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Enable remote access to the Visual Studio web development server

Conveyor

Conveyor allows you to easily test web applications from external tablets and phones on your network.

Step 1: Download the Visual Studio Extension by searching for 'Conveyor' in the Tools->Extensions and Updates dialog (or here).

Step 2: Conveyor is automatically enabled for web application projects, run a project and note the Remote URL, that is the URL you will use from your device or other computer. Please see troubleshooting below if you don't see the Conveyor window.

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Local URL

http://localhost:1311

http://localhost:1311

Remote URL

http://localhost:1311

http://localhost:1312

http://localhost:1312

Access outside local network

Enabled: Use the Tools-> Conveyor... menu item to disable it.

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Step 3: Add an inbound firewall rule allowing access to the TCP port given in the Remote URL.

- 1. Open Windows 'Start' and type WF.msc.
- 2. Click 'Inbound Rules' on the left.
- 3. Click 'New Rules' on the right.
- 4. Choose 'Port' in the new dialog, then 'Next'.
- 5. Select TCP, and enter the port from the Remote URL next to 'Specific local ports' (probably 45455, if it's free), then 'Next'.
- 6. Next, and next (you may want to disable 'Public'), give it a name like 'Conveyor: web dev server access enabled'.

Step 4: Use the Remote URL from your device (phone, tablet or other machine) to directly access your application.



Troubleshooting

- If the Conveyor window doesn't appear, please restart Visual Studio and try running the project again (if it still won't work, resetting your VS settings should fix it Tools->Import and Export Settings Wizard->Reset all settings->select "No, just reset settings, overwriting my current settings"->Choose a Default Collection of settings).
- SSL: The first time you run a project using HTTPS you will be prompted to install our testing certificate, this is normal and you should allow it for more stream-lined experience (otherwise you'll be warned by the browser not to visit your web app).
- If connections to the remote URL provided by Conveyor do not work (eg timeout), please try using a different IP address for your machine (use CMD and type ipconfig to see IP addresses), also ensure you have opened the port on your local firewall.
- If Conveyor cannot find any web projects (when you run the project), please send a screen shot of your solution structure to support@keyoti.com so we can investigate.

Technical support is available by emailing support@keyoti.com.

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