

APL64 CPC WebServer with an HTML Browser-based GUI

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Overview

In this example an APL64 cross-platform component (CPC) is used to support a web server. A browser-based client GUI is also illustrated.

An APL64 CPC exposes one or more APL64 programmer-developed public functions. The APL64 CPC in this example exposes two APL64 programmer-developed public functions.

The web server is created using open source .Net technology, which is available for the Windows, Linux, Android and iOS environments. The programming code behind the server connects the APL64 CPC public functions to the server using C# [Razor](#) technology.

The browser-based GUI client uses the html programming language. Learn more about html [here](#).

Technology used in this example uses: APL64 and the open-source technology of .Net, C#, Html, and ASP.Net.Razor. The example illustrates the application development using Visual Studio 2022. No cost versions of Visual Studio are also available: [Visual Studio Code](#) and [Visual Studio Community Version](#).

Download the Source Code

The complete source code for this example may be downloaded here:

<http://apl2000.com/APL64/UserDocumentation/APL64CpcServerWithBrowserGui.zip>

After downloading the source code, unzip the solution folder to the c:\ drive, and follow the instructions in this document. Some steps in the document have already been applied to the downloaded source code. To run this example application, it is necessary to build the APL64 CPC using APL64 Developer version.

Create the Visual Studio Solution

Visual Studio is available in several versions. Obtain the no-cost Visual Studio Community Version [here](#).

Check the Visual Studio 2022 Project Templates

In VS2022 check that the 'ASP.NET Core Web App (Razor Pages) project template is available. If this template is not available, close VS2022 and open Visual Studio Installer. In VSInstaller, select the modify option for VS2022.


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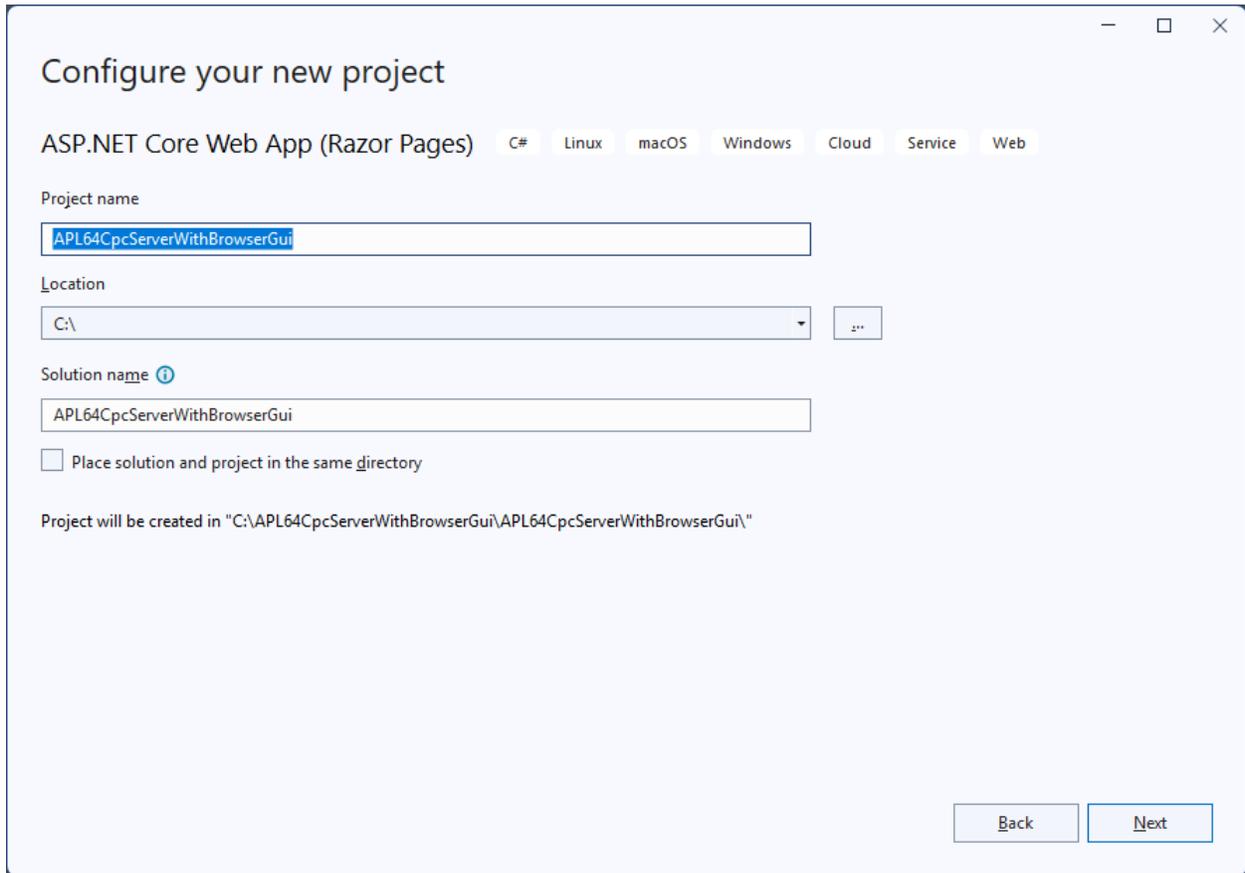
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Specify the Solution Name and Local Repository



The screenshot shows the 'Configure your new project' dialog box in Visual Studio. The title bar includes standard window controls (minimize, maximize, close). The main title is 'Configure your new project'. Below the title, there is a section for 'ASP.NET Core Web App (Razor Pages)' with several platform and service type buttons: 'C#' (selected), 'Linux', 'macOS', 'Windows', 'Cloud', 'Service', and 'Web'. The 'Project name' field contains 'APL64CpcServerWithBrowserGui'. The 'Location' field is a dropdown menu showing 'C:\' with a '...' button to the right. The 'Solution name' field also contains 'APL64CpcServerWithBrowserGui'. There is an unchecked checkbox labeled 'Place solution and project in the same directory'. At the bottom, a text line reads 'Project will be created in "C:\APL64CpcServerWithBrowserGui\APL64CpcServerWithBrowserGui\"'. At the bottom right, there are two buttons: 'Back' and 'Next'.

Configure your new project

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Project name

APL64CpcServerWithBrowserGui

Location

C:\

Solution name ⓘ

APL64CpcServerWithBrowserGui

Place solution and project in the same directory

Project will be created in "C:\APL64CpcServerWithBrowserGui\APL64CpcServerWithBrowserGui"

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Complete the Additional Project Information

Additional information

ASP.NET Core Web App (Razor Pages) C# Linux macOS Windows Cloud Service Web

Framework ⓘ

.NET 8.0 (Long Term Support)

Authentication type ⓘ

None

Configure for HTTPS ⓘ

Enable container support ⓘ

Container OS ⓘ

Linux

Container build type ⓘ

Dockerfile

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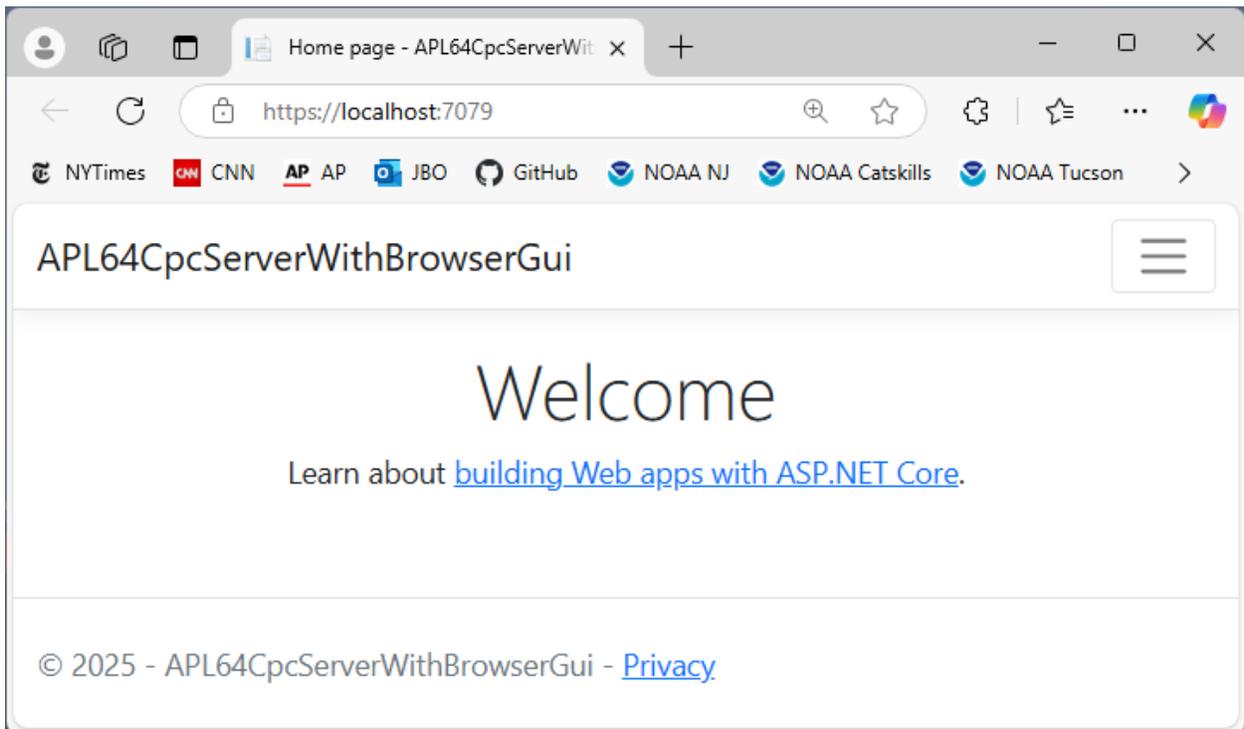
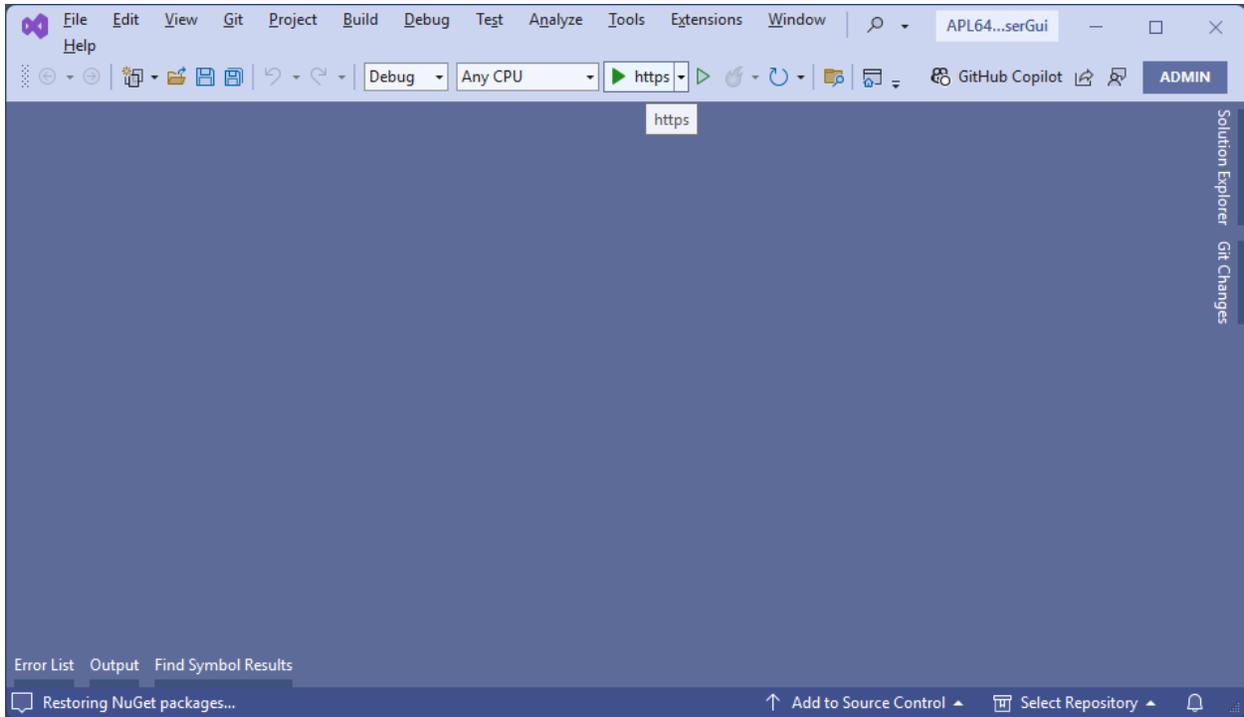
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Run the Project

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To learn more, click the [building Web apps with ASP.NET Core](#) link.

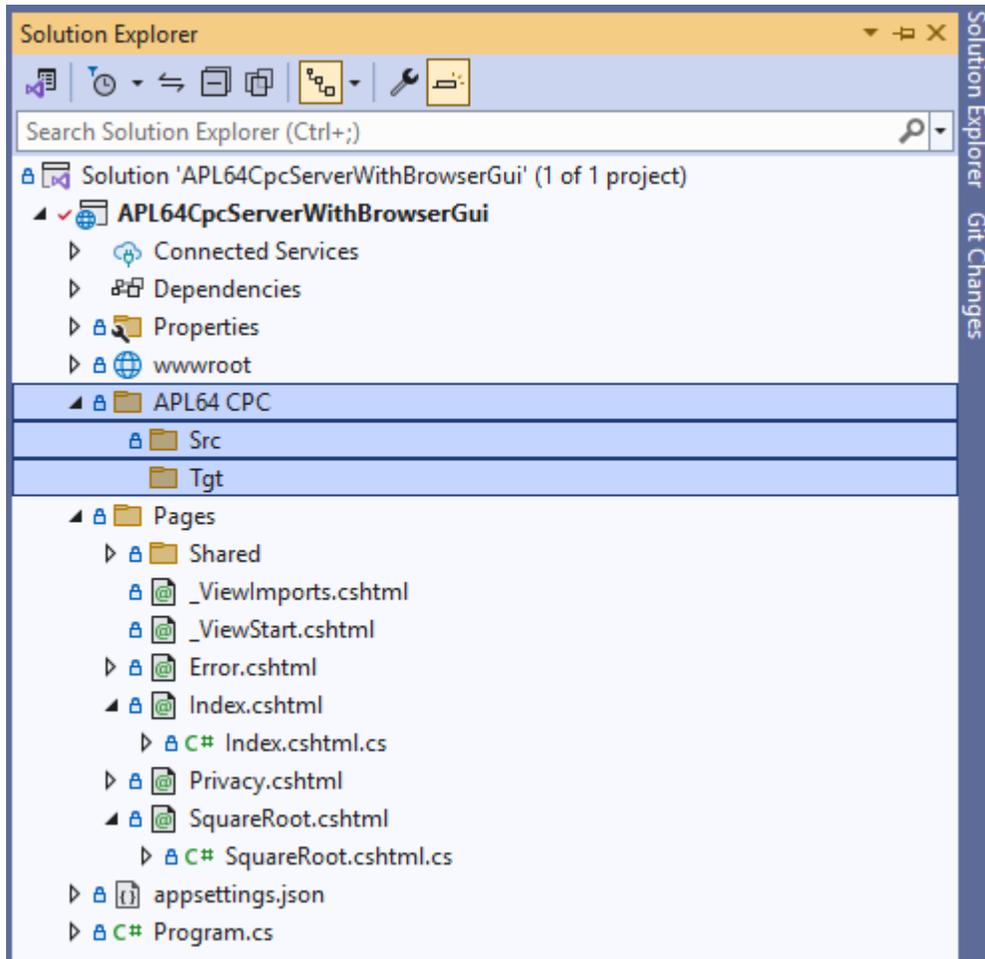
Stop Running the Project

Click Shift+F5 to stop debugging the project.

Create the APL64 CPC

Add Solution Folders for the APL64 CPC

In the Visual Studio Solution Explorer create the APL64CPC folder and the Src and Tgt sub-folders.

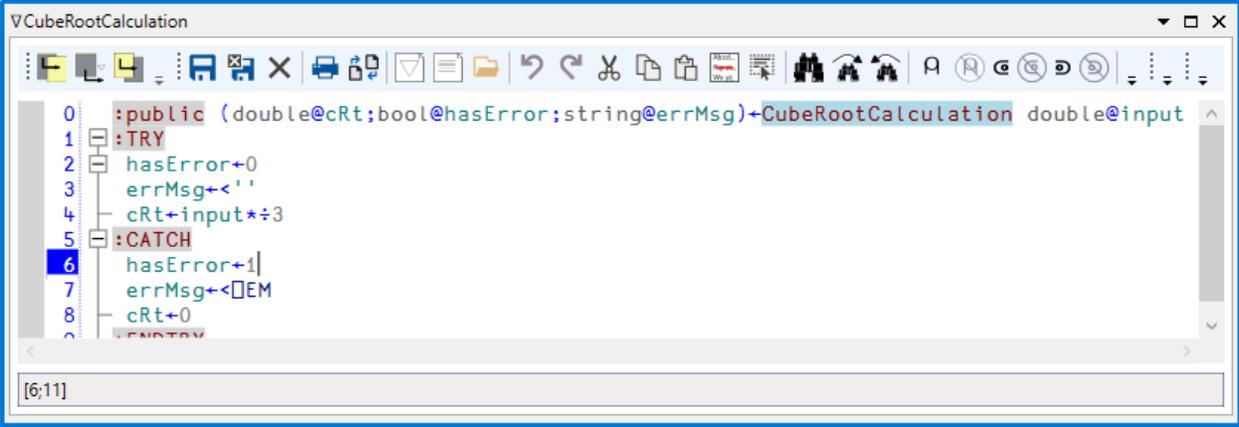


In APL64 Create the Functions

Two public functions are created to be run behind the server to support the calculations request by the browser-based client.

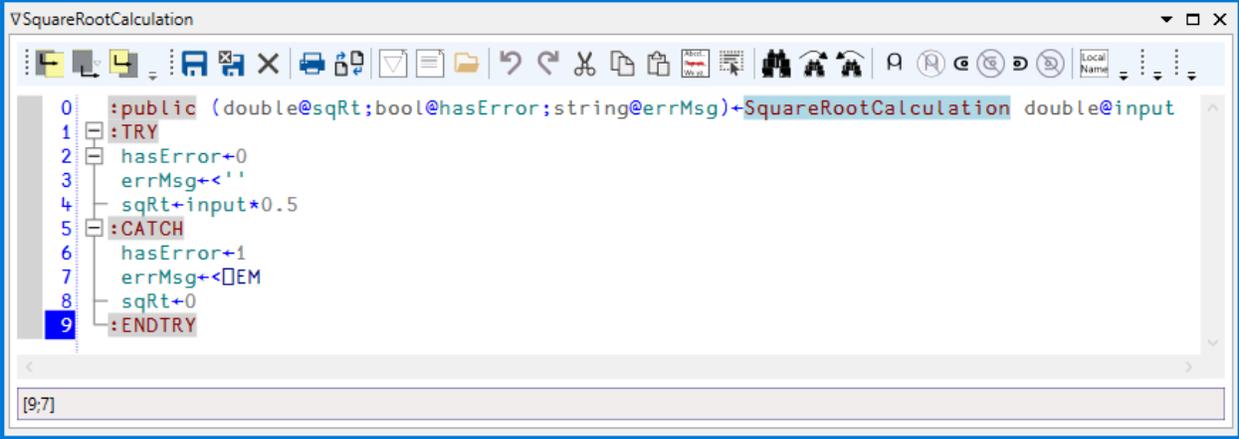
```
:public (double@cRt;bool@hasError;string@errMsg)←CubeRootCalculation double@input
:TRY
  hasError←0
  errMsg←<"
  cRt←input*÷3
:CATCH
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  cRt←0
```

```
:ENDTRY
```



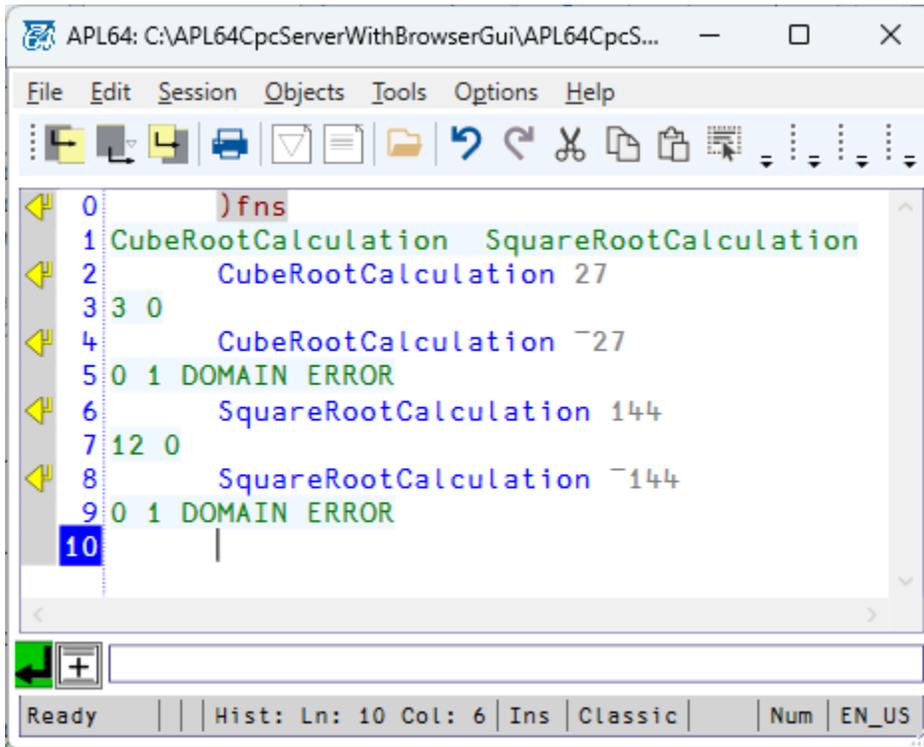
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0 :public (double@cRt;bool@hasError;string@errMsg)+CubeRootCalculation double@input  
1 :TRY  
2   hasError←0  
3   errMsg←'  
4   cRt←input*÷3  
5 :CATCH  
6   hasError←1  
7   errMsg←  
8   cRt←0  
9 :ENDTRY
```

```
:public (double@sqRt;bool@hasError;string@errMsg)←SquareRootCalculation double@input  
:TRY  
hasError←0  
errMsg←"  
cRt←input*÷0.5  
:CATCH  
hasError←1  
errMsg←  
cRt←0  
:ENDTRY
```



```
0 :public (double@sqRt;bool@hasError;string@errMsg)←SquareRootCalculation double@input  
1 :TRY  
2   hasError←0  
3   errMsg←'  
4   sqRt←input*0.5  
5 :CATCH  
6   hasError←1  
7   errMsg←  
8   sqRt←0  
9 :ENDTRY
```

Test the Functions In APL64



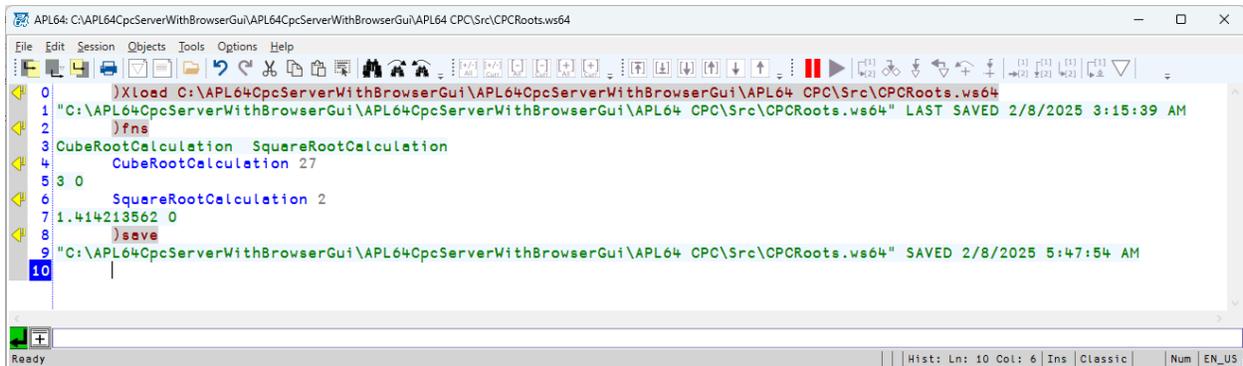
```
APL64: C:\APL64CpcServerWithBrowserGui\APL64CpcS...
File Edit Session Objects Tools Options Help
)fn
1 CubeRootCalculation SquareRootCalculation
2 CubeRootCalculation 27
3 3 0
4 CubeRootCalculation -27
5 0 1 DOMAIN ERROR
6 SquareRootCalculation 144
7 12 0
8 SquareRootCalculation -144
9 0 1 DOMAIN ERROR
10
```

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Save the Workspace to the Src folder in the Visual Studio Project

Folder: C:\APL64CpcServerWithBrowserGui\APL64CpcServerWithBrowserGui\APL64 CPC\Src

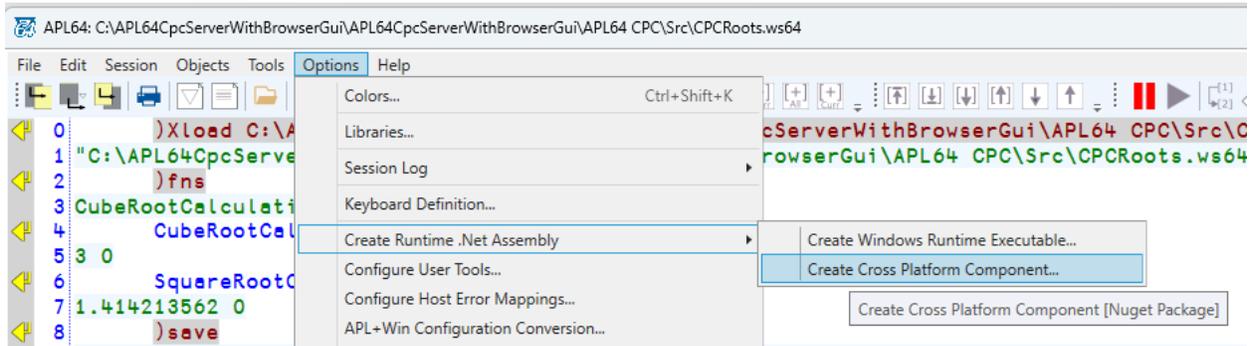
Workspace Name: CPCRoots.ws64



```
APL64: C:\APL64CpcServerWithBrowserGui\APL64CpcServerWithBrowserGui\APL64 CPC\Src\CPCRoots.ws64
File Edit Session Objects Tools Options Help
)Xload C:\APL64CpcServerWithBrowserGui\APL64CpcServerWithBrowserGui\APL64 CPC\Src\CPCRoots.ws64
1 "C:\APL64CpcServerWithBrowserGui\APL64CpcServerWithBrowserGui\APL64 CPC\Src\CPCRoots.ws64" LAST SAVED 2/8/2025 3:15:39 AM
2 )fn
3 CubeRootCalculation SquareRootCalculation
4 CubeRootCalculation 27
5 3 0
6 SquareRootCalculation 2
7 1.414213562 0
8 )save
9 "C:\APL64CpcServerWithBrowserGui\APL64CpcServerWithBrowserGui\APL64 CPC\Src\CPCRoots.ws64" SAVED 2/8/2025 5:47:54 AM
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Use the CPC Creation Dialog

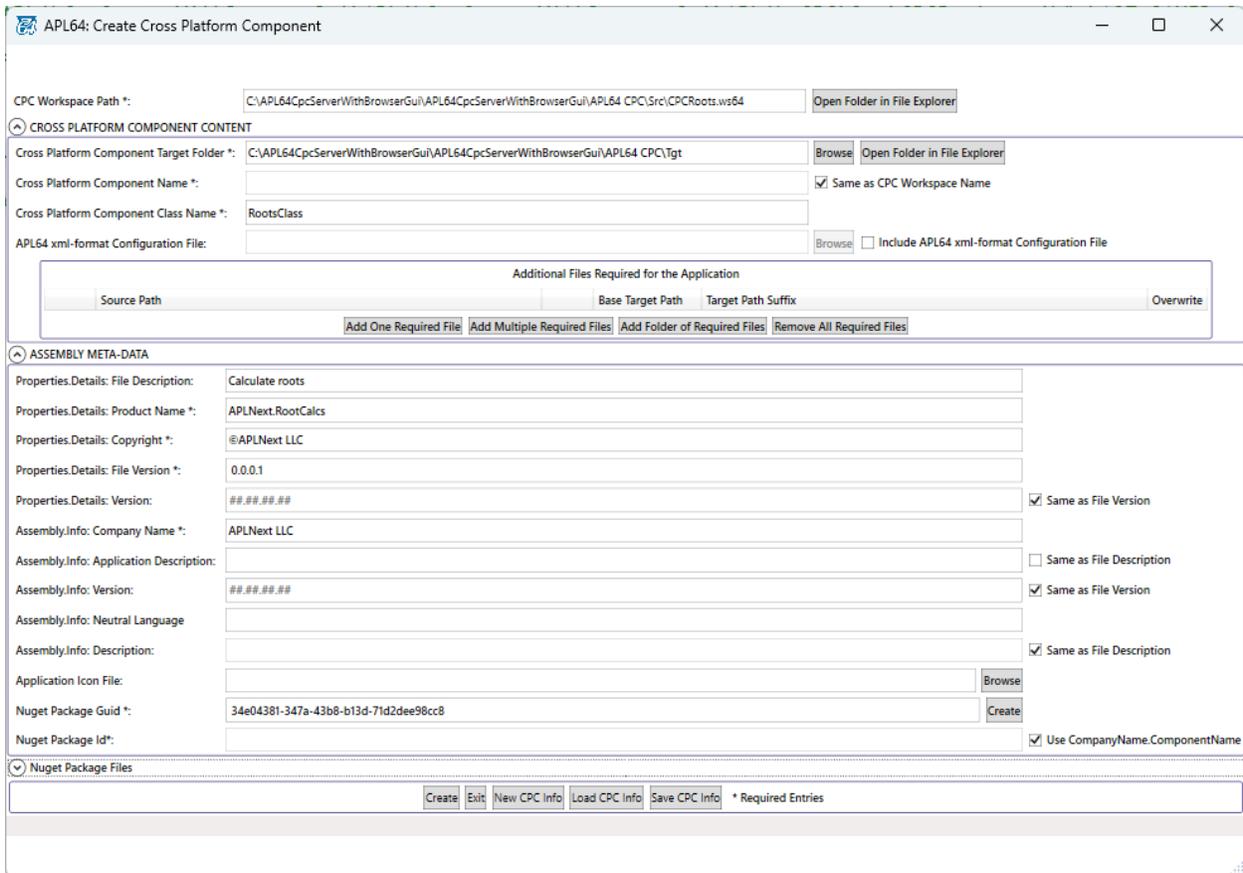


Complete the Dialog Entries

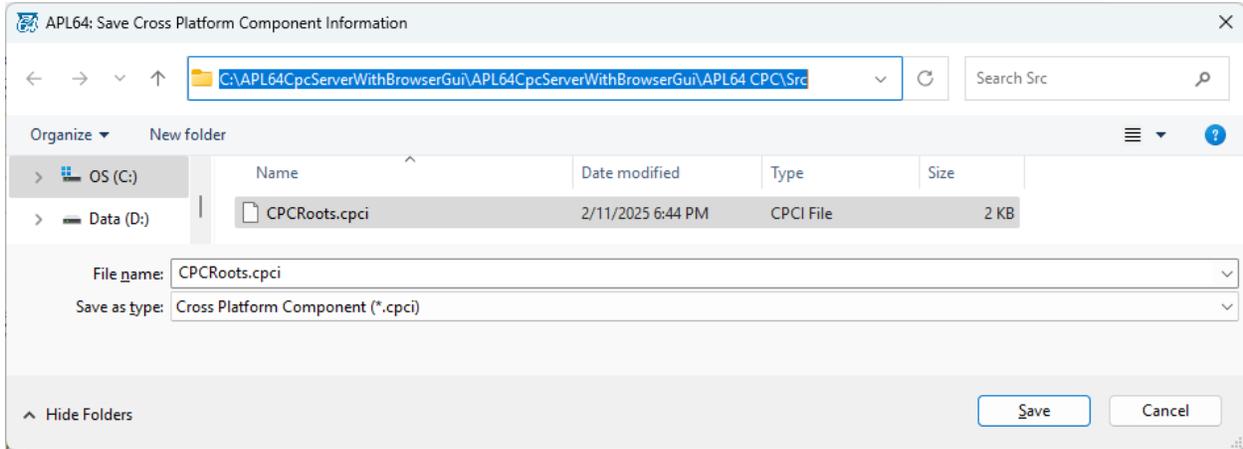
The downloaded source code Src folder in the Visual Studio solution includes the entries for this dialog. Click the 'Load CPC Info' and browse to import the information to the dialog:

Folder: C:\APL64CpcServerWithBrowserGui\APL64CpcServerWithBrowserGui\APL64 CPC\Src

File Name: CPCRoots.cpci

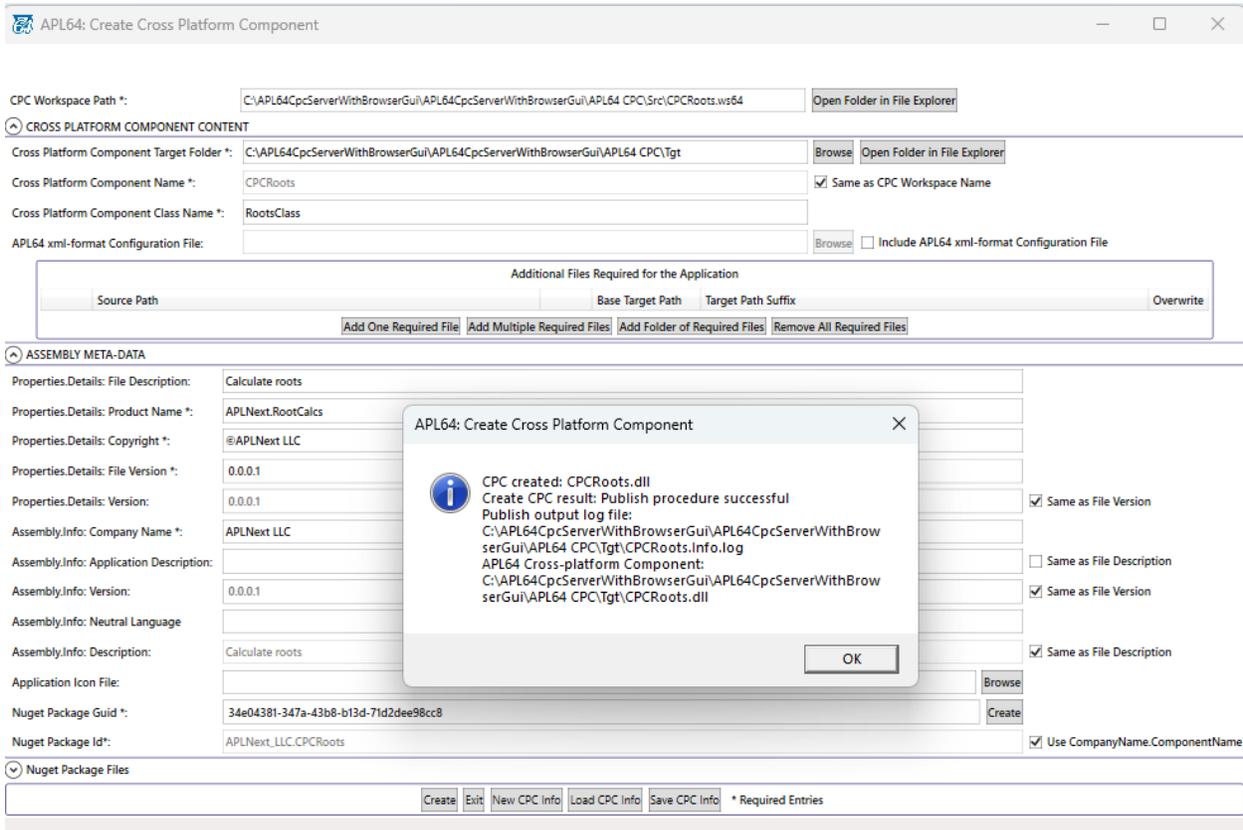


After completing the CPC creation dialog entry fields, click the ‘Save CPC Info’ button to save the xml-format file containing these entries to the source folder for subsequent use if the project needs updating:



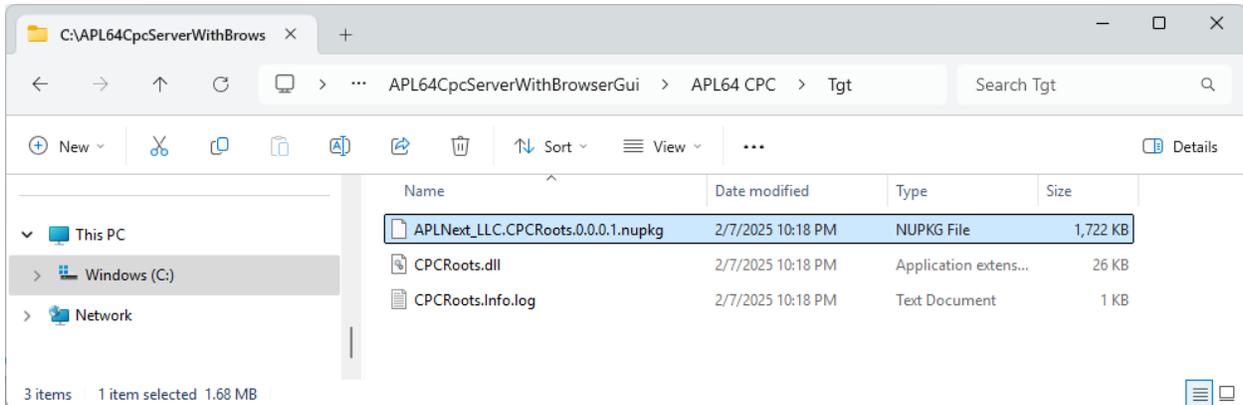
Click the ‘Create’ Button

Click the ‘Create’ button to create the CPC Nuget package in the Tgt folder of the Visual Studio project.

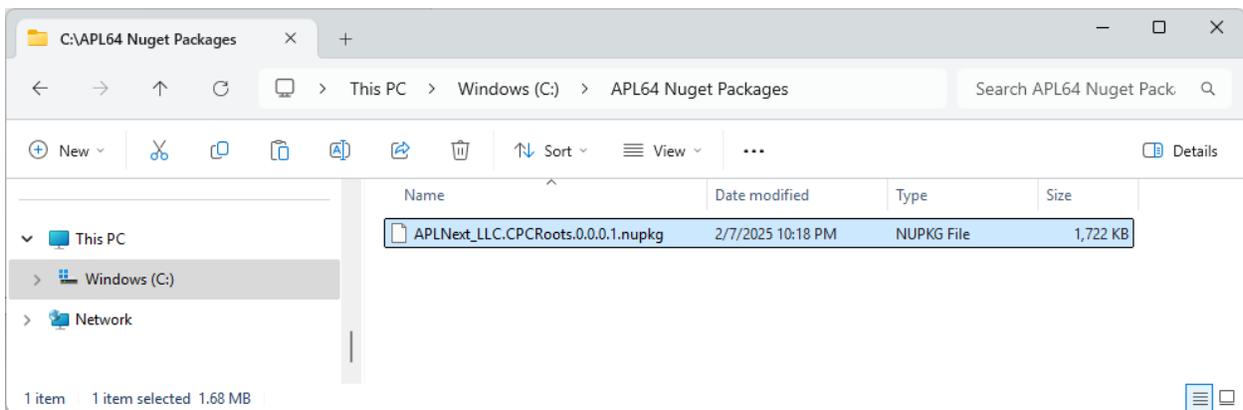


Publish the APL64 CPC Nuget Package

Copy Nuget package from the Tgt folder:

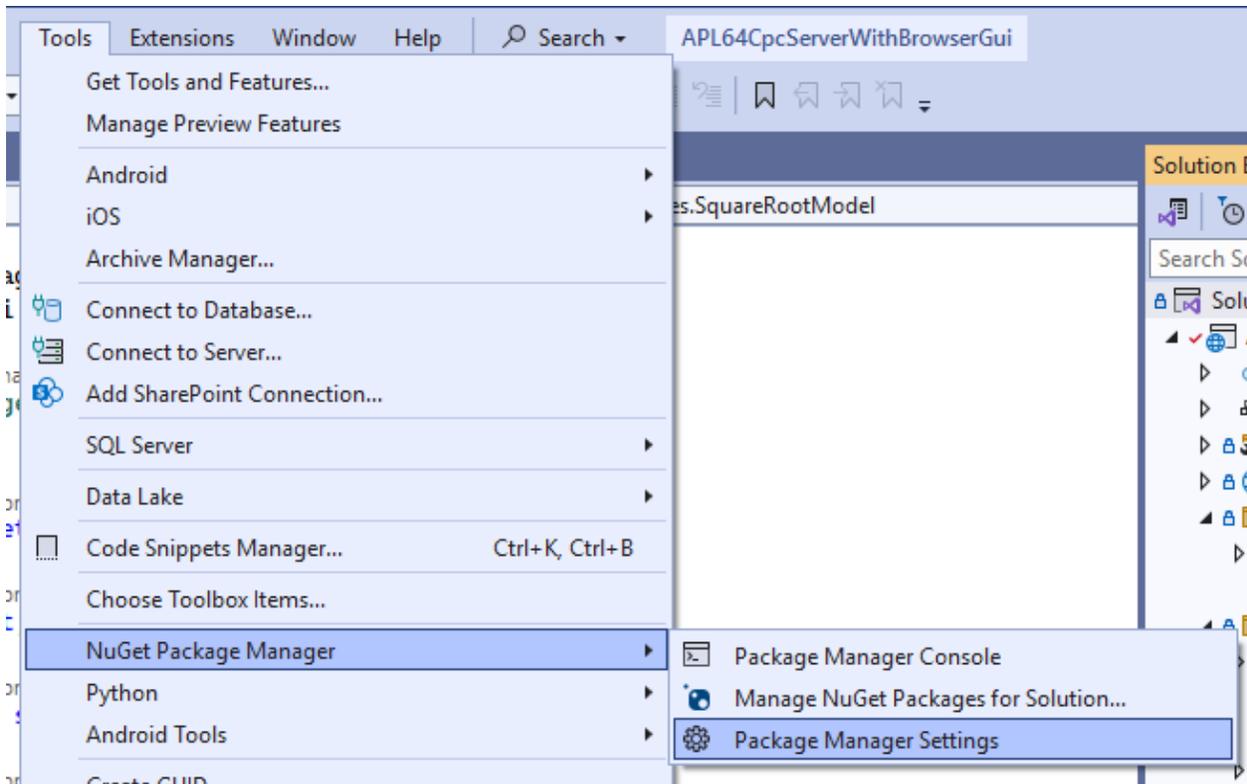


Paste Nuget package into the publish folder:

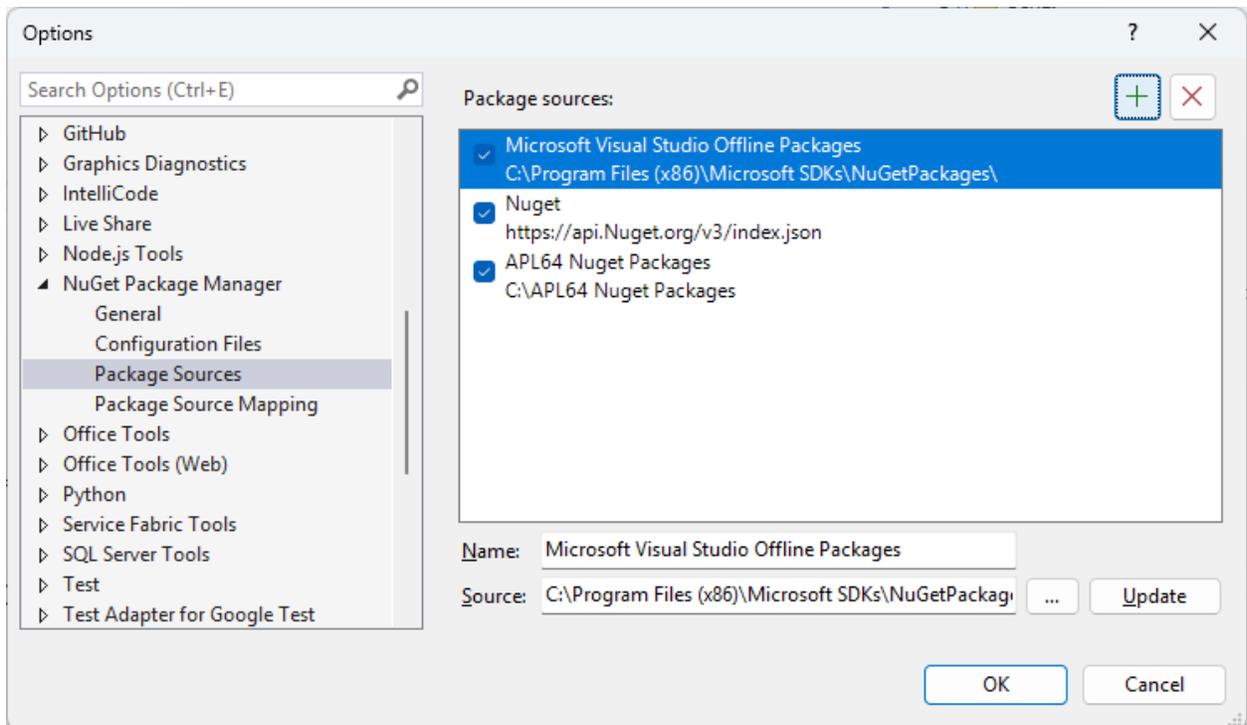


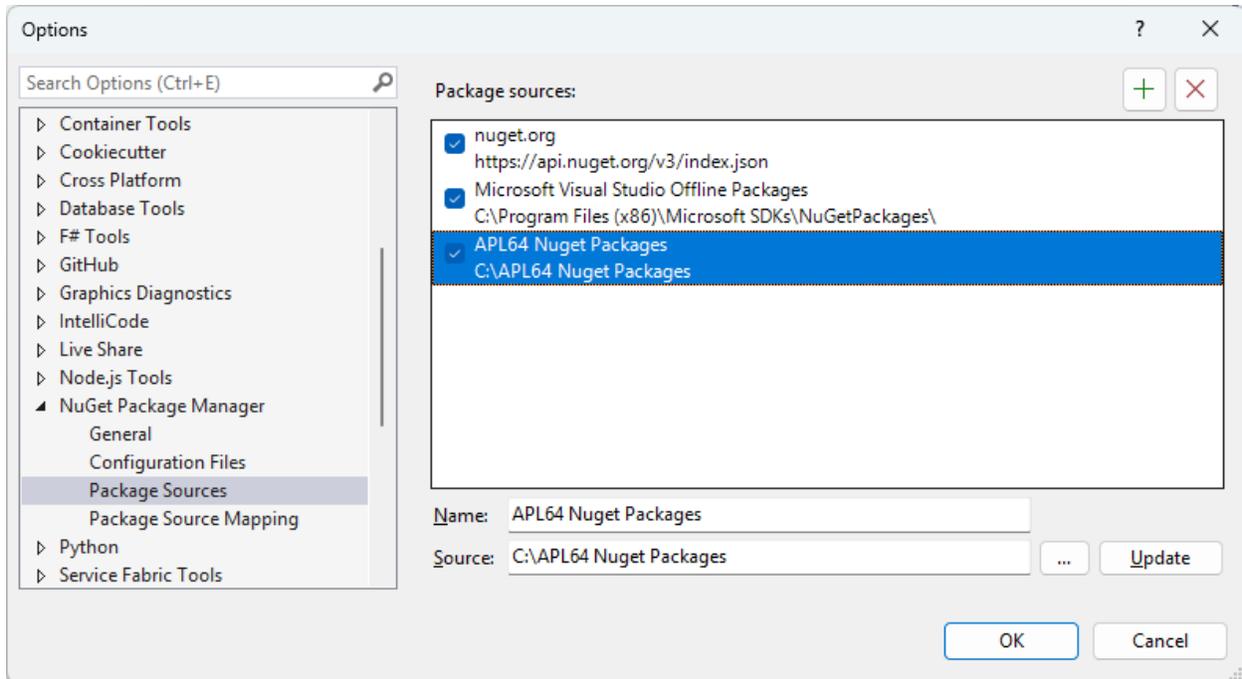
Set Up the Visual Studio Package Sources

Use **Tools | NuGet Package Manager | Package Manager Settings | Package Sources** in Visual Studio to include the 'APL64 Nuget Packages' folder in the available packages sources:



In the Package Sources dialog, click the '+' button to add the APL64 Nuget Packages folder to the sources:

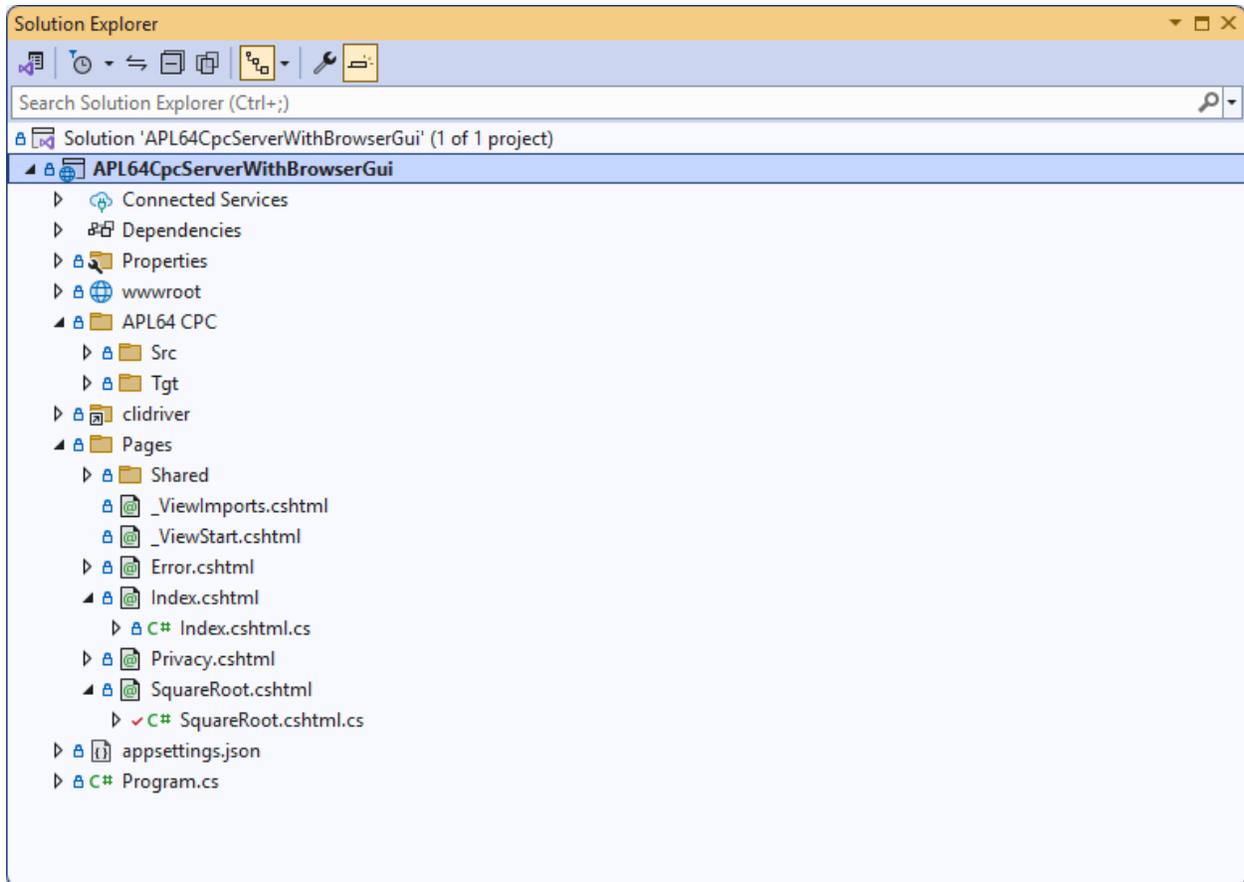




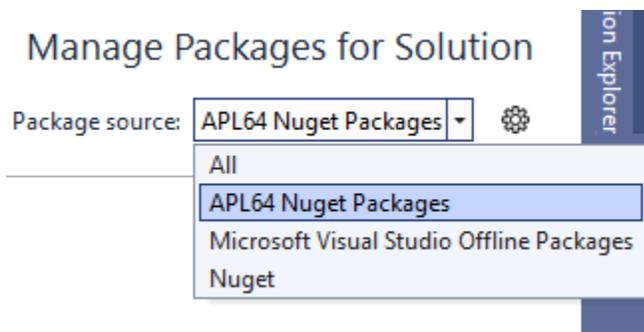
Modify the Project Source Code

Add the CPC Nuget Package to the Project

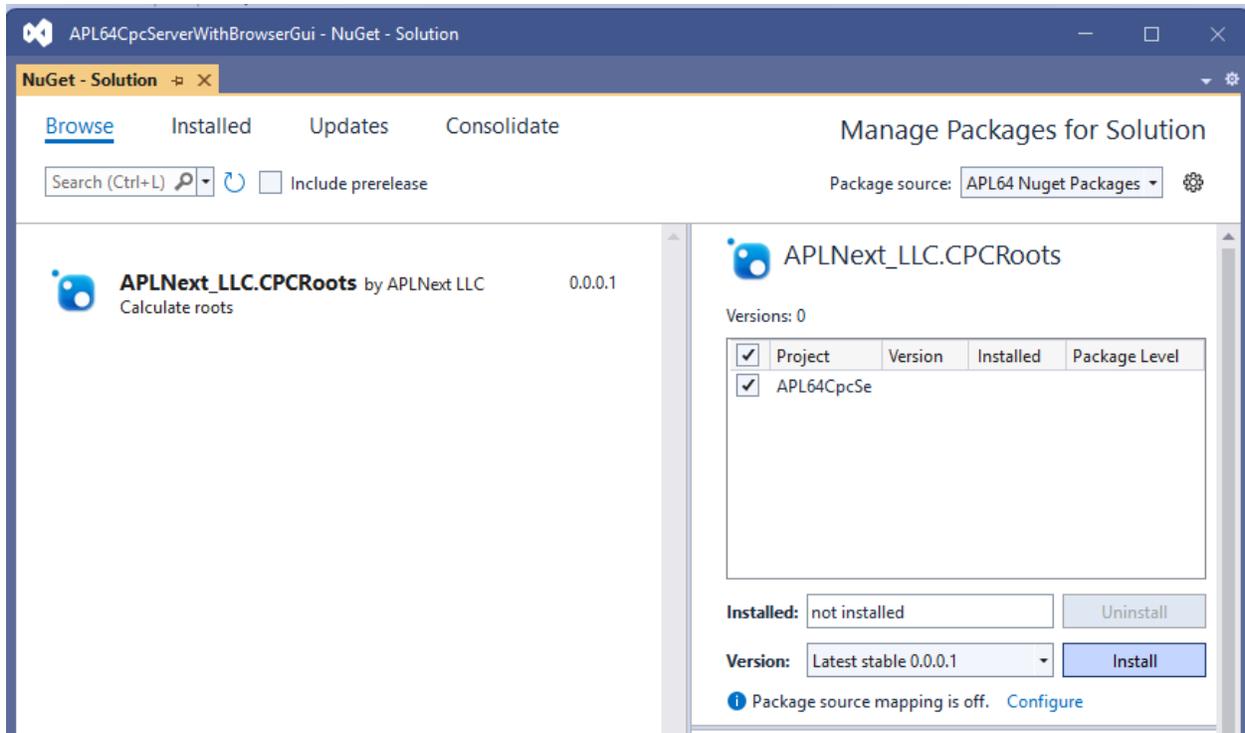
In the Solution Explorer select the 'APL64CpcServerWithBrowserGui' (top node):



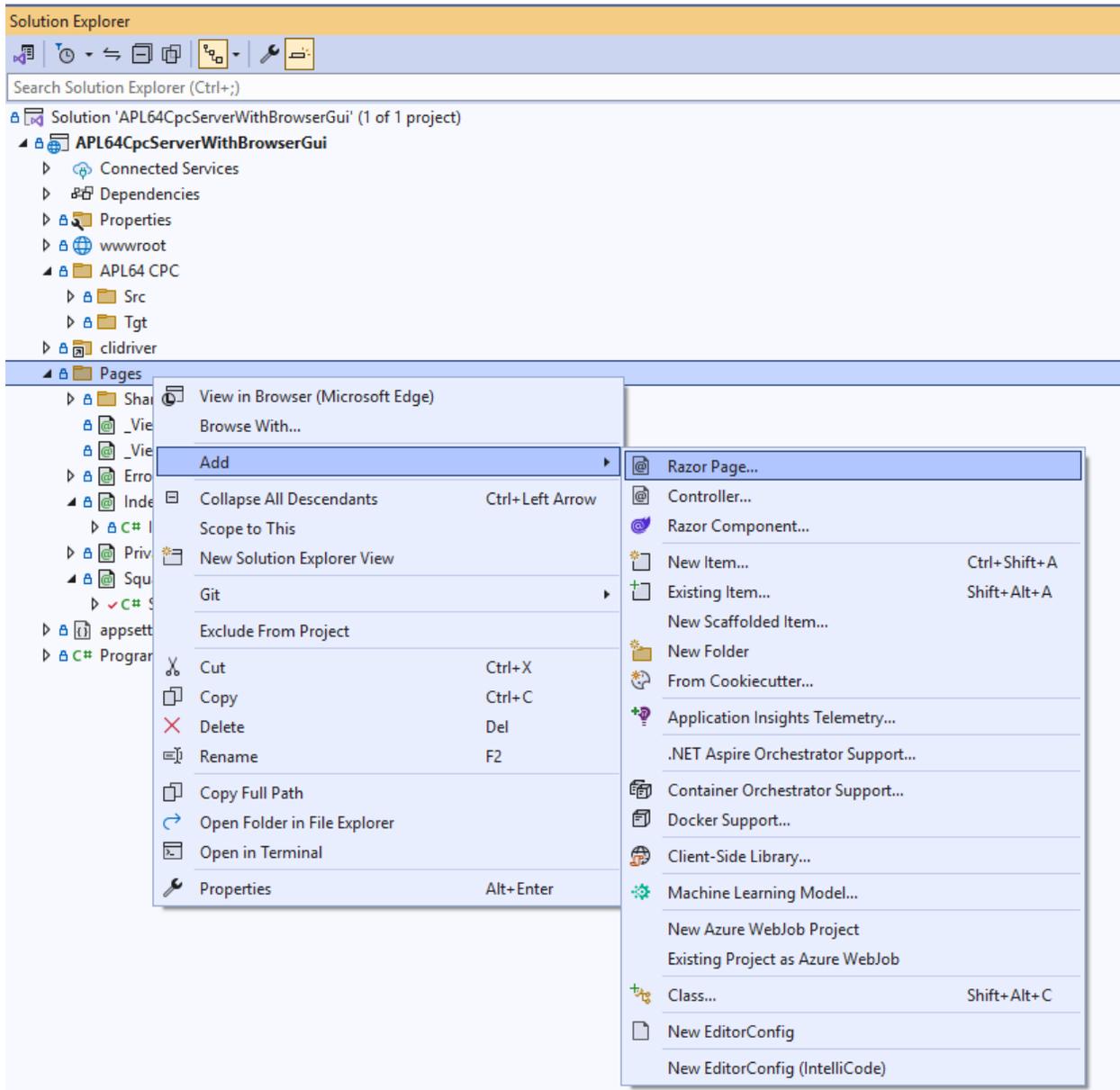
Use the **Tools | Nuget Package Manager | Manage Nuget Packages for the Solution** dialog to install the AP64 CPC Nuget package to the solution. The Package source combobox item for the APL64 Nuget Packages should be selected:



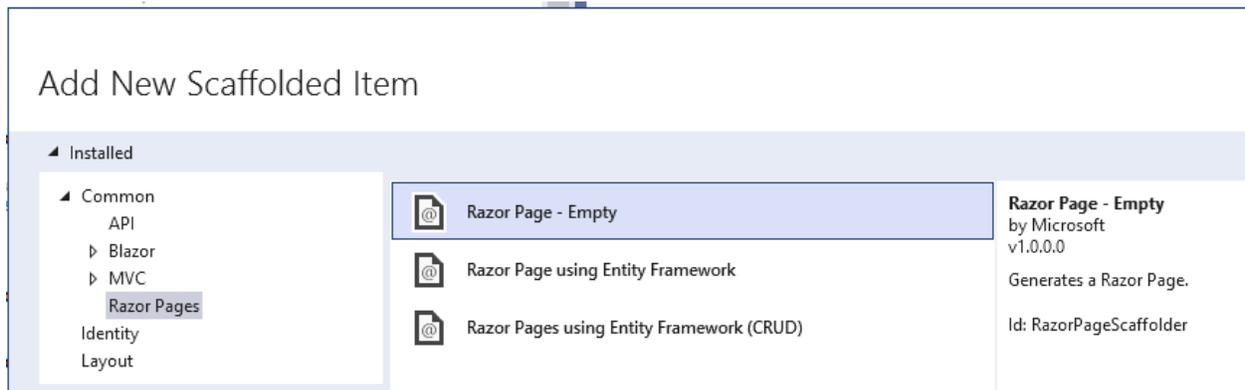
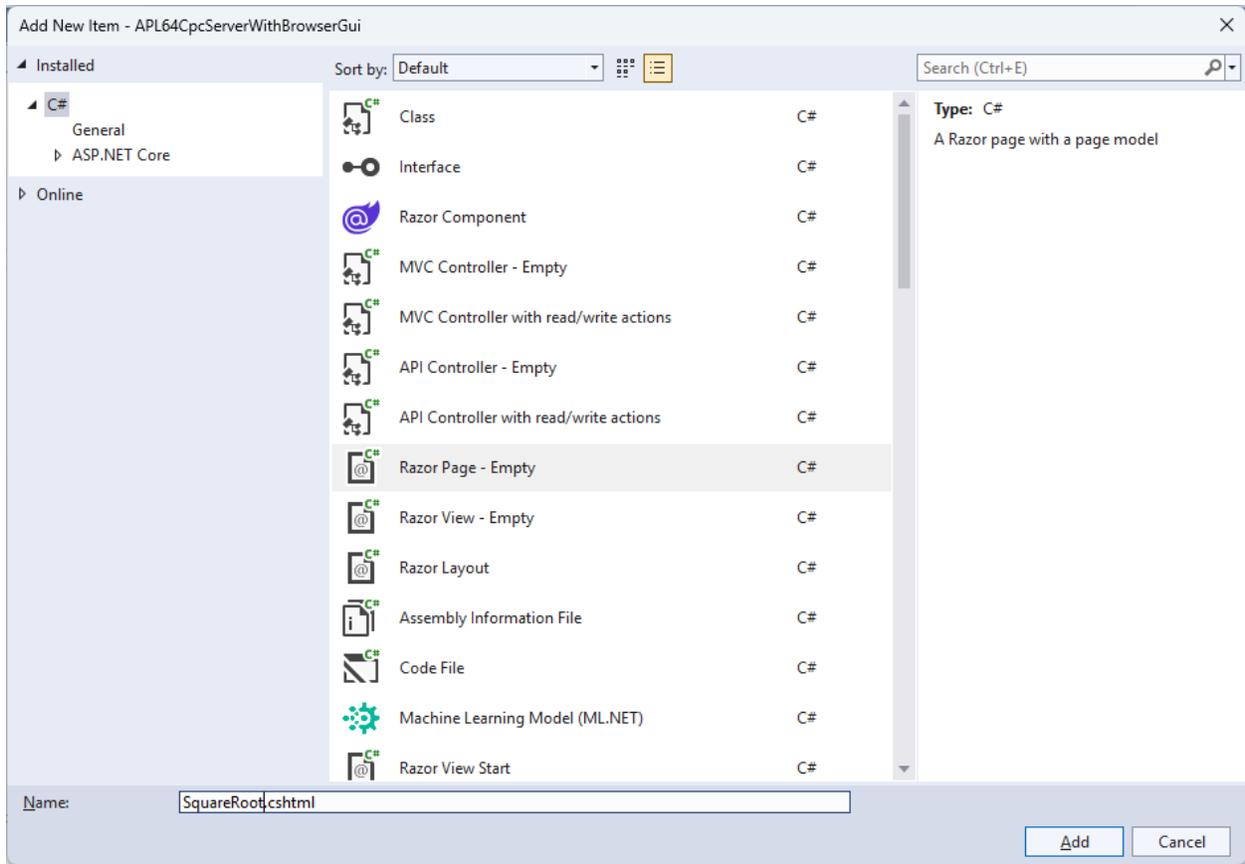
Browse to the APL64 Nuget package to install into the project:

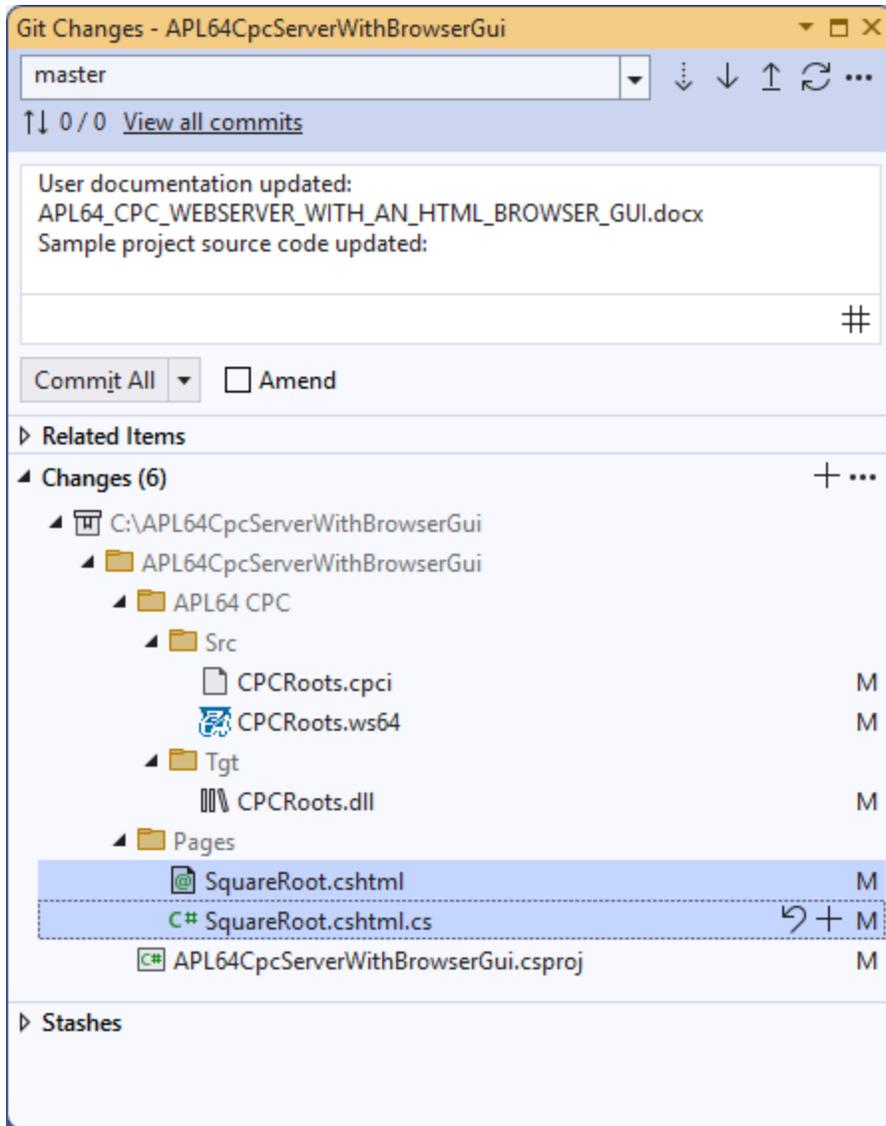


Add the SquareRoot Razor page to the Pages Folder



Add the 'Razor Page – Empty' template and name it SquareRoot.cshtml:

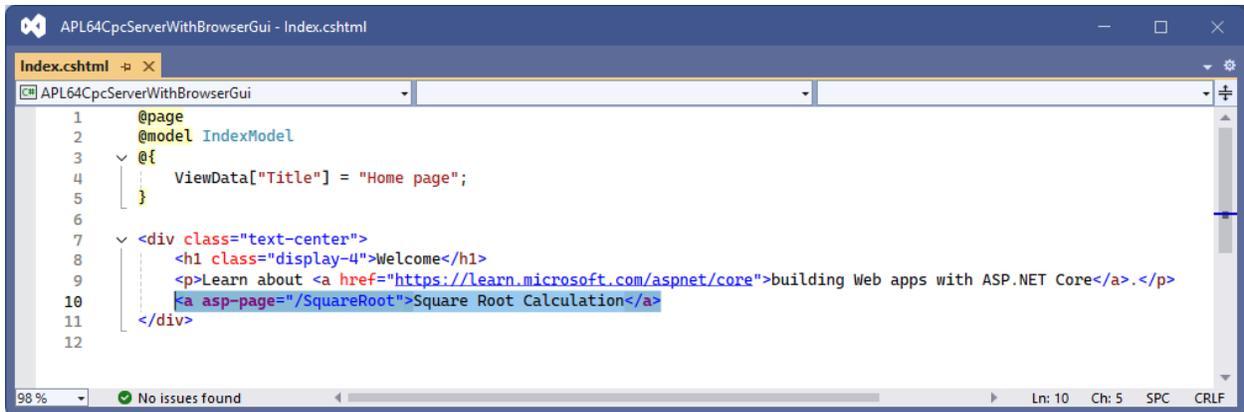




Add the SquareRoot Razor Page Link to the Main Page

Edit the Index.cshtml page and add the SquareRoot page to the code:

```
<a asp-page="/SquareRoot">Square Root Calculation</a>
```



```
1 @page
2 @model IndexModel
3
4 @{
5     ViewData["Title"] = "Home page";
6 }
7
8 <div class="text-center">
9     <h1 class="display-4">Welcome</h1>
10    <p>Learn about <a href="https://learn.microsoft.com/aspnet/core">building Web apps with ASP.NET Core</a>.</p>
11    <a asp-page="/SquareRoot">Square Root Calculation</a>
12 </div>
```

Add the Html to the SquareRoot Page

Replace the SquareRoot.cshtml source code with:

```
@page
@model SquareRootModel
<form method="post">
    <fieldset>
        <p>Enter a non-negative number for the calculation:</p>
        <input asp-for="DoubleInput" placeholder="Double Input >= 0" />
        <span asp-validation-for="DoubleInput" class="text-danger"></span>
        <br />
        <br />
        <input type="submit" value="Submit" id="submitButton" />
        <br />
    </fieldset>
</form>
<br />
<p>Calculated values:</p>
<p>Square root: @Model.SquareRoot </p>
<p>Bonus calculation: Cube root: @Model.CubeRoot </p>
<p>Error message: @Model.ErrMsg </p>
```

```

1  @page
2  @model SquareRootModel
3  <form method="post">
4  <fieldset>
5  <p>Enter a non-negative number for the calculation:</p>
6  <input asp-for="DoubleInput" placeholder="Double Input >= 0" />
7  <span asp-validation-for="DoubleInput" class="text-danger"></span>
8  <br />
9  <br />
10 <input type="submit" value="Submit" id="submitButton" />
11 <br />
12 </fieldset>
13 </form>
14 <br />
15 <p>Calculated values:</p>
16 <p>Square root: @Model.SquareRoot </p>
17 <p>Bonus calculation: Cube root: @Model.CubeRoot </p>
18 <p>Error message: @Model.ErrMsg </p>
19

```

A .Net Razor page includes two code files:

- The html-format web page code file, with extension ‘.cshtml’, contains html program code and identifiers which enable binding between the variables in the html code, e.g. @Model.SquareRoot, and C# code in the second Razor page code file which sets the variable values.
- The C# code file, with extension ‘.cshtml.cs’, which creates values bound to the variables in the first Razor page code file. The C# in this file can transparently utilize the APL64 programmer-developed public functions exposed by the APL64 CPC Nuget package.

The user input ‘DoubleInput’ variable value is requested by the HTML ‘input’ control

The calculated results are shown by the @Model.SquareRoot, @Model.CubeRoot and @Model.ErrMsg variables.

Add the C# and APL64 CPC Code to the SquareRoot Page

Replace the SquareRoot.cshtml.cs source code with:

```

using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc;
using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc.RazorPages;
namespace APL64CpcServerWithBrowserGui.Pages
{
    public class SquareRootModel : PageModel
    {
        [BindProperty]

```

```
public double DoubleInput { get; set; }
[BindProperty]
public double SquareRoot { get; set; }
[BindProperty]
public double CubeRoot { get; set; }
[BindProperty]
public string ErrMsg { get; set; }

public void OnGet()
{
    DoubleInput=0.00;
    SquareRoot = 0.00;
    CubeRoot = 0.00;
    ErrMsg = String.Empty;
}

private CPCRoots.RootsClass rootClass = new CPCRoots.RootsClass();
public IActionResult OnPost()
{
    (SquareRoot, bool hasError, ErrMsg) = rootClass.SquareRootCalculation(DoubleInput);
    if (!hasError)
        (CubeRoot, hasError, ErrMsg) = rootClass.CubeRootCalculation(DoubleInput);
    return Page();
}
}
```

```
1 using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc;
2 using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc.RazorPages;
3 namespace APL64CpcServerWithBrowserGui.Pages
4 {
5     public class SquareRootModel : PageModel
6     {
7         [BindProperty]
8         public double DoubleInput { get; set; }
9         [BindProperty]
10        public double SquareRoot { get; set; }
11        [BindProperty]
12        public double CubeRoot { get; set; }
13        [BindProperty]
14        public string ErrMsg { get; set; }
15
16        public void OnGet()
17        {
18            DoubleInput=0.00;
19            SquareRoot = 0.00;
20            CubeRoot = 0.00;
21            ErrMsg = String.Empty;
22        }
23
24        private CPCRoots.RootsClass rootClass = new CPCRoots.RootsClass();
25        public IActionResult OnPost()
26        {
27            (SquareRoot, bool hasError, ErrMsg) = rootClass.SquareRootCalculation(DoubleInput);
28            if (!hasError)
29                (CubeRoot, hasError, ErrMsg) = rootClass.CubeRootCalculation(DoubleInput);
30            return Page();
31        }
32    }
33 }
34
```

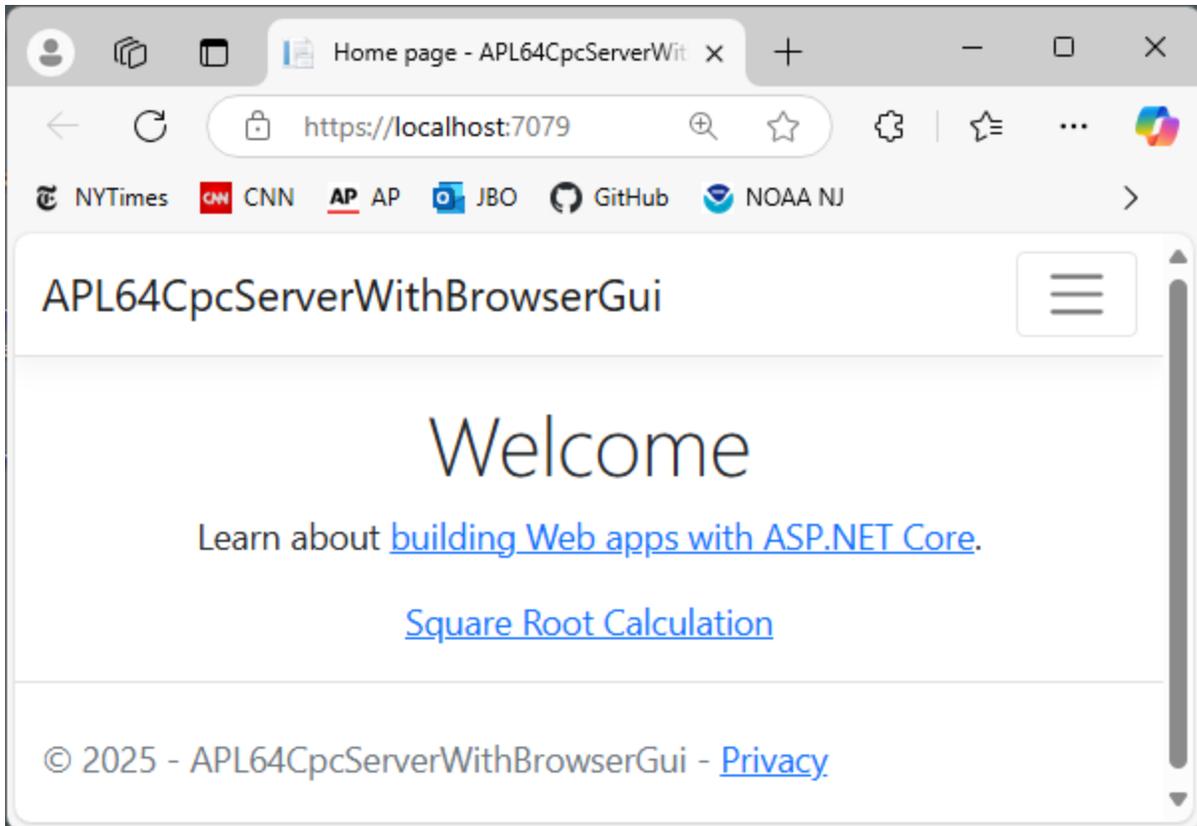
The input and output variables are defined as .Net properties: DoubleInput, SquareRoot, CubeRoot and ErrMsg.

An instance of the APL64 CPCRoots.RootsClass is created.

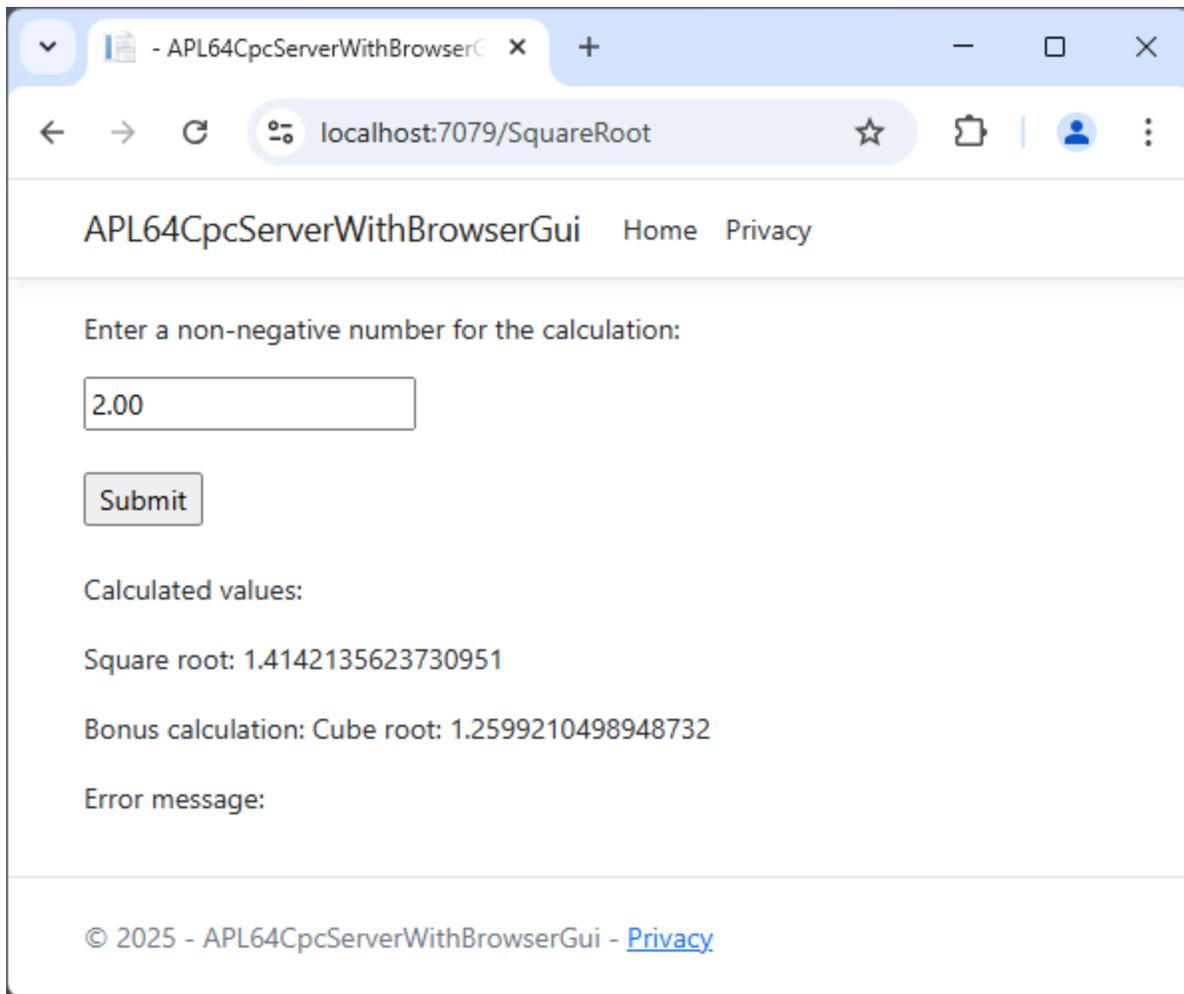
Once the input is entered into the cshtml web page, and the end user clicks the ‘Submit’ button, the user-entered information is transmitted to the server. On the server, the OnPost() method runs which uses the APL64 CPC to complete the calculations. The result variables, SquareRoot, CubeRoot, and ErrMsg are bound to the web page within the end user’s browser.

Run the APL64 CPC-based Application

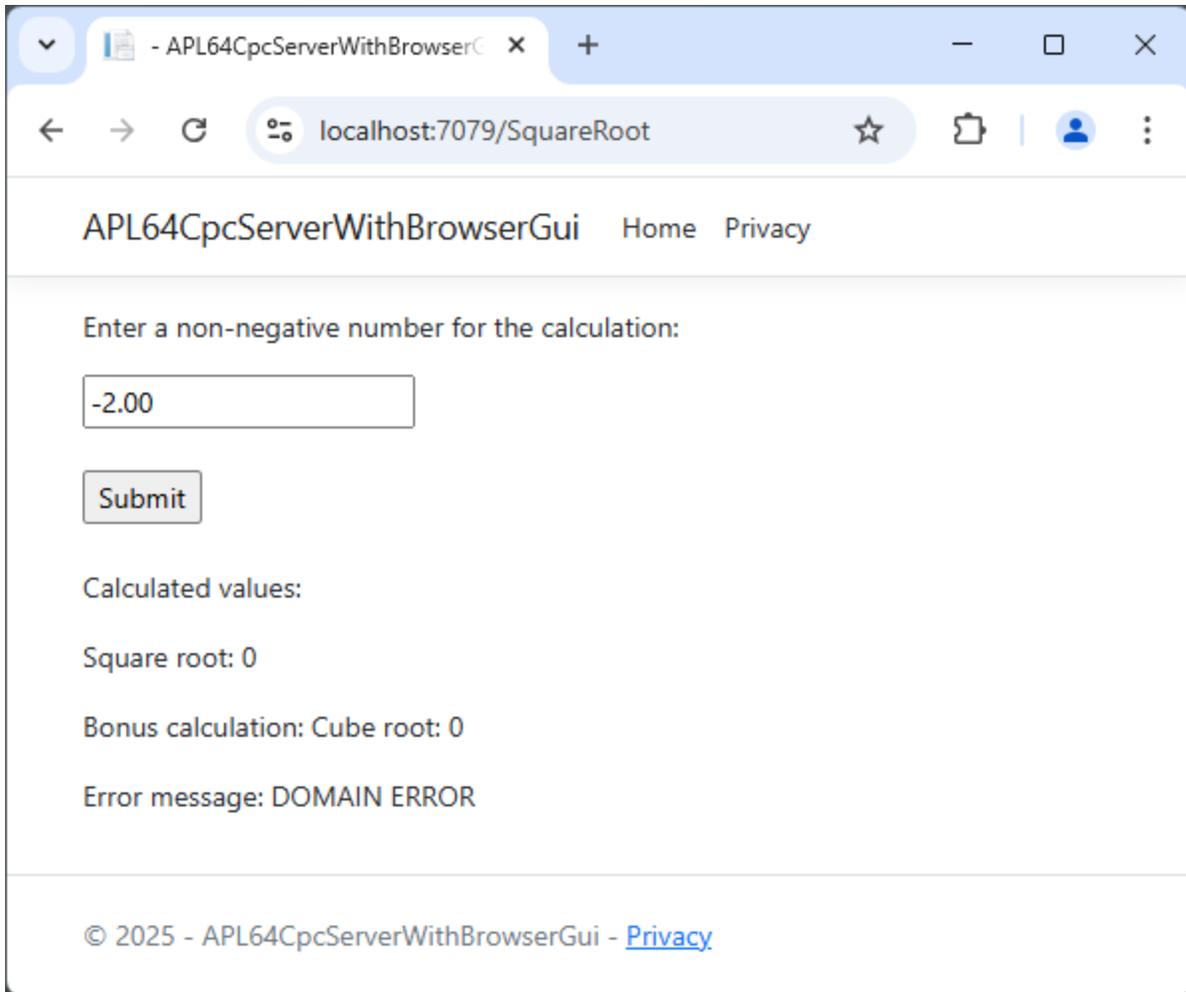
Click the F5 key in Visual Studio to display the application home page in the browser:



Click the 'Square Root Calculation' link in the home page to present the user input page. Enter a Value in the input field and click the 'Submit' button to see the results in the updated page:



Enter a negative value and click the 'Submit' button to observe the exception message:



Contact the APL64 Developers

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