ME 477 — Winter 2018

Setting up the C Development Tool for myRIO on your laptop computer

Complete <u>all</u> of the steps below to set up the development environment on your laptop. Parts 1, 2, and 3 can be performed *without connecting* your laptop to one of the lab myRIOs in MEB 115.

Do Parts 1, 2, and 3 just once, in the order shown.

Part 1. Setting up the Software Environment

Follow these instructions to set up the C Development Tool for myRIO. Clicking on a blue hyperlinks opens the appropriate websites in your browser.¹

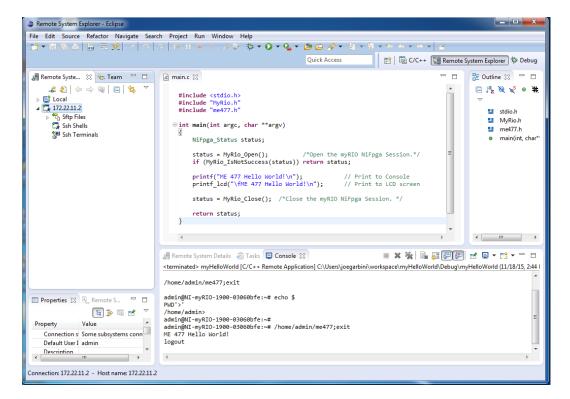
- 1. Download and install LabVIEW 2015 myRIO Toolkit. (2700 Mb)
 - For Native Windows 8 or 10: Download from myRIOToolkit2015. Mount disk image. Then run setup.exe.
 - For Native Windows 7: Download from myRIOToolkit2015. You may need a means of mounting the .iso disk image. For example, use Virtual CloneDrive to mount the .iso disk image files as a virtual CD-ROM drive. Then run setup.exe.
 - For Virtual Windows 7, 8, or 10 under Parallels: Download from myRIOToolkit2015 under OS X. From Parallels, Devices—CD/DVD—Connect Image... mount the disk image. Then run setup.exe.
- 2. Install Java. Visit the Java website GetJava to download Java. (17 Mb) Use Internet Explorer, not Microsoft Edge.
- 3. Install the C/C++ Development Tools for NI Linux Real-Time 2014, Eclipse Edition. Visit this link Eclipse2014 to download and install Eclipse. (260 Mb)
- 4. Project templates have been prepared for each of the nine ME 477 laboratory exercises. Visit the ME 477 website Resources Page to download the ME477 myRIO support 2018 archive. Remember where you put this archive, but do not unzip. (2 Mb)
- 5. Eclipse uses Launch Configurations to specify how the project will be deployed and run on the myRIO. Visit the ME 477 website Resources Page to download the ME 477 Launch Configurations archive. Unzip into folder LaunchConfig477 (40 kb). Remember where you put the folder.
- 6. Add the compiler path to the system environment variables.
 - a. Visit the ME 477 website Resources Page. Open the $\underline{64\text{-bit compiler path}}$ file, select and copy (ctrl-c) the contents.
 - b. In the Windows Control Panel, select **System and Security** \rightarrow **System** \rightarrow **Advanced system settings** to display the **System Properties** dialog box.
 - c. Click Environment Variables to display the Environment Variables dialog box.
 - d. Select **PATH** in the **User variables** group box and click **Edit**. If **PATH** does not exist, click **New** to create it.
 - e. Click **New** and paste (ctrl-v) the compiler path to **Variable value**. Be certain that there are **no extra spaces** in the path.
- 7. Click **OK** to close the dialog box and save changes.

¹This document may found on-line at: http://courses.washington.edu/mengr477. Look for the link: C Development Tool Setup for Laptop

Part 2. Define a connection to the myRIO

Complete the following steps to define a connection in Eclipse from your laptop to the myRIO target:

- 1. Launch Eclipse, specify a workspace, and click **OK** to display the **C/C++** perspective (default).
 - Two other perspective views, **Remote Systems Explorer** and **Debug**, will also be useful. To make these available, select **Window** \rightarrow **Open Perspective** \rightarrow **Other** to display the **Open Perspective** dialog box.
 - Then select **Remote Systems Explorer** and click **OK** to display the Remote Systems Explorer perspective. Repeat this process to display the **Debug** perspective. Buttons for all three perspective should appear in the upper right corner of your eclipse window, and can be used at any time to switch perspectives.
- 2. Select the Remote Systems Explorer perspective to display the Remote Systems pane at left.
- 3. Click the **Define a connection to remote system** icon it to display the **New Connection** dialog box.
- 4. Select General→SSH Only.
- 5. Enter the IP address 172.22.11.2 in the **Host name** textbox and click **Finish**. Your target displays in the Remote Systems tab in the Remote System Explorer pane



Part 3. Importing C Support and Launch Configurations

Complete the following steps to import C Support and Launch Configurations to Eclipse:

- 1. From the C/C++ perspective, select **File** \rightarrow **Import** to display the **Import** dialog box.
- 2. Select General → Existing Projects into Workspace and click Next to display the Import Projects page.
- 3. Select Select archive file, click Browse and select the ME 477 C Support for myRIO that you downloaded in step 4. of Part 1.
- 4. Ensure that all items are checked and click Finish to import ME 477 C Support for myRIO. See Figure 1.
- 5. Under the **Project** menus select **Build All**.
- 6. Again, from the C/C++, select File \rightarrow Import to display the Import dialog box.
- Select Run/Debug→Launch Configurations and click Next to display the Import Launch Configurations
 page.
- 8. Click Browse and select the LaunchConfig477 folder that you downloaded in step 5. of Part 1.
- 9. Ensure that all items are checked and click **Finish**. To check that the Import of the Launch Configurations was successful, pull down **Run→Run Configurations...** See Figure 2.

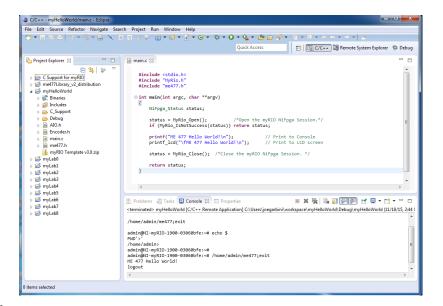


Figure 1. ME 477 Project Templates

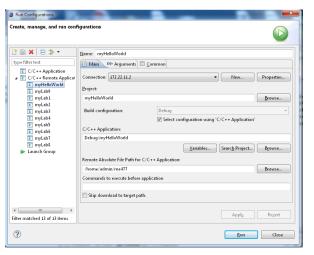


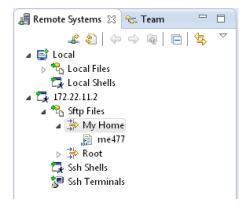
Figure 2. Launch Configurations

Your laptop must be connected through a USB cable to one of the myRIOs in MEB 115 to perform Parts 4, 5, and 6. Each time you connect, a myRIO USB Monitor dialog box will appear indicating myRIO IP Address: 172.22.11.2. Always select **Do Nothing**.

Part 4. Connect to the myRIO target

Complete the following steps to establish a connection between Eclipse and the myRIO target:

- In the Remote Systems pane, right-click the target and select Connect from the shortcut menu to display the Enter Password dialog box.
- 2. Enter the user ID: admin and password: me477 and click OK.
- 3. Click **OK** in the **Info** dialog box.
- 4. If the **Keyboard Interactive authentication** dialog box appears, leave the password blank, and click **OK**. As shown below, green arrow appears on the target icon when the myRIO is connected.



In Parts 5 and 6 you will run and debug a project. Here, the myHelloWorld project is used as example.

Part 5. Running the myHelloWorld project

Eclipse uses a "Run Configuration" to specify how the project will be deployed and run on the myRIO. Run Configurations for ME 477 projects were downloaded in step 5 of Part 1.

Complete the following steps to run the myHelloWorld example project.

- 1. In Eclipse, switch to the C/C++ perspective.
- 2. You can view and edit the C source code by double clicking on the myHelloWorld project in the left pane, and then double clicking on main.c
- 3. In the **Project Explorer** pane, right-click the myHelloWorld project, and select **Build Project** from the shortcut menu to build the project. Any build errors will be noted in the **Problems** pane.
- 4. Right-click the myHelloWorld project and select Run As→Run Configurations to display the Run Configurations dialog box.
- 5. Select the myHelloWorld project in the left pane.
- 6. Click Run. The project runs on the myRIO target.
 You can find the result in the Console pane, and on the LDC screen.

Part 6. Debugging the myHelloWorld project

Similarly, Eclipse uses a "Debug Configuration" to specify how the program will be debugged on the myRIO. Once the Debug Configuration for a project is set up, debugging the program requires just a single click.

Complete the following steps to set up the Debug Configuration for the myHelloWorld project. Step 5. includes building, deploying, and debugging the project:

- 1. In Eclipse, switch to the C/C++ perspective.
- 2. In the **Project Explorer** pane, right-click the myHelloWorld project and select **Debug As→Debug Configurations** to display the **Debug Configurations** dialog box.
- 3. Select the myHelloWorld project in the left pane.
- 4. Click **Debug**. The project runs on the myRIO target within the debugger. Some warnings may appear in the Console pane. Under normal circumstances, these warnings are not a problem. You can find the debug tools on the toolbar of Eclipse. There will be more about this in the first laboratory exercise.
- 5. For now, try setting a breakpoint at the printf() statement by double-clicking in the margin at left of that statement. A blue dot with a small checkmark should appear in the margin. The blue dot indicates that the breakpoint is enabled, and the checkmark indicates that the breakpoint is installed.

If you resume (green arrow) from the beginning of the program, execution should pause at the breakpoint.

