

Downloading Visual C++ 2008

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CS106X students have the option of writing your programs on the Mac or PC. Anyone with a PC running some flavor of Windows should write his or her programs using the C++ compiler provided by Microsoft. You can use Visual Studio 2008 on any of the campus cluster computers, or you can download a free copy of Visual C++ 2008 Express for your own machine, as outlined below. If you're planning to work on one of the public cluster computers, you can ignore this handout altogether.

The download process is actually quite simple:

1. Visit **<http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=14597>**.
2. Click the **Download** button for the second option, **vcsetup.exe**.
3. Find and run the executable.
4. Install without any fancy extensions (uncheck SQL Server, Silverlight, etc. if it prompts you during installation).

That should be it. You can launch the Visual C++ 2008 software standalone. To open the starter files for an assignment, click on "Open Project" and select the solution file (e.g. **assn-0-narcissistic-numbers.sln**).