Missing LINQ to SQL Classes (DBML designer) in Visual Studio 2017 RC

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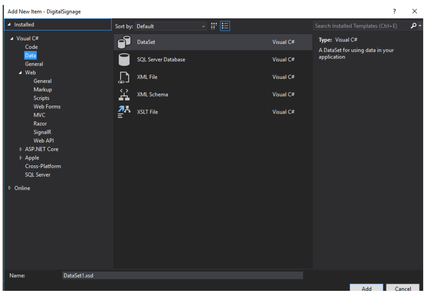
How can I add LINQ to SQL class (.dbml file) to Visual Studio 2017 RC. I can't find it. Please help, thanks.



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asked Feb 27 '17 at 12:30 Çağatay Ay 375 1 3 8

5 whoever the duck is working on VS releases needs a big slap for not thinking about backward compatibility. Things simply disappear in newer versions. – ahsant Feb 7 '18 at 5:52

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You need to opt in to enable the designer during installation, it is not enabled by default: https://developercommunity.visualstudio.com/content/problem/4616/linq-to-sql-dbml-designer-in-not-working.html

> "Editing .dbml files with a designer surface requires the **LINQ to SQL tools** which are not installed by default as part of any of the workloads of Visual Studio 2017. It can be installed by selecting the **'LINQ to SQL tools'** item under the **'Code Tools'** category in the **'Individual Components'** tab of the **Visual Studio installer.**"

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edited Dec 8 '17 at 11:04 Matt 16.4k 7 75 117

answered Feb 27 '17 at 12:39 ErikEJ 32.5k 3 50 87

3 I tried many updates and extentions but it didn't work. Now i modified VS-2017 and it works.Thanks again! – Çağatay Ay Feb 27 '17 at 12:53

It's a feature not a bug! xxxD – Duefectu May 14 '17 at 21:29

6 Note to Googlers, you will find it on the *Individual Components* **tab** not the *Individual Components* list on the right hand side of the window – MickyD Nov 22 '17 at 10:34

This worked for me. And I added the cite from the link for others to get the info a bit quicker. – Matt Dec 8 '17 at 11:05

1 I did this, even reinstalled VS 2017. STILL isn't there, although the visual editor is. – Bob Webster Jul 17 '18 at 14:45

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By default VS 2017 installer doesn't provide LINQ to SQL tools while installing we have to select that and modify.

Follow easy steps from here:

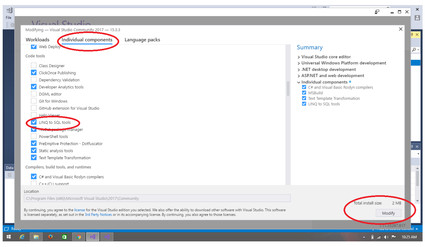
Open **VS2017 installer.**

Go to **Individual Components.**

Select he **LINQ To SQL tools** from code tools.

and just **modify.**

or check this **screenshot** you will get the idea.



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edited Feb 11 at 10:09 Hakam Fostok 6,425 8 46 72

answered Aug 31 '17 at 5:03 Mr.Javed Multani 3,945 26 26

thank you, that helped me! – Matt Dec 8 '17 at 11:05

Your most welcome @Matt – Mr.Javed Multani Mar 9 '18 at 15:36

Just a note that might help somebody. On mine the summary had LINQ to SQL tools checked when looking at Workloads. But under the Individual components it was still unchecked. Checking it there fixed the problem. – Joe Ruder Aug 7 '18 at 10:53

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SuperUser.com also contains a nice answer

Basically you need to modify your VS2017 installation and add the standalone Linq-to-Sql component.

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answered May 8 '17 at 14:15 Hanno 421 9 18

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Open Vs 2017 installer, go to individual components and check LINQToSQL component then click modify button.

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answered Jun 9 '17 at 15:29 Bahaa Salaheldin 357 4 16

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Steps:

1. Open VS 2017
2. Go to **Tools -> Get Tools and Features**
3. Click on **Individual Components** tab
4. Scroll down, you will find "Linq to Sql tools" under **Code tools** category
5. Check and click on Modify. It will install the component, its around 6 mb

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answered Dec 16 '18 at 16:09 Amit baderia 194 2 9

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