

## Downloading Visual C++ 2008

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CS106 students have the option of writing your programs on the Mac or PC. Anyone with a PC running some flavor of Windows should write his or her programs using the C++ compiler provided by Microsoft. You can use Visual Studio 2008 on any of the campus cluster computers, or you can download a copy of Visual C++ 2008 for your own machine, as outlined below. If you're planning to work on one of the public cluster computers, you can ignore this handout altogether.

The download process is actually quite simple.

1. Visit **<http://www.microsoft.com/visualstudio/en-us/products/2008-editions/express>**
2. Select **Visual C++ 2008 Express Edition with SP1**
3. Follow the instructions to download the executable. (In particular, do not download the **.iso** file instead.)
4. Install without any fancy extensions (uncheck SQL Server, Silverlight, etc. if it prompts you during installation.)

That should be it. You can launch the Visual C++ 2008 software standalone, though for the purposes of CS106X, you'll probably want to launch the development environment by clicking on the assignment starter project (e.g. **assn-0-narcissistic-numbers.sln**) instead.