SETTING UP VISUAL STUDIO

If you already have the newest version of Visual Studio installed, you may skip to step 3.

1a - Download

Download Microsoft Visual Studio Community Edition from the following link:

www.visualstudio.com/vs/community/
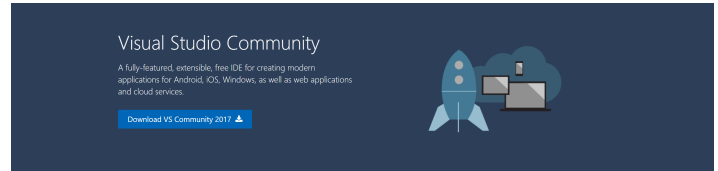
1b - Install

Once the Visual Studio has been downloaded, run it to start the install.

2 - Set Up

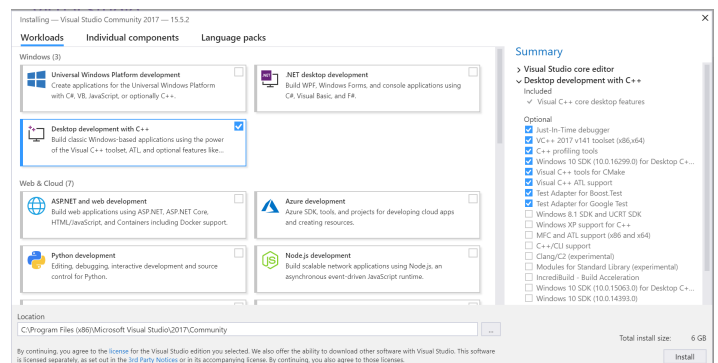You'll need to make sure to install the appropriate tools. You'll need the C++ tools, so make sure "Desktop development with C++" is checked, and then click Install. This will most likely take some time to complete.

3a - Create a New Project

Once the setup and installation has been completed, you'll want to create a new project. Under the file menu, select File -> New -> Project...

Make sure you create a new project and not a new file.
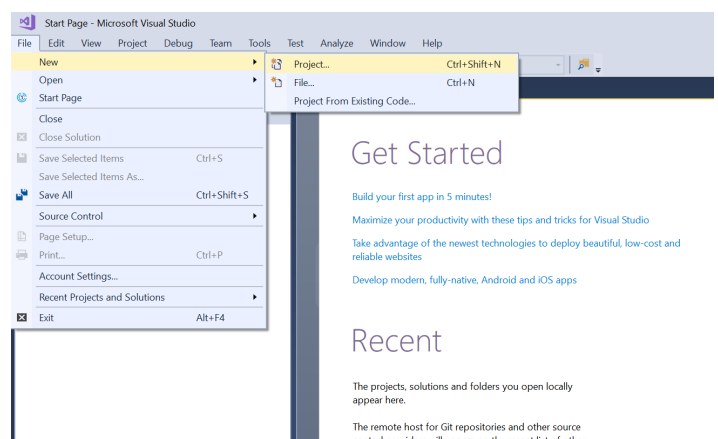
3b - Configure project

Next, you'll need to set the options for your project.
On the left, under "Visual C++", select "Empty
Project"

Make sure you choose 'empty project' or you may
have issues with later assignments.