MySQL Connector/C++ 8.0 Developer Guide
Abstract

This manual describes how to install and configure MySQL Connector/C++ 8.0, which provides C++ and plain C interfaces for communicating with MySQL servers, and how to use Connector/C++ to develop database applications.

Connector/C++ 8.0 is highly recommended for use with MySQL Server 8.0 and 5.7. Please upgrade to Connector/C++ 8.0.

For notes detailing the changes in each release of Connector/C++, see MySQL Connector/C++ Release Notes.

For legal information, see the Legal Notices.

For help with using MySQL, please visit the MySQL Forums, where you can discuss your issues with other MySQL users.

Licensing information. This product may include third-party software, used under license. If you are using a Commercial release of MySQL Connector/C++, see the MySQL Connector/C++ Commercial Release License Information User Manual for licensing information, including licensing information relating to third-party software that may be included in this Commercial release. If you are using a Community release of MySQL Connector/C++, see the MySQL Connector/C++ Community Release License Information User Manual for licensing information, including licensing information relating to third-party software that may be included in this Community release.

Document generated on: 2022-11-05 (revision: 74479)
# Table of Contents

Preface and Legal Notices ................................................................. v  
1 Introduction to Connector/C++ .................................................. 1  
2 Obtaining Connector/C++ ......................................................... 5  
3 Installing Connector/C++ from a Binary Distribution ..................... 7  
4 Installing Connector/C++ from Source ....................................... 11  
  4.1 Source Installation System Prerequisites .................................. 11  
  4.2 Obtaining and Unpacking a Connector/C++ Source Distribution ....... 12  
  4.3 Installing Connector/C++ from Source .................................. 13  
  4.4 Connector/C++ Source-Configuration Options .......................... 16  
5 Building Connector/C++ Applications ........................................ 23  
  5.1 Building Connector/C++ Applications: General Considerations ........ 23  
  5.2 Building Connector/C++ Applications: Platform-Specific Considerations 30  
    5.2.1 Windows Notes .......................................................... 31  
    5.2.2 macOS Notes .......................................................... 35  
    5.2.3 Generic Linux Notes .................................................. 35  
    5.2.4 Solaris Notes .......................................................... 36  
  5.3 Authentication Support ....................................................... 36  
6 Connector/C++ Known Issues ..................................................... 41  
7 Connector/C++ Support ............................................................. 43  
Index ............................................................................................... 45
Preface and Legal Notices

This manual describes how to install and configure MySQL Connector/C++ 8.0, and how to use it to develop database applications.

Legal Notices

Copyright © 2008, 2022, Oracle and/or its affiliates.

This software and related documentation are provided under a license agreement containing restrictions on use and disclosure and are protected by intellectual property laws. Except as expressly permitted in your license agreement or allowed by law, you may not use, copy, reproduce, translate, broadcast, modify, license, transmit, distribute, exhibit, perform, publish, or display any part, in any form, or by any means. Reverse engineering, disassembly, or decompilation of this software, unless required by law for interoperability, is prohibited.

The information contained herein is subject to change without notice and is not warranted to be error-free. If you find any errors, please report them to us in writing.

If this is software or related documentation that is delivered to the U.S. Government or anyone licensing it on behalf of the U.S. Government, then the following notice is applicable:

U.S. GOVERNMENT END USERS: Oracle programs (including any operating system, integrated software, any programs embedded, installed or activated on delivered hardware, and modifications of such programs) and Oracle computer documentation or other Oracle data delivered to or accessed by U.S. Government end users are "commercial computer software" or "commercial computer software documentation" pursuant to the applicable Federal Acquisition Regulation and agency-specific supplemental regulations. As such, the use, reproduction, duplication, release, display, disclosure, modification, preparation of derivative works, and/or adaptation of i) Oracle programs (including any operating system, integrated software, any programs embedded, installed or activated on delivered hardware, and modifications of such programs), ii) Oracle computer documentation and/or iii) other Oracle data, is subject to the rights and limitations specified in the license contained in the applicable contract. The terms governing the U.S. Government's use of Oracle cloud services are defined by the applicable contract for such services. No other rights are granted to the U.S. Government.

This software or hardware is developed for general use in a variety of information management applications. It is not developed or intended for use in any inherently dangerous applications, including applications that may create a risk of personal injury. If you use this software or hardware in dangerous applications, then you shall be responsible to take all appropriate fail-safe, backup, redundancy, and other measures to ensure its safe use. Oracle Corporation and its affiliates disclaim any liability for any damages caused by use of this software or hardware in dangerous applications.

Oracle and Java are registered trademarks of Oracle and/or its affiliates. Other names may be trademarks of their respective owners.

Intel and Intel Inside are trademarks or registered trademarks of Intel Corporation. All SPARC trademarks are used under license and are trademarks or registered trademarks of SPARC International, Inc. AMD, Epyc, and the AMD logo are trademarks or registered trademarks of Advanced Micro Devices. UNIX is a registered trademark of The Open Group.

This software or hardware and documentation may provide access to or information about content, products, and services from third parties. Oracle Corporation and its affiliates are not responsible for and expressly disclaim all warranties of any kind with respect to third-party content, products, and services unless otherwise set forth in an applicable agreement between you and Oracle. Oracle Corporation and its affiliates will not be responsible for any loss, costs, or damages incurred due to your access to or use of third-party content, products, or services, except as set forth in an applicable agreement between you and Oracle.

This documentation is NOT distributed under a GPL license. Use of this documentation is subject to the following terms:
Documentation Accessibility

You may create a printed copy of this documentation solely for your own personal use. Conversion to other formats is allowed as long as the actual content is not altered or edited in any way. You shall not publish or distribute this documentation in any form or on any media, except if you distribute the documentation in a manner similar to how Oracle disseminates it (that is, electronically for download on a Web site with the software) or on a CD-ROM or similar medium, provided however that the documentation is disseminated together with the software on the same medium. Any other use, such as any dissemination of printed copies or use of this documentation, in whole or in part, in another publication, requires the prior written consent from an authorized representative of Oracle. Oracle and/or its affiliates reserve any and all rights to this documentation not expressly granted above.

Documentation Accessibility

For information about Oracle's commitment to accessibility, visit the Oracle Accessibility Program website at https://www.oracle.com/corporate/accessibility/.

Access to Oracle Support for Accessibility

Oracle customers that have purchased support have access to electronic support through My Oracle Support. For information, visit https://www.oracle.com/corporate/accessibility/learning-support.html#support-tab.
Chapter 1 Introduction to Connector/C++

MySQL Connector/C++ 8.0 is a MySQL database connector for C++ applications that connect to MySQL servers. Connector/C++ can be used to access MySQL servers that implement a document store, or in a traditional way using SQL statements. The preferred development environment for Connector/C++ 8.0 is to enable development of C++ applications using X DevAPI, or plain C applications using X DevAPI for C, but Connector/C++ 8.0 also enables development of C++ applications that use the legacy JDBC-based API from Connector/C++ 1.1.

Connector/C++ applications that use X DevAPI or X DevAPI for C require a MySQL server that has X Plugin enabled. Connector/C++ applications that use the legacy JDBC-based API neither require nor support X Plugin.

For more detailed requirements about required MySQL versions for Connector/C++ applications, see Platform Support and Prerequisites.

For notes detailing the changes in each release of Connector/C++, see MySQL Connector/C++ Release Notes.

• Connector/C++ Benefits
• X DevAPI and X DevAPI for C
• Legacy JDBC API and JDBC Compatibility
• Platform Support and Prerequisites

Connector/C++ Benefits

MySQL Connector/C++ offers the following benefits for C++ users compared to the MySQL C API provided by the MySQL client library:

• Convenience of pure C++.
• Support for these application programming interfaces:
  • X DevAPI
  • X DevAPI for C
  • Legacy JDBC 4.0-based API
• Support for the object-oriented programming paradigm.
• Reduced development time.
• Licensed under the GPL with the FLOSS License Exception.
• Available under a commercial license upon request.

X DevAPI and X DevAPI for C

Connector/C++ implements X DevAPI, which enables connecting to MySQL servers that implement a document store with X Plugin. X DevAPI also enables applications to execute SQL statements.

Connector/C++ also implements a similar interface called X DevAPI for C for use by applications written in plain C.

For general information about X DevAPI, see X DevAPI User Guide. For reference information specific to the Connector/C++ implementation of X DevAPI and X DevAPI for C, see MySQL Connector/C++ X DevAPI Reference in the X DevAPI section of MySQL Documentation.
Legacy JDBC API and JDBC Compatibility

Connector/C++ implements the JDBC 4.0 API, if built to include the legacy JDBC connector:

- Connector/C++ binary distributions include the JDBC connector.
- If you build Connector/C++ from source, the JDBC connector is not built by default, but can be included by enabling the \texttt{WITH\_JDBC} \texttt{CMake} option. See Chapter 4, Installing Connector/C++ from Source.

The Connector/C++ JDBC API is compatible with the JDBC 4.0 API. Connector/C++ does not implement the entire JDBC 4.0 API, but does feature these classes: \textit{Connection, DatabaseMetaData, Driver, PreparedStatement, ResultSet, ResultSetMetaData, Savepoint, Statement}.

The JDBC 4.0 API defines approximately 450 methods for the classes just mentioned. Connector/C++ implements approximately 80% of these.

\textbf{Note}

The legacy JDBC connector in Connector/C++ 8.0 is based on the connector provided by Connector/C++ 1.1. For more information about using the JDBC API in Connector/C++ 8.0, see MySQL Connector/C++ 1.1 Developer Guide.

Platform Support and Prerequisites

To see which platforms are supported, visit the Connector/C++ downloads page.

On Windows platforms, Commercial and Community Connector/C++ distributions require the Visual C++ Redistributable for Visual Studio. The Redistributable is available at the Visual Studio Download Center; install it before installing Connector/C++. The acceptable Redistributable versions depend on your Connector/C++ version:

- Connector/C++ 8.0.19 and higher: VC++ Redistributable 2017 or higher.
- Connector/C++ 8.0.14 to 8.0.18: VC++ Redistributable 2015 or higher.

The following requirements apply to building and running Connector/C++ applications, and to building Connector/C++ itself if you build it from source:

- To run Connector/C++ applications, the MySQL server requirements depend on the API the application uses:
  - Connector/C++ applications that use X DevAPI or X DevAPI for C require a server from MySQL 8.0 (8.0.11 or higher) or MySQL 5.7 (5.7.12 or higher), with X Plugin enabled. For MySQL 8.0, X Plugin is enabled by default. For MySQL 5.7, X Plugin must be enabled explicitly. (Some X Protocol features may not work with MySQL 5.7.)
  - Applications that use the JDBC API can use a server from MySQL 5.6 or higher. X Plugin is neither required nor supported.

- To build Connector/C++ applications:
  - The MySQL version does not apply.
  - On Windows, Microsoft Visual Studio is required. The acceptable MSVC versions depend on your Connector/C++ version and the type of linking you use:
    - Connector/C++ 8.0.20 and higher: Same as Connector/C++ 8.0.19, with the addition that binary distributions are also compatible with MSVC 2017 using the static X DevAPI connector library.
This means that binary distributions are fully compatible with MSVC 2019, and fully compatible with MSVC 2017 with the exception of the static legacy (JDBC) connector library.

- **Connector/C++ 8.0.19:** Connector/C++ binary distributions are compatible with projects built using MSVC 2019 (using either dynamic or static connector libraries) or MSVC 2017 (using dynamic connector libraries).

- **Connector/C++ 8.0.14 to 8.0.18:** MSVC 2017 or 2015.

- **Connector/C++ prior to 8.0.14:** MSVC 2015.

- To build Connector/C++ from source:
  - The MySQL C API client library may be required:
    - For Connector/C++ built without the JDBC connector (which is the default), the client library is not needed.
    - To build Connector/C++ with the JDBC connector, configure Connector/C++ with the `WITH_JDBC` CMake option enabled. In this case, the JDBC connector requires a client library from MySQL 8.0 (8.0.11 or higher) or MySQL 5.7 (5.7.9 or higher).
  - On Windows, Microsoft Visual Studio is required. The acceptable MSVC versions depend on your Connector/C++ version:
    - **Connector/C++ 8.0.19 and higher:** MSVC 2019 or 2017.
    - **Connector/C++ 8.0.14 to 8.0.18:** MSVC 2017 or 2015.
    - **Connector/C++ prior to 8.0.14:** MSVC 2015.
Chapter 2 Obtaining Connector/C++

Connector/C++ binary and source distributions are available, in platform-specific packaging formats. To obtain a distribution, visit the Connector/C++ downloads page. It is also possible to clone the Connector/C++ Git source repository.

- Connector/C++ binary distributions are available for Microsoft Windows, and for Unix and Unix-like platforms. See Chapter 3, Installing Connector/C++ from a Binary Distribution.

- Connector/C++ source distributions are available as compressed tar files or Zip archives and can be used on any supported platform. See Chapter 4, Installing Connector/C++ from Source.

- The Connector/C++ source code repository uses Git and is available at GitHub. See Chapter 4, Installing Connector/C++ from Source.
Chapter 3 Installing Connector/C++ from a Binary Distribution

To obtain a Connector/C++ binary distribution, visit the Connector/C++ downloads page.

For some platforms, Connector/C++ binary distributions are available in platform-specific packaging formats. Binary distributions are also available in more generic format, in the form of compressed tar files or Zip archives.

For descriptions here that refer to documentation files, those files have names such as CONTRIBUTING.md, README.md, README.txt, LICENSE.txt, LICENSE, INFO_BIN, and INFO_SRC. (Prior to Connector/C++ 8.0.14, the information file is BUILDINFO.txt rather than INFO_BIN and INFO_SRC.)

• Installation on Windows
• Installation on Linux
• Installation on macOS
• Installation on Solaris
• Installation Using a tar or Zip Package

Installation on Windows

Important
On Windows platforms, Commercial and Community Connector/C++ distributions require the Visual C++ Redistributable for Visual Studio. The Redistributable is available at the Visual Studio Download Center; install it before installing Connector/C++. For information about which VC++ Redistributable versions are acceptable, see Platform Support and Prerequisites.

These methods of installing binary distributions are available on Windows:

• MySQL Installer. The simplest and recommended method of installing Connector/C++ on Windows platforms is to download MySQL Installer and let it install and configure all the MySQL products on your system. For details, see MySQL Installer for Windows.

• Windows MSI installer. As of Connector/C++ 8.0.12, an MSI Installer is available for Windows. To use the MSI Installer (.msi file), launch it and follow the prompts in the screens it presents. The MSI Installer can install components for these connectors:

  • The connector for X DevAPI (including X DevAPI for C).
  • The connector for the legacy JDBC API.

For each connector, there are two components:

• The DLL component includes the connector DLLs and libraries to satisfy runtime dependencies. The DLL component is required to run Connector/C++ application binaries that use the connector.

• The Developer component includes header files, static libraries, and import libraries for DLLs. The Developer component is required to build from source Connector/C++ applications that use the connector.

The MSI Installer requires administrative privileges. It begins by presenting a welcome screen that enables you to continue the installation or cancel it. If you continue the installation, the MSI Installer overview screen enables you to select the type of installation to perform:

• The Complete installation installs the DLL and Developer components for both connectors.
• The **Typical** installation installs the DLL component for both connectors.

• The **Custom** installation enables you to specify the installation location and select which components to install. The DLL and Developer components for the X DevAPI connector are preselected, but you can override the selection. The Developer component for a connector cannot be selected without also selecting the connector DLL component.

For all installation types, the MSI Installer performs these actions:

• It checks whether the required **Visual C++ Redistributable for Visual Studio** is present. If not, the installer asks you to install it and exits with an error. For information about which VC++ Redistributable versions are acceptable, see Platform Support and Prerequisites.

• It installs documentation files.

---

**Important**

Prior to Connector/C++ 8.0.13, because the Microsoft Visual C++ 2017 Redistributable installer deletes the Microsoft Visual C++ 2015 Redistributable registry keys that identify its installation, standalone MySQL MSIs may fail to detect the Microsoft Visual C++ 2015 Redistributable if both it and the Microsoft Visual C++ 2017 Redistributable are installed. The solution is to repair the Microsoft Visual C++ 2017 Redistributable via the Windows Control Panel to recreate the registry keys needed for the runtime detection. Unlike the standalone MSIs, MySQL Installer for Windows contains a workaround for the detection problem.

This workaround is unnecessary as of Connector/C++ 8.0.13.

• **Zip archive package without installer.** To install from a Zip archive package (.zip file), see Installation Using a tar or Zip Package.

In addition to the standard Zip archive packages, packages are available that were built in debug mode. However, applications should use the same build mode as Connector/C++. If you install Connector/C++ packages built in debug mode, build applications in debug mode. If you install Connector/C++ packages built in release mode, build applications in release mode.

---

**Installation on Linux**

These methods of installing binary distributions are available on Linux:

• **RPM package.** RPM packages are available for Linux (as of Connector/C++ 8.0.12). The packages are distinguished by their base names (the full names include the Connector/C++ version and suffixes):

  • **mysql-connector-c++**: This package provides the shared connector library implementing X DevAPI and X DevAPI for C.

  • **mysql-connector-c++-jdbc**: This package provides the shared legacy connector library implementing the JDBC API.

  • **mysql-connector-c++-devel**: This package installs development files required for building applications that use Connector/C++ libraries provided by the other packages, and static connector libraries. This package depends on the shared libraries provided by the other packages. It cannot be installed by itself without the other two packages.

• **Debian package.** Debian packages are available for Linux (as of Connector/C++ 8.0.14). The packages are distinguished by their base names (the full names include the Connector/C++ version and suffixes):
Installation on macOS

- **libmysqlcppconn8-1**: This package provides the shared connector library implementing X DevAPI and X DevAPI for C.

- **libmysqlcppconn7**: This package provides the shared legacy connector library implementing the JDBC API.

- **libmysqlcppconn-dev**: This package installs development files required for building applications that use Connector/C++ libraries provided by the other packages, and static connector libraries. This package depends on the shared libraries provided by the other packages. It cannot be installed by itself without the other two packages.

- **Compressed tar file.** To install from a compressed tar file (.tar.gz file), see Installation Using a tar or Zip Package.

**Installation on macOS**

These methods of installing binary distributions are available on macOS:

- **DMG package.** DMG (disk image) packages for macOS are available as of Connector/C++ 8.0.12. A DMG package provides shared and static connector libraries implementing X DevAPI and X DevAPI for C, and the legacy connector library implementing the JDBC API. The package also includes OpenSSL libraries, public header files, and documentation files.

- **Compressed tar file.** To install from a compressed tar file (.tar.gz file), see Installation Using a tar or Zip Package.

**Installation on Solaris**

- **Important**
  
  The installation packages have a dependency on the Oracle Developer Studio 12.6 Runtime Libraries, which must be installed before you run the MySQL installation package. See the download options for Oracle Developer Studio here. The installation package enables you to install the runtime libraries only instead of the full Oracle Developer Studio; see instructions in Installing Only the Runtime Libraries on Oracle Solaris 11.

These methods of installing binary distributions are available on Solaris:

- **Compressed tar file.** To install from a compressed tar file (.tar.gz file), see Installation Using a tar or Zip Package.

**Installation Using a tar or Zip Package**

Connector/C++ binary distributions are available for several platforms, packaged in the form of compressed tar files or Zip archives, denoted here as PACKAGE.tar.gz or PACKAGE.zip.

To unpack a compressed tar file, use this command in the intended installation directory:

```
tar zxvf PACKAGE.tar.gz
```

To install from a Zip archive package (.zip file), use WinZip or another tool that can read .zip files to unpack the file into the location of your choosing.
Chapter 4 Installing Connector/C++ from Source

Table of Contents

4.1 Source Installation System Prerequisites ................................................................. 11
4.2 Obtaining and Unpacking a Connector/C++ Source Distribution ............................. 12
4.3 Installing Connector/C++ from Source ................................................................. 13
4.4 Connector/C++ Source-Configuration Options ....................................................... 16

This chapter describes how to install Connector/C++ using a source distribution or a copy of the Git source repository.

4.1 Source Installation System Prerequisites

To install Connector/C++ from source, the following system requirements must be satisfied:

- Build Tools
- MySQL Client Library
- Boost C++ Libraries
- SSL Support

Build Tools

You must have the cross-platform build tool CMake (3.0 or higher).

You must have a C++ compiler that supports C++11.

MySQL Client Library

To build Connector/C++ from source, the MySQL C API client library may be required:

- Building the JDBC connector requires a client library from MySQL 8.0 (8.0.11 or higher) or MySQL 5.7 (5.7.9 or higher). This occurs when Connector/C++ is configured with the WITH_JDBC CMake option enabled to include the JDBC connector.
- For Connector/C++ built without the JDBC connector, the client library is not needed.

Typically, the MySQL client library is installed when MySQL is installed. However, check your operating system documentation for other installation options.

To specify where to find the client library, set the MYSQL_DIR CMake option appropriately at configuration time as necessary (see Section 4.4, “Connector/C++ Source-Configuration Options”).

Boost C++ Libraries

To compile Connector/C++ the Boost C++ libraries are needed only if you build the legacy JDBC API or if the version of the C++ standard library on your system does not implement the UTF8 converter (codecvt_utf8).

If the Boost C++ libraries are needed, Boost 1.59.0 or newer must be installed. To obtain Boost and its installation instructions, visit the official Boost site.

After Boost is installed, use the WITH_BOOST CMake option to indicate where the Boost files are located (see Section 4.4, “Connector/C++ Source-Configuration Options”):

```
cmake [other_options] -DWITH_BOOST=/usr/local/boost_1_59_0
```
Adjust the path as necessary to match your installation.

**SSL Support**

Use the `WITH_SSL CMake` option to specify which SSL library to use when compiling Connector/C++. OpenSSL 1.0.x or higher is required. Your other options are:

- As of Connector/C++ 8.0.18, it is possible to compile against OpenSSL 1.1.
- As of Connector/C++ 8.0.30, it is possible to compile against OpenSSL 3.0.

For more information about `WITH_SSL` and SSL libraries, see Section 4.4, “Connector/C++ Source-Configuration Options”.

### 4.2 Obtaining and Unpacking a Connector/C++ Source Distribution

To obtain a Connector/C++ source distribution, visit the Connector/C++ downloads page. Alternatively, clone the Connector/C++ Git source repository.

A Connector/C++ source distribution is packaged as a compressed tar file or Zip archive, denoted here as `PACKAGE.tar.gz` or `PACKAGE.zip`. A source distribution in tar file or Zip archive format can be used on any supported platform.

The distribution when unpacked includes an `INFO_SRC` file that provides information about the product version and the source repository from which the distribution was produced. The distribution also includes other documentation files such as those listed in Chapter 3, Installing Connector/C++ from a Binary Distribution.

To unpack a compressed tar file, use this command in the intended installation directory:

```
tar zxvf PACKAGE.tar.gz
```

After unpacking the distribution, build it using the appropriate instructions for your platform later in this chapter.

To install from a Zip archive package (.zip file), use WinZip or another tool that can read .zip files to unpack the file into the location of your choosing. After unpacking the distribution, build it using the appropriate instructions for your platform later in this chapter.

To clone the Connector/C++ code from the source code repository located on GitHub at https://github.com/mysql/mysql-connector-cpp, use this command:

```
git clone https://github.com/mysql/mysql-connector-cpp.git
```

That command should create a `mysql-connector-cpp` directory containing a copy of the entire Connector/C++ source tree.

The `git clone` command sets the sources to the master branch, which is the branch that contains the latest sources. Released code is in the 8.0 branch (the 8.0 branch contains the same sources as the master branch). If necessary, use `git checkout` in the source directory to select the desired branch. For example, to build Connector/C++ 8.0:

```
cd mysql-connector-cpp
git checkout 8.0
```

After cloning the repository, build it using the appropriate instructions for your platform later in this chapter.

After the initial checkout operation to get the source tree, run `git pull` periodically to update your source to the latest version.
4.3 Installing Connector/C++ from Source

To install Connector/C++ from source, verify that your system satisfies the requirements outlined in Section 4.1, “Source Installation System Prerequisites”.

- Configuring Connector/C++
- Specifying External Dependencies
- Building Connector/C++
- Installing Connector/C++
- Verifying Connector/C++ Functionality

Configuring Connector/C++

Use CMake to configure and build Connector/C++. Only out-of-source-builds are supported, so create a directory to use for the build and change location into it. Then configure the build using this command, where `concpp_source` is the directory containing the Connector/C++ source code:

```
cmake concpp_source
```

It may be necessary to specify other options on the configuration command. Some examples:

- By default, these installation locations are used:
  - `/usr/local/mysql/connector-c++-8.0` (Unix and Unix-like systems)
  - `User_home/MySQL/"MySQL Connector C++ 8.0"` (Windows)

To specify the installation location explicitly, use the `CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX` option:

```
-DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=path_name
```

- On Windows, you can use the `-G` and `-A` options to select a particular generator:
  - `-G "Visual Studio 16" -A x64` (64-bit builds)
  - `-G "Visual Studio 16" -A Win32` (32-bit builds)

Consult the CMake manual or check `cmake --help` to find out which generators are supported by your CMake version. (However, it may be that your version of CMake supports more generators than can actually be used to build Connector/C++.)

- If the Boost C++ libraries are needed, use the `WITH_BOOST` option to specify their location:
  ```
  -DWITH_BOOST=path_name
  ```

- By default, the build creates dynamic (shared) libraries. To build static libraries, enable the `BUILD_STATIC` option:
  ```
  -DBUILD_STATIC=ON
  ```

- By default, the legacy JDBC connector is not built. To include the JDBC connector in the build, enable the `WITH_JDBC` option:
  ```
  -DWITH_JDBC=ON
  ```

**Note**

If you configure and build the test programs later, use the same CMake options to configure them as the ones you use to configure Connector/C++.
Specifying External Dependencies

Use **CMake** options to configure and build Connector/C++ with external sources that you can substitute for the required third-party dependencies currently bundled with the connector. If the dependency is an external library, then the library is linked dynamically to the connector. In contrast, bundled third-party libraries used by connector are linked statically to it.

**Note**
Using an external third-party library that cannot be linked to the connector dynamically causes the build to fail, even when the static library is available.

The supported options are:

- **WITH_BOOST**
- **WITH_LZ4**
- **WITH_MYSQL**
- **WITH_PROTOBUF**
- **WITH_SSL**
- **WITH_ZLIB**
- **WITH_ZSTD**

For example, to use an external installation of Protobuf, instead of building it from bundled sources, specify the **WITH_PROTOBUF** option and provide the path name to the location where **CMake** can find the alternative dependency.

**Note**
If an external dependency cannot be found (or is unusable), then the build fails. No attempt is made to locate the bundled source.

```bash
cmake [other_options] -DWITH_PROTOBUF=path_name_to_protobuf_install
```

To configure the standard system-wide location for an external dependency, use the literal value `system` rather than providing a path name. For example:

```bash
-DWITH_SSL=system
```

For information about **CMake** configuration options, see Section 4.4, “Connector/C++ Source-Configuration Options”.

External dependencies make it possible to use shared third-party libraries that are linked dynamically to the connector. This can be an advantage because, for example, you cannot use the connector static library with an application that also links to a Protobuf library.

When running an application that is linked to the connector dynamic library, the third-party libraries on which the connector depends should be correctly found if they are placed in the file system next to the connector library. The application should also work when the libraries are installed at the standard system-wide locations. This assumes that the external third-party dependency version is expected by Connector/C++.
Except for Windows, it should be possible to run an application linked to the connector dynamic library when the connector library and the third-party libraries are placed in a nonstandard location, provided that these locations were stored as runtime paths when building the application (gcc -rpath option).

For Windows, an application that is linked to the connector shared library can be run only if the connector library and the libraries are stored either:

- In the Windows system folder
- In the same folder as the application
- In a folder listed in the PATH environment variable

If the application is linked to the connector static library, it remains true that the required libraries must be found in one of the preceding locations.

**Building Connector/C++**

After configuring the Connector/C++ distribution, build it using this command:

```bash
cmake --build . --config build_type
```

The `--config` option is optional. It specifies the build configuration to use, such as Release or Debug. If you omit `--config`, the default is Debug.

**Important**

If you specify the `--config` option on the preceding command, specify the same `--config` option for later steps, such as the steps that install Connector/C++ or that build test programs.

If the build is successful, it creates the connector libraries in the build directory. (For Windows, look for the libraries in a subdirectory with the same name as the `build_type` value specified for the `--config` option.)

- If you build dynamic libraries, they have these names:
  - `libmysqlcppconn8.so.1` (Unix)
  - `libmysqlcppconn8.1.dylib` (macOS)
  - `mysqlcppconn8-1-vs14.dll` (Windows)

- If you build static libraries, they have these names:
  - `libmysqlcppconn8-static.a` (Unix, macOS)
  - `mysqlcppconn8-static.lib` (Windows)

If you enabled the `WITH_JDBC` option to include the legacy JDBC connector in the build, the following additional library files are created.

- If you build legacy dynamic libraries, they have these names:
  - `libmysqlcppconn.so.7` (Unix)
  - `libmysqlcppconn.7.dylib` (macOS)
  - `mysqlcppconn-7-vs14.dll` (Windows)

- If you build legacy static libraries, they have these names:
  - `libmysqlcppconn-static.a` (Unix, macOS)
Installing Connector/C++

To install Connector/C++, use this command:

```
 cmake --build . --target install --config build_type
```

Verifying Connector/C++ Functionality

To verify connector functionality, build and run one or more of the test programs included in the `testapp` directory of the source distribution. Create a directory to use and change location into it. Then issue the following commands:

```
 cmake [other_options] -DWITH_CONCPP=concpp_install concpp_source/testapp
cmake --build . --config=build_type
```

`WITH_CONCPP` is an option used only to configure the test application. `other_options` consists of the options that you used to configure Connector/C++ itself (`-G, WITH_BOOST, BUILD_STATIC, and so forth`). `concpp_source` is the directory containing the Connector/C++ source code, and `concpp_install` is the directory where Connector/C++ is installed:

The preceding commands should create the `devapi_test` and `xapi_test` programs in the `run` directory of the build location. If you enable `WITH_JDBC` when configuring the test programs, the build also creates the `jdbc_test` program.

Before running test programs, ensure that a MySQL server instance is running with X Plugin enabled. The easiest way to arrange this is to use the `mysql-test-run.pl` script from the MySQL distribution. For MySQL 8.0, X Plugin is enabled by default, so invoke this command in the `mysql-test` directory of that distribution:

```
 perl mysql-test-run.pl --start-and-exit
```

For MySQL 5.7, X Plugin must be enabled explicitly, so add an option to do that:

```
 perl mysql-test-run.pl --start-and-exit --mysqld=--plugin-load=mysqlx
```

The command should start a test server instance with X Plugin enabled and listening on port 13009 instead of its standard port (33060).

Now you can run one of the test programs. They accept a connection-string argument, so if the server was started as just described, you can run them like this:

```
 run/devapi_test mysqlx://root@127.0.0.1:13009
 run/xapi_test mysqlx://root@127.0.0.1:13009
```

The connection string assumes availability of a root user account without any password and the programs assume that there is a test schema available (assumptions that hold for a server started using `mysql-test-run.pl`).

To test `jdbc_test`, you need a MySQL server, but X Plugin is not required. Also, the connection options must be in the form specified by the JDBC API. Pass the user name as the second argument. For example:

```
 run/jdbc_test tcp://127.0.0.1:13009 root
```

4.4 Connector/C++ Source-Configuration Options

Connector/C++ recognizes the CMake options described in this section.
### Table 4.1 Connector/C++ Source-Configuration Option Reference

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Formats</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Default</th>
<th>Introduced</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>BUILD_STATIC</td>
<td>Whether to build a static library</td>
<td>OFF</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BUNDLE_DEPENDENCIES</td>
<td>Whether to bundle external dependency libraries with the connector</td>
<td>OFF</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CMAKE_BUILD_TYPE</td>
<td>Type of build to produce</td>
<td>Debug</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CMAKE_INSTALL_DOCDIR</td>
<td>Documentation installation directory</td>
<td></td>
<td>8.0.14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CMAKE_INSTALL_INCDIR</td>
<td>Header file installation directory</td>
<td></td>
<td>8.0.14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CMAKE_INSTALL_LIBDIR</td>
<td>Library installation directory</td>
<td></td>
<td>8.0.14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX</td>
<td>Installation base directory</td>
<td>/usr/local</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MAINTAINER_MODE</td>
<td>For internal use only</td>
<td>OFF</td>
<td>8.0.12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MYSQLCLIENT_STATIC_BINDING</td>
<td>Whether to link to the shared MySQL client library</td>
<td>ON</td>
<td>8.0.16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MYSQLCLIENT_STATIC_LINKING</td>
<td>Whether to statically link to the MySQL client library</td>
<td>ON</td>
<td>8.0.16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MYSQL_CONFIG_EXECUTABLE</td>
<td>Path to the mysql_config program</td>
<td>${MYSQL_DIR}/bin/mysql_config</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MYSQL_DIR</td>
<td>MySQL Server installation directory</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>STATIC_MSVCRT</td>
<td>Use the static runtime library</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WITH_BOOST</td>
<td>The Boost source directory</td>
<td>system</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WITH_DOC</td>
<td>Whether to generate Doxygen documentation</td>
<td>OFF</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WITH_JDBC</td>
<td>Whether to build legacy JDBC library</td>
<td>OFF</td>
<td>8.0.7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WITH_LZ4</td>
<td>The LZ4 source directory</td>
<td></td>
<td>8.0.31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WITH_MYSQL</td>
<td>The MySQL Server source directory</td>
<td>system</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WITH_PROTOBUF</td>
<td>The Protobuf source directory</td>
<td></td>
<td>8.0.31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WITH_SSL</td>
<td>The SSL source directory</td>
<td>system</td>
<td>8.0.7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WITH_ZLIB</td>
<td>The ZLIB source directory</td>
<td></td>
<td>8.0.31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WITH_ZSTD</td>
<td>The ZSTD source directory</td>
<td></td>
<td>8.0.31</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
- **-DBUILD_STATIC=bool**
  By default, dynamic (shared) libraries are built. If this option is enabled, static libraries are built instead.

- **-DBUNDLE_DEPENDENCIES=bool**
  This is an internal option used for creating Connector/C++ distribution packages.

- **-DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=type**
  The type of build to produce:
  - **Debug**: Disable optimizations and generate debugging information. This is the default.
  - **Release**: Enable optimizations.
  - **RelWithDebInfo**: Enable optimizations and generate debugging information.

- **-DCMAKE_INSTALL_DOCDIR=dir_name**
  The documentation installation directory, relative to `CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX`. If not specified, the default is to install in `CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX`.
  This option requires that `WITH_DOC` be enabled.
  This option was added in Connector/C++ 8.0.14.

- **-DCMAKE_INSTALL_INCLUDEDIR=dir_name**
  The header file installation directory, relative to `CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX`. If not specified, the default is `include`.
  This option was added in Connector/C++ 8.0.14.

- **-DCMAKE_INSTALL_LIBDIR=dir_name**
  The library installation directory, relative to `CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX`. If not specified, the default is `lib64` or `lib`.
  This option was added in Connector/C++ 8.0.14.

- **-DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=dir_name**
  The installation base directory (where to install Connector/C++).

- **-DMAINTAINER_MODE=bool**
  This is an internal option used for creating Connector/C++ distribution packages. It was added in Connector/C++ 8.0.12.

- **-DMYSQLCLIENT_STATIC_BINDING=bool**
  Whether to link to the shared MySQL client library. This option is used only if `MYSQLCLIENT_STATIC_LINKING` is disabled to enable dynamic linking of the MySQL client library. In that case, if `MYSQLCLIENT_STATIC_BINDING` is enabled (the default), Connector/C++ is linked to the shared MySQL client library. Otherwise, the shared MySQL client library is loaded and mapped at runtime.
  This option applies only if you are building the legacy JDBC connector (that is, only if `WITH_JDBC` is enabled). It was added in Connector/C++ 8.0.16.

- **-DMYSQLCLIENT_STATIC_LINKING=bool**
Whether to link statically to the MySQL client library. The default is ON (use static linking to the client library). Disabling this option enables dynamic linking to the client library.

This option applies only if you are building the legacy JDBC connector (that is, only if WITH_JDBC is enabled). It was added in Connector/C++ 8.0.16.

-DMYSQL_CONFIG_EXECUTABLE=file_name

The path to the mysql_config program.

On non-Windows systems, CMake checks to see whether MYSQL_CONFIG_EXECUTABLE is set. If not, CMake tries to locate mysql_config in the default locations.

This option applies only if you are building the legacy JDBC connector (that is, only if WITH_JDBC is enabled).

-DMYSQL_DIR=dir_name

The directory where MySQL is installed.

This option applies only if you are building the legacy JDBC connector (that is, only if WITH_JDBC is enabled).

-DSTATIC_MSVCRT=bool

(Windows only) Use the static runtime library (the /MT* compiler option). This option might be necessary if code that uses Connector/C++ also uses the static runtime library.

-DWITH_boost={system|path_name}

This option specifies which BOOST header file to use when compiling Connector/C++ with an external dependency. The option value to use:

- system: Use the system BOOST header file.
- path_name is the path name to the file to use.

For consistency with CMake conventions, BOOST_DIR or BOOST_ROOT_DIR can be used instead of WITH_BOOST to indicate the base location of the dependency. As an alternative that implies the WITH_BOOST option (without specifying it), use BOOST_INCLUDE_DIR to provide the header file location instead of deriving it from the BOOST_ROOT_DIR value.

This option applies only if you are building the legacy JDBC connector (that is, only if WITH_JDBC is enabled).

-DWITH_DOC=bool

Whether to enable generating the Doxygen documentation. As of Connector/C++ 8.0.16, enabling this option also causes the Doxygen documentation to be built by the all target.

-DWITH_JDBC=bool

Whether to build the legacy JDBC connector. This option is disabled by default. If it is enabled, Connector/C++ 8.0 applications can use the legacy JDBC API, just like Connector/C++ 1.1 applications.

-DWITH_LZ4={system|path_name}

This option specifies which LZ4 installation to use when compiling Connector/C++ with an external dependency. The option value to use:

- system: Use the system LZ4 location.
• **`path_name`** is the path name to the installation location to use.

For consistency with **CMake** conventions, **`LZ4_DIR`** or **`LZ4_ROOT_DIR`** can be used instead of **`WITH_LZ4`** to indicate the base location of the dependency.

To imply the **`WITH_LZ4`** option but with more fine-grained specification of installation directories, use **`LZ4_INCLUDE_DIR`** or **`LZ4_LIB_DIR`** to indicate the header file (or library) location instead of deriving it from the **`LZ4_ROOT_DIR`** value. To specify a list of external libraries to link to, use **`LZ4_LIBRARY`** instead of the **`WITH_LZ4`** option.

If you specify both **`LZ4_LIBRARY`** and **`LZ4_LIB_DIR`**, then **`LZ4_LIB_DIR`** is used as an additional prefix when finding the library file and **`LZ4_LIBRARY`** should be relative to that prefix. On Windows, **`LZ4_LIBRARY`** should point at the import library of the DLL.

• **`-DWITH_MYSQL={system|path_name}`**

The location where the MySQL sources are installed. The client library is linked statically when you specify this option unless you also request **`MYSQLCLIENT_STATIC_LINKING=OFF`**. The option value to use:

• **`system`**: Use the system MySQL location.

• **`path_name`** is the path name to the installation location to use.

This option applies only if you are building the legacy JDBC connector (that is, only if **`WITH_JDBC`** is enabled).

For consistency with **CMake** conventions, **`MYSQL_DIR`** or **`MYSQL_ROOT_DIR`** can be used instead of **`WITH_MYSQL`** to indicate the base location of the dependency.

To imply the **`WITH_MYSQL`** option but with more fine-grained specification of installation directories, use **`MYSQL_INCLUDE_DIR`** or **`MYSQL_LIB_DIR`** to indicate the header file (or library) location instead of deriving it from the **`MYSQL_ROOT_DIR`** value. To specify a list of external libraries to link to, use **`MYSQL_LIBRARY`** instead of the **`WITH_MYSQL`** option.

If you specify both **`MYSQL_LIBRARY`** and **`MYSQL_LIB_DIR`**, then **`MYSQL_LIB_DIR`** is used as an additional prefix when finding the library file and **`MYSQL_LIBRARY`** should be relative to that prefix. On Windows, **`MYSQL_LIBRARY`** should point at the import library of the DLL.

• **`-DWITH_PROTOBUF={system|path_name}`**

This option specifies which Protobuf installation to use when compiling Connector/C++ with an external dependency. Although the library in Connector/C++ binary packages still links in Protobuf statically, using this option makes it possible to build from external sources a variant that links in Protobuf dynamically.

The option value to use:

• **`system`**: Use the system Protobuf location.

• **`path_name`** is the path name to the installation location to use.

For consistency with **CMake** conventions, **`PROTobuf_DIR`** or **`PROTobuf_ROOT_DIR`** can be used instead of **`WITH_PROTOBUF`** to indicate the base location of the dependency.

To imply the **`WITH_PROTOBUF`** option but with more fine-grained specification of installation directories, use **`PROTobuf_INCLUDE_DIR`** or **`PROTobuf_LIB_DIR`** to indicate the header file (or
library) location instead of deriving it from the \texttt{PROTBUF_ROOT_DIR} value. To specify a list of external libraries to link to, use \texttt{PROTBUF_LIBRARY} instead of the \texttt{WITH_PROTBUF} option.

If you specify both \texttt{PROTBUF_LIBRARY} and \texttt{PROTBUF_LIB_DIR}, then \texttt{PROTBUF_LIB_DIR} is used as an additional prefix when finding the library file and \texttt{PROTBUF_LIBRARY} should be relative to that prefix. On Windows, \texttt{PROTBUF_LIBRARY} should point at the import library of the DLL.

Similarly, specifying \texttt{PROTBUF_BIN_DIR} makes it possible to locate the binaries required to use the dependency and find the compiler.

- \texttt{-DWITH_SSL=\{system|path_name\}}

This option specifies which SSL library to use when compiling Connector/C++. The option value to use:

- \texttt{system}: Use the system OpenSSL library.
- \texttt{path_name} is the path name to the SSL installation to use. It should be the path to the installed OpenSSL library, and must point to a directory containing a \texttt{lib} subdirectory with OpenSSL libraries that are already built. Specifying a path name for the OpenSSL installation can be preferable to using \texttt{system} because it can prevent \texttt{CMake} from detecting and using an older or incorrect OpenSSL version installed on the system.

For consistency with \texttt{CMake} conventions, \texttt{SSL_DIR} or \texttt{SSL_ROOT_DIR} (\texttt{OPENSSL_ROOT_DIR}) can be used instead of \texttt{WITH_SSL} to indicate the base location of the dependency.

To imply the \texttt{WITH_SSL} option but with more fine-grained specification of installation directories, use \texttt{OPENSSL_INCLUDE_DIR} or \texttt{OPENSSL_LIB_DIR} to indicate the header file (or library) location instead of deriving it from the \texttt{SSL_ROOT_DIR} value. To specify a list of external libraries to link to, use \texttt{SSL_LIBRARY} instead of the \texttt{WITH_SSL} option.

If you specify both \texttt{SSL_LIBRARY} and \texttt{OPENSSL_LIB_DIR}, then \texttt{OPENSSL_LIB_DIR} is used as an additional prefix when finding the library file and \texttt{SSL_LIBRARY} should be relative to that prefix. On Windows, \texttt{SSL_LIBRARY} should point at the import library of the DLL.

- \texttt{-DWITH_ZLIB=\{system|path_name\}}

This option specifies which ZLIB installation to use when compiling Connector/C++ with an external dependency. The option value to use:

- \texttt{system}: Use the system ZLIB location.
- \texttt{path_name} is the path name to the installation location to use.

For consistency with \texttt{CMake} conventions, \texttt{ZLIB_DIR} or \texttt{ZLIB_ROOT_DIR} can be used instead of \texttt{WITH_ZLIB} to indicate the base location of the dependency.

To imply the \texttt{WITH_ZLIB} option but with more fine-grained specification of installation directories, use \texttt{ZLIB_INCLUDE_DIR} or \texttt{ZLIB_LIB_DIR} to indicate the header file (or library) location instead of deriving it from the \texttt{ZLIB_ROOT_DIR} value. To specify a list of external libraries to link to, use \texttt{ZLIB_LIBRARY} instead of the \texttt{WITH_ZLIB} option.

If you specify both \texttt{ZLIB_LIBRARY} and \texttt{ZLIB_LIB_DIR}, then \texttt{ZLIB_LIB_DIR} is used as an additional prefix when finding the library file and \texttt{ZLIB_LIBRARY} should be relative to that prefix. On Windows, \texttt{ZLIB_LIBRARY} should point at the import library of the DLL.
-DWITH_ZSTD={system|path_name}

This option specifies which ZSTD installation to use when compiling Connector/C++ with an external dependency. The option value to use:

- **system**: Use the system ZSTD location.
- **path_name** is the path name to the installation location to use.

For consistency with CMake conventions, ZSTD_DIR or ZSTD_ROOT_DIR can be used instead of WITH_ZSTD to indicate the base location of the dependency.

To imply the WITH_ZSTD option but with more fine-grained specification of installation directories, use ZSTD_INCLUDE_DIR or ZSTD_LIB_DIR to indicate the header file (or library) location instead of deriving it from the ZSTD_ROOT_DIR value. To specify a list of external libraries to link to, use ZSTD_LIBRARY instead of the WITH_ZSTD option.

If you specify both ZSTD_LIBRARY and ZSTD_LIB_DIR, then ZSTD_LIB_DIR is used as an additional prefix when finding the library file and ZSTD_LIBRARY should be relative to that prefix. On Windows, ZSTD_LIBRARY should point at the import library of the DLL.
Chapter 5 Building Connector/C++ Applications

Table of Contents

5.1 Building Connector/C++ Applications: General Considerations ........................................... 23
5.2 Building Connector/C++ Applications: Platform-Specific Considerations .......................... 30
  5.2.1 Windows Notes .................................................................................................................. 31
  5.2.2 macOS Notes ................................................................................................................... 35
  5.2.3 Generic Linux Notes ....................................................................................................... 35
  5.2.4 Solaris Notes .................................................................................................................. 36
5.3 Authentication Support ............................................................................................................ 36

This chapter provides guidance on building Connector/C++ applications:

• General considerations for building Connector/C++ applications successfully. See Section 5.1, “Building Connector/C++ Applications: General Considerations”.

• Information about building Connector/C++ applications that applies to specific platforms such as Windows, macOS, generic Linux, and Solaris. See Section 5.2, “Building Connector/C++ Applications: Platform-Specific Considerations”.

For discussion of the programming interfaces available to Connector/C++ applications, see Chapter 1, Introduction to Connector/C++.

5.1 Building Connector/C++ Applications: General Considerations

This section discusses general considerations to keep in mind when building Connector/C++ applications. For information that applies to particular platforms, see the section that applies to your platform in Section 5.2, “Building Connector/C++ Applications: Platform-Specific Considerations”.

Commands shown here are as given from the command line (for example, as invoked from a Makefile). The commands apply to any platform that supports make and command-line build tools such as g++, cc, or clang, but may need adjustment for your build environment.

• Build Tools and Configuration Settings
  • C++11 Support
  • Connector/C++ Header Files
  • Connector/C++ Version Macros
  • Boost Header Files
  • Link Libraries
  • Runtime Libraries
  • Using the Connector/C++ Dynamic Library
  • Using the Connector/C++ Static Library

Build Tools and Configuration Settings

It is important that the tools you use to build your Connector/C++ applications are compatible with the tools used to build Connector/C++ itself. Ideally, build your applications with the same tools that were used to build the Connector/C++ binaries.

To avoid issues, ensure that these factors are the same for your applications and Connector/C++ itself:
  • Compiler version.
C++11 Support

- Runtime library.
- Runtime linker configuration settings.

To avoid potential crashes, the build configuration of Connector/C++ should match the build configuration of the application using it. For example, do not use a release build of Connector/C++ with a debug build of the client application.

To use a different compiler version, release configuration, or runtime library, first build Connector/C++ from source using your desired settings (see Chapter 4, Installing Connector/C++ from Source), then build your applications using those same settings.

Connector/C++ binary distributions include an **INFO_BIN** file that describes the environment and configuration options used to build the distribution. If you installed Connector/C++ from a binary distribution and experience build-related issues on a platform, it may help to check the settings that were used to build the distribution on that platform. Binary distributions also include an **INFO_SRC** file that provides information about the product version and the source repository from which the distribution was produced. (Prior to Connector/C++ 8.0.14, look for **BUILDINFO.txt** rather than **INFO_BIN** and **INFO_SRC**.)

**C++11 Support**

X DevAPI uses C++11 language features. To compile Connector/C++ applications that use X DevAPI, enable C++11 support in the compiler using the `-std=c++11` option. This option is not needed for applications that use X DevAPI for C (which is a plain C API) or the legacy JDBC API (which is based on plain C++), unless the application code uses C++11.

**Connector/C++ Header Files**

The API an application uses determines which Connector/C++ header files it should include. The following include directives work under the assumption that the include path contains `$MYSQL_CPPCONN_DIR/include`, where `$MYSQL_CPPCONN_DIR` is the Connector/C++ installation location. Pass an `-I $MYSQL_CPPCONN_DIR/include` option on the compiler invocation command to ensure this.

- For applications that use X DevAPI:

  ```
  #include <mysqlx/xdevapi.h>
  ```

- For applications that use X DevAPI for C:

  ```
  #include <mysqlx/xapi.h>
  ```

- For applications that use the legacy JDBC API, the header files are version dependent:

  - As of Connector/C++ 8.0.16, a single `#include` directive suffices:

    ```
    #include <mysql/jdbc.h>
    ```

  - Prior to Connector/C++ 8.0.16, use this set of `#include` directives:

    ```
    #include <jdbc/mysql_driver.h>
    #include <jdbc/mysql_connection.h>
    #include <jdbc/cppconn/*.h>
    ```

    The notation `<jdbc/cppconn/*.h>` means that you should include all header files from the `jdbc/cppconn` directory that are needed by your application. The particular files needed depend on the application.

  - Legacy code that uses Connector/C++ 1.1 has `#include` directives of this form:

    ```
    #include <mysql_driver.h>
    #include <mysql_connection.h>
    ```
#include <cppconn/*.h>

To build such code with Connector/C++ 8.0 without modifying it, add $MYSQL_CPPCONN_DIR/include/jdbc to the include path.

To compile code that you intend to link statically against Connector/C++, define a macro that adjusts API declarations in the header files for usage with the static library. For details, see Using the Connector/C++ Static Library.

## Connector/C++ Version Macros

Starting with Connector/C++ 8.0.30, version-related macros are defined in public header files. The intent of the macros is to provide a way to systematically and predictably maintain version numbering of the Connector/C++ product. The following table describes the version-related macros.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Macro Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>MYSQL_CONCPP_VERSION_MAJOR</td>
<td>Major number of the product version; currently 8.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MYSQL_CONCPP_VERSION_MINOR</td>
<td>Minor number of the product version; currently 00.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MYSQL_CONCPP_VERSION_MICRO</td>
<td>Micro number of the product version; initially 30.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MYSQL_CONCPP_VERSION_NUMBER</td>
<td>Full Connector/C++ version number, which combines the major, minor, and micro numbers. For example, the combined version number 8000030 represents Connector/C++ 8.0.30.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note**

The version numbers maintained by these macros apply to the Connector/C++ product only and are unrelated to API or ABI versions, which are handled separately.

Connector/C++ applications that use X DevAPI, X DevAPI for C, or the legacy JDBC API can specify the MYSQL_CONCPP_VERSION_NUMBER macro to add conditional tests that determine the inclusion or exclusion of feature dependencies, based on which Connector/C++ version introduced the dependency. For example, it is possible to use the MYSQL_CONCPP_VERSION_NUMBER macro in the following cases:

- **When a Connector/C++ application needs a guard that checks for features introduced after the specified version.** The following example specifies version 8.0.32, which has the macro defined in public header files. The same conditional-compilation directive also works when the macro is not defined (with pre-8.0.30 header files), because the value is treated as 0.

  ```c
  #if MYSQL_CONCPP_VERSION_NUMBER > 8000032
  // use some 8.0.32+ feature
  #endif
  ```

- **When a Connector/C++ application requires all features introduced before the specified version.**

  ```c
  #if MYSQL_CONCPP_VERSION_NUMBER < 8000032
  // this usage is OK; it compiles with 8.0.31 and all previous versions
  #endif
  ```

- **When a Connector/C++ application that uses X DevAPI also uses the CharacterSet::utf8mb3 enumeration constant or any of the new utf8mb4 collation members.** If the application compiles with the pre-8.0.30 connector, then it is possible to guard the use of these new API elements.

  ```c
  #if MYSQL_CONCPP_VERSION_NUMBER >= 8000030
  if (CharacterSet::utf8mb3 == cs)
  else
  if (CharacterSet::utf8 == cs)
  #endif
  ```
• When a Connector/C++ application that uses X DevAPI needs to check the name of the utf8mb3 character set or any of its collations, and it must also be compiled with the pre-8.0.30 connector.

```c
#if MYSQL_CONCPP_VERSION_NUMBER >= 8000030
    if ("utf8mb3" == characterSetName(cs))
#else
    if ("utf8" == characterSetName(cs))
#endif
{
    // cs is the id of the utf8 character set
}
```

**Note**
Alternatively, you can compare against numeric enumeration constant value, which should work regardless of the connector version.

• When a Connector/C++ application that uses the legacy JDBC API needs to check the name of the utf8mb3 character set or any of its collations, and it must also be compiled with the pre-8.0.30 connector.

```c
#if MYSQL_CONCPP_VERSION_NUMBER >= 8000030
    if ("utf8mb3" == metadata->getColumnCharset(column))
#else
    if ("utf8" == metadata->getColumnCharset(column))
#endif
{
    // column is the column index using the utf8 character set
}
```

Do not use the MYSQL_CONCPP_VERSION_NUMBER macro to check against versions earlier than Connector/C++ 8.0.30, which can produce unreliable results. For example:

```c
#if MYSQL_CONCPP_VERSION_NUMBER > 8000028
    // this does not compile with the 8.0.29 connector!
#endif
#if MYSQL_CONCPP_VERSION_NUMBER < 8000028
    // this compiles with the 8.0.29 connector!
#endif
```

---

**Boost Header Files**

The Boost header files are needed under these circumstances:

• Prior to Connector/C++ 8.0.16, on Unix and Unix-like platforms for applications that use X DevAPI or X DevAPI for C, if you build using gcc and the version of the C++ standard library on your system does not implement the UTF8 converter (codecvt_utf8).

• Prior to Connector/C++ 8.0.23, to compile Connector/C++ applications that use the legacy JDBC API.

If the Boost header files are needed, Boost 1.59.0 or newer must be installed, and the location of the headers must be added to the include path. To obtain Boost and its installation instructions, visit the official Boost site.

**Link Libraries**

Building Connector/C++ using OpenSSL makes the connector library dependent on OpenSSL dynamic libraries. In that case:

• When linking an application to Connector/C++ dynamically, this dependency is relevant only at runtime.
• When linking an application to Connector/C++ statically, link to the OpenSSL libraries as well. On Linux, this means adding `-lssl -lcrypto` explicitly to the compile/link command. On Windows, this is handled automatically.

On Windows, link to the dynamic version of the C++ Runtime Library.

### Runtime Libraries

X DevAPI for C applications need `libstdc++` at runtime. Depending on your platform or build tools, a different library may apply. For example, the library is `libc++` on macOS; see Section 5.2.2, “macOS Notes”.

If an application is built using dynamic link libraries, those libraries must be present not just on the build host, but on target hosts where the application runs. The dynamic linker must be properly configured to find those libraries and their runtime dependencies, as well as to find Connector/C++ libraries and their runtime dependencies.

Connector/C++ libraries built by Oracle depend on the OpenSSL libraries. The latter must be installed on the system in order to run code that links against Connector/C++ libraries. Another option is to put the OpenSSL libraries in the same location as Connector/C++, in which case, the dynamic linker should find them next to the connector library. See also Section 5.2.1, “Windows Notes”, and Section 5.2.2, “macOS Notes”.

**Note**

The TLSv1 and TLSv1.1 connection protocols are no longer supported as of Connector/C++ 8.0.28, making TLSv1.2 the earliest supported connection protocol.

### Using the Connector/C++ Dynamic Library

The Connector/C++ dynamic library name depends on the platform. These libraries implement X DevAPI and X DevAPI for C, where `A` in the library name represents the ABI version:

- `libmysqlcppconn8.so.A` (Unix)
- `libmysqlcppconn8.A.dylib` (macOS)
- `mysqlcppconn-A-vsNN.dll`, with import library `vsNN/mysqlcppconn8.lib` (Windows)

For the legacy JDBC API, the dynamic libraries are named as follows, where `B` in the library name represents the ABI version:

- `libmysqlcppconn.so.B` (Unix)
- `libmysqlcppconn.B.dylib` (macOS)
- `mysqlcppconn-B-vsNN.dll`, with import library `vsNN/mysqlcppconn-static.lib` (Windows)

On Windows, the `vsNN` value in library names depends on the MSVC toolchain version used to build the libraries. (Connector/C++ libraries provided by Oracle use `vs14`, and they are compatible with MSVC 2019 and 2017.) This convention enables using libraries built with different versions of MSVC on the same system. See also Section 5.2.1, “Windows Notes”.

To build code that uses X DevAPI or X DevAPI for C, add `-lmysqlcppconn8` to the linker options. To build code that uses the legacy JDBC API, add `-lmysqlcppconn`.

You must also indicate whether to use the 64-bit or 32-bit libraries by specifying the appropriate library directory. Use an `-L` linker option to specify `$MYSQL_CONCPP_DIR/lib64` (64-bit libraries) or `$MYSQL_CONCPP_DIR/lib` (32-bit libraries), where `$MYSQL_CONCPP_DIR` is the Connector/C++ installation location. On FreeBSD, `/lib64` is not used. The library name always ends with `/lib`. 

27
To build a Connector/C++ application that uses X DevAPI, has sources in `app.cc`, and links dynamically to the connector library, the Makefile might look like this:

```
MYSQL_CONCPP_DIR = Connector/C++ installation location
CPPFLAGS = -I $(MYSQL_CONCPP_DIR)/include -L $(MYSQL_CONCPP_DIR)/lib64
LDLIBS = -lmysqlcppconn8
CXXFLAGS = -std=c++11
app : app.cc
```

With that Makefile, the command `make app` generates the following compiler invocation:

```
g++ -std=c++11 -I .../include -L .../lib64 app.cc -lmysqlcppconn8 -o app
```

To build a plain C application that uses X DevAPI for C, has sources in `app.c`, and links dynamically to the connector library, the Makefile might look like this:

```
CPPFLAGS = -I $(MYSQL_CONCPP_DIR)/include -L $(MYSQL_CONCPP_DIR)/lib64
LDLIBS = -lmysqlcppconn8
app : app.c
```

With that Makefile, the command `make app` generates the following compiler invocation:

```
cc -I .../include -L .../lib64 app.c -lmysqlcppconn8 -o app
```

Note

The resulting code, even though it is compiled as plain C, depends on the C++ runtime (typically `libstdc++`, though this may differ depending on platform or build tools; see Runtime Libraries).

To build a plain C++ application that uses the legacy JDBC API, has sources in `app.c`, and links dynamically to the connector library, the Makefile might look like this:

```
CPPFLAGS = -I $(MYSQL_CONCPP_DIR)/include -L $(MYSQL_CONCPP_DIR)/lib64
LDLIBS = -lmysqlcppconn
app : app.c
```

The library option in this case is `-lmysqlcppconn`, rather than `-lmysqlcppconn8` as for an X DevAPI or X DevAPI for C application.

With that Makefile, the command `make app` generates the following compiler invocation:

```
cc -I .../include -L .../lib64 app.c -lmysqlcppconn -o app
```

Note

When running an application that uses the Connector/C++ dynamic library, the library and its runtime dependencies must be found by the dynamic linker. See Runtime Libraries.

Using the Connector/C++ Static Library

It is possible to link your application with the Connector/C++ static library. This way there is no runtime dependency on the connector, and the resulting binary can run on systems where Connector/C++ is not installed.

Note

Even when linking statically, the resulting code still depends on all runtime dependencies of the Connector/C++ library. For example, if Connector/C++ is built using OpenSSL, the code has a runtime dependency on the OpenSSL libraries. See Runtime Libraries.
The Connector/C++ static library name depends on the platform. These libraries implement X DevAPI and X DevAPI for C:

- `libmysqlcppconn8-static.a` (Unix, macOS)
- `vsNN/mysqlcppconn8-static.lib` (Windows)

For the legacy JDBC API, the static libraries are named as follows:

- `libmysqlcppconn-static.a` (Unix, macOS)
- `vsNN/mysqlcppconn-static.lib` (Windows)

On Windows, the `vsNN` value in library names depends on the MSVC toolchain version used to build the libraries. (Connector/C++ libraries provided by Oracle use `vs14`, and they are compatible with MSVC 2019 and 2017.) This convention enables using libraries built with different versions of MSVC on the same system. See also Section 5.2.1, “Windows Notes”.

To compile code that you intend to link statically against Connector/C++, define a macro that adjusts API declarations in the header files for usage with the static library. One way to define the macro is by passing a `-D` option on the compiler invocation command:

- For applications that use X DevAPI, X DevAPI for C, or (as of Connector/C++ 8.0.16) the legacy JDBC API, define the `STATIC_CONCPP` macro. All that matters is that you define it; the value does not matter. For example: `-DSTATIC_CONCPP`
- Prior to Connector/C++ 8.0.16, for applications that use the legacy JDBC API, define the `CPPCONN_PUBLIC_FUNC` macro as an empty string. To ensure this, define the macro as `CPPCONN_PUBLIC_FUNC=`, not as `CPPCONN_PUBLIC_FUNC`. For example: `-DCPPCONN_PUBLIC_FUNC=`

To build a Connector/C++ application that uses X DevAPI, has sources in `app.cc`, and links statically to the connector library, the Makefile might look like this:

```
MYSQL_CONCPP_DIR = Connector/C++ installation location
CPPFLAGS = -DSTATIC_CONCPP -I $(MYSQL_CONCPP_DIR)/include
LDLIBS = $(MYSQL_CONCPP_DIR)/lib64/libmysqlcppconn8-static.a -lssl -lcrypto -lpthread
CXXFLAGS = -std=c++11
app : app.cc
```

With that Makefile, the command `make app` generates the following compiler invocation:

```
g++ -std=c++11 -DSTATIC_CONCPP -I .../include app.cc
.../lib64/libmysqlcppconn8-static.a -lssl -lcrypto -lpthread -o app
```

**Note**

To avoid having the linker report unresolved symbols, the compile line must include the OpenSSL libraries and the `pthread` library on which Connector/C++ code depends.

OpenSSL libraries are not needed if Connector/C++ is built without them, but Connector/C++ distributions built by Oracle do depend on OpenSSL.

The exact list of libraries required by Connector/C++ library depends on the platform. For example, on Solaris, the `socket`, `rt`, and `nsl` libraries might be needed.

To build a plain C application that uses X DevAPI for C, has sources in `app.c`, and links statically to the connector library, the Makefile might look like this:

```
MYSQL_CONCPP_DIR = Connector/C++ installation location
CPPFLAGS = -DSTATIC_CONCPP -I $(MYSQL_CONCPP_DIR)/include
LDLIBS = $(MYSQL_CONCPP_DIR)/lib64/libmysqlcppconn8-static.a -lssl -lcrypto -lpthread
app : app.c
```
With that Makefile, the command `make app` generates the following compiler invocation:
```
cc -DSTATIC_CONCPP -I ../include app.c
    .../lib64/libmysqlcppconn8-static.a -lssl -lcrypto -lpthread -o app
```

To build a plain C application that uses the legacy JDBC API, has sources in `app.c`, and links statically to the connector library, the Makefile might look like this:
```
MYSQL_CONCPP_DIR = Connector/C++ installation location
CPPFLAGS = -DCPPCONN_PUBLIC_FUNC= -I $(MYSQL_CONCPP_DIR)/include
LDLIBS = $(MYSQL_CONCPP_DIR)/lib64/libmysqlcppconn8-static.a -lssl -lcrypto -lpthread
app : app.c
```

The library option in this case names `libmysqlcppconn8-static.a`, rather than `libmysqlcppconn8-static.a` as for an X DevAPI or X DevAPI for C application.

With that Makefile, the command `make app` generates the following compiler invocation:
```
cc -std=c++11 --DCPPCONN_PUBLIC_FUNC= -I ../include app.c
    .../lib64/libmysqlcppconn8-static.a -lssl -lcrypto -lpthread -o app
```

When building plain C code, it is important to take care of connector's dependency on the C++ runtime, which is introduced by the connector library even though the code that uses it is plain C:

- One approach is to ensure that a C++ linker is used to build the final code. This approach is taken by the Makefile shown here:
```
MYSQL_CONCPP_DIR = Connector/C++ installation location
CPPFLAGS = -DSTATIC_CONCPP -I $(MYSQL_CONCPP_DIR)/include
LDLIBS = $(MYSQL_CONCPP_DIR)/lib64/libmysqlcppconn8-static.a -lssl -lcrypto -lpthread
LINK.o = $(LINK.cc) # use C++ linker
app : app.o
```

With that Makefile, the build process has two steps: first compile the application source in `app.c` using a plain C compiler to produce `app.o`, then link the final executable (`app`) using the C++ linker, which takes care of the dependency on the C++ runtime. The commands look something like this:
```
cc -DSTATIC_CONCPP -I ../include -c -o app.o app.c
g++ -DSTATIC_CONCPP -I ../include app.o
    .../libmysqlcppconn8-static.a -lssl -lcrypto -lpthread -o app
```

- Another approach is to use a plain C compiler and linker, but add the `libstdc++` C++ runtime library as an explicit option to the linker. This approach is taken by the Makefile shown here:
```
MYSQL_CONCPP_DIR = Connector/C++ installation location
CPPFLAGS = -DSTATIC_CONCPP -I $(MYSQL_CONCPP_DIR)/include
LDLIBS = $(MYSQL_CONCPP_DIR)/lib64/libmysqlcppconn8-static.a -lssl -lcrypto -lpthread -lstdc++
app : app.c
```

With that Makefile, the compiler is invoked as follows:
```
cc -DSTATIC_CONCPP -I ../include app.c
    .../libmysqlcppconn8-static.a -lssl -lcrypto -lpthread -lstdc++ -o app
```

**Note**

Even if the application that uses Connector/C++ is written in plain C, the final executable depends on the C++ runtime which must be installed on the target computer on which the application is to run.

5.2 Building Connector/C++ Applications: Platform-Specific Considerations

This section discusses platform-specific considerations to keep in mind when building Connector/C++ applications. For general considerations that apply on a platform-independent basis, see Section 5.1, “Building Connector/C++ Applications: General Considerations”.
5.2.1 Windows Notes

This section describes aspects of building Connector/C++ applications that are specific to Microsoft Windows. For general application-building information, see Section 5.1, “Building Connector/C++ Applications: General Considerations”.

On Windows, applications can be built in different build configurations, which determine the type of the C++ runtime library that is used by the final executable:

- An application can be built in 32-bit or 64-bit mode.
- An application can be built in release or debug mode.
- You can choose between the dynamic runtime library (/MD linker option) or static runtime library (/MT linker option). Different versions of the MSVC compiler also use different versions of the runtime library.

To build Connector/C++ applications, developers using Windows must satisfy these conditions:

- An acceptable version of Microsoft Visual Studio is required.
- Applications should use the same build configuration as that used to build Connector/C++. Build configuration includes the build mode (release mode or debug mode) and the linker option (for example, /MD or /MDd).
- Target hosts running client applications must have an acceptable version of the Visual C++ Redistributable for Visual Studio installed.

For information about acceptable versions of Visual Studio and VC++ Redistributable, see Platform Support and Prerequisites.

The following sections provide additional detail about several aspects of building Connector/C++ applications:

- Application Build Configuration Must Match Connector/C++
- Linking Connector/C++ to Applications
- Building Connector/C++ Applications with Microsoft Visual Studio

Application Build Configuration Must Match Connector/C++

It is important to use a compatible compiler version to build applications and Connector/C++. It is also important to build applications using the same build configuration as that used to build Connector/C++. That is, applications should use the same build mode and linker option, to ensure that the connector and the application use the same runtime library.

The following table shows the linker option appropriate for each combination of build mode and runtime library. It also shows for each combination whether a Connector/C++ binary package is available from Oracle. (If not, you must build Connector/C++ from source yourself.)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Build Mode</th>
<th>Runtime Library</th>
<th>Linker Option</th>
<th>Binary Package Available</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Release</td>
<td>Dynamic</td>
<td>/MD</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Debug</td>
<td>Dynamic</td>
<td>/MDd</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Release</td>
<td>Static</td>
<td>/MT</td>
<td>No (build from source)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Standard Connector/C++ binary packages available from Oracle are built in release mode. If you install such a package, build applications in release mode to match. Oracle packages built in debug mode are available as well. To build applications in debug mode, you must either install an Oracle-built Connector/C++ package that was built in debug mode, or build Connector/C++ from source yourself using debug mode.

Connector/C++ binary packages available from Oracle, whether built in release or debug mode, are intended for use with the dynamic version of the C++ runtime library. To build applications using the static runtime library, you must build Connector/C++ yourself from source using the appropriate linker option for the intended build mode.

### Linking Connector/C++ to Applications

Connector/C++ binary distributions are available as 64-bit or 32-bit packages, which store libraries under a directory named `lib64` or `lib`, respectively. Package names and certain library file and directory names also include `vsNN`. The `vsNN` value in these names depends on the MSVC toolchain version used to build the libraries. This convention enables using libraries built with different versions of MSVC on the same system.

**Note**

The `vsNN` value represents the major version of the MSVC toolchain used to build the libraries. Currently it is `vs14`, which is the toolchain used by MSVC 2015 through 2019.

Connector/C++ binary packages include libraries built using the dynamic runtime library in either release mode (`/MD`) or debug mode (`/MDd`). The Connector/C++ libraries are compatible with MSVC 2019 and 2017, and code that uses these libraries can be built with either MSVC 2019 or 2017 using the appropriate linker option (that is, `/MD` for release mode or `/MDd` for debug mode). To build code with a different linker option (`/MT` or `/MTd`), first build Connector/C++ from source with that option (see Section 4.3, “Installing Connector/C++ from Source”), then build applications using the same option.

**Note**

One exception for compiler version compatibility is that to build applications using the static JDBC legacy connector, MSVC 2019 is required; 2017 does not work.

Connector/C++ is available as a dynamic or static library to use with your application. Which library you choose determines the library files needed, and the location of those files within a Connector/C++ package depends on whether the package was built in release or debug mode. Library files are located under the library directory, which, as previously mentioned, is `lib64` for 64-bit packages or `lib` for 32-bit packages. Denote this directory as `LIB`. The following table shows the directory in which to find library files for each type of library (including import libraries, which are used in conjunction with dynamic libraries).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Library Type</th>
<th>Library File Directory (Release Build)</th>
<th>Library File Directory (Debug Build)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Dynamic Library</td>
<td>LIB</td>
<td>LIB/debug</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Import Library</td>
<td>LIB/vs14</td>
<td>LIB/vs14/debug</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Static Library</td>
<td>LIB/vs14</td>
<td>LIB/vs14/debug</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
For dynamic linking, the following table indicates which dynamic and import library files to use.

### Table 5.3 Connector/C++ Dynamic and Import Library Files Per Connector

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Connector</th>
<th>Dynamic Library File</th>
<th>Import Library File</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>X DevAPI, X DevAPI for C</td>
<td>mysqlcppconn8-2-vs14.dll</td>
<td>mysqlcppconn8.lib</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JDBC</td>
<td>mysqlcppconn-7-vs14.dll</td>
<td>mysqlcppconn.lib</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For the X DevAPI or X DevAPI for C connector, use the dynamic library file named mysqlcppconn8-2-vs14.dll, together with with the import library file named mysqlcppconn8.lib from the import library directory. The 2 in the dynamic library name is the major ABI version number. (This helps when using compatibility libraries with an old ABI together with new libraries having a different ABI.) The libraries installed on your system may have a different ABI version in their file names.

For the legacy JDBC connector, use the dynamic library file named mysqlcppconn-7-vs14.dll, together with the import library file named mysqlcppconn.lib from the import library directory.

For static linking, the following table indicates which static library file to use.

### Table 5.4 Connector/C++ Static Library File Per Connector

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Connector</th>
<th>Static Library File</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>X DevAPI, X DevAPI for C</td>
<td>mysqlcppconn8-static.lib</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JDBC</td>
<td>mysqlcppconn-static.lib</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For the X DevAPI or X DevAPI for C connector, use the static library file named mysqlcppconn8-static.lib from the static library directory.

For the legacy JDBC connector, use the static library file named mysqlcppconn-static.lib from the static library directory.

When building code that uses Connector/C++ libraries, use these guidelines for setting build options in the project configuration:

- As an additional include directory, specify $MYSQL_CPPCONN_DIR/include.
- As an additional library directory, specify the directory containing the libraries the application must link to, as indicated in Table 5.2, "Connector/C++ Library File Directories". For example, to specify the import or static library directory for building in release mode, use $MYSQL_CONCPP_DIR/lib64/vs14 (for 64-bit libraries) or $MYSQL_CONCPP_DIR/lib/vs14 (for 32-bit libraries). For building in debug mode, change vs14 to vs14/debug.
- To use a dynamic library file (.dll extension), link your application with a .lib import library: mysqlcppconn8.lib to the linker options, or mysqlcppconn.lib for legacy code.
- To use a static library file (.lib extension), link your application with the library: mysqlcppconn8-static.lib, or mysqlcppconn-static.lib for legacy code.

For static linking, the application must also be linked with import libraries for the required OpenSSL libraries. If the connector was installed from a binary package provided by Oracle, these are present in the vs14 subdirectory under the main library directory ($MYSQL_CONCPP_DIR/lib64 or $MYSQL_CONCPP_DIR/lib), and the corresponding OpenSSL .dll libraries are present in the main library directory.

**Note**

A Windows application that uses the connector dynamic library must be able to locate it at runtime, as well as its dependencies such as OpenSSL. The
common way of arranging this is to copy all the required DLLs to the same location as the application executable.

Building Connector/C++ Applications with Microsoft Visual Studio

To build a Connector/C++ application with Microsoft Visual Studio, follow this procedure:


2. Set the required include paths.

   From the main menu, select Project, Properties. This can also be accessed using the hot key ALT + F7. Under Configuration Properties, open the tree view. Select C/C++, General in the tree view.

   In the Additional Include Directories text field:
   - Add the include/ directory of Connector/C++. This directory should be located within the Connector/C++ installation directory.
   - If Boost is required to build the application, also add the Boost library root directory. (See Section 5.1, “Building Connector/C++ Applications: General Considerations”.)

3. Set the library locations.

   In the tree view, open Linker, General, Additional Library Directories.

   In the Additional Library Directories text field, add the Connector/C++ import or static library directory as specified in Table 5.2, “Connector/C++ Library File Directories”. Set appropriate paths for release and debug builds.

   Note
   For building in debug mode, the Connector/C++ debug package must be installed.

4. Set the connector library to use.

   Open Linker, Input in the Property Pages dialog.

   For building with the Connector/C++ dynamic library, enter the import library name: mysqlcppconn8.lib, or mysqlcppconn.lib for legacy applications.

   For building with the Connector/C++ static library, enter the static library name: mysqlcppconn8-static.lib, or mysqlcppconn-static.lib for legacy applications.

5. Define macros for static linking.

   To compile code that is linked statically with the connector library, you must define a macro that adjusts API declarations in the header files for usage with the static library. By default, the macro is undefined to declare functions to be compatible with an application that calls a DLL.

   In the Project, Properties tree view, under C++, Preprocessor, enter the appropriate macro into the Preprocessor Definitions text field:
   - For applications that use X DevAPI, X DevAPI for C, or (as of Connector/C++ 8.0.16) the legacy JDBC API, define the STATIC_CONCPP macro. All that matters is that you define it; the value does not matter. For example: -DSTATIC_CONCPP
   - Prior to Connector/C++ 8.0.16, for applications that use the legacy JDBC API, define the CPPCONN_PUBLIC_FUNC macro as an empty string. To ensure this, define the macro as CPPCONN_PUBLIC_FUNC=, not as CPPCONN_PUBLIC_FUNC.
Notes

• Target hosts running the client application must have the Visual C++ Redistributable for Visual Studio installed. For information about which VC++ Redistributable versions are acceptable, see Platform Support and Prerequisites.

• If your code uses the Connector/C++ dynamic library, it must be present on the target host where the application is run. Copy the appropriate Connector/C++ dynamic library to the same directory as the application executable (see Linking Connector/C++ to Applications). Alternatively, extend the PATH environment variable using SET PATH=%PATH%;C:\path\to\cpp, or copy the dynamic library to the Windows installation directory, typically C:\windows.

• If your code uses the Connector/C++ static library, the required OpenSSL libraries must be found on the target host where the application is run. For Connector/C++ binary distributions, the OpenSSL .dll libraries are present in the main library directory ($MYSQL_CONCPP_DIR/lib64 or $MYSQL_CONCPP_DIR/lib). Copy them to the same location as the application executable or to some directory listed in the system PATH.

5.2.2 macOS Notes

This section describes aspects of building Connector/C++ applications that are specific to macOS. For general application-building information, see Section 5.1, “Building Connector/C++ Applications: General Considerations”.

The binary distribution of Connector/C++ for macOS is compiled using the macOS native clang compiler. For that reason, an application that uses Connector/C++ should be built with the same clang compiler.

The clang compiler can use two different implementations of the C++ runtime library: either the native libc++ or the GNU libstdc++ library. It is important that an application uses the same runtime implementation as Connector/C++ that is, the native libc++. To ensure that, the -stdlib=libc++ option should be passed to the compiler and the linker invocations.

To build a Connector/C++ application that uses X DevAPI, has sources in app.cc, and links dynamically to the connector library, the Makefile for building on macOS might look like this:

```bash
MYSQL_CONCPP_DIR = Connector/C++ installation location
CPPFLAGS = -I $(MYSQL_CONCPP_DIR)/include -L $(MYSQL_CONCPP_DIR)/lib64
LDDLIBS = -lmysqlcppconn8
CXX = clang++ -stdlib=libc++
CXXFLAGS = -std=c++11
app : app.cc
```

Binary packages for macOS include OpenSSL libraries that are required by code linked with the connector. These libraries are installed in the same location as the connector libraries and should be found there by the dynamic linker.

5.2.3 Generic Linux Notes

This section describes aspects of building Connector/C++ applications that are specific to Linux. For general application-building information, see Section 5.1, “Building Connector/C++ Applications: General Considerations”.

Previously, generic Linux packages were built on the EL7 platform and on that platform GCC is configured to use an older ABI of libstdc++. Some of the symbols exported by the library include standard library types in their names, and consequently, are not compatible with the new CXX11 ABI,
which is the default for modern GCC on most platforms (EL7 being an exception). So, unless you build your code on EL7, and use GCC6 or later compiler, it defaults to new CXX11 ABI and looks for Connector/C++ symbols that have new ABI names in them.

As of Connector/C++ 8.0.30, Connector/C++ uses the new CXX11 ABI. With this change, you might encounter following problems when using Connector/C++ installed from a generic Linux package:

- An upgrade from Connector/C++ 8.0.29 (or earlier) to 8.0.30 (or later) could produce runtime errors after the upgrade, even if the previous version of Connector/C++ ran successfully.

- It will not work with GCC5 or earlier, because the old compiler uses the old ABI and cannot link to code that uses new the ABI.

- It will not work on EL6, EL7, or any other platform that modifies GCC settings to use the old ABI by default. However, in this situation a workaround is to build code under `-D_GLIBCXX_USE_CXX11_ABI=1`.

For a majority of platforms, including EL8, the GCC default was changed to the new ABI.

5.2.4 Solaris Notes

This section describes aspects of building Connector/C++ applications that are specific to Solaris. For general application-building information, see Section 5.1, “Building Connector/C++ Applications: General Considerations”.

As of Connector/C++ 8.0.13, it is possible to build Connector/C++ applications on Solaris. This requires the SunPro 5.15 or higher compiler (from Developer Studio 12.6). Earlier versions and building with GCC are not supported.

To use a Connector/C++ package provided by Oracle, application code must be built with SunPro 5.15 or higher under the following options: `-m64 -std=c++11`. The C++ runtime libraries and atomics library used should be the defaults (`-library=stdcpp, -xatomics=studio`).

**Important**

The connector library and any code that uses it depends on the GCC runtime libraries shipped with Oracle Developer Studio 12.6, which must be installed before you run the application. See the download options for Oracle Developer Studio. The installation package enables you to install the runtime libraries only instead of the full Oracle Developer Studio; see instructions in Installing Only the Runtime Libraries on Oracle Solaris 11.

Target hosts running client applications must have the runtime libraries from Developer Studio 12.6 installed.

5.3 Authentication Support

For connections to the server made using the legacy JDBC API (that is, not made using X DevAPI or X DevAPI for C), Connector/C++ supports different client-side authentication plugins and authentication methods for:

- LDAP Authentication
- Kerberos Authentication
- OCI Authentication
- Multifactor Authentication
- FIDO Authentication
LDAP Authentication

LDAP authentication enables Connector/C++ (8.0.22 and later) application programs to connect to MySQL servers using simple LDAP authentication, or SASL LDAP authentication using the SCRAM-SHA-1 authentication method. LDAP authentication requires use of a server from a MySQL Enterprise Edition distribution. For more information about the LDAP authentication plugins, see LDAP Pluggable Authentication.

Connector/C++ binary distributions include the libraries that provide the client-side LDAP authentication plugins, as well as any dependent libraries required by the plugins.

Note

In Connector/C++ 8.0.23, a dependency on the mysql-client-plugins package was removed. This package now is required only on hosts where Connector/C++ applications make connections using commercial MySQL server accounts with LDAP authentication. In that case, additional libraries must also be installed: cyrus-sasl-scram for installations that use RPM packages and libsasl2-modules-gssapi-mit for installations that use Debian packages. These SASL packages provide the support required to use the SCRAM-SHA-256 and GSSAPI/Kerberos authentication methods for LDAP.

If Connector/C++ was installed from a compressed tar file or Zip archive, the application program will need to set the OPT_PLUGIN_DIR connection option to the appropriate directory so that the bundled plugin library can be found. (Alternatively, copy the required plugin library to the default directory expected by the client library.)

For example:

```cpp
sql::ConnectOptionsMap connection_properties;
// To use simple LDAP authentication ...
connection_properties["userName"] = "simple_ldap_user_name";
connection_properties["password"] = "simple_ldap_password";
connection_properties[OPT_ENABLE_CLEARTEXT_PLUGIN]=true;
// To use SASL LDAP authentication using SCRAM-SHA-1 ...
connection_properties["userName"] = "sasl_ldap_user_name";
connection_properties["password"] = "sasl_ldap_scram_password";
// Needed if Connector/C++ was installed from tar file or Zip archive ...
connection_properties[OPT_PLUGIN_DIR] = "/lib64/plugin";
auto *driver = get_driver_instance();
auto *con = driver->connect(connection_properties);
// Execute statements ...
con->close();
```

Kerberos Authentication

Kerberos authentication enables Connector/C++ application programs to establish connections for accounts that use the authentication_kerberos server-side authentication plugin, provided that the correct Kerberos tickets are available or can be obtained from Kerberos. This capability is available on client hosts running Linux (starting with 8.0.26) and Windows (starting with 8.0.27).

It is possible to connect to Kerberos-authenticated accounts without giving a user name under these conditions:

- The user has a Kerberos principal name assigned, a MySQL Kerberos account for that principal name exists, and the user has the required tickets.
OCI Authentication

The default authentication method must be set to the `authentication_kerberos_client` client-side authentication plugin using the `OPT_DEFAULT_AUTH` connection option.

It is possible to connect without giving a password, provided that the user has the required tickets in the Kerberos cache (for example, created by `kinit` or a similar command).

If the required tickets are not present in the Kerberos cache and a password was given, Connector/C++ obtains the tickets from Kerberos using that password. If the required tickets are found in the cache, any password given is ignored and the connection might succeed even if the password is incorrect.

For more information about Kerberos authentication, see Kerberos Pluggable Authentication.

OCI Authentication

OCI authentication enables Connector/C++ application programs to make connections without passwords for accounts that use the `authentication_oci` server-side authentication plugin, provided that the correct configuration entries are available to map to one unique user in a specific Oracle Cloud Infrastructure tenancy. This supported was added in the Connector/C++ 8.0.27 release.

To ensure correct account mapping, the client-side Oracle Cloud Infrastructure configuration must contain a fingerprint of the API key to use for authentication (`fingerprint` entry) and the location of a PEM file with the private part of the API key (`key_file` entry). Both entries should be specified in the `[DEFAULT]` profile of the configuration file.

Unless an alternative path to the configuration file is specified with the `OPT_OCI_CONFIG_FILE` connection option, the following default locations are used:

- `~/.oci/config` on Linux or Posix host types
- `%HOMEDRIVE%%HOMEPATH%/.oci/config` on Windows host types

If the MySQL user name is not provided as a connection option, then the operating system user name is substituted. Specifically, if the private key and correct Oracle Cloud Infrastructure configuration are present on the client side, then a connection can be made without giving any options.

Multifactor Authentication

Starting with Connector/C++ 8.0.28, applications can establish connections using multifactor authentication, such that up to three passwords can be specified at connect time. The `OPT_PASSWORD1`, `OPT_PASSWORD2`, and `OPT_PASSWORD3` connection options are available for specifying the first, second, and third multifactor authentication passwords, respectively.

`OPT_PASSWORD1` is an alias for the existing `OPT_PASSWORD` option; if both are provided, `OPT_PASSWORD` is ignored. For more information about this authentication option, see Multifactor Authentication.

FIDO Authentication

FIDO authentication to MySQL Server using devices such as smart cards, security keys, and biometric readers. This authentication method is based on the Fast Identity Online (FIDO) standard. To ensure client applications using the legacy JDBC API are notified when a user is expected to interact with the FIDO device, Connector/C++ 8.0.29 (and later) implements a new `setCallback()` method in the `MySQL_Driver` class that accepts a single callback argument named `Fido_Callback`.

```cpp
class Fido_Callback
{
public:
    Fido_Callback(std::function<void(SQLString)>);

    /**
      * 
      */
};
```
FIDO Authentication

Any connection created by the driver can use the callback, if needed. However, if an application does not set the callback explicitly, libmysqlclient determines the behavior by default, which involves printing a message to standard output.

Note

On Windows, the client application must run as administrator. The is a requirement of the fido2.dll library, which is used by the authentication_fido plugin.

A client application has two options for obtaining a callback from the connector:

- By passing a function or lambda to Fido_Callback.

  ```cpp
driver->setCallBack(Fido_Callback{[](SQLString msg) {...}});
  ```

- By implementing the virtual method FidoActionRequested.

  ```cpp
class MyWindow : public Fido_Callback
  {
    void FidoActionRequested(sql::SQLString msg) override;
  };

  MyWindow window;
  driver->setCallBack(window);
  ```

Setting a new callback always removes the previous callback. To disable the active callback and restore the default behavior, pass `nullptr` as a function callback. Example:

```cpp
driver->setCallBack(Fido_Callback(nullptr));
```

For more information about FIDO authentication, see FIDO Pluggable Authentication.
Chapter 6 Connector/C++ Known Issues

To report bugs, use the MySQL Bug System. See How to Report Bugs or Problems.

For notes detailing the changes in each release of Connector/C++, see MySQL Connector/C++ Release Notes.

• Generally speaking, C++ library binaries are less portable than C library binaries. Issues can be caused by name mangling, different Standard Template Library (STL) versions, and using different compilers and linkers for linking against the libraries than were used for building the library itself.

Even a small change in the compiler version can cause problems. If you obtain error messages that you suspect are related to binary incompatibilities, build Connector/C++ from source, using the same compiler and linker that you use to build and link your application.

Due to variations between Linux distributions, compiler versions, linker versions, and STL versions, it is not possible to provide binaries for every possible configuration. However, Connector/C++ binary distributions include an INFO_BIN file that describes the environment and configuration options used to build the binary versions of the connector libraries. Binary distributions also include an INFO_SRC file that provides information about the product version and the source repository from which the distribution was produced. (Prior to Connector/C++ 8.0.14, look for BUILDINFO.txt rather than INFO_BIN and INFO_SRC.)

• To avoid potential crashes, the build configuration of Connector/C++ should match the build configuration of the application using it. For example, do not use a release build of Connector/C++ with a debug build of the client application.
Chapter 7 Connector/C++ Support

For general discussion of Connector/C++, please use the C/C++ community forum.

To report bugs, use the MySQL Bug System. See How to Report Bugs or Problems.

For notes detailing the changes in each release of Connector/C++, see MySQL Connector/C++ Release Notes.

For Licensing questions, and to purchase MySQL Products and Services, please see http://www.mysql.com/buy-mysql/.
Index

B
BUILD_STATIC option
CMake, 18
BUNDLE_DEPENDENCIES option
CMake, 18

C
CMake
BUILD_STATIC option, 18
BUNDLE_DEPENDENCIES option, 18
CMAKE_BUILD_TYPE option, 18
CMAKE_INSTALL_DOCDIR option, 18
CMAKE_INSTALL_INCLUDEDIR option, 18
CMAKE_INSTALL_LIBDIR option, 18
CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX option, 18
MAINTAINER_MODE option, 18
MYSQLCLIENT_STATIC_BINDING option, 18
MYSQLCLIENT_STATIC_LINKING option, 19
MYSQL_CONFIG_EXECUTABLE option, 19
MYSQL_DIR option, 19
STATIC_MVCRT option, 19
WITH_BOOST option, 19
WITH_DOC option, 19
WITH_JDBC option, 19
WITH_LZ4 option, 19
WITH_MYSQL option, 20
WITH_PROTOBUF option, 20
WITH_SSL option, 21
WITH_ZLIB option, 21
WITH_ZSTD option, 22
CMAKE_BUILD_TYPE option
CMake, 18
CMAKE_INSTALL_DOCDIR option
CMake, 18
CMAKE_INSTALL_INCLUDEDIR option
CMake, 18
CMAKE_INSTALL_LIBDIR option
CMake, 18
CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX option
CMake, 18
Connector/C++, 1

M
MAINTAINER_MODE option
CMake, 18
MYSQLCLIENT_STATIC_BINDING option
CMake, 18
MYSQLCLIENT_STATIC_LINKING option
CMake, 19
mysqlcppconn-static.lib, 31
mysqlcppconn.dll, 31
MYSQL_CONCPR_VERSION_NUMBER
version macros, 25
MYSQL_CONFIG_EXECUTABLE option
CMake, 19

MySQL_DIR option
CMake, 19

S
STATIC_MVCRT option
CMake, 19

V
version macros
MYSQL_CONCPR_VERSION_MAJOR, 25
MYSQL_CONCPR_VERSION_MICRO, 25
MYSQL_CONCPR_VERSION_MINOR, 25
MYSQL_CONCPR_VERSION_NUMBER, 25

W
WITH_BOOST option
CMake, 19
WITH_DOC option
CMake, 19
WITH_JDBC option
CMake, 19
WITH_LZ4 option
CMake, 19
WITH_MYSQL option
CMake, 20
WITH_PROTOBUF option
CMake, 20
WITH_SSL option
CMake, 21
WITH_ZLIB option
CMake, 21
WITH_ZSTD option
CMake, 22