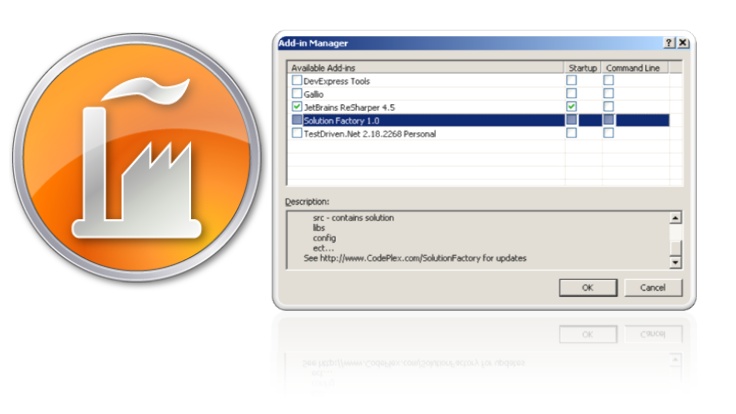
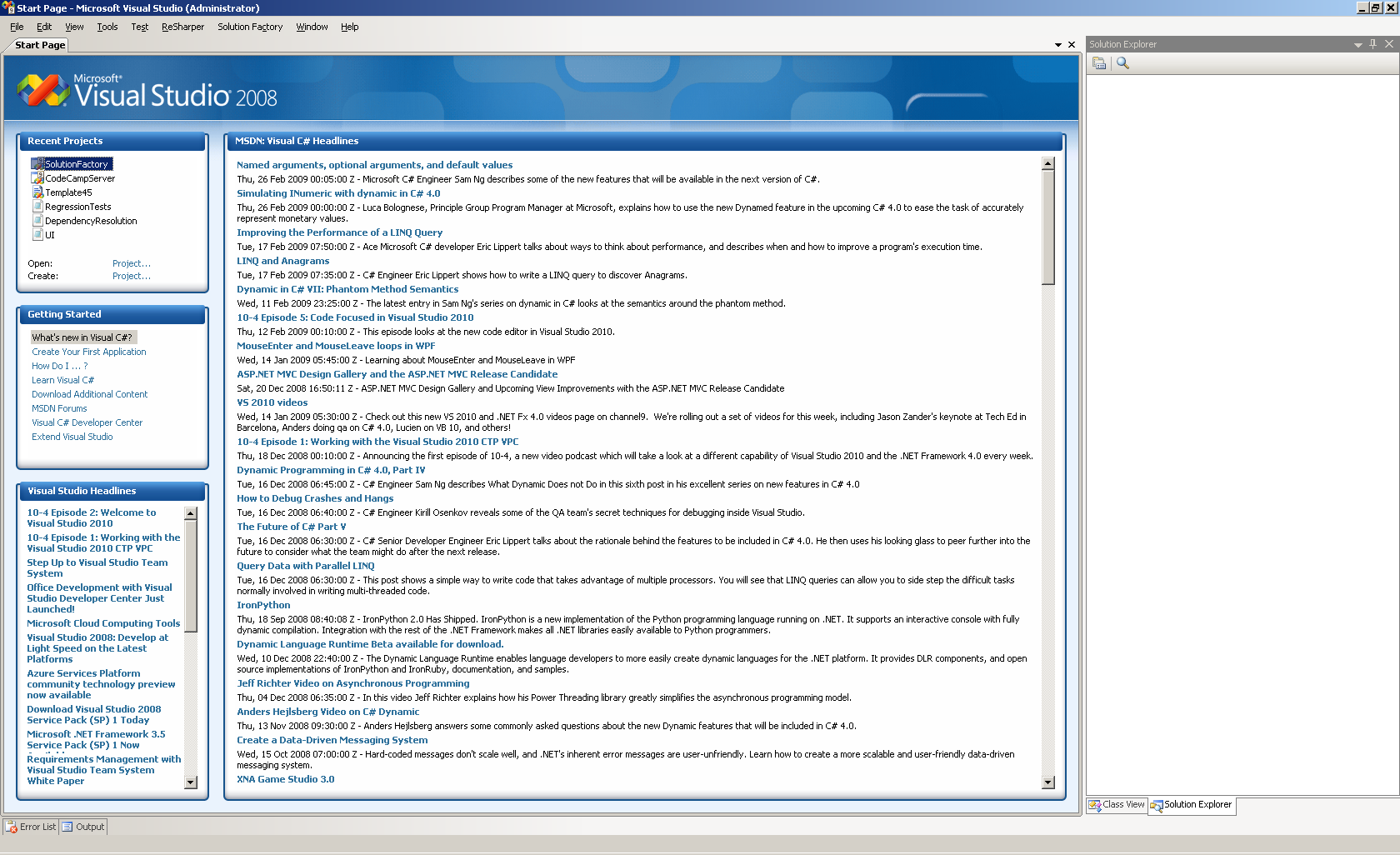
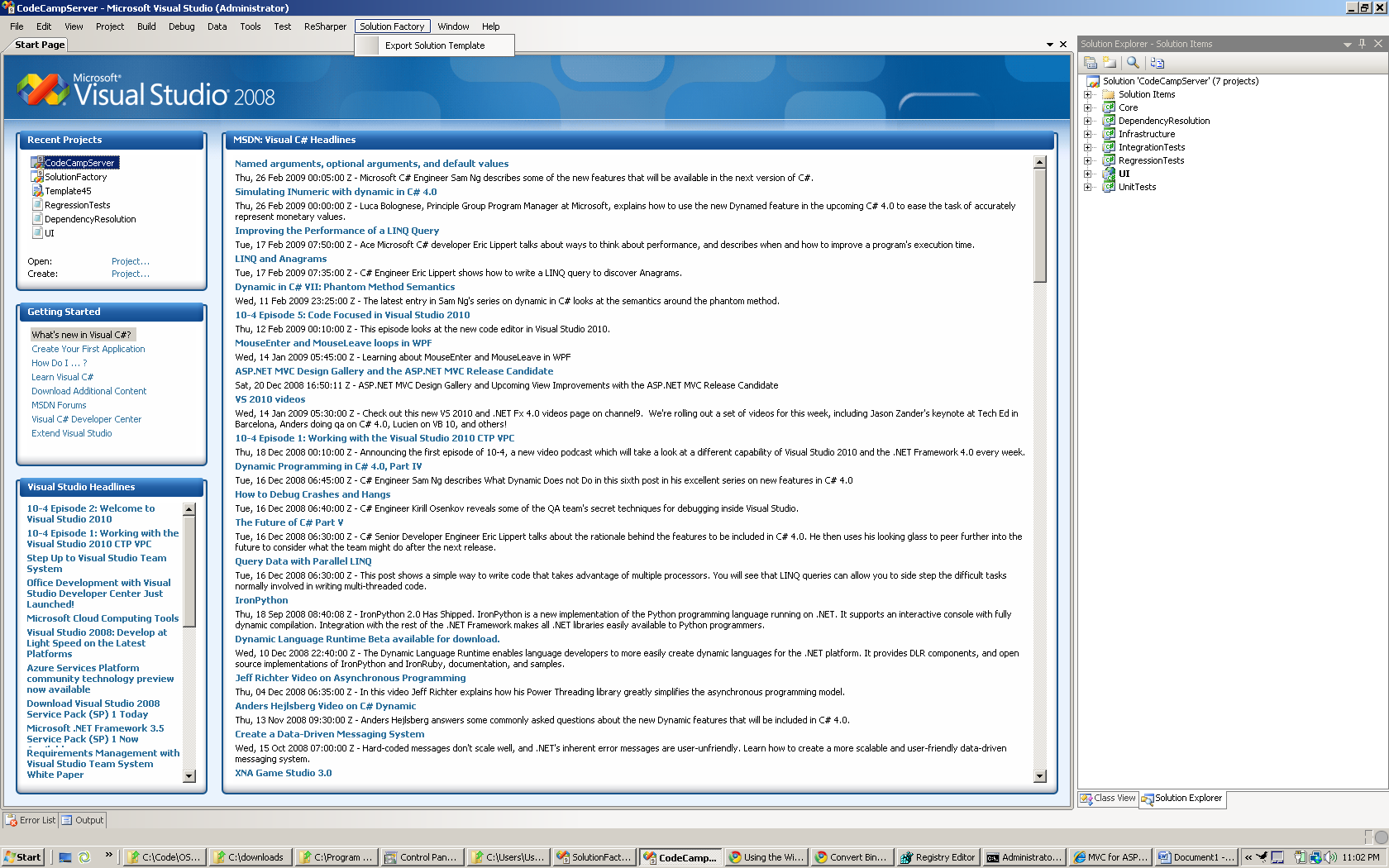
**Solution Factory**

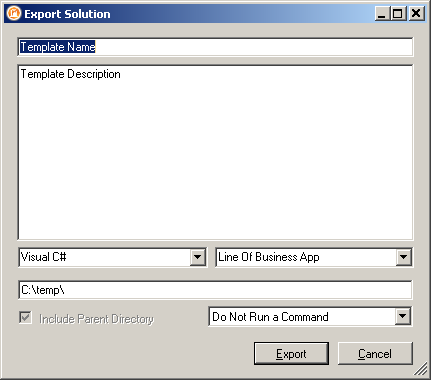
To turn on Solution Factory activate it from the Tools => Add- in Manager

The Solution Factory menu will be added to Visual Studio



Select the Export Solution Template menu item. This will bring up a dialog to confirm information about the template.

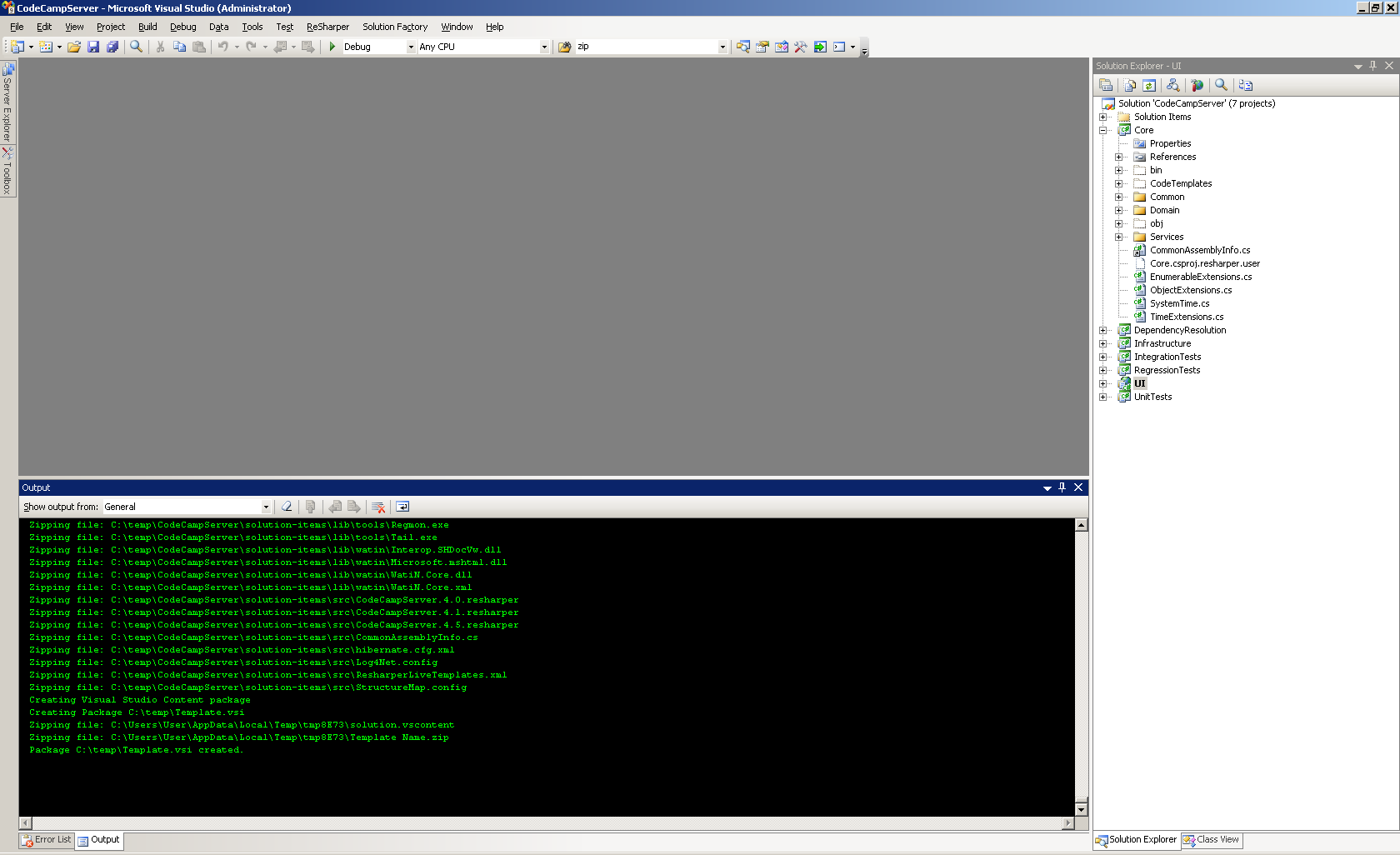


  
  
The export solution will take the following information:

* Template Name:
* Template Description:
* Project Type
* Project SubType
* Directory to output the solution template.
* Command to Run after creation. The drop down will list all batch files (.bat) that are in the solution root(the parent directory of your .sln file)

Click the Export button to start the export process.

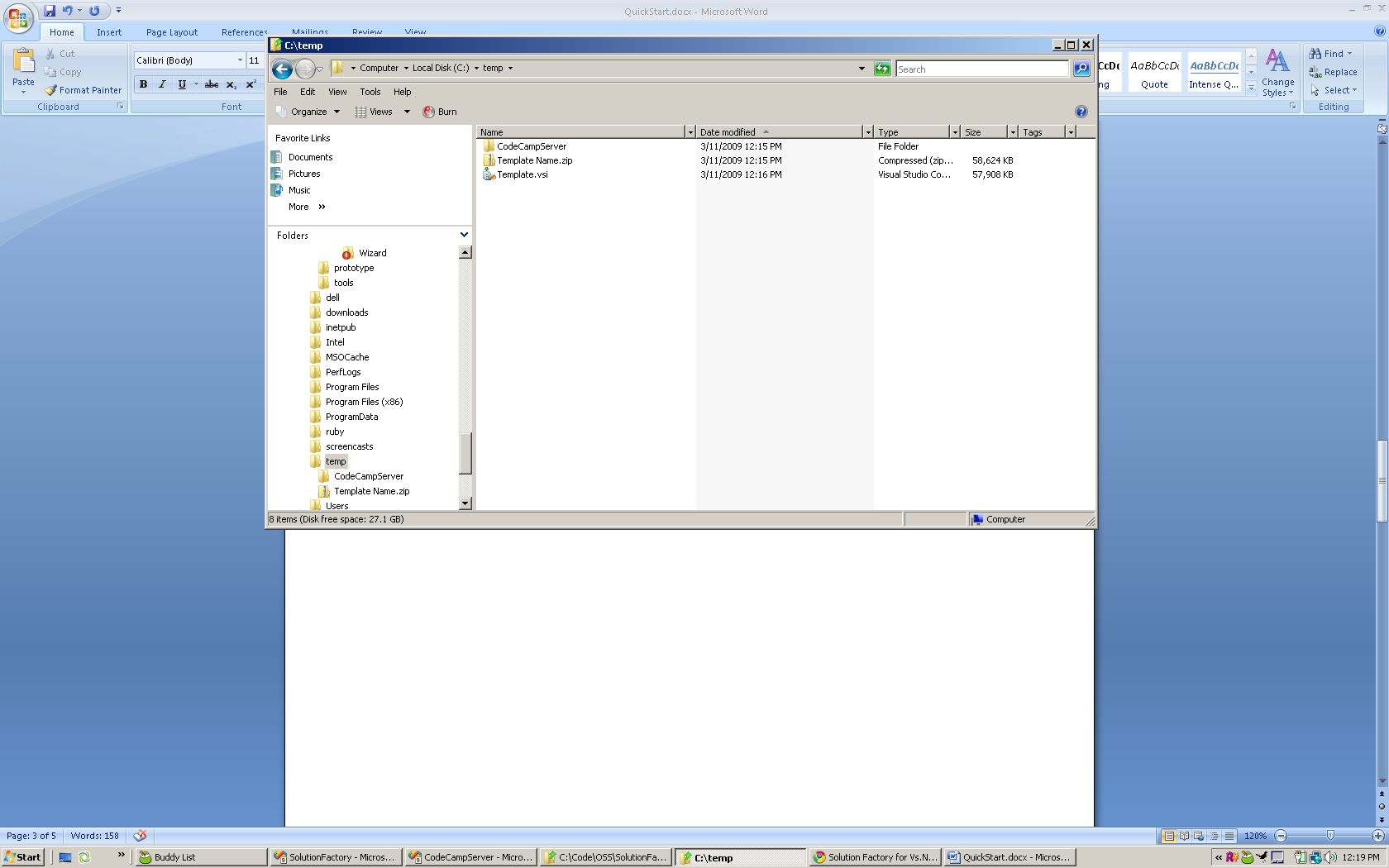
While the solution is exporting, Solution Factory will log its progress to the Output window in Visual Studio



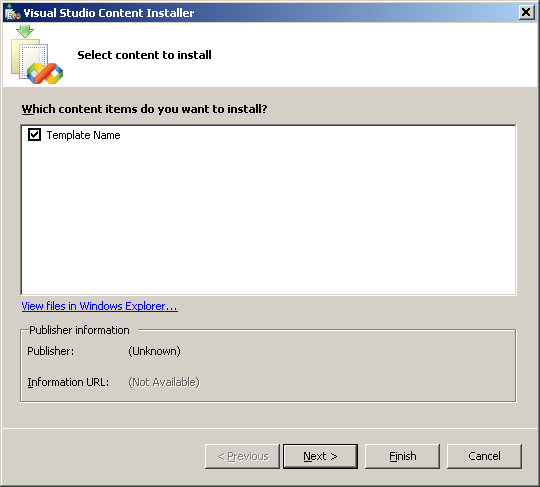
If the export process completes successfully, you will see the following Message box and some log information in the output window that will display where the .vsi template file is located.  


In the output directory you will see the following files and folders.

* A folder with your solution name, this folder contains the files of your solution that have been processed and had tokens replaced inside of each file.
* The zip file will be the template for your solution that can be used by visual studio.
* The vsi file is a file that contains the template zip and some information that the Visual Studio Content installer will use to categorize the template in the New Projects dialog box.

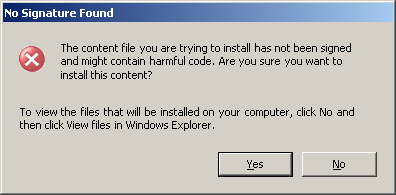


To install the template double click the .vsi file.

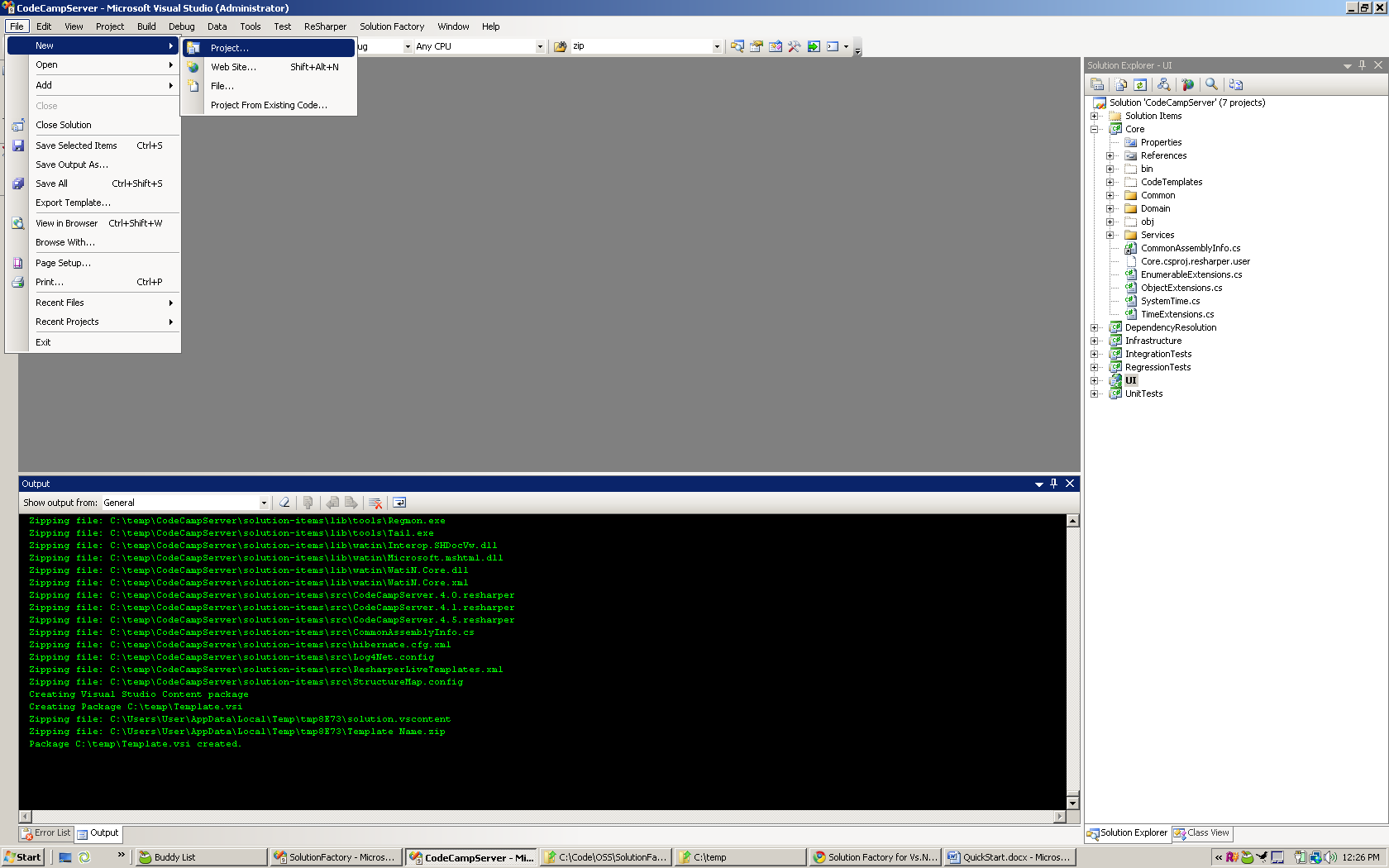


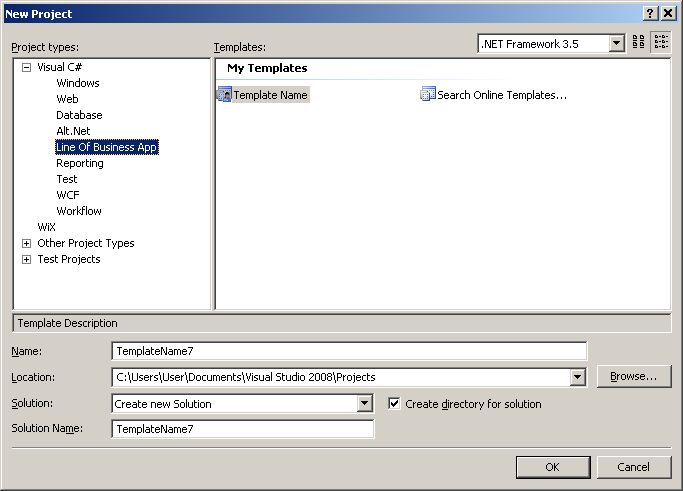
Click the Finish dialog to install the template to your User Settings Visual Studio folder.

You can click Yes to the following dialog box. It is a warning that the package is not signed. This is a length process that requires a certificate to be purchased. Solution Factory does not deal with signing packages.



Once the template is installed you can access it from the File New Project menu in Visual Studio





The items circled in Red are the Project Type / SubType / Template Name / and Template Description that were entered in the Export Solution Dialog box.

For more information go to <http://SolutionFactory.CodePlex.com>