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## How to add MVC5 to Visual Studio 2013?

I'm starting a new project, and would like to give a try to MVC 5 (I have built a web app using MVC 4 before).

In Visual Studio 2013, I click the New Project and navigate to Visual C# > Web > Visual Studio 2012 (even though I have installed VS 2013 it says 2012 in the menu) and on that list I only have MVC 4 application - not 5.

The framework in the drop down menu is set to .NET Framework 4.5.1 - and still nothing.

I've checked Tools > Extensions and Update and searched for MVC 5 - but it doesn't find anything official from Microsoft.

How can I add MVC 5 to my Visual Studio 2013?

Thank you

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asked Jan 13 '14 at 16:47



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1 [hanselman.com/blog/...msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/magazine/dn198242.aspx](http://hanselman.com/blog/...msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/magazine/dn198242.aspx) – SLaks Jan 13 '14 at 16:51

### 4 Answers

Visual Studio 2013 no longer has separate project types for different ASP.Net features.

You must select .NET Framework 4.5 (or higher) in order to see the ASP.NET Web Application template (For ASP.NET One).

So just select Visual C# > Web > ASP.NET Web Application, then select the MVC checkbox in the next step.

*Note: Make sure not to select the C# > Web > **Visual Studio 2012** sub folder.*

edited Oct 27 '14 at 18:12

answered Jan 13 '14 at 16:50



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5 Once I've created a new ASP.NET Web Application and choose MVC and WEB API - it didn't ask me which MVC version to use. How do I know if right now I'm working under MVC 4 or 5? – developer82 Jan 13 '14 at 17:05

5 @developer82: Check the versions in the NuGet packages or assembly references. It should always use the latest version available on NuGet. – SLaks Jan 13 '14 at 17:24

7 Just to add my own comment you *must* select **.NET Framework 4.5** (or higher) in order to see the *ASP.NET Web Application* template. If it's lower, then it will show older version templates, ie MVC 4 Web Application or Web Forms. Confused me for a while as I mostly have to stick with older versions of the framework. – Richard Moss Jul 2 '14 at 7:16

I don't understand. Somehow I don't have the "web" node under C# in the templates explorer. I installed VS2013 via Chocolatey, so perhaps there's an issue with the way it's been packaged? – Neil Barnwell Oct 12 '14 at 23:01

1 Sigh\*\* Would have saved me so much frustration if I had read this earlier. – sovep Apr 18 at 22:45

MVC 5 is already built into Visual Studios 2013.

1. Open a new project, on the left make sure you are under Templates > Visual C# > **Web** not Templates > Visual C# > Web > Visual Studios 2012.
2. **Important:** Now look near the top of the new project dialog box and select .NET 4.5 or higher. Once under web and the proper framework is selected click **ASP.NET Web**

**Application** in the middle pane. Click **OK**

3. This will bring you to a page where you can select **MVC** as the project and start the wizard.

edited Jul 2 '14 at 13:19

answered Apr 14 '14 at 12:32



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6 +1 for selecting .NET 4.5 or higher. – [ebram tharwat](#) Oct 10 '14 at 12:05

I tried this and it didnt help. In my Templates > C# There is no MVC template. – [Preza8](#) Feb 10 at 8:53

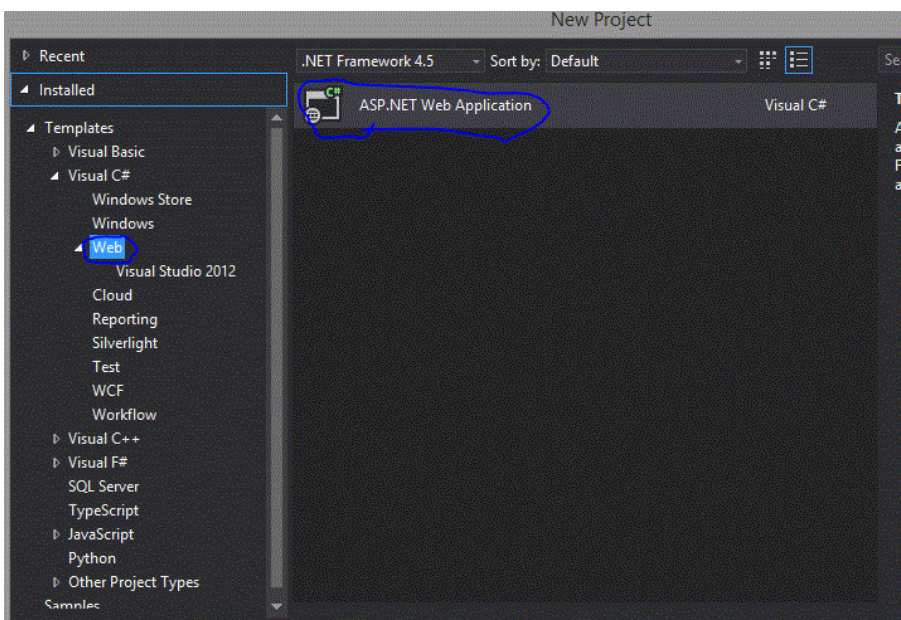
2 There is no template called "MVC", the template is called "ASP.NET Web Application". Once you chose that one, you can pick MVC in the next window. – [EluciusFTW](#) Feb 19 at 10:12

Go **File -> New Project**.

Select **Web** under **Visual C#**.

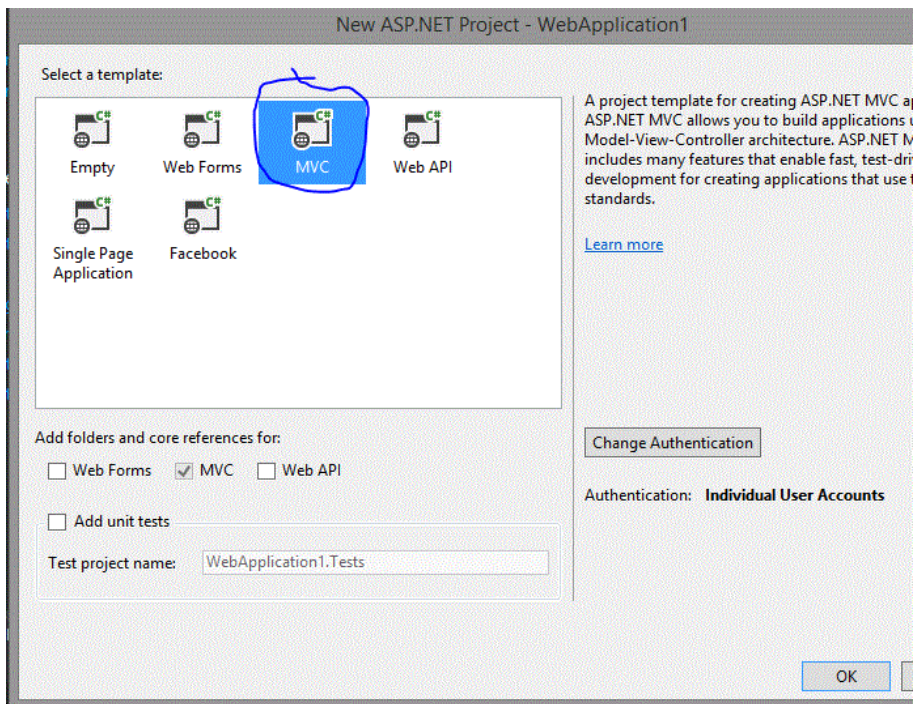
Select **ASP.NET Web Application**

Click **OK**.



Select **MVC**.

Click **OK**.



answered Mar 10 at 8:13



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- 2 This answer .With the screenshots. Thank you! Jesus, they couldn't have made this any more difficult could they? – [Chris Holmes](#) Jun 1 at 21:25

Also, while installing Visual Studio 2013, ensure that you have checked "Web Developer Tools"

answered yesterday



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