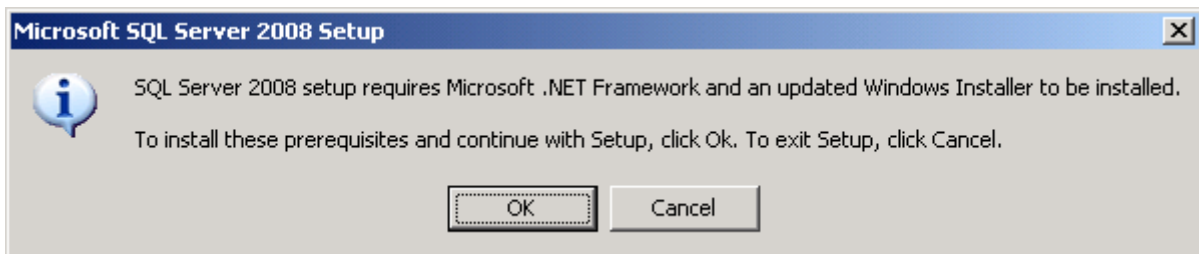




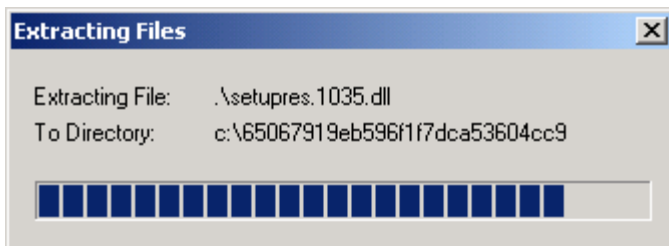
## How to Install .Net Service Pack 3.5 for SQL Server 2008

Before installing SQL Server 2008, you need to install the .Net Framework 3.5 (or higher).

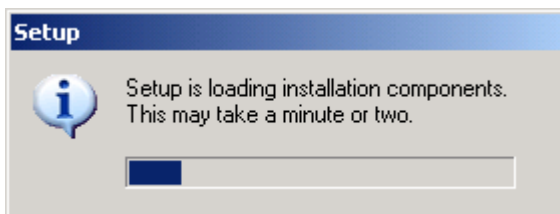
If you've not got this installed already, then when you start the SQL Server 2008 installation, you will see this message appear:



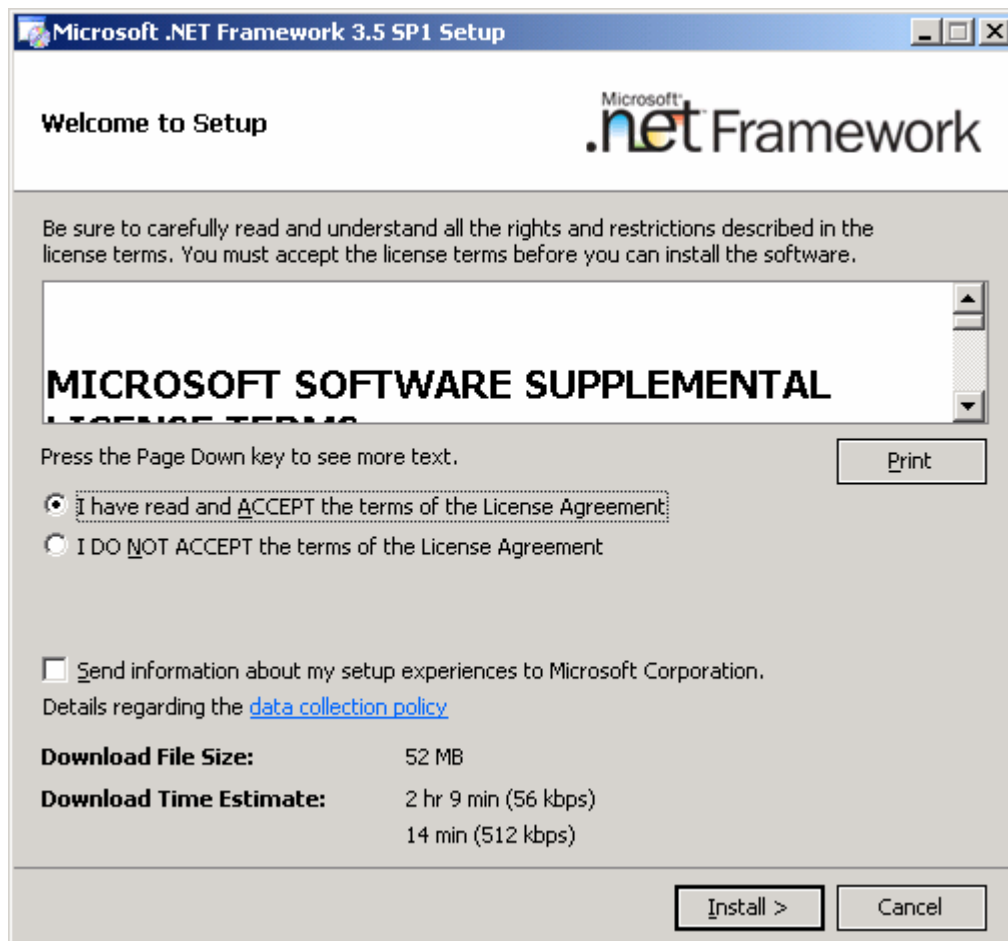
Click on OK, and you will see the following window as the files are extracted from the package:



Followed by:



Finally, you'll see this:



**Click on the top radio button, then click on Install.**

This will download the package from the Microsoft website and install it on your server.

Alternatively, you might want to download the full, redistributable .Net 3.5 Framework package.

This is very useful if you are going to install SQL Server 2008 on more than one machine, as it means you only have to download it once from the Microsoft site. As the download is 231 Mb in size, this can get quite tedious if you have to download it every time.

So it's best to download the full package once if you intend to install SQL Server 2008 on multiple machines.

Once you've done this, you can burn it to CD or save it on a network drive so that it can be applied to more than one machine without having to wait for it to download.

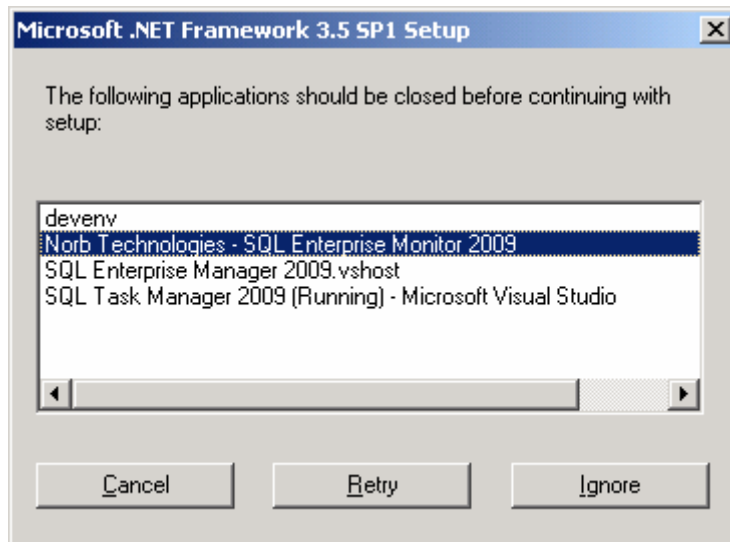
If you wish to do down this route, download the executable from:  
**<http://download.microsoft.com/download/2/0/e/20e90413-712f->**

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(correct at the time of writing).

If you can't find it, search the internet for **.net framework 3.5 full redistributable package**, or for **dotnetfx35.exe**

**Once you've started installing the .Net Framework 3.5, you may see this message:**

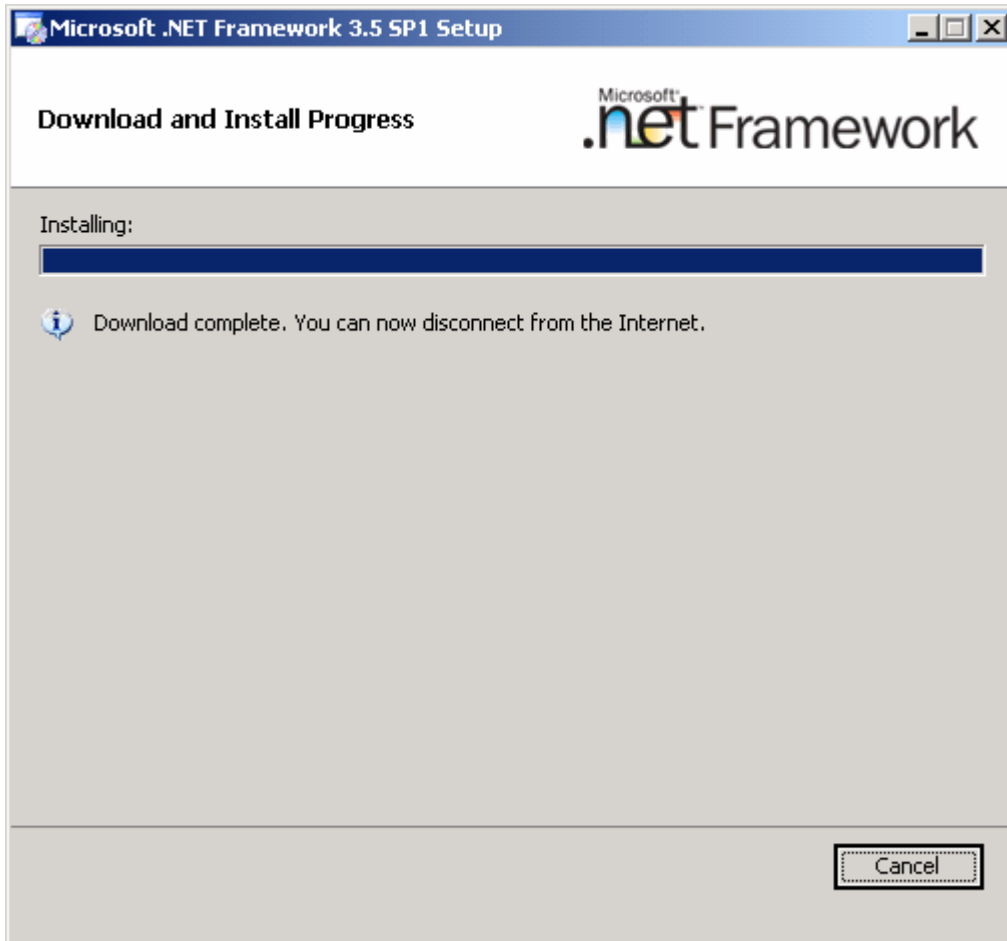


This is on a machine with Visual Studio running.

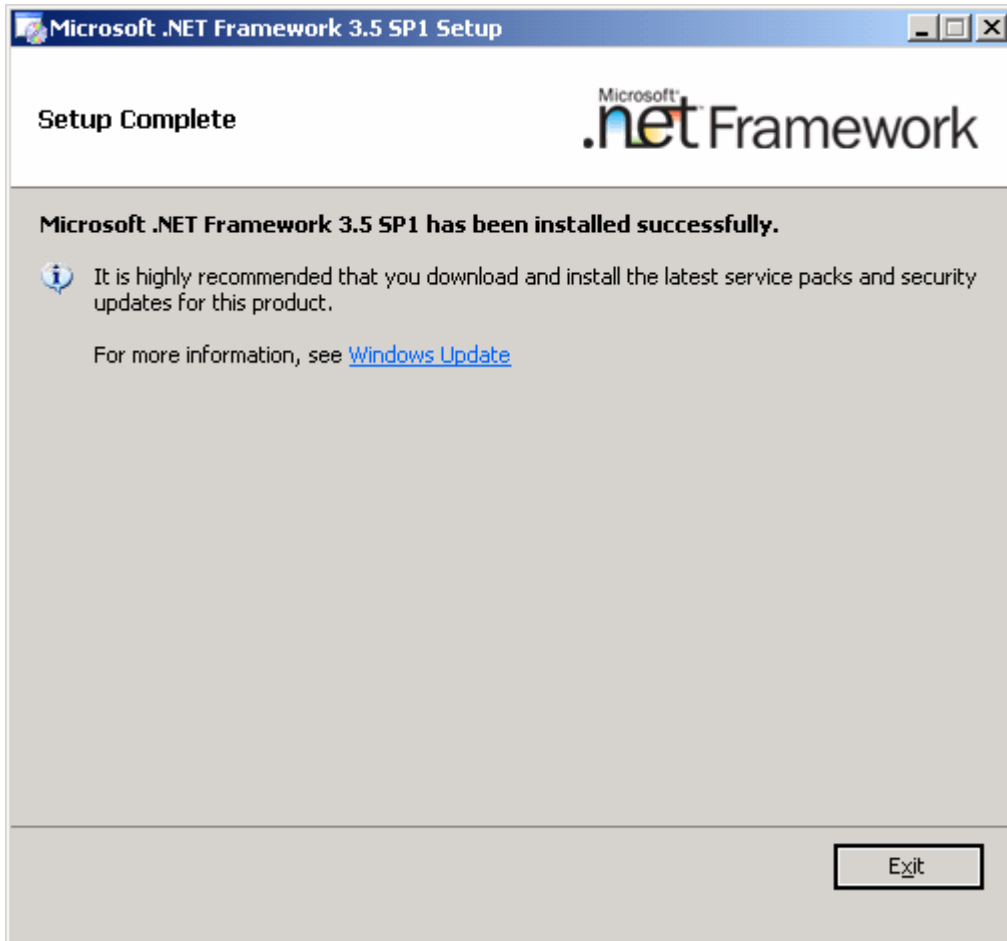
If you see this, simply exit the applications that the installer is complaining about and click on **Retry**.

Note that you may need to wait 5-10 seconds after closing the application for it to be removed from the Windows process list, otherwise you may see the same message appear again.

**When finished, this appears: WAIT until it disappears, DO NOT hit cancel. Eventually the Cancel button will turn grey.**



Finally, you will see this:



Click on the **Exit** button.

The following screen appears:

