

Running C++ On Windows

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If you're on Windows, you'll be using Visual C++ 2008 Express. You can install it for free by following these steps:

1. Go to <https://www.dreamspark.com/Product/Product.aspx?productid=34>.
2. Click on the "Download" link. There will be a pop-up, so if you don't see anything, check to see if your browser blocked the pop-up.
3. Click on the "Download SDM" link. Find the downloaded file and run it to install the download manager. Once it's installed, go back to the pop-up.
4. Click on the "Download .SDX" button. Find the downloaded file and open it.
5. From there, follow the on-screen directions to install Visual C++ 2008 Express.

After about 30 days of use, Visual C++ 2008 will prompt you to register your trial product. Registration is free, though, and afterwards, you can use it indefinitely.

In addition to Visual C++, you'll need to install the latest version of Java in order to use the Stanford libraries. You can do so by visiting <http://www.java.com/>. Click on "Free Java Download" and follow the download instructions. Don't bother installing the Ask.com toolbar or using the Ask search page.