

Microsoft.WebApplication.targets was not found

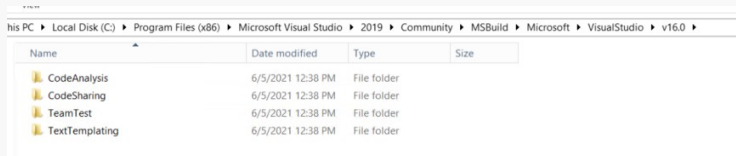
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I was getting the following error while building my solution with VS2019 tools for msbuild

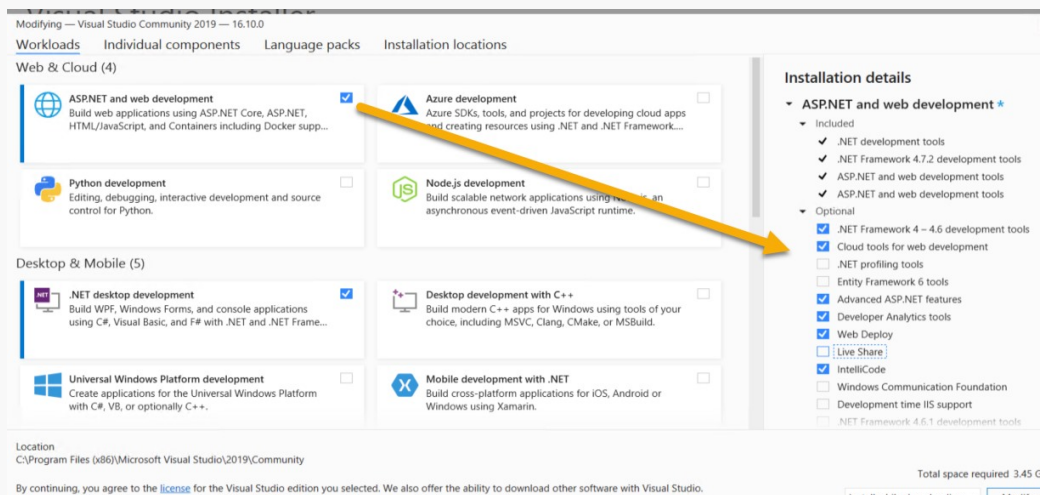
The imported project "C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Visual Studio\2019\Community\MSBuild\Microsoft\VisualStudio\v16.0\WebApplications\Microsoft.WebApplication.targets" was not found. Also, tried to find "WebApplications\Microsoft.WebApplication.targets" in the fallback search path(s) for \$(VSToolsPath) - "C:\Program Files (x86)\MSBuild\Microsoft\VisualStudio\v16.0". These search paths are defined in "C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Visual Studio\2019\Community\MSBuild\Current\bin\MSBuild.exe.Config". Confirm that the path in the <Import> declaration is correct, and that the file exists on disk in one of the search paths.

I noticed that the following path was not having the WebApplications folder:

C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Visual Studio\2019\Community\MSBuild\Microsoft\VisualStudio\v16.0

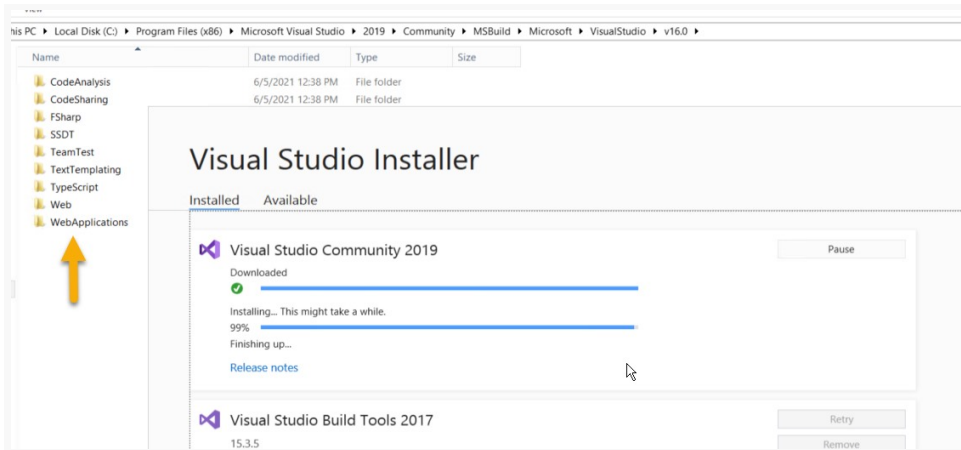


The solution was to install ASP.NET and web development package in VS2019 installer.



When the installation was completed, the *WebApplications* folder was created at the following path:

C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Visual Studio\2019\Community\MSBuild\Microsoft\VisualStudio\v16.0\WebApplications



I was able to run the msbuild process successfully after that.