

“How to launch Multi-platform .Net libraries”

Mac OS development manual

1. Preparing environment

In order to build multi-platform applications using .NET Core on Mac OS, the first steps are for installing in our MAC machine the required tools.

We need to install .NET Core SDK from Microsoft and to allow us to develop easier, we will install an advance editor with a lot of features, Visual Studio Code from Microsoft. Both installations are very easy and the detailed description can be found by these two links:

- [Install .NET Core SDK for Mac OS.](#)

Windows

Linux

macOS

Docker

.NET Core

.NET Core 2.2

.NET Core is a cross-platform version of .NET for building websites, services, and console apps.

② **Using Visual Studio for Mac?** Make sure you have a [compatible version](#).

Build Apps ①

[Download .NET Core SDK](#)

Advanced ①

[All .NET Core downloads...](#)

- [Install VS Code for Mac OS.](#)

The image shows the Visual Studio Code website on the left and a screenshot of the VS Code interface on the right. The website features the text 'Code editing. Redefined.' and 'Free. Built on open source. Runs everywhere.' Below this is a 'Download for Windows' button with a dropdown arrow. The dropdown menu is open, showing a table of download links for macOS, Windows x64, and Linux x64. The table has columns for the operating system, the package type, and links for 'Stable' and 'Insiders' builds. The 'Stable' column has green download arrows, and the 'Insiders' column has black download arrows. At the bottom of the table is a link for 'Other downloads'.

		Stable	Insiders
macOS	Package	↓	↓
Windows x64	User Installer	↓	↓
Linux x64	.deb	↓	↓
	.rpm	↓	↓

[Other downloads](#)

The right side of the image shows the VS Code interface with the 'EXTENSIONS' view open. It lists several extensions, including C#, Python, Debugger for Chrome, C/C++, Go, and ESLint. Each extension has a rating and an 'Install' button. The C# extension is highlighted at the top.

Once installed VS Code, you need to install a C# extension to facilitate us to code and debugging:

Install [C# extension](#).

Important!!!

At the time of this writing, .NET Core has a problem with supporting the GdiPlus library on Mac OS. There is a solution that will help you to run any .Net libraries using GdiPlus.

“System.Drawing .NET Core on Mac OS, GDIPlus Exception”

Problem:

You got the whole thing up and running in debug. But when you went for your dotnet run, you got the following crash:

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The type initializer for 'System.Drawing.GDIPlus' threw an exception. -> System.DllNotFoundException: Unable to load DLL 'gdiplus': The specified module or one of its dependencies could not be found.
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Solution:

First of all, you need to install “[Homebrew](#)” - The missing package manager for Mac OS (or Linux).

Paste that in a Mac OS Terminal prompt:

```
/usr/bin/ruby -e "$(curl -fsSL  
https://raw.githubusercontent.com/Homebrew/install/master/install)"
```

The script explains what it will do and then pauses before it does it.

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sautinsoft — ruby -e #!/usr/bin/ruby\012# This script installs to /usr/local only. To install elsewhere (which is\012#...
Last login: Wed Aug 14 08:41:03 on ttys000
[Jorgens-Mac-mini:~ sautinsoft$ /usr/bin/ruby -e "$(curl -fsSL https://raw.githubusercontent.com/Homebrew/in]
stall/master/install)"
==> This script will install:
/usr/local/bin/brew
/usr/local/share/doc/homebrew
/usr/local/share/man/man1/brew.1
/usr/local/share/zsh/site-functions/_brew
/usr/local/etc/bash_completion.d/brew
/usr/local/Homebrew
==> The following existing directories will be made group writable:
/usr/local/etc/bash_completion.d
/usr/local/lib/pkgconfig
/usr/local/share/aclocal
/usr/local/share/doc
/usr/local/share/info
/usr/local/share/locale
/usr/local/share/man/man1
/usr/local/share/man/man3
/usr/local/share/man/man5
/usr/local/bin/brew
==> The following existing directories will have their owner set to sautinsoft:
/usr/local/etc/bash_completion.d
/usr/local/lib/pkgconfig
/usr/local/share/aclocal
/usr/local/share/doc
/usr/local/share/info
/usr/local/share/locale
/usr/local/share/man/man1
/usr/local/share/man/man3
/usr/local/share/man/man5
/usr/local/bin/brew

Press RETURN to continue or any other key to abort

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Homebrew installs [the stuff you need](#) that Apple (or your Linux system) didn't.

Paste that in a Mac OS Terminal prompt:

\$ brew install wget

Homebrew installs packages to their own directory and then symlinks their files into */usr/local*

```
sautinsoft — -bash — 80x5
Last login: Wed Aug 14 10:08:52 on ttys000
Jorgens-Mac-mini:~ sautinsoft$ brew install wget

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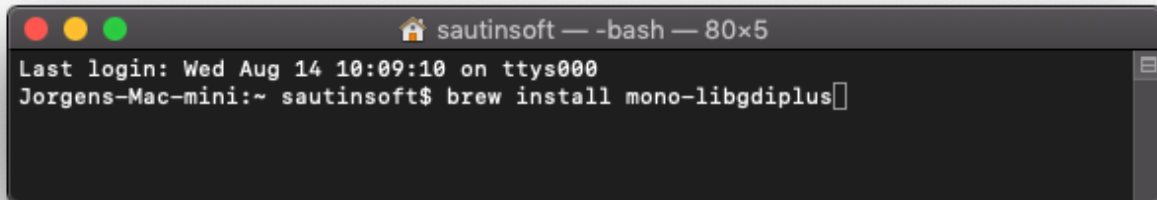
Homebrew won't install files outside its prefix and you can place a Homebrew installation wherever you like.

Document .Net / PDF Focus .Net / HTML to RTF .Net / Excel to PDF .Net / RTF to HTML .Net / PDF Metamorphosis . Net Homebrew complements Mac OS (or your Linux system). Install your RubyGems with gem and their dependencies with *brew*.

Now, we need to install [mono-libgdiplus](#). GdiPlus -compatible API on non-Windows operating systems.

Paste that in a Mac OS Terminal prompt:

\$ brew install mono-libgdiplus



```
sautinsoft — -bash — 80x5
Last login: Wed Aug 14 10:09:10 on ttys000
Jorgens-Mac-mini:~ sautinsoft$ brew install mono-libgdiplus
```

Congratulations, you have installed all the dependencies needed to run .Net components.

In next paragraphs we will explain in detail how to create simple console application. All of them are based on this VS Code guide:

[Get Started with C# and Visual Studio Code](#)

Not only is possible to create .NET Core applications that will run on Mac OS using Mac as a developing platform. It is also possible to create it using a Windows machine and any modern Visual Studio version, as Microsoft Visual Studio Community 2017.