

Step 2 - Download Visual Studio

Next, download the Visual Studio bootstrapper file. To do so, click the following button, select the edition of Visual Studio 2017 that you want, click **Save**, and then click **Open folder**.

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Watch a [video](#) on how to download the Visual Studio bootstrapper file and select the edition of Visual Studio that's right for you.

Step 3 - Install the Visual Studio installer

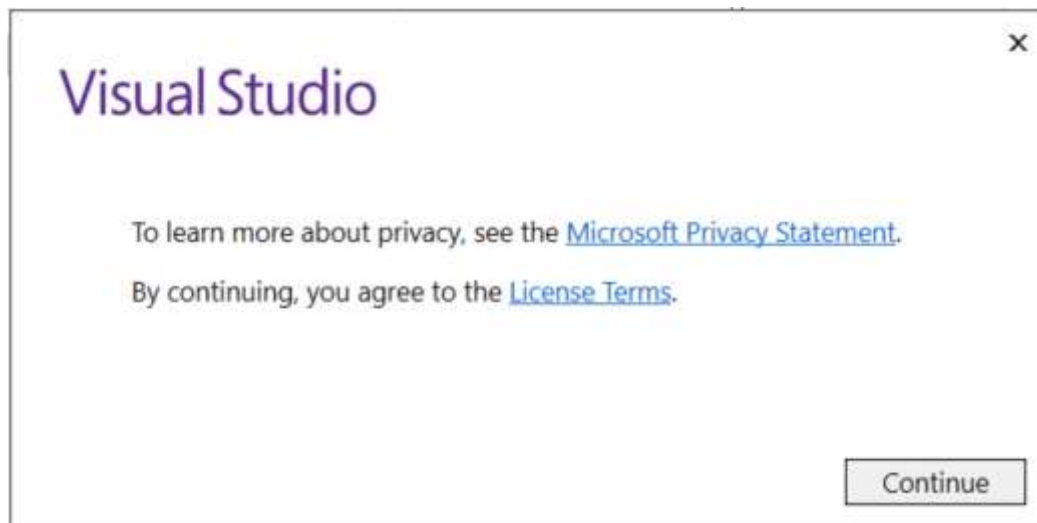
Then, run the bootstrapper file to install the Visual Studio Installer. This new lightweight installer includes everything you need to both install and customize Visual Studio 2017.

1. From your **Downloads** folder, double-click the bootstrapper that matches or is similar to one of the following files:

- **vs_enterprise.exe** for Visual Studio Enterprise
- **vs_professional.exe** for Visual Studio Professional
- **vs_community.exe** for Visual Studio Community

If you receive a User Account Control notice, click **Yes**.

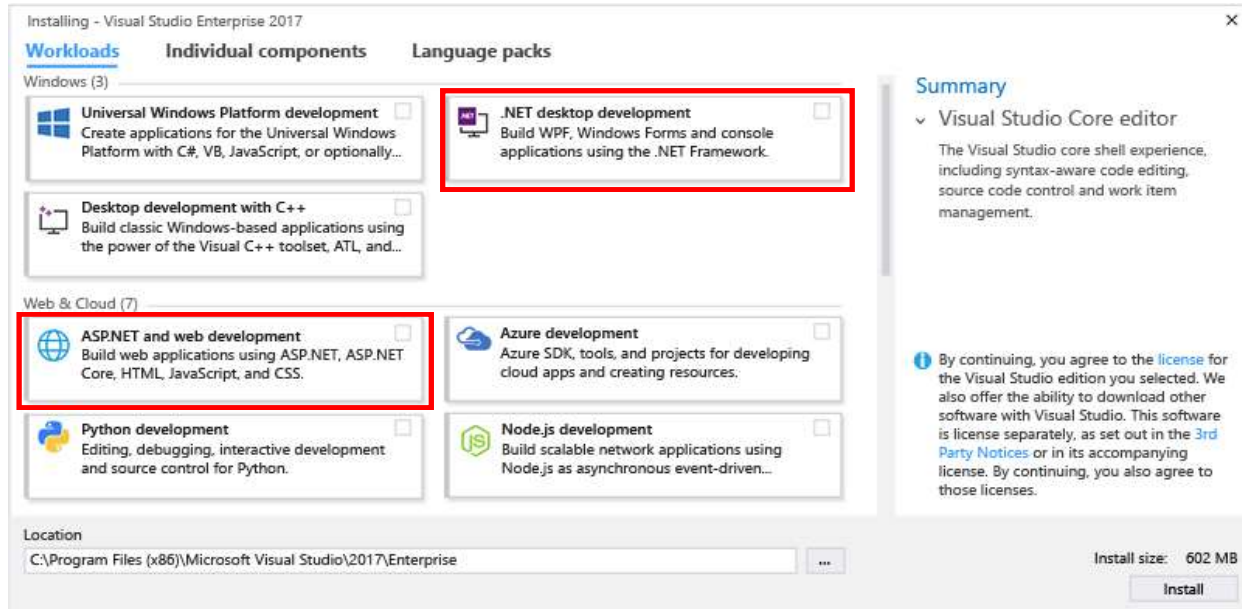
2. We'll ask you to acknowledge the Microsoft [License Terms](#) and the Microsoft [Privacy Statement](#). Click **Continue**.



Step 4 - Select workloads

After the installer is installed, you can use it to customize your installation by selecting the feature sets—or workloads—that you want. Here's how.

1. Find the workload you want in the **Installing Visual Studio** screen.



For example, choose the ".NET desktop development" workload. It comes with the default core editor, which includes basic code editing support for over 20 languages, the ability to open and edit code from any folder without requiring a project, and integrated source code control.

2. After you select the workload(s) you want, click **Install**.

Next, status screens appear that show the progress of your Visual Studio installation.

3. After the new workloads and components are installed, click **Launch**.

Tip

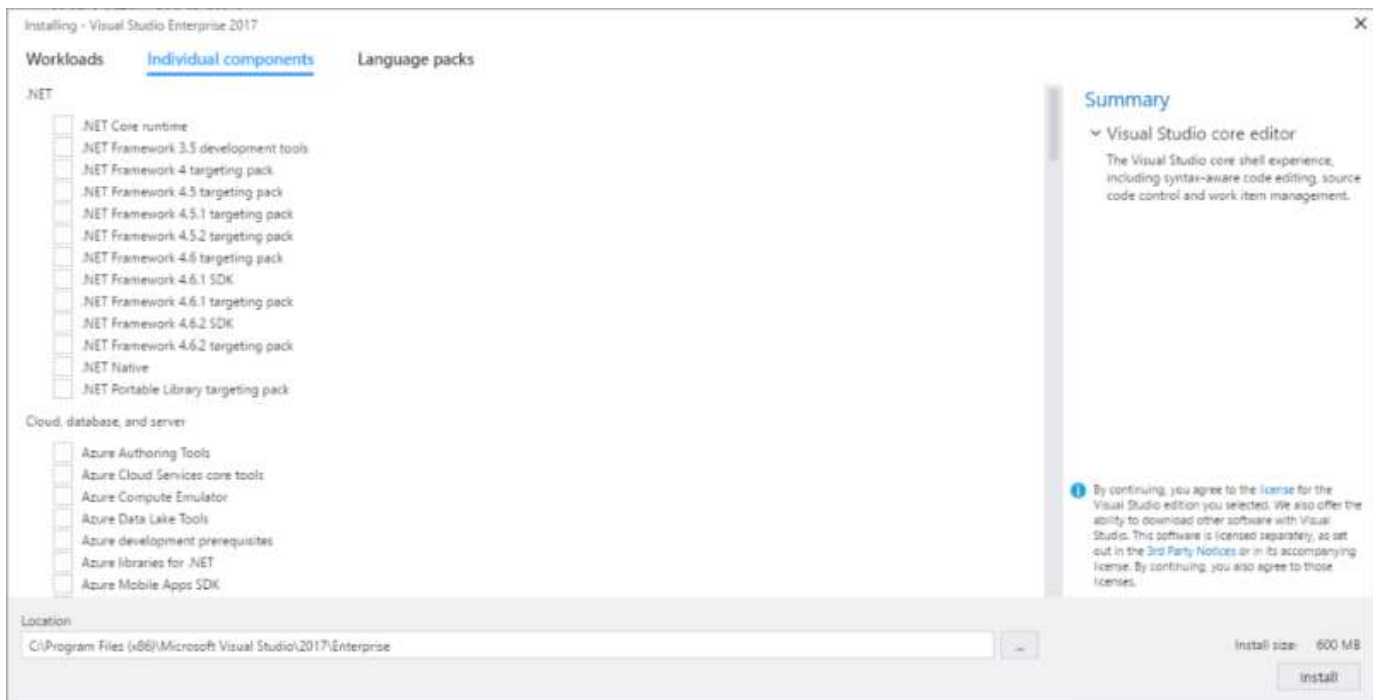
At any time after installation, you can install workloads or components that you didn't install initially. If you have Visual Studio open, go to **Tools > Get Tools and Features...** which opens the Visual Studio Installer. Or, open **Visual Studio Installer** from the Start menu. From there, you can select the workloads or components that you wish to install, then click **Modify**.



[Watch a video](#) on how to install the Visual Studio Installer and then install a workload.

Step 5 - Select individual components (Optional)

If you don't want to use the Workloads feature to customize your Visual Studio installation, you can do so by installing individual components instead. To select individual components, click the **Individual components** option from the Visual Studio Installer, select what you want, and then follow the prompts.



[Watch a video](#) on how to install an individual component by using the Visual Studio Installer.

Step 6 - Install language packs (Optional)

By default, the installer program tries to match the language of the operating system when it runs for the first time. To install Visual Studio 2017 in a language of your choosing, click the **Language packs** option from the Visual Studio Installer, and follow the prompts.