
Appendix A: Student Setup Guide

This appendix contains requirements and instructions for students to complete the exercises in **Flex 2: Developing Rich Client Applications**

It covers the following:

1. Hardware requirements
 2. Software requirements
 3. Setup instructions
- Please read the entire document before proceeding

Hardware requirements

Your computer must have the following hardware:

- Intel® Pentium® 4 processor
- 1GB of RAM
- 700MB of available hard-disk space

Software requirements

You must have the following software installed:

- Microsoft® Windows® XP with Service Pack 2, Windows XP Professional, Windows 2000 Server, Windows 2000 Pro or Windows Server™ 2003
- Java™ Virtual Machine: Sun™ JRE 1.4.2, Sun JRE 1.5, IBM® JRE 1.4.2
- For the Flex Builder plug-in, Eclipse™ 3.2.1 or Eclipse 3.1.2 is required
- A recent version of one of the following browsers:
 - Internet Explorer
 - Mozilla
 - Netscape Navigator
 - Opera
- The latest version of the Macromedia Flash Player (or at least version 9); during the installation of Flex Builder 2 your Flash Player will be upgraded to version 9.

Note: To check your Flash Player version, go to <http://www.adobe.com>, right click the main ad banner, and select About Macromedia Flash Player or go to <http://www.adobe.com/software/flash/about/>.

Setup instructions

- ▶ There are four phases of the installation:
 - ▶ Installing Flex products
 - ▶ Installing course files

Installing Flex products

1. Browse to the URL <http://www.adobe.com/products/flex/> and click the **Download Now** link; download both of the following:
 - ▶ Flex Builder 2.0.1 or later
2. Install Flex Builder 2 accepting all of the default options.
 - ▶ The trial period on Flex Builder 2 is 25 days.

Installing course files

3. Unzip `f2rca_8Jan07.zip` to `C:\`.
 - All the files will be placed in a directory named `f2rca`.