

Lesson 1-2: Check your Visual Studio and Windows version

Microsoft sometimes refers to Visual Studio 2010 Express as *Visual Web Developer 2010 Express*. This book refers to it as “Visual Studio”.

Visual Studio 2010 Express is a freeware version of the Visual Studio IDE (Integrated Development Environment) optimized for web application development.

Microsoft provides this version free of charge for students and hobbyists so that they can learn to use Visual Studio without having to purchase the product.

- 1 Open Visual Studio (if it isn't open already).
- 2 Check your Visual Studio version.

Click Help → About Microsoft Visual Web Developer 2010 Express.

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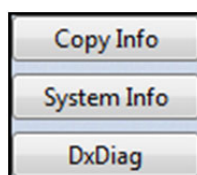
The two version numbers shown above are the important ones. This book was written using Microsoft Visual Studio Version 10.0.40219.1 SP1Rel and Microsoft .NET Framework Version 4.0.30319 SP1Rel.

If you have an earlier version, please follow the steps in *Lesson 1-1*: Install Visual Studio to upgrade to the latest version. Some users have reported that they had to uninstall and re-install Visual Studio in order to upgrade.

If you have a later version it's not a problem, but some of the things described in this book might behave slightly differently.

- 3 Check your operating system version.

Click the *System Info* button on the dialog you opened in the previous step.



You should see your operating system name and version in the top-right corner of the dialog that appears.

Item	Value
OS Name	Microsoft Windows 7 Professional
Version	6.1.7601 Service Pack 1 Build 7601
Other OS Description	Not Available

Microsoft Windows 7 Version 6.1.7601 Service Pack 1 is the version of Windows that is used for the screenshots in this book.

You can still use this book if you have Windows XP, Windows Vista or a different version of Windows 7, but some of the items described in this book may behave slightly differently.

- 4 Close the *System Information* dialog.
- 5 Click *OK* to close the *About Microsoft Visual Web Developer 2010 Express* dialog.
- 6 Close Visual Studio.