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# Windows Service Template missing in VS 2013 Express

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## Question

Hi there!

I'm using VS 2013 Express on Windows Server 2008 R2.

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I'm Missing the Windows Service Template

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How can i get it?

Thx, for your awnsers!

Phil

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Hi,

Based on my experience, this issue should be related with the corrupted Visual Studio template cache. You can perform the steps below to reset your Visual Studio templates:

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1. Please open Windows Explorer, and navigate to *<Visual Studio Installation Path>\Common7\IDE* (by default is *C:\Program Files \Visual Studio version\Common7\IDE*);
2. Delete the **ItemTemplatesCache**, **ProjectTemplatesCache** folder;
3. Open Visual Studio Command Prompt under Start menu -> All Programs -> Microsoft Visual Studio 2013 -> Visual Studio Tools (run it with Administrator privilege: right-click the program -> Run as administrator);
4. Run the **devenv /InstallVSTemplates** switch
5. Run the **devenv /Setup switch**

Also, you can try the **devenv /Resetsettings** to reset the Visual Studio environment; and **devenv /Safemode** to see if you can apply it correctly. This can eliminate the possibility that third party Add-ins or packages are causing problems.

If still no avail, please go to *<Visual Studio Installation Path>\Common7\IDE\ProjectTemplates\CSharp\Windows* folder, and check if the *WindowsService.zip* file exists.

If you have any concerns, please feel free to let me know.

Best Regards.

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Hi,

thx for your answer! my ProjektTemplates Folder is empty, there are no files or folder in it.

can you send me the WindowsService.zip or put it online?

Thanks

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2013 Express doesn't include the Windows Services project templates, nor is devenv supplied. I'd also like to know if this template is available as download too, could you post the zip?

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Edited by **ColinWFS** Thursday, November 07, 2013 11:49 PM typo

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Good Work!

i havent tried it out jet, is this similar to the "orginal" Service Template?

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Why does Microsoft insist on removing functionality with every new release. Now instead of being productive at work with VS 2010, I've wasted 2 hours trying to get VS 2013 to do something VS 2010 already has.

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