

Installing Visual Studio 2017 Community

General Information

You must use Windows 7 or later. You can't use the MAC OS. If you have an Apple computer you need to run Windows. It is possible to dual boot. Some students have used virtual machines. I do not recommend this because of poor performance.

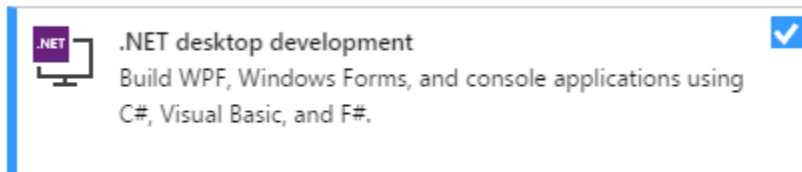
I can't provide assistance with Apple issues and please do not seek help from my lab assistants. You are on your own.

I will be using Windows 10 in class, and I suggest you upgrade if you do not have it, but Windows 10 is not required for the course.

Where can I get Visual Studio 2017 Community?

Go to <http://www.visualstudio.com> and download/install from there. The .exe is small and the actual installation is done via the web. Use the leftmost blue button and be sure to select the community version.

When the workloads dialog appears select .NET desktop development as shown below.



If you want to do web development and might take EC512 you can also select the ASP.NET and web development option.

Warning

The installation takes a VERY long time. It also takes time to learn the IDE if you have not used VS before. Plan on spending about eight hours to get up and running. DO NOT WASTE THIS WEEK. If you wait until the first assignment is due you may run into problems and be forced to use your free late on the easiest assignment of the course.