Change Visual Studio Version in run-command(Start -> Run -> devenv)

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I have both **VS 2008** and **VS 2010** installed in my PC (Windows XP). Now I try to open **IDE** via **Start -> Run -> devenv** it always open **VS 2008** environment. Is it possible to change this settings ?? That is I do want to open **VS 2010** when I type **devenv** in **Start -> Run**

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Graciously welcoming any help.

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asked Jul 30 '11 at 1:08

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3 Answers

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These are the steps for windows 7:

1. Press windows + r to open run window and then write "regedit" to open your PC registry.

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    `Paths` -> `devenv.exe`

3. Click on `devenv.exe` and change the value of
    `default` .

When you open `default` it has value like `C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Visual Studio 9.0\Common7\IDE\devenv.exe`

You need to change the value to your other installation, maybe `C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Visual Studio 10.0\Common7\IDE\devenv.exe`

After completing steps above, when you run `devenv` command it opens vs2010.

edited Apr 17 '14 at 2:30

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answered Aug 16 '11 at 12:09

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thanks that worked. – Jith Aug 17 '11 at 10:27

Ahh.. in my case it is not working. I am getting error -"Can not edit - error writing the values new content". I am using Windows 7. – GirishK Sep 30 '11 at 6:50

@GirishK it may be a *permission issue*, have a look on this link – Jith Oct 8 '11 at 2:17

@Jith Yupp.. It was permission issue.. Got it solved from admin.. Thanks :) – GirishK Oct 11 '11 at 8:40 ✐

@GirishK: It's simple, if you don't have admin rights, you cannot alter the registry keys in HKLM. You need to set them in HKCU ==> [HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\App Paths\devenv.exe] @="C:\\Program Files (x86)\\Microsoft Visual Studio

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I would simply find some Visual studio solution file, right click, properties, change the default version from 2008 to 2010

answered Mar 16 '17 at 7:17

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Don't know why this was downvoted. Worked for me! – MV23 Aug 11 '17 at 19:06

1   I think it was downvoted because it doesn't actually resolve what this question is asking. But it does resolve the problem of files associations to the VS of your choice (which is similar to this old question). – Mariano Desanze Sep 21 '17 at 19:28
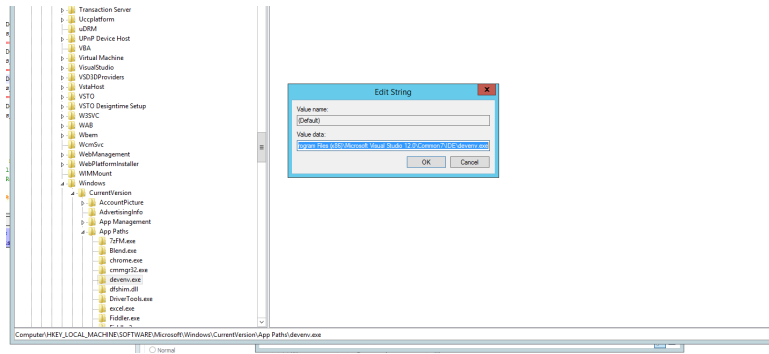
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Consider Visual studio 13 is installed at "C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Visual Studio 12.0\Common7\IDE\devenv.exe"

Now if I want to make Visual studio 13 as default rather than having Visual studio 15 as default then change the following

Press windows + r to open run window and then write "regedit" to open your PC registry.

Then go to HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE -> SOFTWARE -> Microsoft -> Windows -> Currentversion -> App Paths -> devenv.exe

answered Sep 6 '17 at 8:19

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