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| CKSLogo.png | **Development Tools Edition**  **SharePoint Server 2010**  [**http://cksdev.codeplex.com**](http://cksdev.codeplex.com/) | |
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| **Overview** | | |
| The Community Kit for SharePoint: Development Tools Edition extends the Visual Studio 2010 SharePoint project system with advanced templates and tools. Using these extensions you will be able to find relevant information from your SharePoint environments without leaving Visual Studio. You will have greater productivity while developing SharePoint components and you will have greater deployment capabilities on your local SharePoint installation.  This version is targeted for users running SharePoint Server 2010, for the foundation version go [here](http://visualstudiogallery.msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/a346880f-2d29-47a6-84a2-f2d568dd6997). Installing this version will automatically include the foundation version. | | |
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| **Features** | | |
| This project provides extensions to four core areas; [Environment](http://cksdev.codeplex.com/documentation?referringTitle=Home&ANCHOR#Environment), [Exploration](http://cksdev.codeplex.com/documentation?referringTitle=Home&ANCHOR#Exploration), [Content](http://cksdev.codeplex.com/documentation?referringTitle=Home&ANCHOR#Content) and [Deployment](http://cksdev.codeplex.com/documentation?referringTitle=Home&ANCHOR#Deployment).  Enhancements to the Visual Studio environment include the new SharePoint References tab available on the Add Reference dialog, allowing you to easily reference any SharePoint assembly without searching the file system or GAC for it.  Exploration extends the new SharePoint Explorer with advanced information about SharePoint sites such as the installed Web Parts and Master Pages or the Feature dependencies and elements. Also included in the Explorer are a variety of import functions to bring existing SharePoint items into your active solution.  The Content area includes advanced templates such as Linq to SharePoint, Custom Action or Delegate Control. Become extra productive while developing sandboxed solutions using the SharePoint Full Trust Proxy. Utilise the SharePoint Console Application project template to quickly build SharePoint code.  Our enhanced Deployment functions give you the ability to utilise quick deployment and almost a dozen other productivity enhancing deployment steps, including automated deployment (per file on change deployment).  Find the complete overview of all the CKS Development Tools Edition features on the [documentation](http://cksdev.codeplex.com/documentation?referringTitle=Home) tab of the project site. The CKS Development Tools Edition works with Microsoft’s Visual Studio 2010 SharePoint Power Tools. | | |
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| **Contribute** | | |
| If you have a great idea for a deployment tool, template or any other thing that you believe increases developer productivity, contribute! Contact the [Project team](http://cksdev.codeplex.com/wikipage?title=Project%20Team&referringTitle=Home) or add your idea to the [discussion forum](http://cksdev.codeplex.com/Thread/List.aspx). Use the **#CKSDev** tag to follow and connect with the team on Twitter. | | TwitterFollow.png |
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| **About the Community Kit for SharePoint** | | |
| The Community Kit for SharePoint is a set of editions, components, tools and recommended documentation for SharePoint development. You are currently viewing the edition project site for the Development Tools Edition. To learn about the other editions and components you can go to <http://www.communitykitforsharepoint.org/default.aspx>.  For the latest version of the CKS charter document, click [here](http://www.communitykitforsharepoint.org/Documents/Community%20Kit%20for%20SharePoint-Project%20Charter-1.0.docx) | | |
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