Setting up your Windows Phone 8 development environment

Overview

Prerequisite: If you intend to use MobileFirst Studio to develop your application, first read the *Setting up your IBM MobileFirst development environment* tutorial.

Before you start to develop, deploy, and test your Windows Phone applications, an additional step is required for setting up the Windows Phone 8 development environment. This includes installing Visual Studio 2012.

Windows Phone development tools

Microsoft Visual Studio Express 2012 for Windows Phone is an integrated development environment (IDE), which you can use to develop applications for either the Windows 8 or Windows Phone 8 platform.

Note: You must have a computer that runs *Windows 8* OS to use it.

To download Visual Studio Express 2012 for Windows Phone, visit the Microsoft Visual Studio download website (http://www.visualstudio.com/downloads/download-visual-studio-vs).