



The **Help Viewer** is no longer installed by default when you install Visual Studio unless you select it from the Individual Components list.

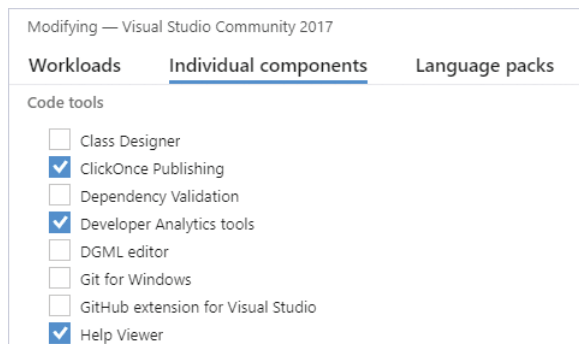


The **Help Viewer** allows you to download **Help** libraries for offline use, check for available updates, and seek help from installed **Help** libraries.

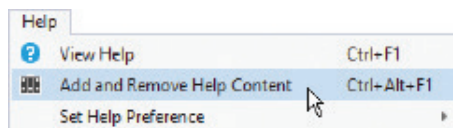
Getting help

The Visual Studio **Help** system provides an extensive source of reference for many programming languages. You can choose to install a **Help Library** on your computer for the C# programming language so you can easily refer to it at any time, but the **Help Viewer** must first be installed in Visual Studio:

- 1 Click **Visual Studio Installer** on the Apps menu, then click the **Modify** button on the Installer dialog
- 2 Select the **Individual components** tab, check the **Help Viewer** option, then click the **Modify** button

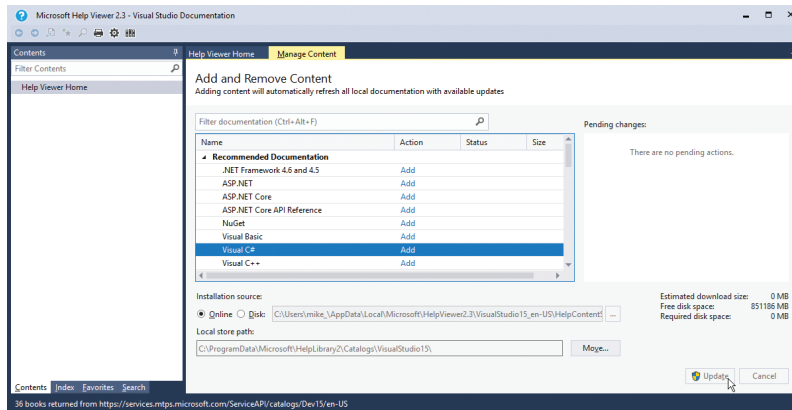


- 3 On the Visual Studio Menu Bar, click **Help, Add and Remove Help Content** to open the **Help Viewer**



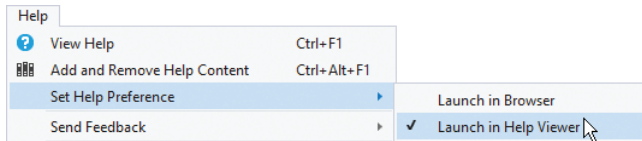
- 4 On the **Manage Content** tab, expand **Recommended Documentation**, then choose the **Add** link in the **Action** column for the **Visual C#** library
- 5 When your selection is added to the **Pending changes** list, click the **Update** button to download that library

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You can **Set Help Preference to Launch in Browser** if you want to search online help without installing libraries, but local help is often more convenient.

6 On the Menu Bar, click **Help**, **Set Help Preference**, **Launch in Help Viewer** to use installed library



7 Next, click **Help**, **View Help** to launch **Help Viewer**

8 Now, select the **Index** tab in the left-hand pane

9 Type the item for help, such as “data types”, in the **Help Viewer** search box, then hit **Enter** to see the results

