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You can use one of the DevForce trace viewers for a "real time" display of trace messages in your application. In this sample we show how to use the **WPF trace viewer**.

- **Platform:** WPF
- **Language:** C#, VB
- **Download:** [WPF trace viewer](#)

## Problem

By default DevForce writes its trace messages to a file, generally referred to as the [debuglog](#). The log file is a great tool for post-mortem analysis, but if you'd also like to see the trace messages as they happen, one of the DevForce-provided [trace viewers](#) can help.

## Solution

The DevForce installation includes the *WpfTraceViewer.exe* utility in the Tools subfolder. There's another [trace viewer for Silverlight applications](#).

The sample shows a very simple WPF application, which displays the WPF Trace Viewer window at startup. You'll see tracing messages displayed as the application initializes.

Then click the *Load Data* button on the main form to see the log entries written as a by-product of the data retrieval operation.

