

Important information for SIMS System Managers

SIMS Infrastructure Upgrade to Microsoft .NET Framework 4.0 and SIMS Summer Release 2011

In order for schools to take the Summer 2011 Release of SIMS software expected to be available in late June, early July, schools will need to install additional infrastructure software on all computers accessing SIMS.

This software is Microsoft .NET framework 4 and is available as a free of charge download.

It will be essential to make this change to take the Summer Release 2011 which will deliver the requirements of both the Autumn School Census and School Workforce Census 2011. In addition, it is essential for the new SIMS Discover software which will be released separately.

This change is not required for the Spring Update 2011, as a result, the forthcoming release of SIMS will be based on .NET 2.0, inline with the previous releases.

A new version of SOLUS (SIMS On Line Upgrade Service) is in the process of being implemented in schools. SOLUS 3 helps to automate the process of deploying SIMS and other necessary components such as the .NET 4.0 framework. Schools will have been sent information regarding the implementation of SOLUS 3 and may wish to adopt this development before the Summer Release 2011. However, it is unlikely that all schools will adopt SOLUS 3 by late June.

To be clear, SOLUS 3 is not required for the Summer Release 2011, but .NET Framework 4 is.

Accordingly the following notes are provided to assist schools in adding .NET Framework 4 to their SIMS server and workstations. They may wish to undertake this task at any time between now and the Summer Release.

This task may be undertaken before or after the Spring Release 2011.

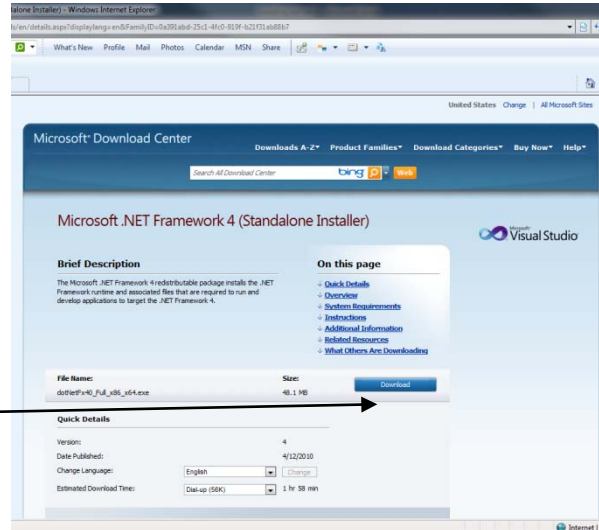
Information before proceeding with the infrastructure upgrade to .NET 4

- This process has to be carried out on the server and all workstations running SIMS
- It does not need to be carried out in one session. Workstations can be upgraded when convenient over a period of time, this will not affect the operation of SIMS.
- Ensure that you are logged onto the workstation as a user with the necessary access rights to install and upgrade software. This may be the usual user of the workstation or it may be that another user has to be used (for example Administrator) to carry out the upgrade.
- You may wish to upgrade each workstation by downloading from our website as detailed below, in which case the necessary installation file will be delivered to the local C: drive.
- You may wish to download the file from our website to the server and then access that from workstations on the network. In that case, copying the downloaded file to the S:\ drive should make it available to all workstations.

- The upgrade will take around 10 minutes to complete, but times will vary depending on the specification of computer and operating system.
- Upon completion of the process, a reboot of the workstation may be requested. In the case of a file server, consideration should be given to the convenience of a re-start to its users.

Stage 1: Downloading Microsoft .NET Framework 4

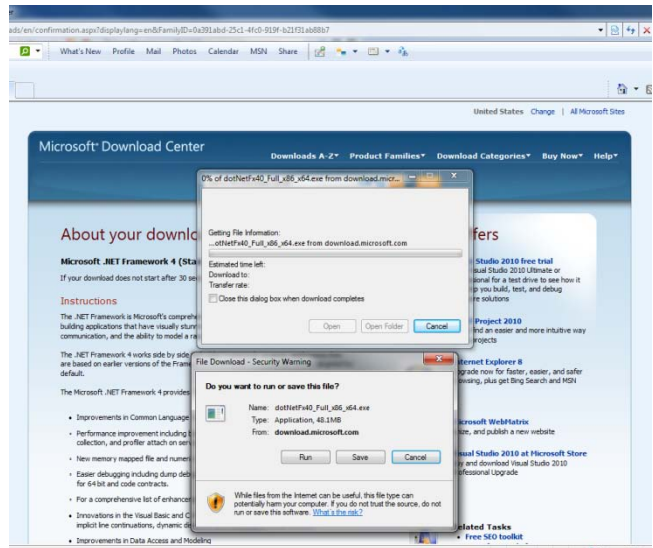
- Go to our support website www.capitaess.co.uk and navigate to the section entitled SIMS Infrastructure Upgrade to Microsoft .NET Framework 4.0
- Identify the link and click access the Microsoft Download site.



- Click on the Download Button

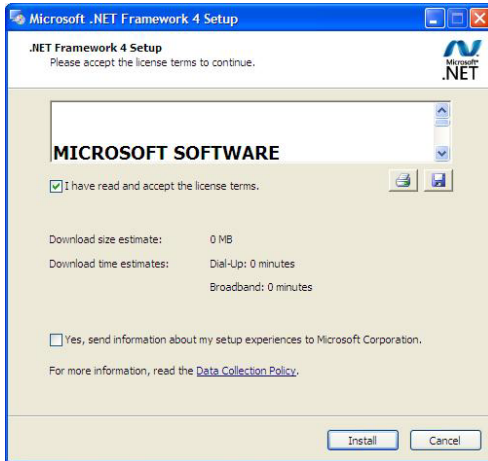
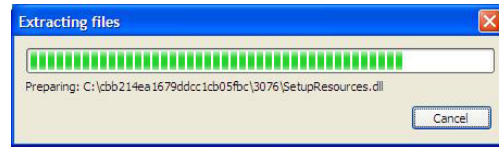
- To install the file immediately, Choose **Run** and the installation will begin.

- If the file is to be run at a later date, choose to Save the file to a known location
- You may wish to download the file and save onto files server in a shared location that can be accessed by all SIMS workstations. In this case, on each workstation, navigate to that location, for example Drive S: find the file and double click to start the upgrade process.

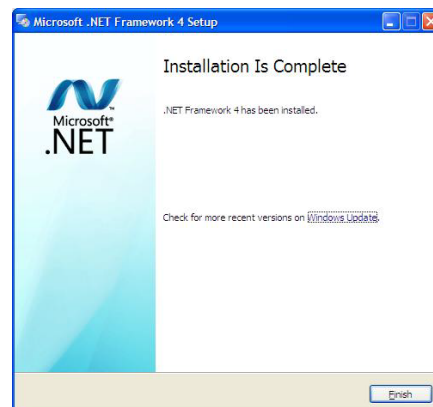
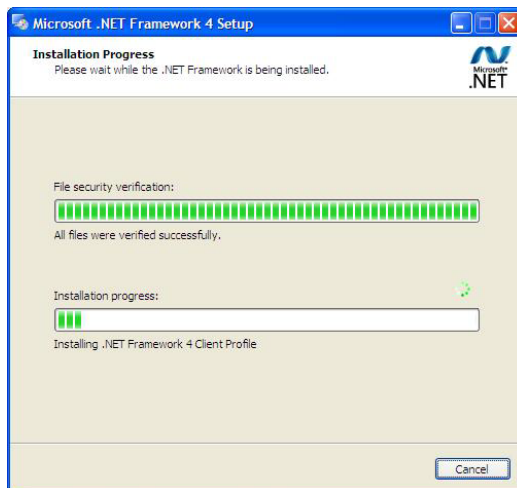


Stage 2: Installation

- The following screens appear
- Click on **Install** to begin the installation process.



- The necessary files will be copied onto your workstation



- Click **Finish** to complete the Installation

When the process is complete, the workstation may request a reboot to complete the installation.

Repeat the process on all SIMS workstations

If you experience any problems with the upgrade process please call the helpdesk on 0844 893 8000 for assistance