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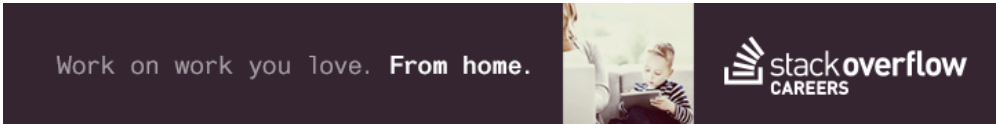
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Cannot find Microsoft.Office.Interop Visual Studio



I need to develop an application which will has the capability to send emails using C# with visual studio. The app will be able to use templates for mail, and a lot of things, but I have a problem.

I cannot find any Office.Interop references when I try to add them, which is mean I cannot work with Outlook. Office is installed on my computer, but i also try to install the PIA from this link <http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=3508> but it didn't change anything (when I launch the MSI it stops without a word, I don't know if it's part of the problem).

I use VS 2013 express is it part of its limitation ?

So if you had an idea for my problem, it would be really great !

PS : Please excuse my English, i'm from France ;)

c# .net

edited Feb 24 '14 at 11:25



Jamie Keeling

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asked Feb 24 '14 at 11:23



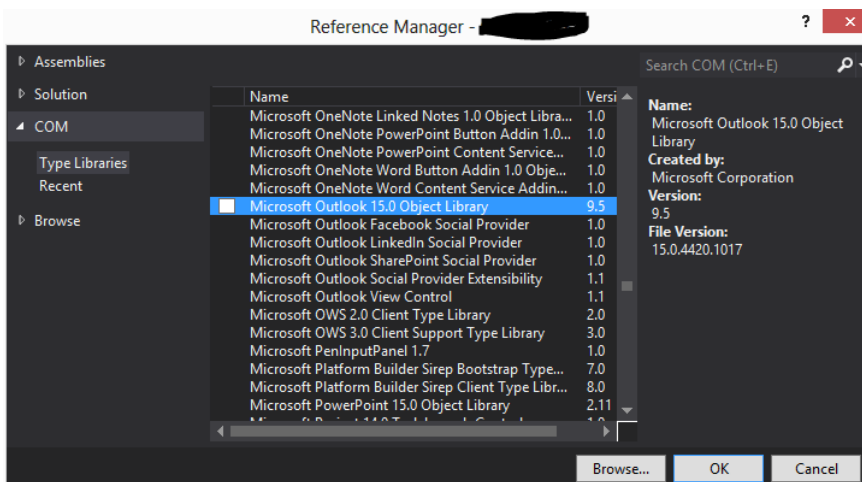
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How to do you try to add them? – Serv Feb 24 '14 at 11:25

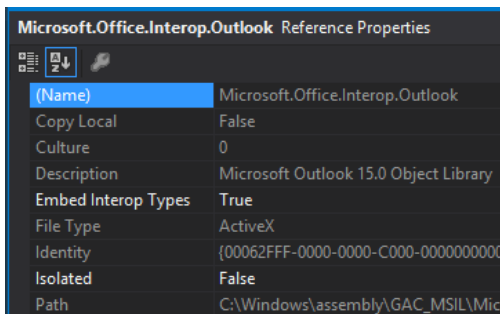
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Look for them under COM when trying to add the references. You should find the reference below, and possibly Microsoft Outlook 15.0 Object Library, if you need that. There are similar libraries for Word, Excel, etc.:



Edit / update: The Object Library should contain the Interop stuff. Try to add this to a source file, and see if it does not find what you need:

```
using Microsoft.Office.Interop.Outlook;
```



edited Feb 24 '14 at 12:00

answered Feb 24 '14 at 11:30



Kjartan

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Yeah but it is the problem, I found Outlook 14.0 object library, but not the interops – T2o Feb 24 '14 at 11:37

- 1 Seems to me these are the same thing; see my update. Description is Microsoft Outlook Object Library , but the name is Microsoft.Office.Interop.Outlook . I think the library contains the Interop stuff - just add it, then try to add a Using-statement in your code, and see if it finds what you need. – Kjartan Feb 24 '14 at 11:55

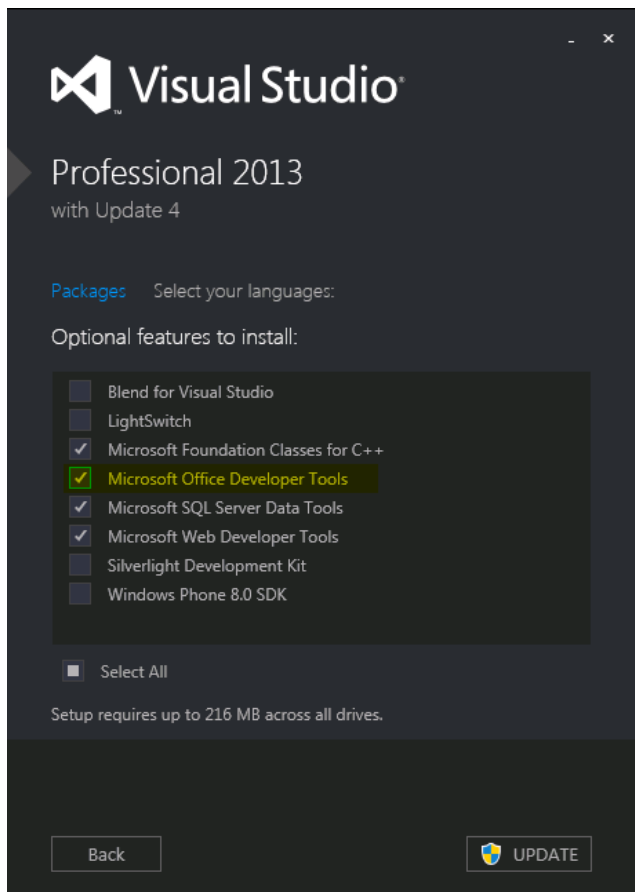
- 1 So many thank's ! It was it, the Outlook Object Library, but I didn't have checked it ! But without you i'd never find I think :) – T2o Feb 24 '14 at 12:03

@user3346379 Glad to be of help! Feel free to click the checkmark to mark this as you accepted answer if it solved your problem. :) – Kjartan Feb 24 '14 at 12:12

COM is located under Project > Add References – Blexy May 14 '15 at 23:10

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I forgot to select *Microsoft Office Developer Tools* for installation initially. In my case Visual Studio Professional 2013



answered Dec 4 '14 at 2:52

[Matthew Lock](#)

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If you're using Visual Studio 2015 and you're encountering this problem, you can install MS Office Developer Tools for VS2015 [here](#).

answered Jul 27 '15 at 8:01

[Phileo99](#)

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You need to install Visual Studio Tools for Office Runtime Redistributable:

<http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms178739.aspx>

answered Feb 24 '14 at 11:27

[Oscar](#)

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I did, but it didn't help, can't find Office.Interop ! – [T2o](#) Feb 24 '14 at 11:33

I think you need to run that .msi to install the dlls. After I ran that .msi I can go to (VS 2012) Add References > Assemblies > Extensions and all of the Microsoft.Office.Interop dlls are there.

On my computer the dlls are found in "c:\Program Files(x86)\Microsoft Visual Studio 12.0\Visual Studio Tools for Office\PIA" so you could check in a similar/equivalent directory on yours just to make sure they're not there?

answered Feb 24 '14 at 11:36

[JD41](#)

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1 I searched and no I cannot find a directory. But perhaps the msi doesn't work ? So I downloaded again the

exe, un zip it an launch the msi, but it's the same, the install stops when the progress bar is in the middle and without a word. Is it how it's supposed to work ? – [T2o](#) Feb 24 '14 at 11:54

Well there is no message at the end to suggest that the install has worked.. so yeah, maybe it did work for you? Can you definitely not see the Microsoft.Office.Interop.* assemblies under Assemblies > Extensions in the Reference Manager? – [JD41](#) Feb 24 '14 at 12:07

I had the same issue with Visual Studio Community 2013, I fixed it downloading and installing the latest update of Office Developer Tools for Visual Studio 2013. Now I am able to see the whole Microsoft.Office.Interop.* list when I go to Add References > Assemblies > Extensions

you can download it from here: <https://www.visualstudio.com/en-us/news/vs2013-update4-rtm-vs.aspx#Office> <http://aka.ms/OfficeDevToolsForVS2013>

answered Apr 10 '15 at 6:45



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This has prerequisite: VS 2013 **Professional!** – [Jettero](#) Feb 19 at 14:24

With a freshly installed laptop (only Win7, Office 2013 and VStudio 2013 Community) I've just installed Developer Tools for VStudio 2013 (August 2015 update) and finally I can find PIA directory under C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Visual Studio 12.0\Visual Studio Tools for Office. – [EAmez](#) Mar 21 at 16:27

If you have installed latest Visual studio and want to locate library of Microsoft.Office.Interop.Outlook or any other Microsoft.Office.Interop library then you should look into below 2 folders:

C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Visual Studio 12.0\Visual Studio Tools for Office\PIA\Office14

C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Visual Studio 12.0\Visual Studio Tools for Office\PIA\Office15

Please note that folder could be C:\Program Files\

edited Oct 19 '15 at 16:58



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answered Oct 19 '15 at 16:30



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