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Any *apparently* useless activity which, by allowing you to overcome intermediate difficulties, allows you to solve a larger problem.

What is IDE?

A programming environment packaged as an application program, typically consisting of

- a code editor,
- a compiler,
- a debugger, and
- a graphical user interface (GUI) builder.

Downloading Setup Files

Step # 1: Download Visual Studio 2010 Professional/Ultimate from [here](#).



The following links for Visual Studio 2010 trial version are available:

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ISO images (offline installers):



- [Visual Studio 2010 Ultimate](#)
- [Visual Studio 2010 Premium](#)
- [Visual Studio 2010 Professional](#)
- [Visual Studio 2010 Test Professional](#)
- [Visual Studio Team Foundation Server 2010](#)
- [Visual Studio 2010 Express](#)
- [Visual Studio 2010 Service Pack 1](#) (all versions)

Web installers:

- [Visual Studio 2010 Ultimate](#)
- [Visual Studio 2010 Premium](#)
- [Visual Studio 2010 Professional](#)
- [Visual Studio 2010 Test Professional](#)
- [Visual Studio 2010 Service Pack 1](#) (all versions)

For some versions, you can also download the ISO image in parts:

- Visual Studio 2010 Ultimate: [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), [Part 3](#), [Part 4](#)
- Visual Studio 2010 Premium: [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), [Part 3](#), [Part 4](#)
- Visual Studio 2010 Professional: [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), [Part 3](#), [Part 4](#)
- Visual Studio Team Foundation Server 2010: [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), [Part 3](#)

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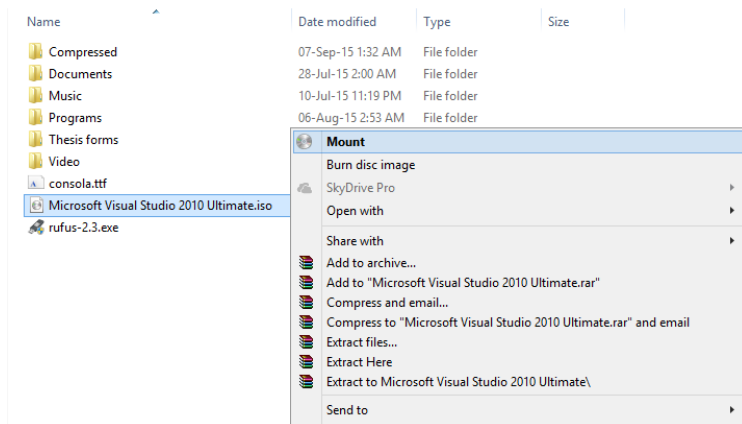


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Downloading Setup Files

Step # 2: Once it's downloaded, mount the image as a virtual drive. Windows 7 users might need to download and install [PowerISO](#) for 'Mount' option to appear in the menu.



Installing the IDE

Step # 1: Now, open the mounted/virtual drive and double-click the setup.exe file.

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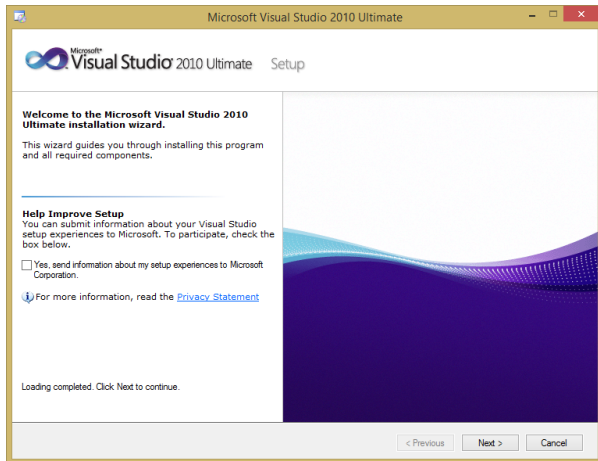
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Step # 2: In the window that appears, click 'Install Microsoft Visual Studio 2010'.



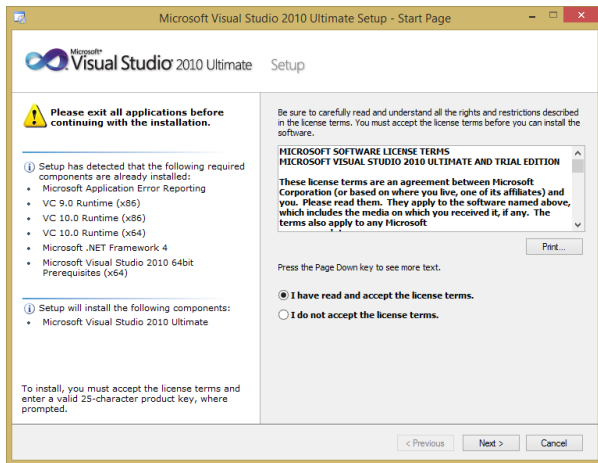
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Step # 3: Or you can choose to keep the check-box checked. Click 'Next' to continue.



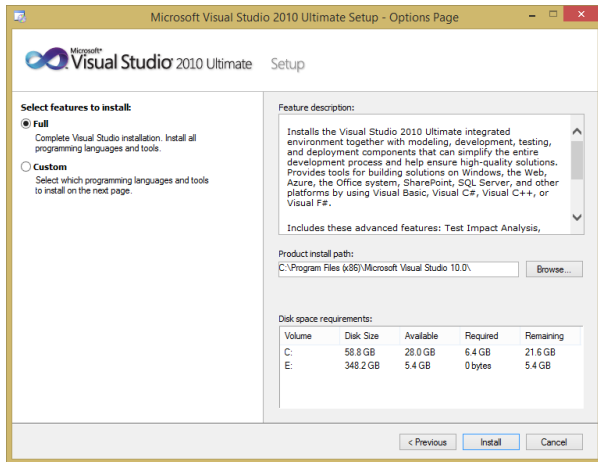
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Step # 4: This window notifies you of any pre-installed dependencies and presents Microsoft's license terms. Click the radio-button corresponding to 'I have read and accept...' and click 'Next' to continue.



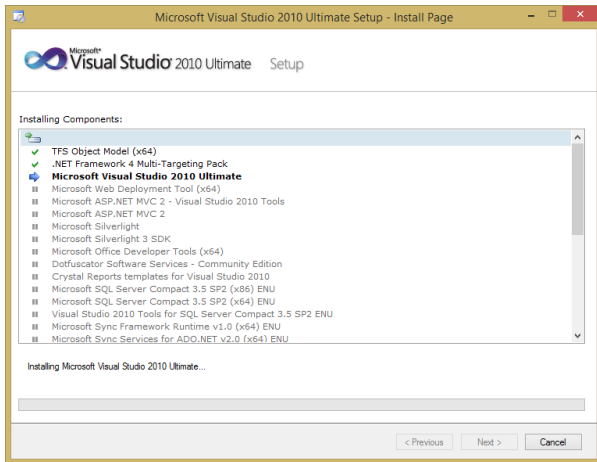
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Step # 5: 6.4 GB does not look like a lot of space to spare given the feature description and the fact that we want to use this IDE for our future projects too.



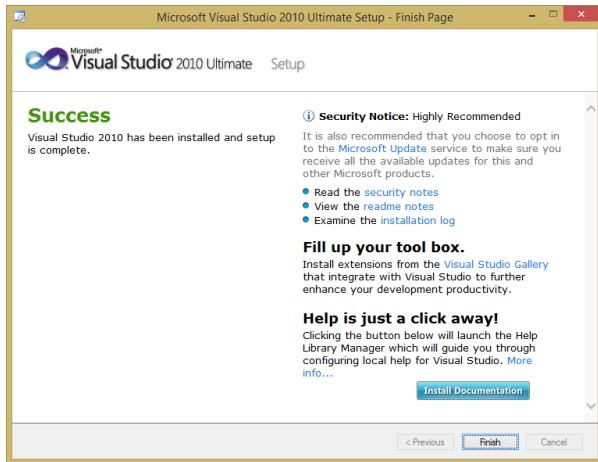
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Step # 6: If everything goes as expected, you will see a window much like this one with a progress bar and a few details related to components being installed.



Installing the IDE

Step # 7: “Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet.” – Aristotle
Click ‘Finish’ and you are all set to create your first project.



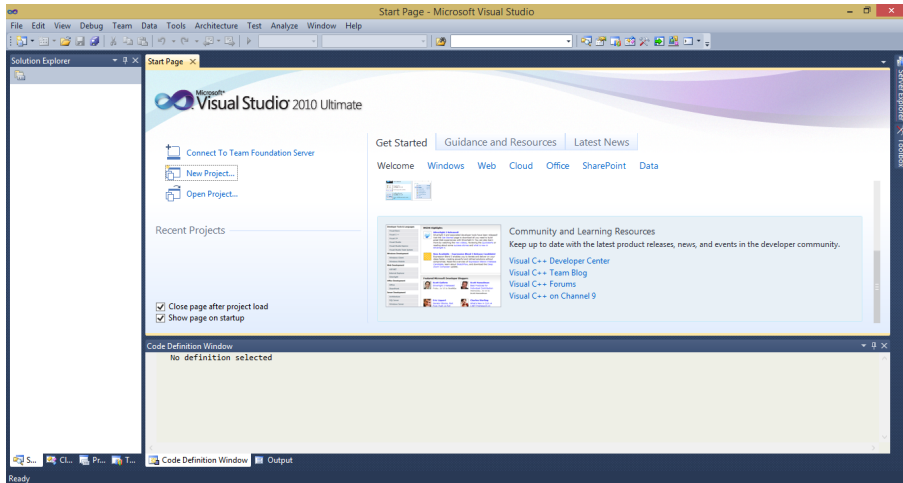
My First Project

Step # 1: Time to do something useful! Let's fire-up the IDE and create our first project. Wait! Before we do that, let's first set the default environment settings to those of 'Visual C++'.



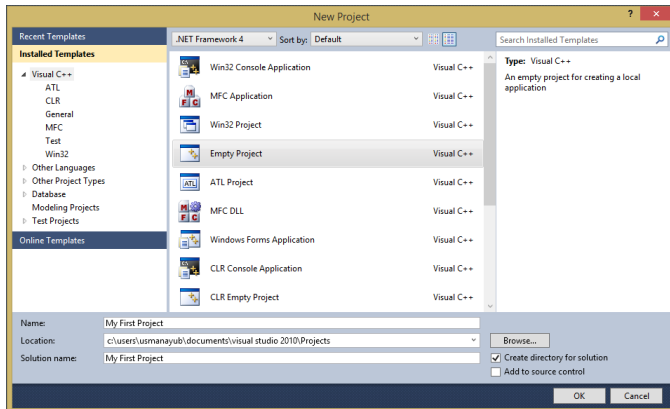
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Step # 2: Click 'New Project...' on the Start Page, 'Open Project...' is used to access an existing project.



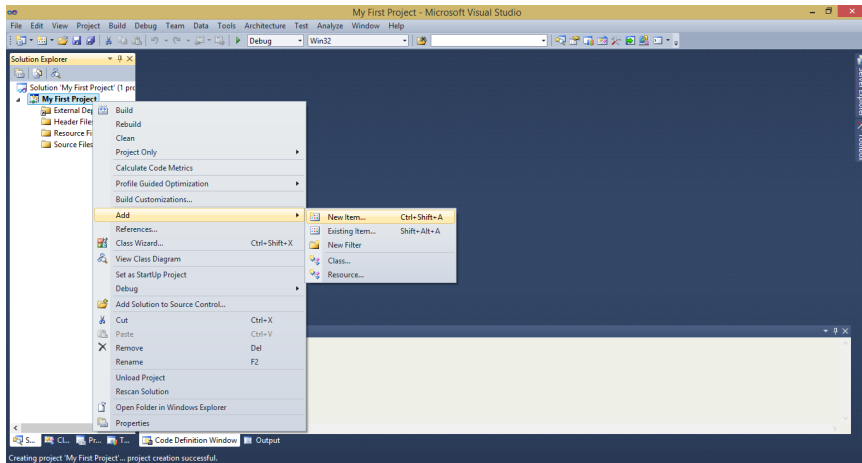
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Step # 3: Select 'Visual C++' in the 'Installed Templates', and then 'Empty Project' in the corresponding menu. Name the project, and if you don't want to save this project in the default location, use 'Browse' select one of your own choice. Once you have done that, click 'OK' to continue.



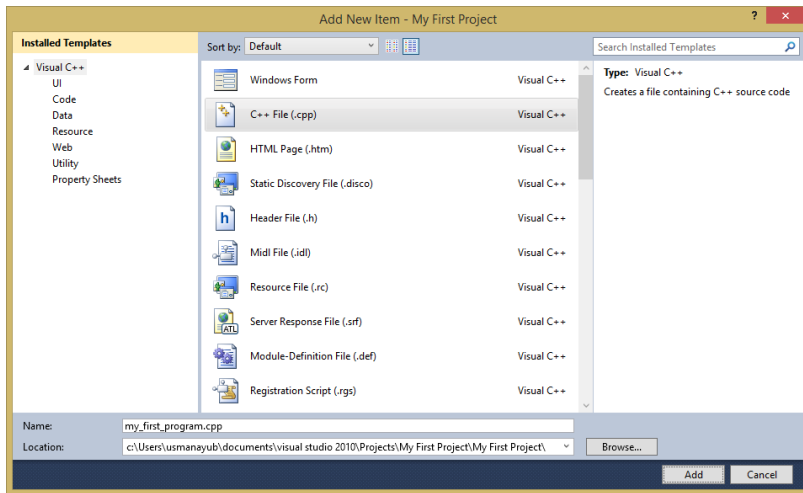
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Step # 4: Let's add something useful to this project. Right click on the project's name in the 'Solution Explorer', hover over 'Add' and click the 'New Item' in the menu that appears.



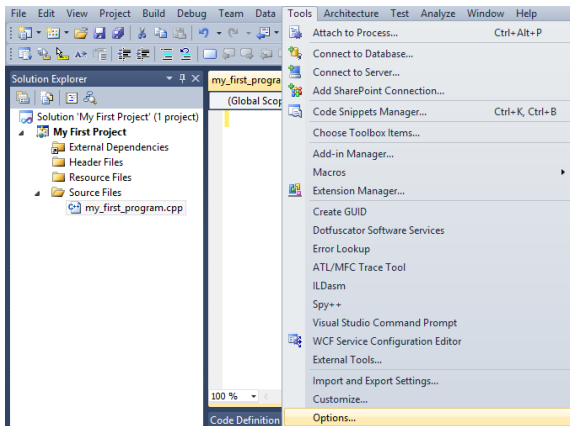
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Step # 5: Select 'C++ File (.cpp)', name the file and click 'Add' to continue.



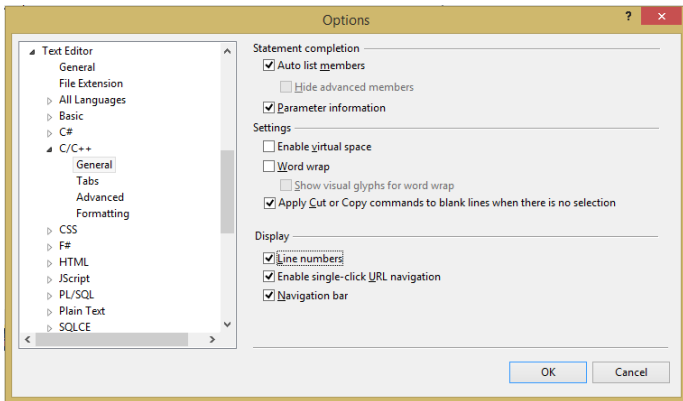
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Step # 6: Now, a few other settings. By default, the 'Line Numbers' are not enabled in the editor. To enable this feature, you'll need to go to 'Tools' in the main menu and select 'Options'.



My First Project

Step # 7: In the side bar of the window that appears, you'll need to expand the 'Text Editor', expand 'C/C++' from the sub-menu, select 'General' from the sub-sub-menu and then check the box right next to 'Line Numbers'.



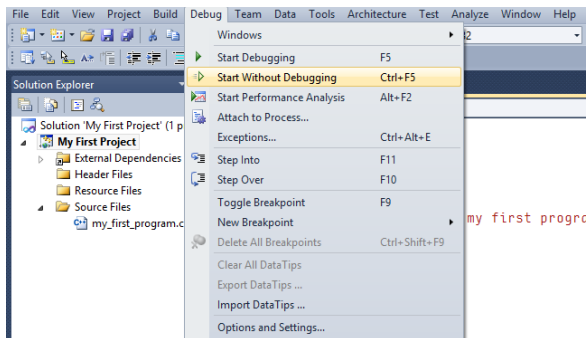
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Step # 8: Now that environment has been prepared, let's write our first program. Double-click the cpp file that you have created in Step 5 and start programming.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
{
    cout << "This_is_my_first_program!";
    cout << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

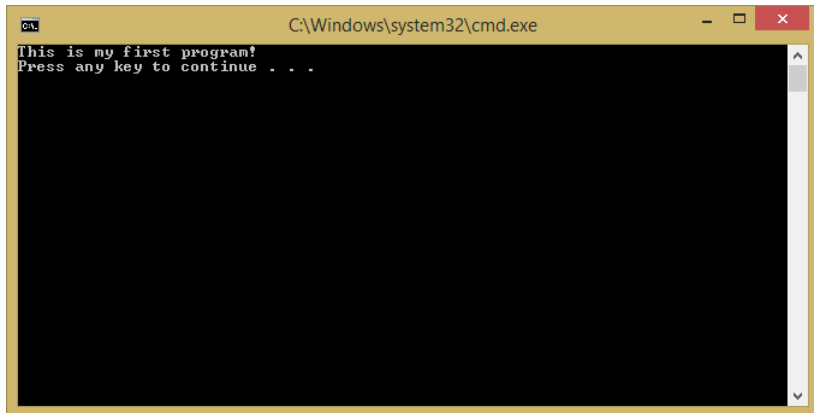
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Step # 9: In order to run this program, select 'Start Without Debugging' in the 'Debug' menu or use the short-cut CTRL + F5.



My First Project

Step # 10: There you go, there's the output of your first program.
Congratulations!



A screenshot of a Windows Command Prompt window. The title bar is yellow and contains the text "C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe" and standard window controls (minimize, maximize, close). The command prompt itself has a black background with white text. The text displayed is "This is my first program!" followed by "Press any key to continue . . .". A vertical scrollbar is visible on the right side of the command prompt window.

My First Project

Now let's play with this program a little bit. Let's remove different parts of it to see what happens, what error messages appear if we remove a semi-colon, let's add a few chunks to it and expand it's functionality somehow.