

Downloading and Installing Visual Basic 2010 Express

Even though Visual Basic comes with your textbook I recommend downloading it from Microsoft's website. Students in previous semesters have had problems using the version that comes with the textbook.

**** It is very important to register VB after installing it on your computer. Without registering you will only be able to use it for 30 days. Instructions for registering the product are found at the end of this document.**

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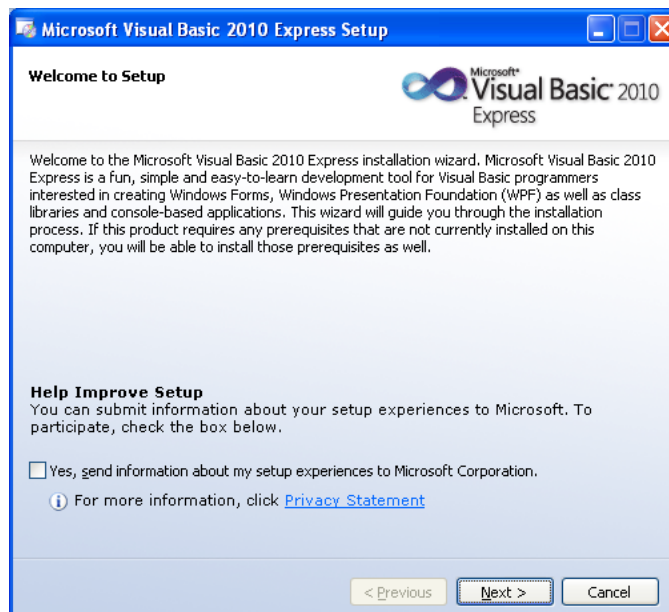
1. Open a web browser and type:

<http://www.microsoft.com/visualstudio/en-us/products/2010-editions/visual-basic-express>

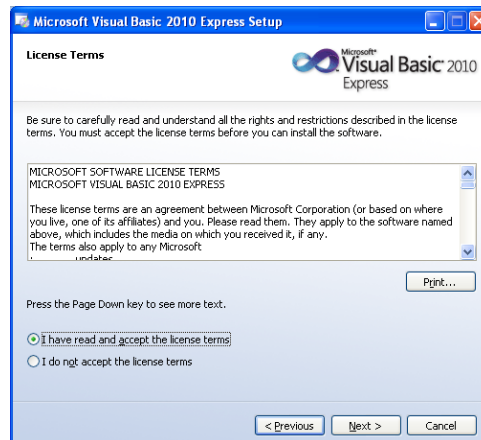
2. Click **Install Now - English**
3. On the pop up window click **Visual Basic 2010 Express (English)**
4. When prompted, choose **Save (or Save File)**. Depending upon the browser you are using, you may be able to specify where to save the file to, if not it will be saved in your *Downloads* folder under *My Documents*.
5. Locate where the file was saved – the name of the file will be **vb_web.exe**. Double click on this file to begin the installation process.

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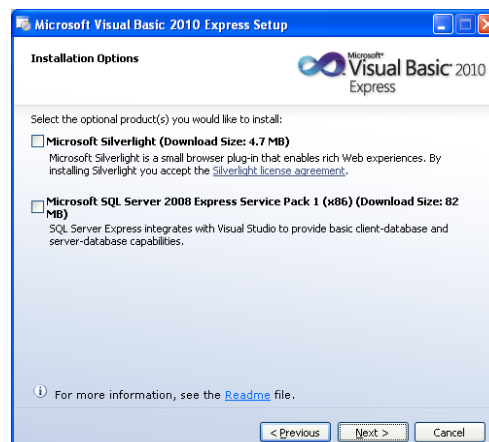
1. Once you have double clicked on the .exe file, a dialog box will appear. Choose **Run**.
2. During installation there will be a number of screens where you will need to make decisions about the installation. You can choose what you like, but if you are unsure, here are recommendations.



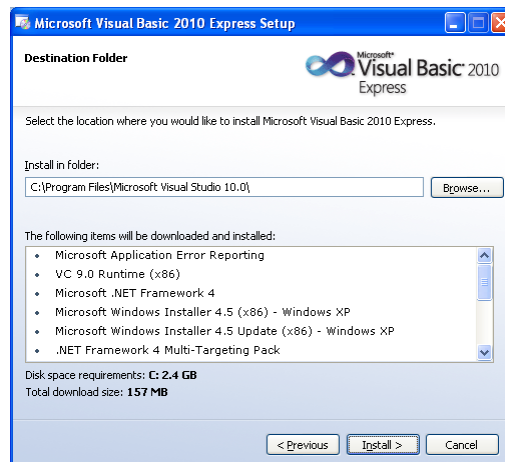
3. The first screen asks if you want to send information about your Setup Experience to Microsoft. Deselect the check box if you don't want your information sent.
4. Click **Next**.



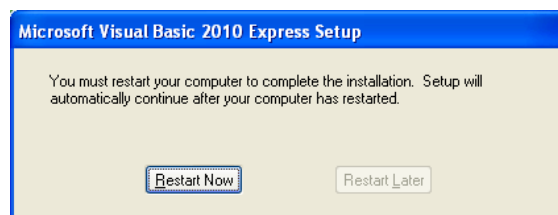
5. Read the license terms and then check that you accept them.
6. Click **Next**.



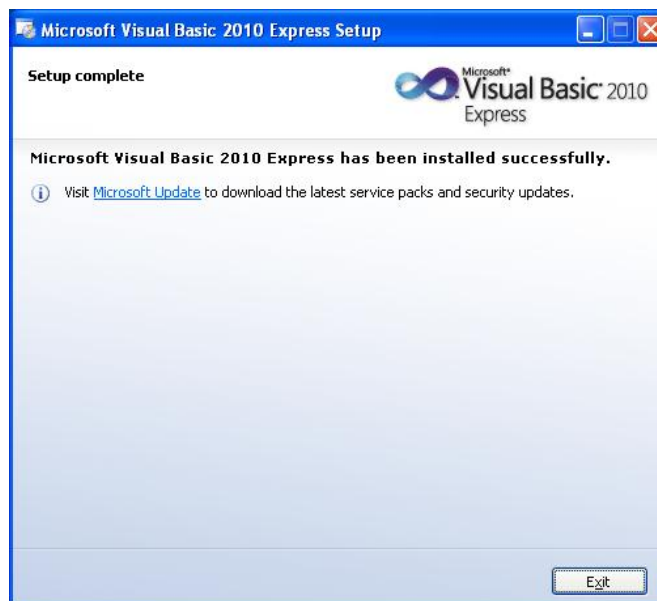
7. You do not need the additional items installed. You should deselect both check boxes unless you specifically want one or more of the products installed.
8. Click **Next**.



9. Click **Install**. The installation process will begin and will take several minutes.



10. Close all your windows and click **Restart Now** to complete the installation. The installation process will complete and will take several minutes.



11. Click **Exit**.

**** You must register the product to use it for more than 30 days****

Registering Visual Basic 2010 Express

12. Return to the webpage where you downloaded VB Express (in step 1 above). Click **Resources** and then **Register Visual Basic 2010 Express**.
13. Fill out the required fields (indicated with an asterisk *)
14. A verification email will be sent to the email you entered in step 13. Access that email and click on the link contained within it.
15. Click **Continue** and the registration key will appear on the screen. Write down the key or copy it by selecting it and hitting CTRL+C on your keyboard. (The key should also be sent to your email account)
16. Start Visual Basic Express.
17. Click **Help** then **Register Product** to enter your registration key.