# Pluralsight™ Hands-On Labs Readme

## Welcome

Welcome to this set of Pluralsight™ Hands-On Labs. Before diving in, please take a few minutes to read through this “getting started” document.

## Lab Installation

## For the best chance of success with your labs, please avoid installing the lab kit onto your desktop, in My Documents, or some other directory protected with a personalized ACL. If you already did this, take a second to run the lab installation again and specify a new location. The safest choice is to install the lab kit into a directory off the root of a drive (e.g., c:\labs).

## Lab Directory Structure

If you browse to the lab kit directory, you’ll find the following files:

* *readme.docx* – the document that you’re reading right now
* *setup.docx* – important setup instructions for properly configuring your lab machine
* *version*.*txt* – version information about the lab kit you’re using
* *wordviewer*.*txt* – information on where to get the free Microsoft Word Viewer

You’ll also find a numbered directory for each lab exercise in sequence. Each one contains:

* *instructions.docx* – the step-by-step instructions for completing the lab exercise
* *before (directory)* – a directory containing the starting point for the lab exercise
* *after (directory)* – a directory containing the final solution for the lab exercise

In order to begin working on a lab, simply navigate to the appropriate directory and follow the instructions found in *instructions.docx*. If the lab requires you to begin working from an existing solution, you’ll find the solution in the “before” directory. The “after” directory contains the completed artifacts – basically what you’ll produce if you complete the lab yourself. If you get stuck along the way, feel free to look at the solution in the “after” directory.

## Preparing your Lab Machine

Before you begin working on the labs, you must first walk through the setup instructions found in *setup.docx*. Ensure that you have all of the appropriate software installed on your lab machine and that you’ve performed the necessary configuration steps. It’s important to follow these setup instructions carefully or you may run into technical issues during the lab exercises.