

OpenFOAM Debugging

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Motivation

- Code not working as intended
- Understanding of running code
- Fixing of runtime error
- difficult to study compiled code



Source: <https://olaflow.github.io/blog/what-is-what-and-who-is-who-in-the-openfoam-environment/>

Requirements - OpenFOAM base installation Ubuntu 20.04 LTS

Install base packages

```
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install git-core build-essential binutils-dev \
    cmake flex zlib1g-dev libncurses5-dev curl bison \
    libxt-dev rpm mercurial graphviz python python-dev \
    gcc-7 g++-7 paraview gdb
```

clone foam-extend repository

```
mkdir ~/foam
cd ~/foam
git clone http://git.code.sf.net/p/foam-extend/foam-extend-4.1 \
    foam-extend-4.1
```


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Modify settings

```
cd ~/foam/foam-extend-4.1
echo "export WM_CC='gcc-7'" >> etc/prefs.sh
echo "export WM_CXX='g++-7'" >> etc/prefs.sh
source etc/bashrc
sed -i -e 's=rpmbuild --define=rpmbuild --define \
    "_build_id_links none" --define=' \
    ThirdParty/tools/makeThirdPartyFunctionsForRPM
sed -i -e 's/gcc/\$(WM_CC)/' wmake/rules/linux64Gcc/c
sed -i -e 's/g++/\$(WM_CXX)/' wmake/rules/linux64Gcc/c++
```


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Define aliases

```
echo "alias fe41='source \  
    \ $HOME/foam/foam-extend-4.1/etc/bashrc'" >> ~/.bashrc  
echo "alias fe41_debug='source \  
    \ $HOME/foam/foam-extend-4.1/etc/bashrc \  
    WM_COMPILE_OPTION=Debug'" >> ~/.bashrc
```

Compile foam-extend

```
1 cd ~/foam/foam-extend-4.1  
2 source ~/foam/foam-extend-4.1/etc/bashrc  
3 ./Allwmake.firstInstall  
4 WM_COMPILE_OPTION=Debug ./Allwmake
```


Requirements - Tools

Using package management system

```
1 sudo apt-get install valgrind qtcreator
2 snap install code --classic
```

Manual installation - gdbOF

```
source $HOME/foam/foam-extend-4.1/etc/bashrc \  
        WM_COMPILE_OPTION=Debug  
cd ~/foam/  
git clone https://gitlab.com/flowcrunchpublic/gdbof.git gdbOF  
cd gdbOF  
./installgdbOF.sh
```


Tools - basic debugging by text messages to terminal

```
1 Info<< "\nStarting time loop\n" << endl;  
2  
3 while (runTime.loop())  
4 {  
5     Info<< "Time = " << runTime.timeName() << nl << endl;  
6     ...  
7 }
```

Downsides:

- no control of code during execution
- requires modification of code and recompilation
- cleaning of code required after successful debugging

Tools - DebugSwitches

- 0 means no debug information
- different debug levels available (1,2,3...)
- no recompilation of coded needed unlike Info statements
- list and activate debugSwitches of solver (OpenFOAM foundation and ESI)

```
1 pisoFoam -listRegisteredSwitches  
2 pisoFoam -debug-switch <name=val>
```

- list and activate debugSwitches of solver (foam-extend)

```
1 pisoFoam -dumpControlSwitches  
2 pisoFoam -DebugSwitches <key1=val1,key2=val2, ...>
```


Hands-on - debugSwitches

```
1 fe41_debug
2 cd $FOAM_TUTORIALS/basic/scalarTransportFoam/pitzDaily/
3 blockMesh
4 scalarTransportFoam -DebugSwitches volScalarField=1,volVectorField=2
5
6 # Output without DebugSwitches:
7 Time = 0.05
8
9 BiCGStab: Solving for T, Initial residual = 1, Final residual = 0, No Iterations 1
10
11 # Output with DebugSwitches:
12 Time = 0.05
13
14 GeometricField<Type, PatchField, GeoMesh>::GeometricBoundaryField::updateCoeffs()
15 GeometricField<Type, PatchField, GeoMesh>::GeometricBoundaryField::updateCoeffs()
16 GeometricField<Type, PatchField, GeoMesh>::GeometricBoundaryField::updateCoeffs()
17 GeometricField<Type, PatchField, GeoMesh>::GeometricBoundaryField::GeometricBoundaryField(const
    ↪ GeometricBoundaryField<Type, PatchField, BoundaryMesh>&)
18 GeometricField<Type, PatchField, GeoMesh>::GeometricField : constructing as copy resetting IO params
19 IOobject: volScalarField T_0 "/home/hoehn7/foam/foam-extend-4.1/tutorials/basic/scalarTransportFoam/swirlTest/0.05"
20
21 BiCGStab: Solving for T, Initial residual = 1, Final residual = 0, No Iterations 1
22 GeometricField<Type, PatchField, GeoMesh>::GeometricBoundaryField::evaluate()
```


Tools - gdb

- study code run-time behaviour
- examining variables at run-time
- changing program at run-time
- BUT: more disc space required and slower execution time
- for own solver or library modification of Make/options needed:

```
1 EXE_INC = -O0 -fdefault-inline -ggdb -DFULLDEBUG
```


Tools - gdbOF and valgrind

`gdbOF`

- simplification of commands from pure GDB usage by additionally implemented additional macros
- easier inspection of data structures of OF at run-time
- dumping of data at run-time
- currently unmaintained and buggy

`valgrind`

- Open-Source framework for memory debugging, memory leak detection and profiling
- no profiling demonstrated as part of this talk

Tools - Visual Studio Code

- multiplatform (Windows, macOS, Linux) IDE (Integrated Development Environment) Visual Studio Code
- open source variant without telemetry VSCodium
- supported languages: C, C#, C++, JavaScript, Julia, Perl, Rust,
- syntax highlighting, auto completion, revision management
- graphical debugging

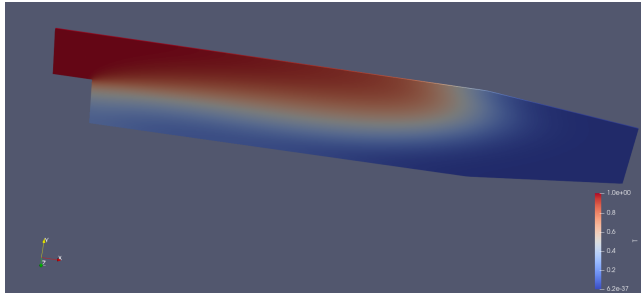
Tools - Qtcreator

- multiplatform (Windows, macOS, Linux) IDE (Integrated Development Environment)
- based on and integrated in multiplatform Qt framework
- supported languages: C++, Java, Markdown, JavaScript, Python, QML, ...
- syntax highlighting, auto completion, revision management
- graphical debugging

Hands-on - Pitzdaily

scalarTransportFoam:

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Hands-on - gdb

```
1 fe41_debug
2 cd $FOAM_TUTORIALS/basic/scalarTransportFoam/pitzDaily/
3 blockMesh
4 gdb scalarTransportFoam
```

command	meaning
[h]elp help class help command	list all classes of commands one-line description for commands in class description of command
[l]ist list main list 30,50 list createTime.H:1,20	shows ten lines after previous listing shows first ten lines around function shows defined line range shows first twenty lines of createTime.H

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command	meaning
[r]un run arglist	start your program with current argument list start your program with arglist
[c]ontinue	resumes execution of program until next breakpoint
ctrl-x ctrl-a tui enable ctrl-l	starting of Text User Interface (TUI) Mode starting of Text User Interface (TUI) Mode redraw TUI window
[b]ack[t]race backtrace n	print trace of all frames in stack print trace of n frames in stack
frame n	select frame number n

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command	meaning
[b]reak (file:)line break (file:)line if var==value	set breakpoint at line (in file) conditional breakpoint at line (in file) if var equal value
clear	clear all breakpoints
whatis expr ptype expr	show datatype of expression show more details on datatype compared to whatis
watchpoint expr	set a watchpoint for expression expr
[s]tep step n	run next line, stepping into function calls run n lines, stepping into function calls

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command	meaning
[n]ext next n	run next line, stepping over function calls run n lines, stepping over function calls
info break info watch	show defined breakpoints show defined watch points
finish	run until stack frame returns
[p]rint *T_.v_@nvalues p *T_.v_@(begin,end)	print first n values of T_ variable print values from begin to end of T_ variable
call Foam::min(1,2)	call min function from inside OpenFOAM
[q]uit	quit gdb

Hands-on - Valgrind

```
fe41_debug
cd $FOAM_TUTORIALS/basic/scalarTransportFoam/pitzDaily/
blockMesh
valgrind --leak-check=full --show-leak-kinds=all \
    --track-origins=yes --log-file="memcheck.txt" \
    myScalarTransportFoam
```

```
fe41_debug
cd $WM_PROJECT_USER_DIR/applications/
tar xzvf my.tar.gz
cd myScalarTransportFoam/
{vi|nano|emacs|gedit} # editor of your choice
wmake
```


Hands-on - Visual Studio Code - General instructions

- run 'fe41_debug' in shell
- run 'blockMesh" in same terminal
- run 'code .' from same shell

Hands-on - Visual Studio Code - tasks.json

```
1 {  
2   "version": "2.0.0",  
3   "tasks": [  
4     {  
5       "type": "shell",  
6       "label": "wmake-build",  
7       "command": "wmake",  
8       "problemMatcher": [],  
9       "group": {  
10        "kind": "build",  
11        "isDefault": true  
12      }  
13    }  
14  ]  
15 }
```


Hands-on - Visual Studio Code - launch.json

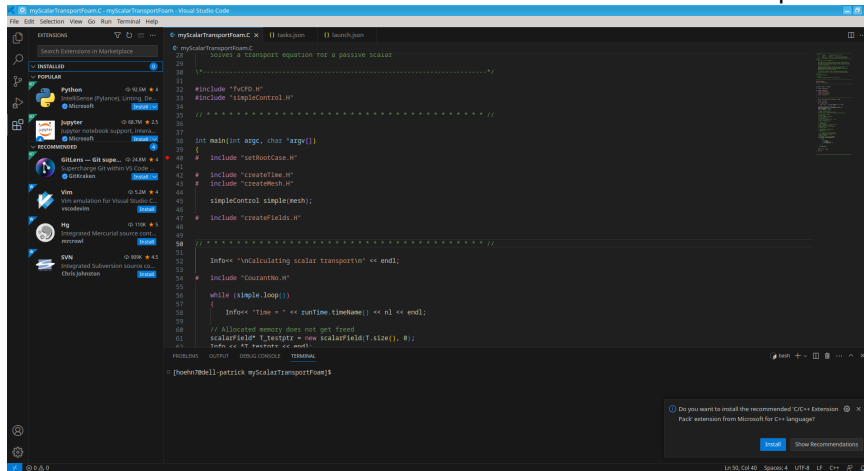
```
1 {
2   "version": "0.2.0",
3   "configurations": [
4     {
5       "name": "OF-Debug",
6       "type": "cppdbg",
7       "request": "launch",
8       "program": "${env:FOAM_APPBIN}/myScalarTransportFoam",
9       "args": [],
10      "stopAtEntry": false,
11      "cwd": "${env:FOAM_TUTORIALS}/basic/scalarTransportFoam/pitzDaily/",
12      "environment": [],
13      "externalConsole": false,
14      "MIMode": "gdb",
15      "miDebuggerPath": "/usr/bin/gdb",
16      "setupCommands": [
17        {
18          "description": "Enable pretty-printing for gdb",
19          "text": "--enable-pretty-printing",
20          "ignoreFailures": true
21        }
22      ],
23      "preLaunchTask": "wmake-build"
24    }
25  ]
26 }
27 }
```

Description:

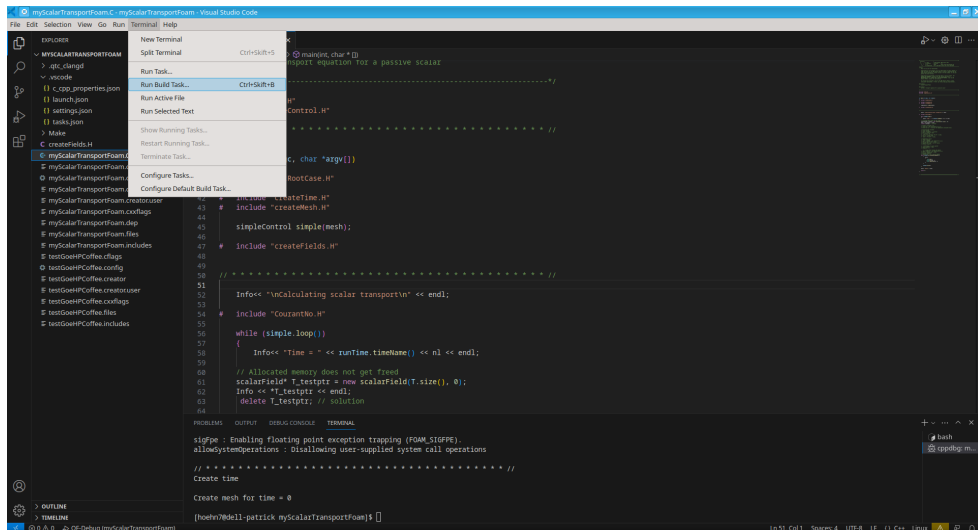
- 8: Location of executable program
- 9: Arguments to pass to the program
- 10: Should program stop at the beginning of the main function?
- 11: Path to case folder
- 12: Environment variables to add to the environment of the program
- 14: What debugger should Visual Studio Code connect to?
- 15: Path of debugger. Don't know? Use which gdb in another terminal
- 16-22: Array of commands to execute in order to setup GDB
- 23: Task to be performed before debugging

Hands-on - Visual Studio Code - Steps

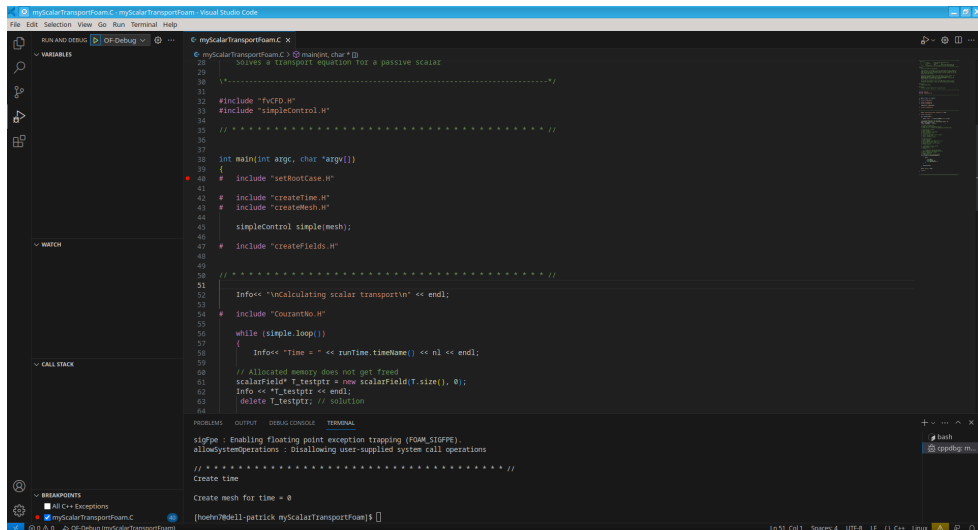
After first start after installation click "Install" to add c++ specific modules



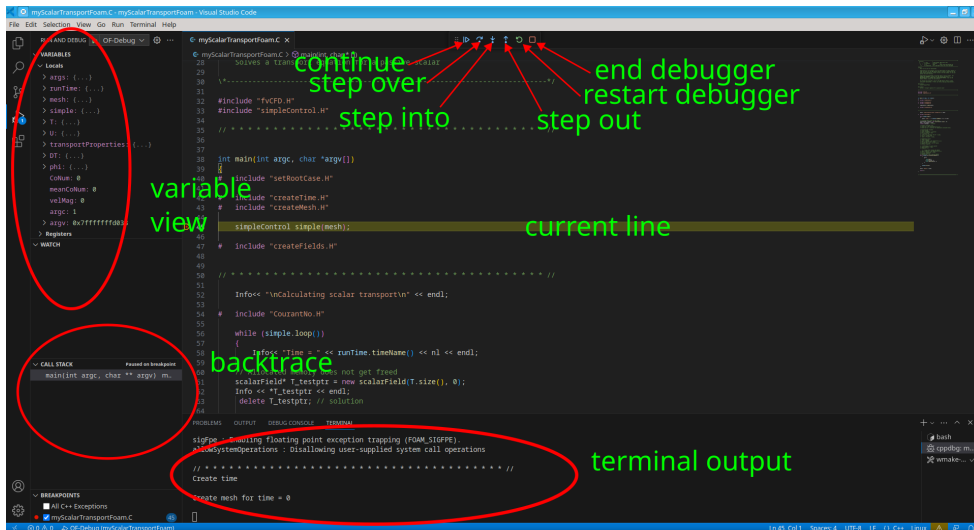
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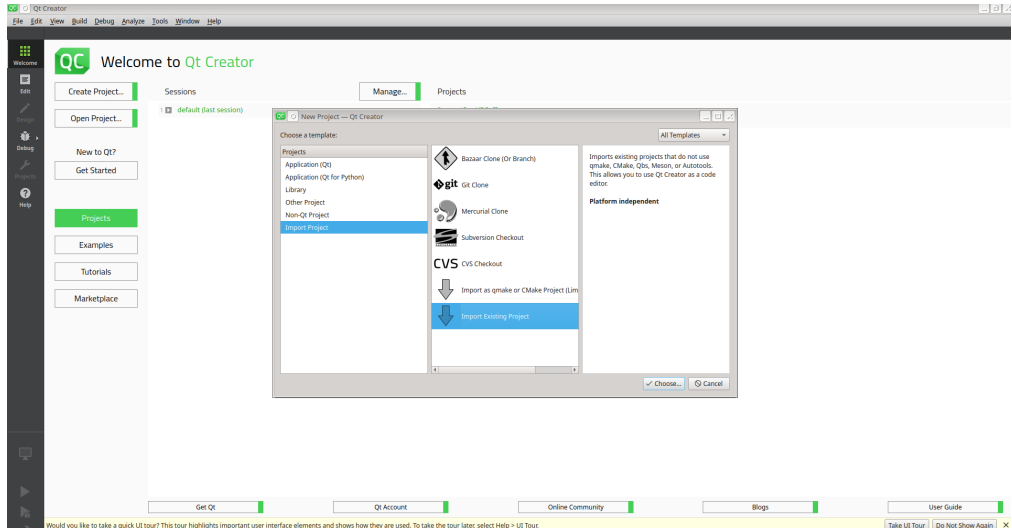
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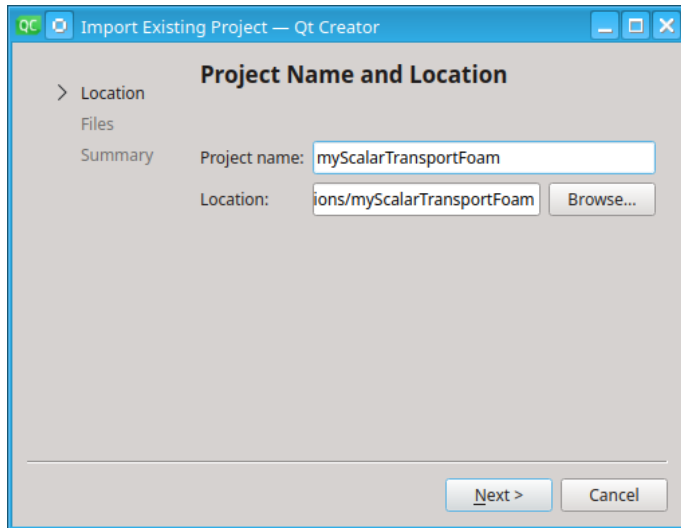
Hands-on - QtCreator - General instructions

- run 'fe41_debug' in shell
- run 'blockMesh' in same terminal
- run 'find \$FOAM_SRC -type d -iname "InInclude"' in same shell
- run 'qtcreator .' from same shell
- changing of files possible by double click on filename

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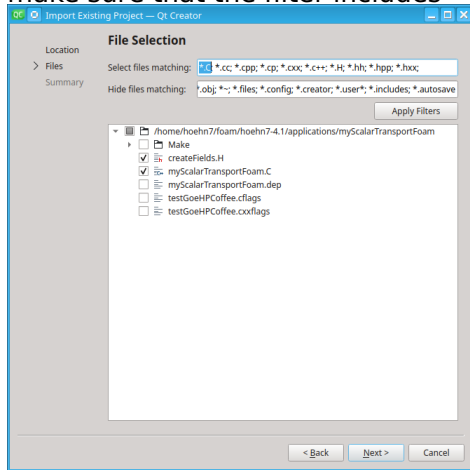


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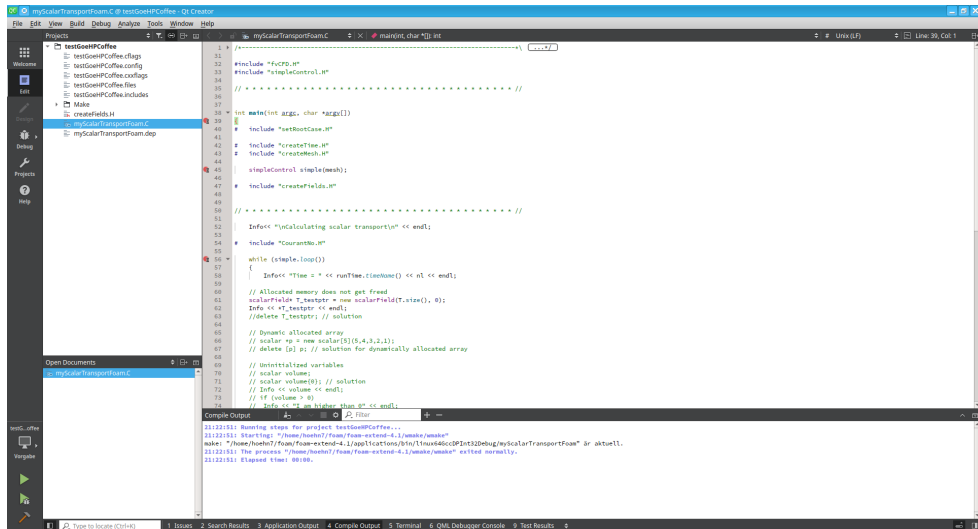


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make sure that the filter includes "*.C" and "*.H" because Linux is case-sensitive

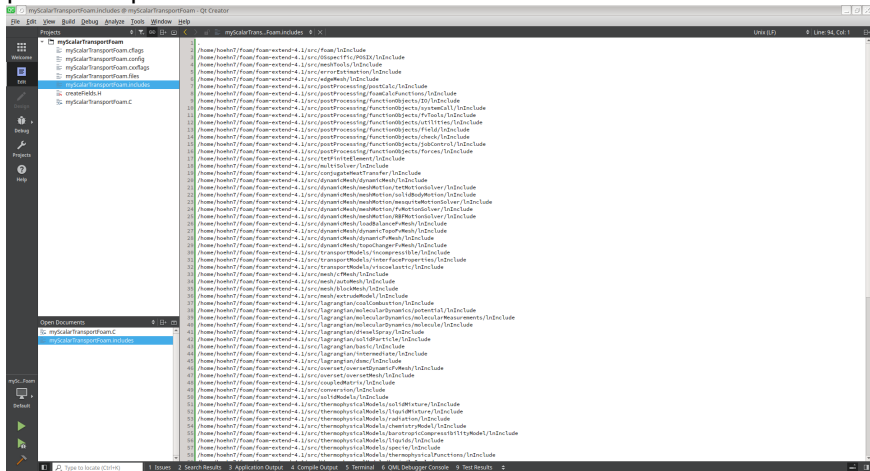


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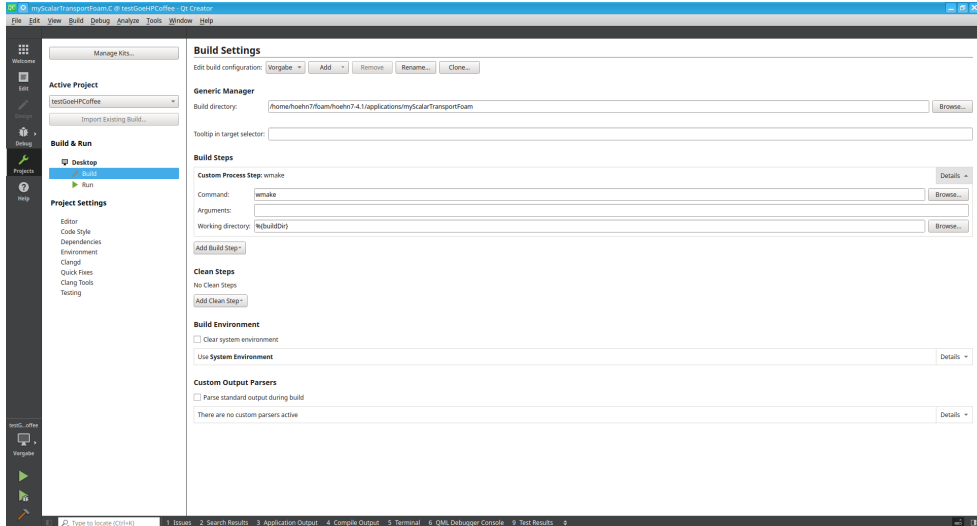


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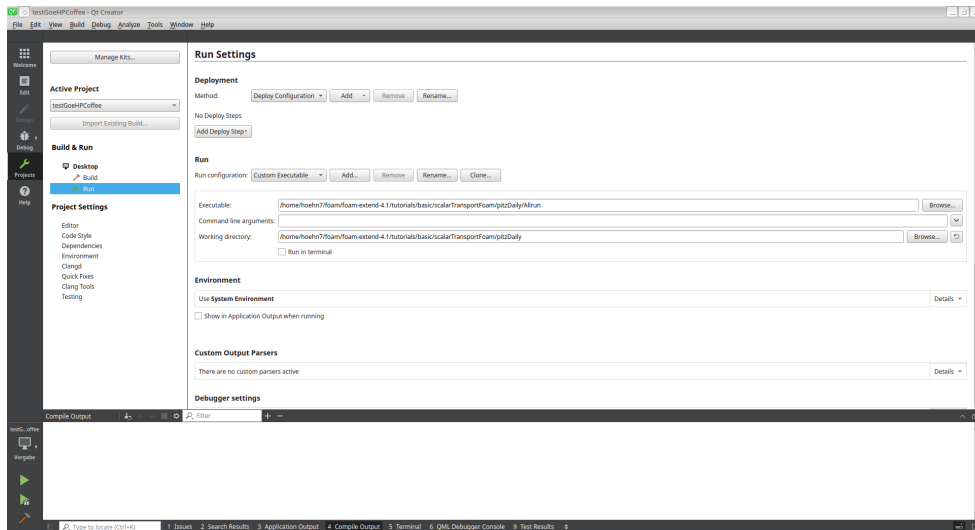
paste output from find command in file



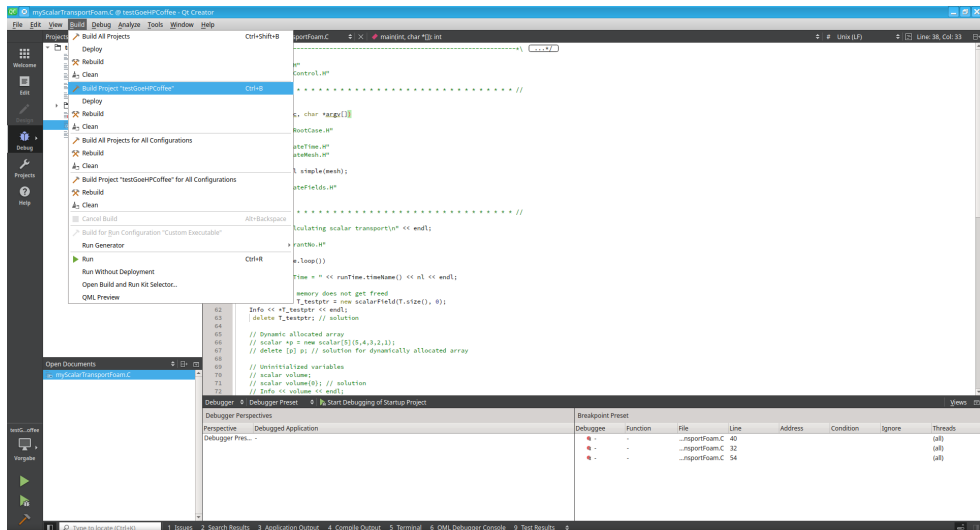
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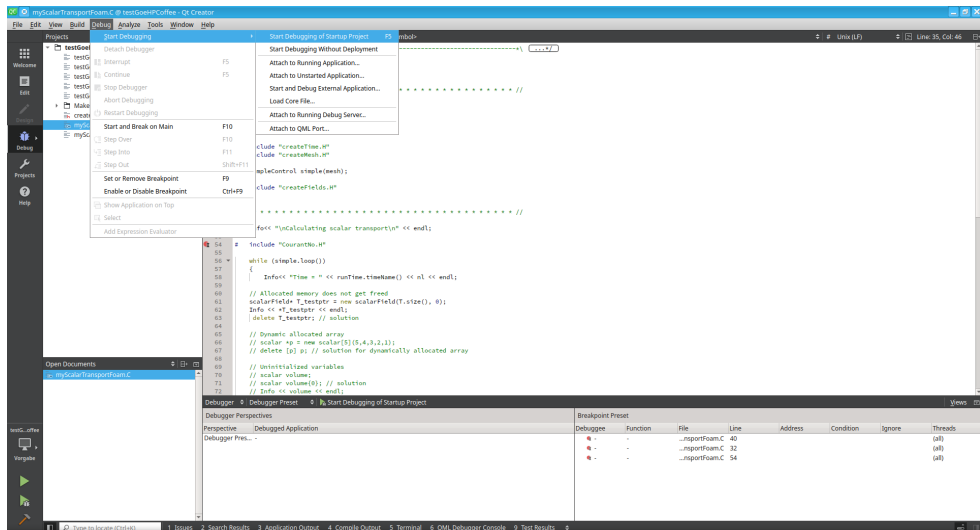
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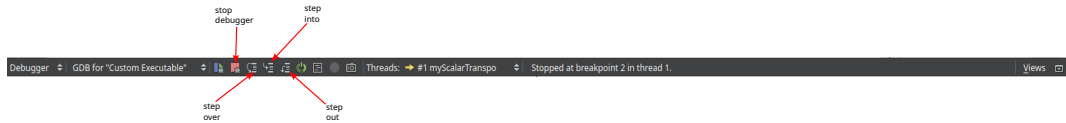
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