Using Intel Quantum SDK on your PC using docker desktop and visual studio code

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The following tutorial shows the steps on a Linux Machine. Similar steps can be followed on Windows and Mac.

 Installing Docker Desktop -Download the setup for installing the docker desktop from the website -<u>https://www.docker.com/products/docker-desktop/</u>.



The installation steps for different OS are given here - <u>https://docs.docker.com/get-docker/</u>

For Linux - we have the .deb package.

Installing .deb files - https://help.ubuntu.com/kubuntu/desktopguide/C/manual-install.html

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 Open the directory where the docker installation .deb package is located in the terminal and type -

sudo dpkg -i package_file_name.deb

Once installed - open the docker desktop app.

 Retrieving the Intel Quantum SDK docker image -After opening the docker desktop app search for the intel quantum SDK docker container. intellabs/intel_quantum_sdk



Clicking on the option - intellabs/intel_quantum_sdk opens the image for intel quantum SDK as shown below, now we can pull the image to save it locally. Then click pull. It will take some time here.



Then you can see the image in the Local directory for images.

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- Installing visual studio code -Download the setup from the following link to install Visual Studio Code https://code.visualstudio.com/download
- Installing the docker extension -Search in extensions - for docker and install



After installing the docker extension, you will see the docker option on the left-hand side as shown in the picture below



Then we need to create a docker container, hence open a terminal in Visual Studio code as shown in the picture below



Run the following command to create a docker container, it will create a container with a random name - docker run -it intellabs/intel_quantum_sdk bash

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Then open the docker option on the left side of Visual Studio code, and you will see the container we just created. (admiring_panini here)



Right-click on the container option and in the drop-down list you will find - Attach Visual Studio code. Click - Attach Visual Studio Code



It will open a new Visual Studio code window and connect to the intel quantum sdk container (admiring_panini) we created. As shown on the bottom left side in the picture below.

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But the location of intel quantum SDK is in the folder - /opt/intel/quantum_sdk

Hence go to the folder as shown in the pictures below. And click OK



Hence you have reached the intel quantum sdk folder and connected the docker container with Visual Studio code and you can write and compile code in Visual Studio code.

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5) Compiling file -

There are a few examples given in the quantum-examples folder, to compile and run the example, open the terminal in VSC and move to the quantum examples folder and execute the following commands - here I am compiling and executing the ghz.cpp example.

/opt/intel/quantum-sdk/intel_quantum_sdk_1.2.2023-08-09T00_53_17+00_00/intel-quantum-compiler -v ghz.cpp ./ghz



Hence, now you can create new folders and files write codes and compile and execute programs in VSC.