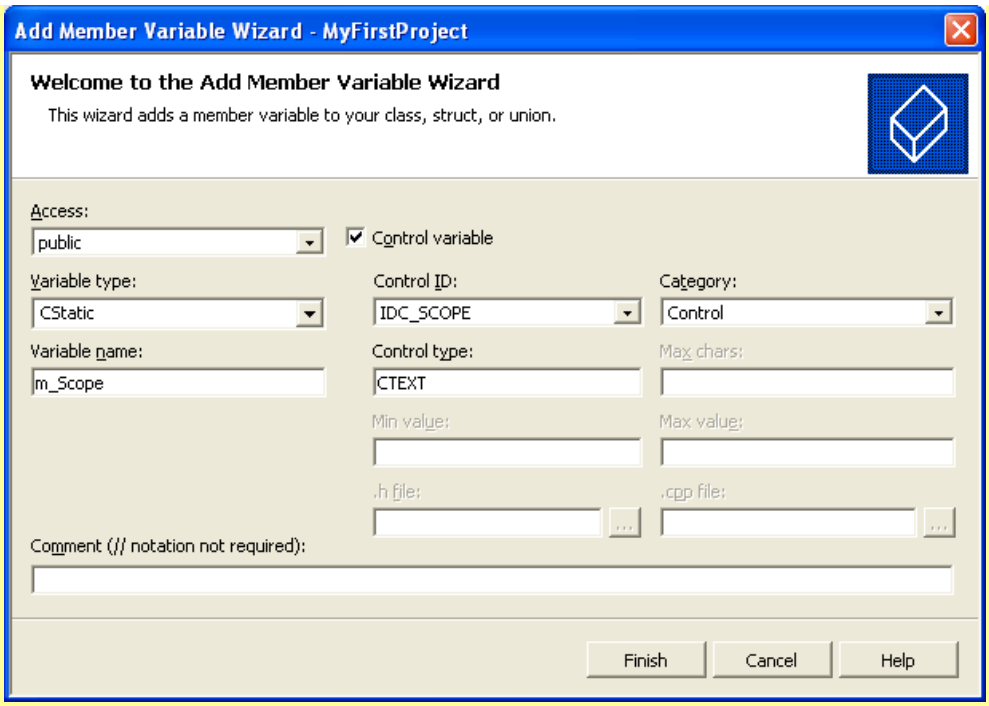
Set the "Client Edge" property to True so you can easily see the control on the dialog:



From the menu select | Project | Add Variable… |:

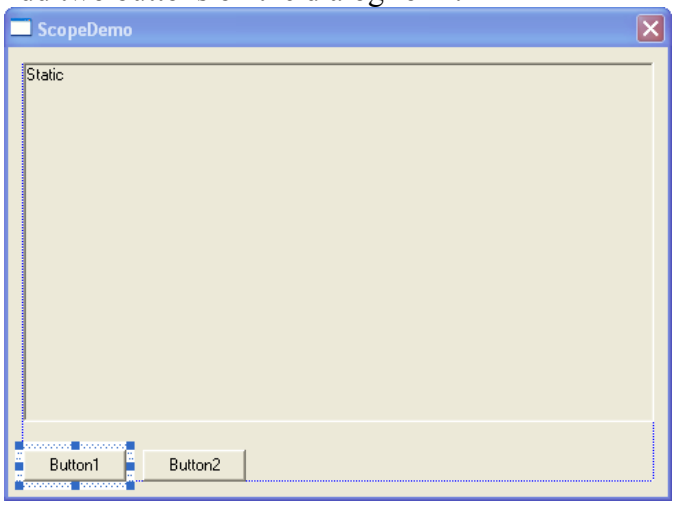


In the “Add Member Variable Wizard” Set the “Variable type” to CStatic, and set the “Variable name” to be m_Scope:



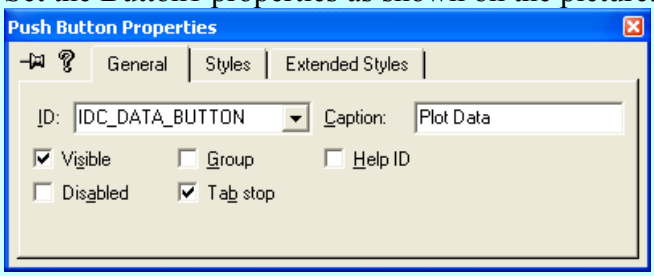
Click Finish.

Add two buttons on the dialog form:

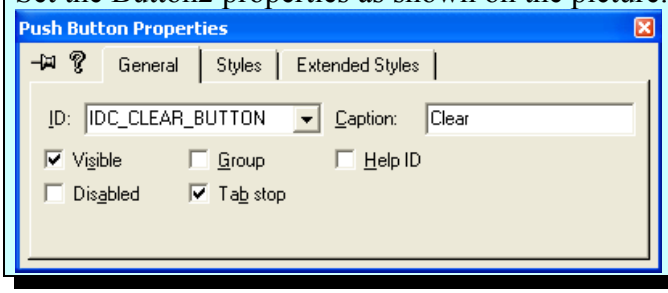


In Visual C++ 6.0:

Set the Button1 properties as shown on the picture:

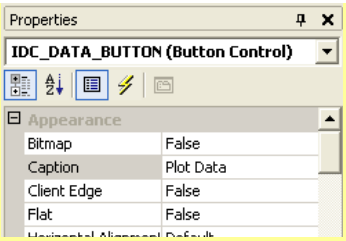


Set the Button2 properties as shown on the picture:

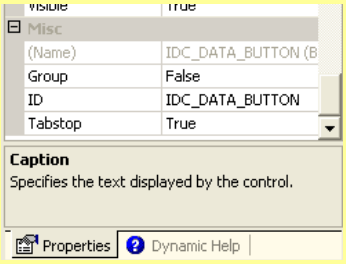


In Visual C++ 2003/2005:

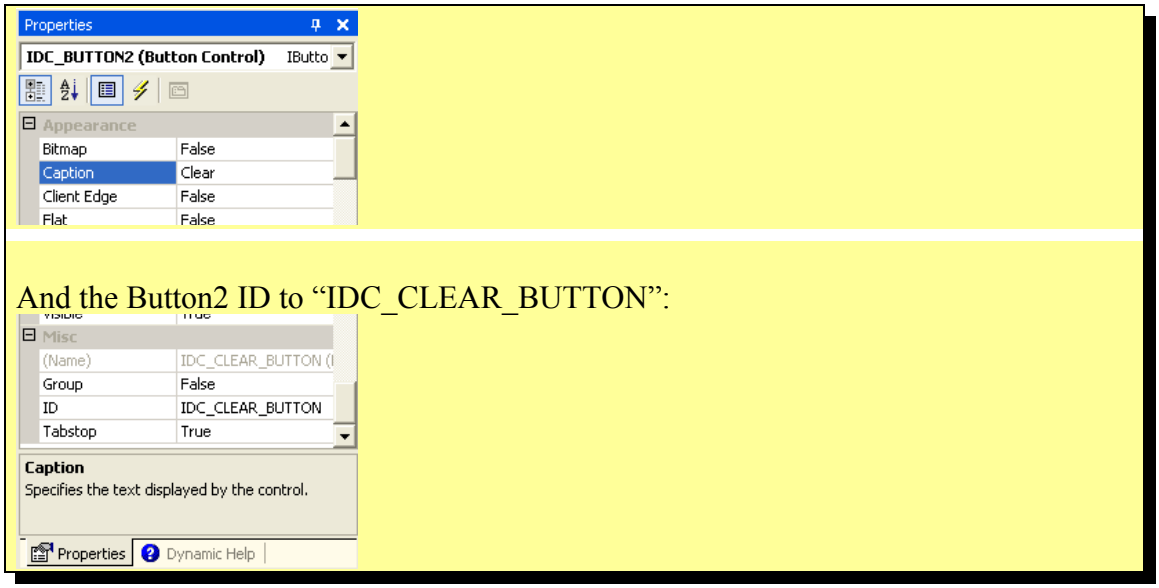
Set the Button1 Caption to “Plot Data”:



And the Button1 ID to “IDC_DATA_BUTTON”:

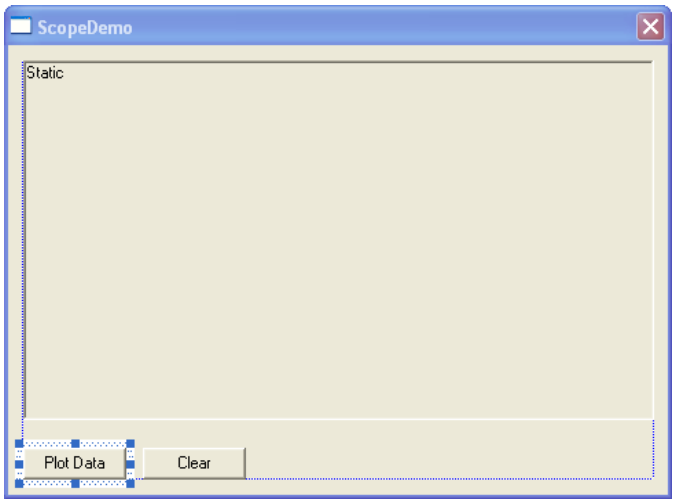


Set the Button2 Caption to “Clear”:



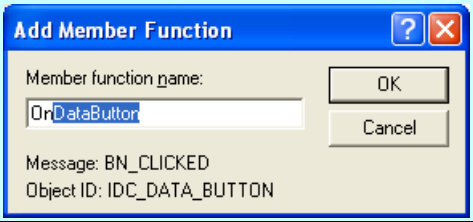
And the Button2 ID to "IDC_CLEAR_BUTTON":

Double click on the "Plot Data" button:



In Visual C++ 6.0:

In the "Add Member Function" dialog click OK:



Add the highlighted lines in the button event handler:

```
void CScopeDemoDlg::OnDataButton()
{
      // TODO: Add your control notification handler code here
      float SampleDataArray[ 1000 ];
```

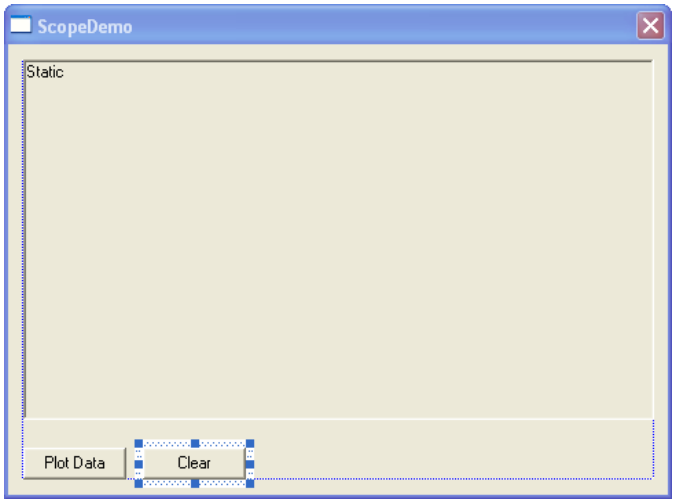
```
	int i;
	for( i = 0; i < 1000; i ++ )
		SampleDataArray[ i ] = rand() - 16000;

	Scope.Channels[ 0 ].Data.SetYData( SampleDataArray, 1000 );

	for( i = 0; i < 1000; i ++ )
		SampleDataArray[ i ] = (float)( Counter++ % 120 ) * 300 -
16000;

	Scope.Channels[ 1 ].Data.SetYData( SampleDataArray, 1000 );
}
```

Double click on the "Clear" button:



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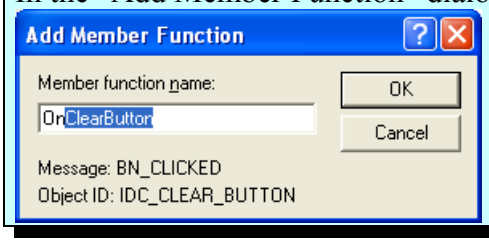
In the "Add Member Function" dialog click OK:



Add the highlighted lines in the button event handler:

```
void CScopeDemoDlg::OnClearButton()
{
	// TODO: Add your control notification handler code here
	Scope.Channels[ 0 ].Data.Clear();
```

```
	Scope.Channels[ 1 ].Data.Clear();
	Scope.Hold = false;
}
```

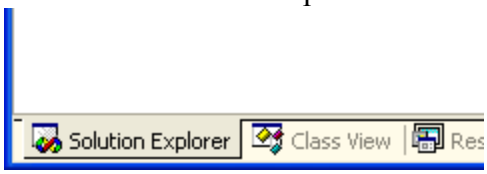
Scroll up and add the highlighted lines in the to the "BOOL CScopeDemoDlg::OnInitDialog()" function:

```
BOOL CScopeDemoDlg::OnInitDialog()
{
	CDialog::OnInitDialog();

	// Add "About..." menu item to system menu.

	// IDM_ABOUTBOX must be in the system command range.
	ASSERT((IDM_ABOUTBOX & 0xFFF0) == IDM_ABOUTBOX);
	ASSERT(IDM_ABOUTBOX < 0xF000);

	CMenu* pSysMenu = GetSystemMenu(FALSE);
	if (pSysMenu != NULL)
	{
		CString strAboutMenu;
		strAboutMenu.LoadString(IDS_ABOUTBOX);
		if (!strAboutMenu.IsEmpty())
		{
			pSysMenu->AppendMenu(MF_SEPARATOR);
			pSysMenu->AppendMenu(MF_STRING, IDM_ABOUTBOX,
strAboutMenu);
		}
	}

	// Set the icon for this dialog.  The framework does this
automatically
	//  when the application's main window is not a dialog
	SetIcon(m_hIcon, TRUE);			// Set big icon
	SetIcon(m_hIcon, FALSE);		// Set small icon

	// TODO: Add extra initialization here
	VCL_InitControls( m_hWnd );
	Scope.Open( m_Scope.m_hWnd );
	Scope.Channels.Add();
```

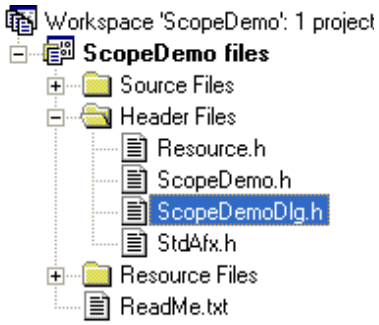
```
      Scope.Channels[ 0 ].Name = "Random";
      Scope.Channels[ 1 ].Name = "Ramp";
      VCL_Loaded();
      Counter = 0;

      return TRUE;  // return TRUE  unless you set the focus to a
control
}
```

In Visual C++ 6.0:
Select the “FileView” tab:

In Visual Visual C++ 2003/2005:
Select the “Solution Explorer” tab:



Double click on the “ScopeDemoDlg.h”:



Add the highlighted lines in the header:

```
// ScopeDemoDlg.h : header file
//


#if !
defined(AFX_SCOPEDEMODLG_H__8995F2E8_CC33_4FA3_8441_899A6D60AB21__INC
LUDED_)
#define
AFX_SCOPEDEMODLG_H__8995F2E8_CC33_4FA3_8441_899A6D60AB21__INCLUDED_


#if _MSC_VER > 1000
#pragma once
#endif // _MSC_VER > 1000


#include <CSLScope.h>
```

```
/////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
////////
// CScopeDemoDlg dialog

class CScopeDemoDlg : public CDialog
{
// Construction
public:
     CScopeDemoDlg(CWnd* pParent = NULL);      // standard
constructor

// Dialog Data
     //{{AFX_DATA(CScopeDemoDlg)
     enum { IDD = IDD_SCOPEDEMO_DIALOG };
     CStatic     m_Scope;
     //}}AFX_DATA

     // ClassWizard generated virtual function overrides
     //{{AFX_VIRTUAL(CScopeDemoDlg)
     protected:
     virtual void DoDataExchange(CDataExchange* pDX);      // DDX/DDV
support
     //}}AFX_VIRTUAL

// Implementation
protected:
     CTSLScope Scope;
     int       Counter;

protected:
     HICON m_hIcon;

     // Generated message map functions
     //{{AFX_MSG(CScopeDemoDlg)
     virtual BOOL OnInitDialog();
     afx_msg void OnSysCommand(UINT nID, LPARAM lParam);
     afx_msg void OnPaint();
     afx_msg HCURSOR OnQueryDragIcon();
```

```
	afx_msg void OnDataButton();
	afx_msg void OnClearButton();
	//}}AFX_MSG
	DECLARE_MESSAGE_MAP()
};


//{{AFX_INSERT_LOCATION}}
// Microsoft Visual C++ will insert additional declarations
immediately before the previous line.


#endif // !
defined(AFX_SCOPEDEMODLG_H__8995F2E8_CC33_4FA3_8441_899A6D60AB21__INC
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```
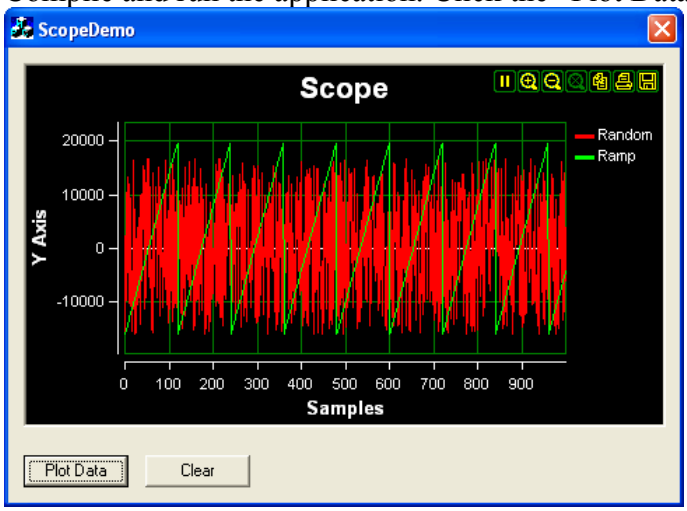

Compile and run the application. Click the “Plot Data” button few times:

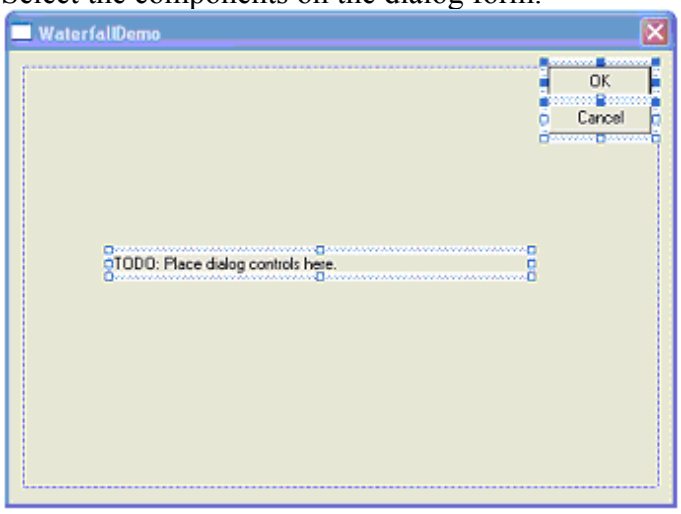


Congratulations! You have just created your first PlotLab application.

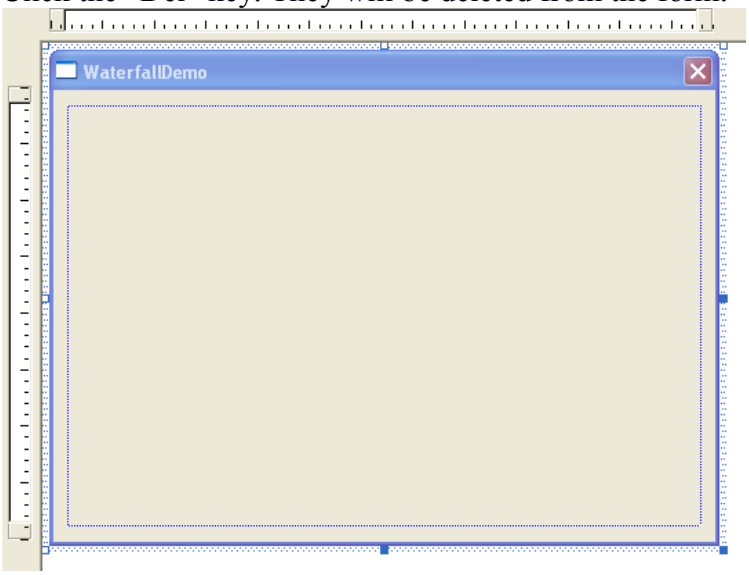
Creating a simple Waterfall application

Create and setup a new project named WaterfallDemo as described in the “Creating a new PlotLab project in Visual C++” chapter.

Select the components on the dialog form:



Click the “Del” key. They will be deleted from the form:



From the controls toolbar select a “Static Text” control:

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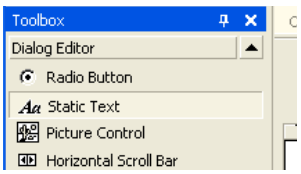
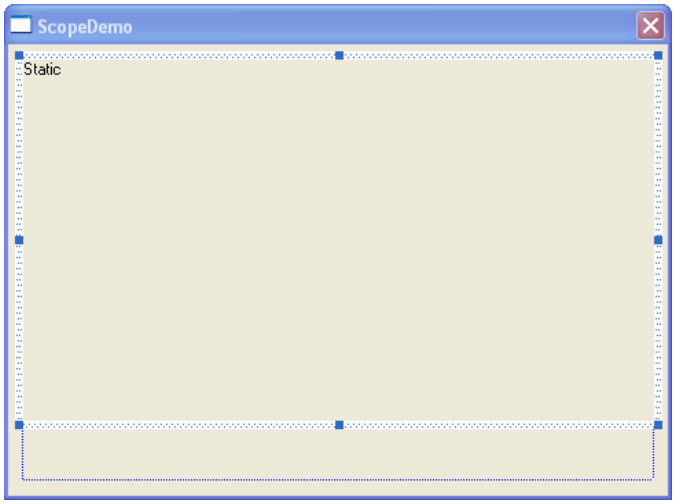


Place the control on the form:



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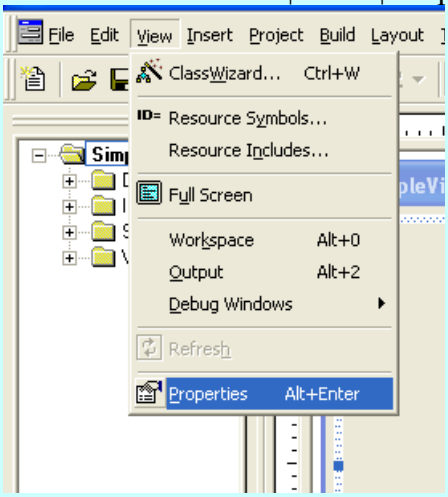
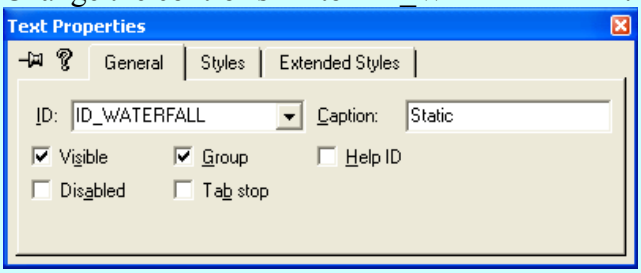
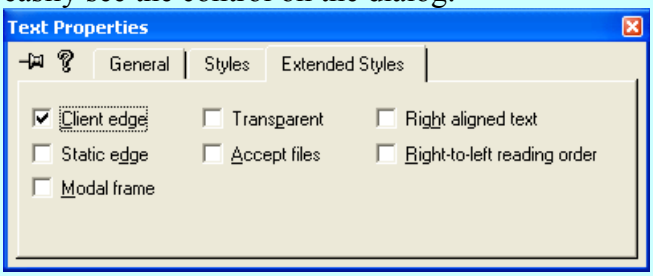
From the menu select | View | Properties |:



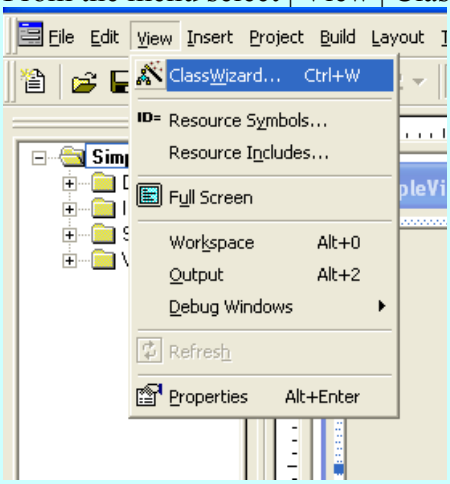
Change the control's ID to "ID_WATERFALL":



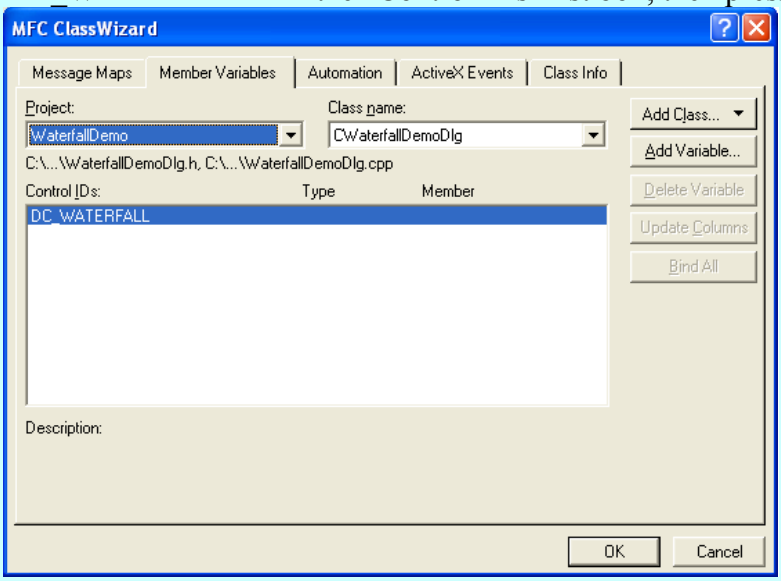
Switch to the “Extended Styles” tab and check the “Client edge” property so you can easily see the control on the dialog:



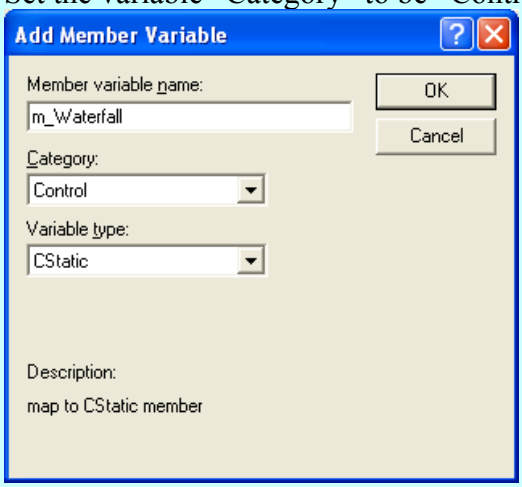
From the menu select | View | ClassWizard… |:



In the “ClassWizard” select the “Member Variables” tab and select the “ID_WATERFALL” in the “Control IDs” list box, then press “Add Variable…”:

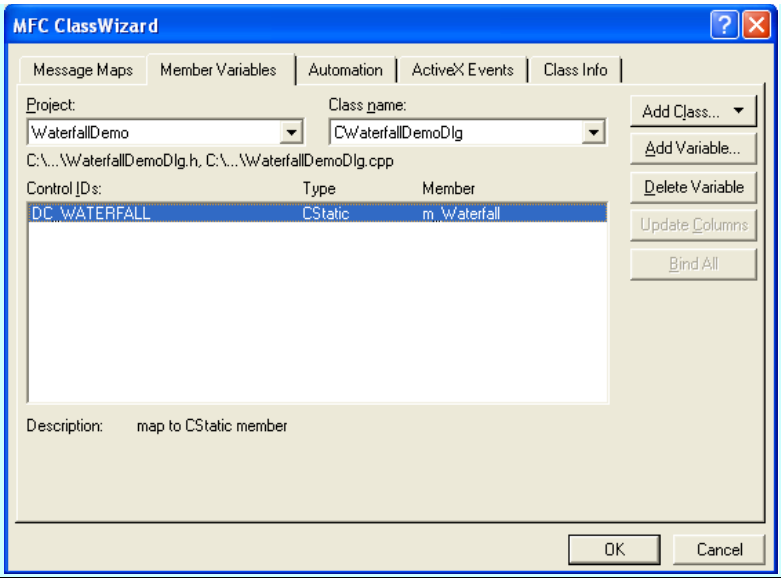


Set the variable “Category” to be “Control”, and set the name to be m_Waterfall:



Click OK.

In the “ClassWizard” click OK:



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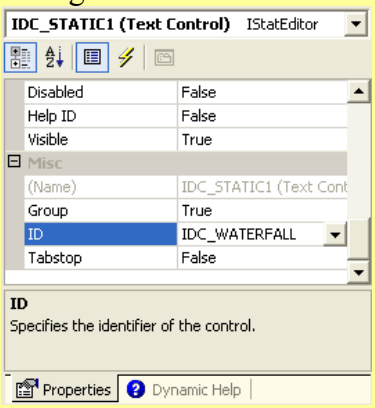
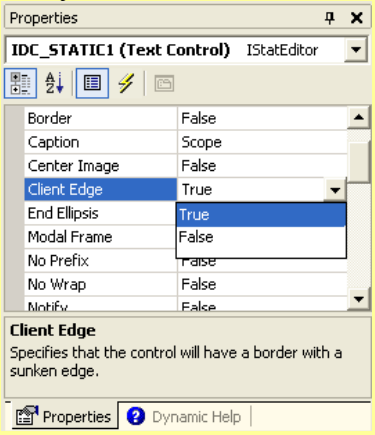
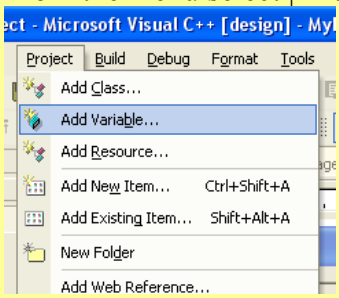
Change the control's ID to "ID_WATERFALL":



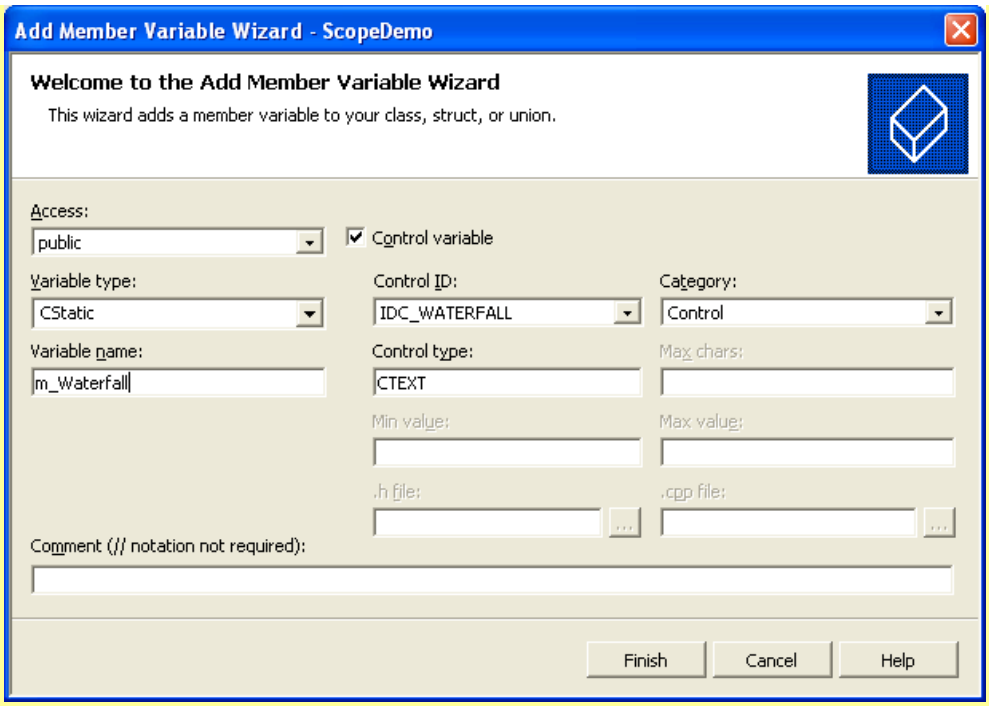
Switch to the "Extended Styles" tab and check the "Client edge" property so you can easily see the control on the dialog:



From the menu select | Project | Add Variable… |:

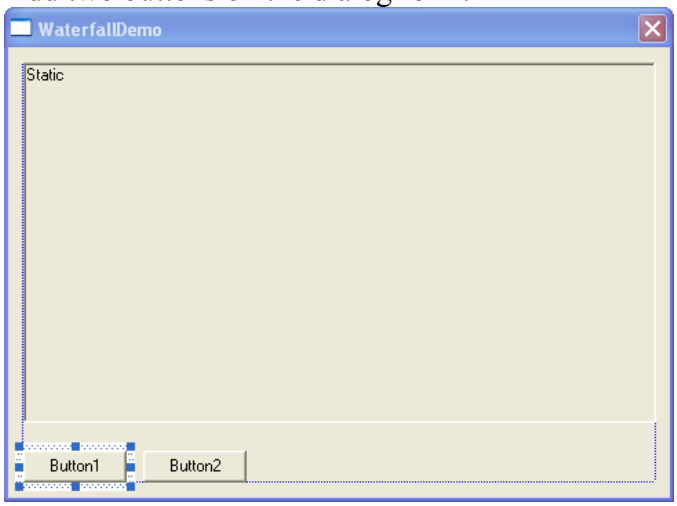


In the “Add Member Variable Wizard” Set the “Variable type” to CStatic, and set the “Variable name” to be m_Waterfall:



Click Finish.

Add two buttons on the dialog form:



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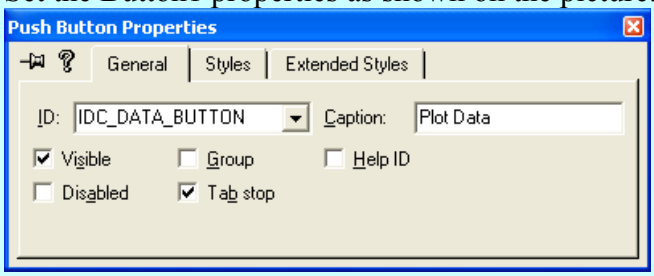
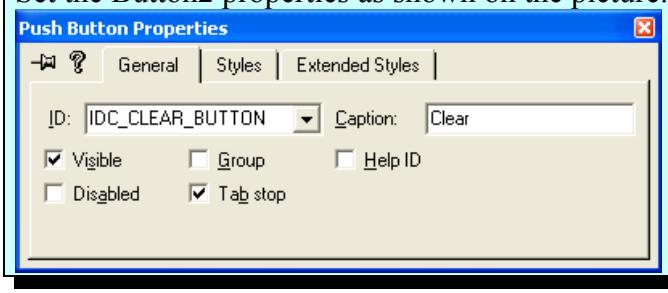
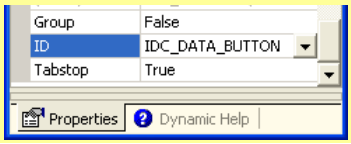
Set the Button1 properties as shown on the picture:



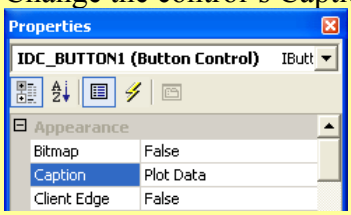
Set the Button2 properties as shown on the picture:



Set the control's ID to "IDC_DATA_BUTTON":

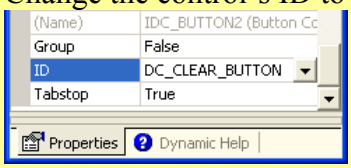


Change the control's Caption to "Plot Data":

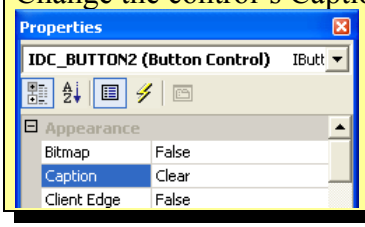


Select Button2 on the form.

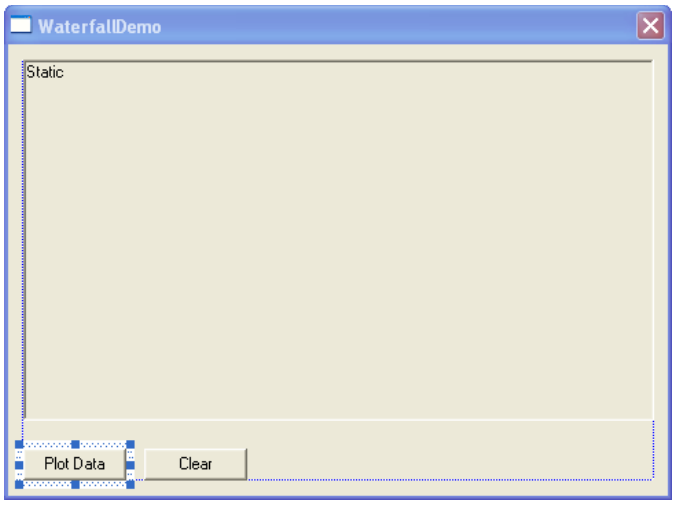
Change the control's ID to "IDC_CLEAR_BUTTON":



Change the control's Caption to "Clear":



Double click on the "Plot Data" button:



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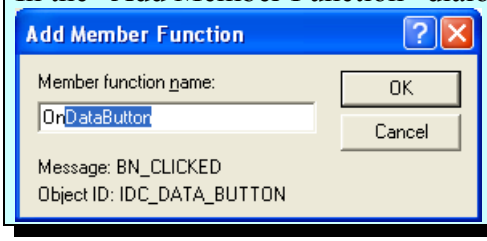
In the "Add Member Function" dialog click OK:

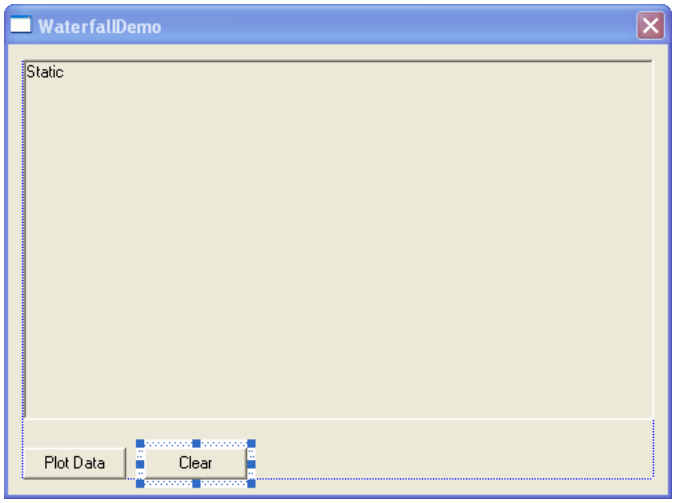


Add the highlighted lines in the button event handler:

```
void CScopeDemoDlg::OnDataButton()
{
      // TODO: Add your control notification handler code here
      float SampleDataArray[ 1000 ];
      for( int i = 0; i < 1000; i ++ )
            SampleDataArray[ i ] = rand() - 16000;

      Waterfall.Data.AddData( SampleDataArray, 1000 );
}
```

Double click on the “Clear” button:



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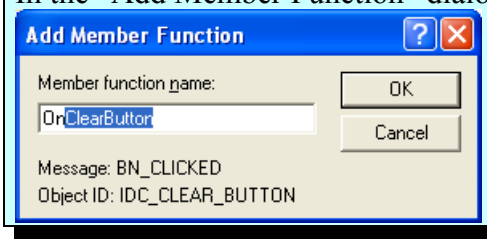
In the “Add Member Function” dialog click OK:



Add the highlighted lines in the button event handler:

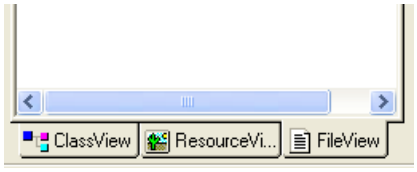
```
void CScopeDemoDlg::OnClearButton()
{
	// TODO: Add your control notification handler code here
	Waterfall.Data.Clear();
	Waterfall.Hold = false;
}
```

Scroll up and add the highlighted lines in the to the “BOOL CScopeDemoDlg::OnInitDialog()” function:

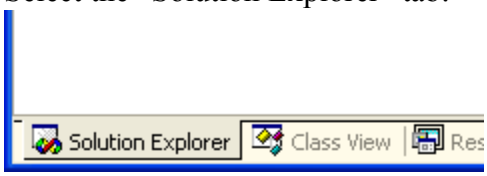
```
BOOL CWaterfallDemoDlg::OnInitDialog()
{
	CDialog::OnInitDialog();

	// Add "About..." menu item to system menu.

	// IDM_ABOUTBOX must be in the system command range.
	ASSERT((IDM_ABOUTBOX & 0xFFF0) == IDM_ABOUTBOX);
```

```
	ASSERT(IDM_ABOUTBOX < 0xF000);

	CMenu* pSysMenu = GetSystemMenu(FALSE);
	if (pSysMenu != NULL)
	{
		CString strAboutMenu;
		strAboutMenu.LoadString(IDS_ABOUTBOX);
		if (!strAboutMenu.IsEmpty())
		{
			pSysMenu->AppendMenu(MF_SEPARATOR);
			pSysMenu->AppendMenu(MF_STRING, IDM_ABOUTBOX,
strAboutMenu);
		}
	}

	// Set the icon for this dialog.  The framework does this
automatically
	//  when the application's main window is not a dialog
	SetIcon(m_hIcon, TRUE);			// Set big icon
	SetIcon(m_hIcon, FALSE);		// Set small icon

	// TODO: Add extra initialization here
	VCL_InitControls( m_hWnd );
	Waterfall.Open( m_Waterfall.m_hWnd );
	VCL_Loaded();

	return TRUE;  // return TRUE  unless you set the focus to a
control
}
```

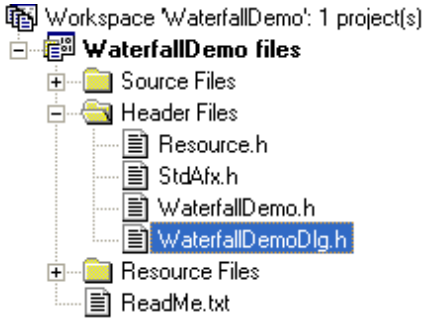
In Visual C++ 6.0:
Select the “FileView” tab:



In Visual Visual C++ 2003/2005:
Select the “Solution Explorer” tab:



Double click on the “ScopeDemoDlg.h”:

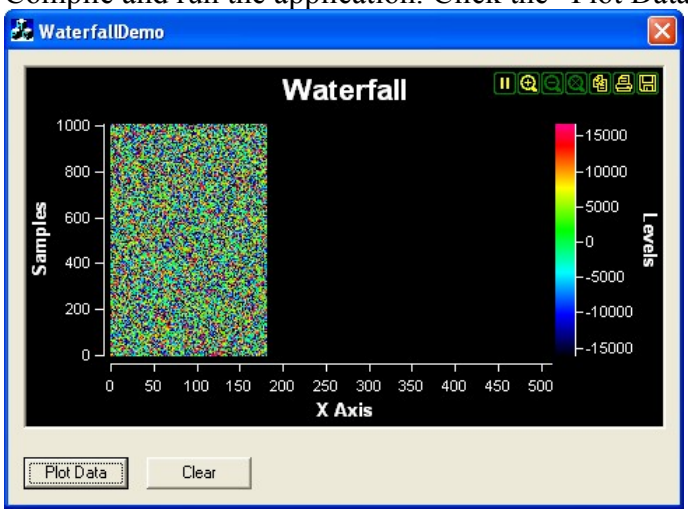


Add the highlighted lines in the header:

```
// WaterfallDemoDlg.h : header file
//


#if !
defined(AFX_WATERFALLDEMODLG_H__F20C38B5_B9AC_427B_8DA0_F5FF9A88FECE_
_INCLUDED_)
#define
AFX_WATERFALLDEMODLG_H__F20C38B5_B9AC_427B_8DA0_F5FF9A88FECE__INCLUDE
D_


#if _MSC_VER > 1000
#pragma once
#endif // _MSC_VER > 1000


#include <CSLWaterfall.h>



/////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
////////
// CWaterfallDemoDlg dialog


class CWaterfallDemoDlg : public CDialog
{
// Construction
public:
     CWaterfallDemoDlg(CWnd* pParent = NULL);  // standard
constructor


// Dialog Data
     //{{AFX_DATA(CWaterfallDemoDlg)
```

```
	enum { IDD = IDD_WATERFALLDEMO_DIALOG };
	CStatic	m_Waterfall;
	//}}AFX_DATA


	// ClassWizard generated virtual function overrides
	//{{AFX_VIRTUAL(CWaterfallDemoDlg)
	protected:
	virtual void DoDataExchange(CDataExchange* pDX);	// DDX/DDV
support
	//}}AFX_VIRTUAL


// Implementation
protected:
	CTSLWaterfall Waterfall;


protected:
	HICON m_hIcon;


	// Generated message map functions
	//{{AFX_MSG(CWaterfallDemoDlg)
	virtual BOOL OnInitDialog();
	afx_msg void OnSysCommand(UINT nID, LPARAM lParam);
	afx_msg void OnPaint();
	afx_msg HCURSOR OnQueryDragIcon();
	afx_msg void OnDataButton();
	afx_msg void OnClearButton();
	//}}AFX_MSG
	DECLARE_MESSAGE_MAP()
};


//{{AFX_INSERT_LOCATION}}
// Microsoft Visual C++ will insert additional declarations
immediately before the previous line.


#endif // !
defined(AFX_WATERFALLDEMODLG_H__F20C38B5_B9AC_427B_8DA0_F5FF9A88FECE_
_INCLUDED_)
```

Compile and run the application. Click the “Plot Data” button few times:



You have learned how to use the Waterfall component from inside your Visual C++ application.

Using the TSLCRealBuffer in C++ Builder and Visual C++

The C++ Builder version of the library comes with a powerful data buffer class, called TSLCRealBuffer.
The TSLCRealBuffer is capable of performing basic math operations over the data as well as some basic signal processing functions. The data buffer also uses copy on write algorithm improving dramatically the application performance.
The TSLCRealBuffer is an essential part of the SignalLab generators and filters, but it can be used independently in your code.
You have seen already some examples of using TSLCRealBuffer in the previous chapters. Here we will go into a little bit more details about how TSLCRealBuffer can be used.
In order to use TSLCRealBuffer you must include SLCRealBuffer.h directly or indirectly (trough another include file):

```
#include <SLCRealBuffer.h>
```

Once the file is included you can declare a buffer:
Here is how you can declare a 1024 samples buffer:

```
TSLCRealBuffer Buffer( 1024 );
```

Version 4.0 and up does not require the usage of data access objects. The data objects are now obsolete and have been removed from the library.

You can obtain the current size of a buffer by calling the GetSize method:

```
Int ASize = Buffer.GetSize(); // Obtains the size of the buffers
```

You can resize (change the size of) a buffer:

```
Buffer.Resize( 2048 ); // Changes the size to 2048
```

You can set all of the elements (samples) of the buffer to a value:

```
Buffer.Set( 30 ); // Sets all of the elements to 30.
```

You can access individual elements (samples) in the buffer:

```
Buffer [ 5 ] = 3.7; // Sets the fifth elment to 3.7

Double AValue = Buffer [ 5 ]; // Assigns the fifth element to a
variable
```

You can obtain read, write or modify pointer to the buffer data:

```
const double *data = Buffer.Read() // Starts reading only
double *data = Buffer.Write()// Starts writing only
double *data = Buffer.Modify()// Starts reading and writing
```

Sometimes you need a very fast way of accessing the buffer items. In this case, you can obtain a direct pointer to the internal data buffer. The buffer is based on copy on write technology for high performance. The mechanism is encapsulated inside the buffer, so when working with individual items you don't have to worry about it. If you want to access the internal buffer for speed however, you will have to specify up front if you are planning to modify the data or just to read it. The TSLCRealBuffer has 3 methods for accessing the data Read(), Write(), and Modify (). Read() will return a constant pointer to the data. You should use this method when you don't intend to modify the data and just need to read it. If you want to create new data from scratch and don't intend to preserve the existing buffer data, use Write(). If you need to modify the data you should use Modify (). Modify () returns a non constant pointer to the data, but often works slower than Read() or Write(). Here are some examples:

```
const double *pcData = Buffer.Read(); // read only data pointer

double Value = *pcData; // OK!
*pcData = 3.5; // Wrong!


double *pData = Buffer.Write(); // generic data pointer

double Value = *pData; // OK!
*pData = 3.5; // OK!
```

You can assign one buffer to another:

```
Buffer1 = Buffer2;
```

You can do basic buffer arithmetic:

```
TSLCRealBuffer Buffer1( 1024 );
TSLCRealBuffer Buffer2( 1024 );
TSLCRealBuffer Buffer3( 1024 );

Buffer1.Set( 20.5 );
Buffer2.Set( 5 );

Buffer3 = Buffer1 + Buffer2;
Buffer3 = Buffer1 - Buffer2;
Buffer3 = Buffer1 * Buffer2;
Buffer3 = Buffer1 / Buffer2;
```

In this example the elements of the Buffer3 will be result of the operation (+,-,* or /) between the corresponding elements of Buffer1 and Buffer2.
You can add, subtract, multiply or divide by constant:

```
// Adds 4.5 to each element of the buffer
Buffer1 = Buffer2 + 4.5;

// Subtracts 4.5 to each element of the buffer
Buffer1 = Buffer2 - 4.5;

// Multiplies the elements by 4.5
Buffer1 = Buffer2 * 4.5;

// Divides the elements by 4.5
Buffer1 = Buffer2 / 4.5;
```

You can do “in place” operations as well:

```
Buffer1 += Buffer2;
Buffer1 += 4.5;

Buffer1 -= Buffer2;
Buffer1 -= 4.5;

Buffer1 *= Buffer2;
Buffer1 *= 4.5;

Buffer1 /= Buffer2;
```

```
Buffer1 /= 4.5;
```

Those are just some of the basic buffer operations provided by SignalLab.
If you are planning to use some of the more advanced features of TSLCRealBuffer please refer to the online help.
SignalLab also provides TSLCComplexBuffer and TSLCIntegerBuffer. They work similar to the TSLCRealBuffer but are intended to be used with Complex and Integer data. For more information on TSLCComplexBuffer and TSLCIntegerBuffer please refer to the online help.

Distributing your application

Once you have finished the development of your application you most likely will need to distribute it to other systems. In order for the built application to work, you will have to include a set of DLL files together with the distribution. The necessary files can be found under the [install path]\DLL directory([install path] is the location where the library was installed).
You can distribute them to the [Windows]\System32 ([Windows]\SysWOW64 in 64 bit Windows) directory, or to the distribution directory of your application([Windows] is the Windows directory - usually C:\WINNT or C:\WINDOWS).

Deploying your application with the IPP DLLs

The application will work, however the performance can be improved by also copying the Intel IPP DLLs provided with the library.
The DLLs are under the [install path]\LabPacks\IppDLL directory([install path] is the location where the library was installed).
In 32 bit Windows to deploy IPP, copy the files to the [Windows]\System32 directory on the target system.
In 64 bit Windows to deploy IPP, copy the files to the [Windows]\SysWOW64 directory on the target system.
[Windows] is the Windows directory - usually C:\WINNT or C:\WINDOWS
This will improve the performance of your application on the target system.