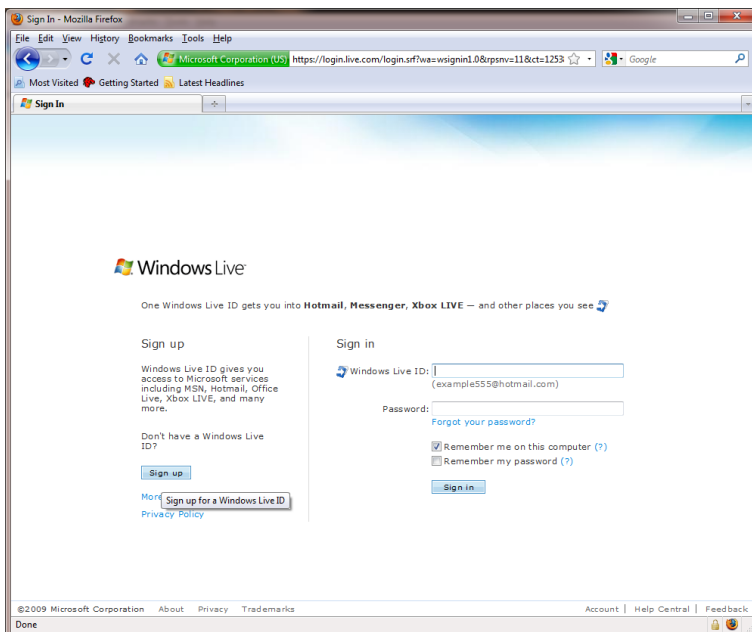
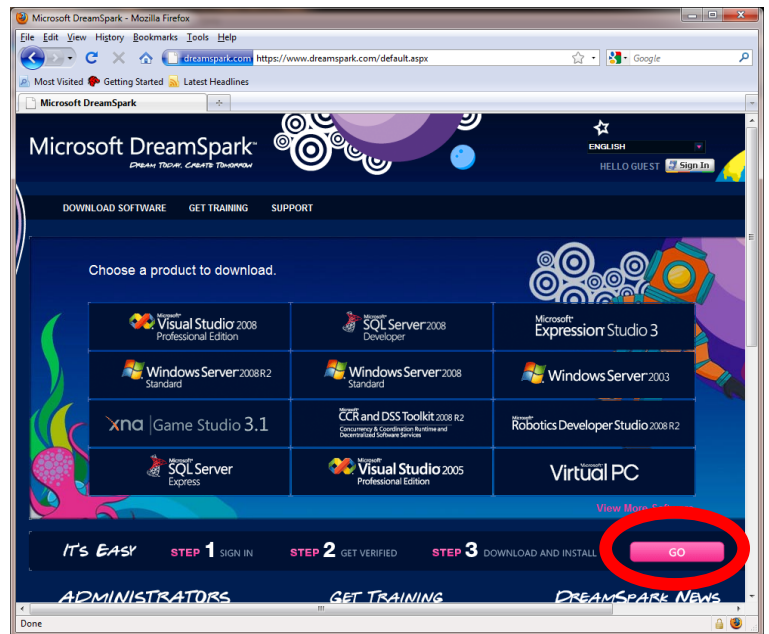


## Microsoft DreamSpark

Dreamspark is a program offered by Microsoft to provide Microsoft software to students at no cost. The program offers several different products including Microsoft's development tools called Visual Studio, Microsoft Windows Server software and many other tools. To gain access to these resources you must sign up for a Windows Live account and authenticate back to Baylor. This authentication back to Baylor is necessary to confirm you are a student at an accredited institution. No personal information is sent to Microsoft in the process of this authentication. The steps below should walk you through the process of signing up. Please note that the screen shots were taken in the fall of 2009, and they may have changed since this document was created.

1. Open a web browser to <http://www.dreamspark.com>.
2. Click the "Go" button to proceed and sign up for a Windows Live Account.



3. If you already have a Windows Live account you can log in with that account. If not you can create a new account by clicking "Sign Up." The following screen shots assume you are signing up for a new account. If you already have a Windows Live account, skip to step 6.

4. You can choose to use an existing e-mail account (such as your Baylor E-Mail account) or create a new account on hotmail.

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**msn**

**Do you have an e-mail address?**  
If you have an e-mail address, you can use it to sign up for MSN. If you don't have an e-mail address, you can get a free MSN Hotmail e-mail address you can use to sign in.

☒ Yes, use my e-mail address  
☐ No, sign me up for a free MSN Hotmail e-mail address

Continue Cancel

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**msn**

**Create credentials**  
Enter an e-mail address and password you want to use when you sign in to MSN. Choose a question and secret answer to help you recover your password if you forget it.

**Create your e-mail address and password**

E-mail address:   
The address can contain only letters, numbers, periods (.), hyphens (-), or underscores (\_).

Password:   
Six-character minimum with no spaces. [Learn how to create a strong, memorable password.](#)

Password strength:  Not rated

Retype password:

**Create your password reset option**  
If you forget your password, you can provide the secret answer to reset it. [Learn more about resetting your password.](#)

Question:

Secret answer:   
Five character minimum; not case sensitive

**Type the characters you see in this picture**  
This ensures that a person, not an automated program, is creating the account. [Why is this important?](#)

Picture:

Characters:

Continue Cancel

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Sign Up

**msn**

**Create an MSN account**  
To create an MSN account, complete the information below. This information will help to personalize your MSN features. You can return to Account Services and update your information at any time. [Learn more](#)

MSN respects your privacy. [Learn more about privacy](#)

**Personal information**

Birth date: Month:  Day:  Example: 1999

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Industry:

Occupation:

Job title:

Marital status: ☐ Married ☐ Single ☒ Not specified

Children in household: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not specified

**Home location**

Country/Region:

State:

ZIP code:

Continue Cancel

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**msn**

**Review and sign the Agreements**  
Your MSN subscription is governed by all of the following, which are collectively the "agreements":

- [Microsoft service agreement](#)
- [Microsoft online privacy statement](#)

To view and print the agreements, click each link and print a copy of each agreement. To accept all of the agreements, type your e-mail address and click I Accept.

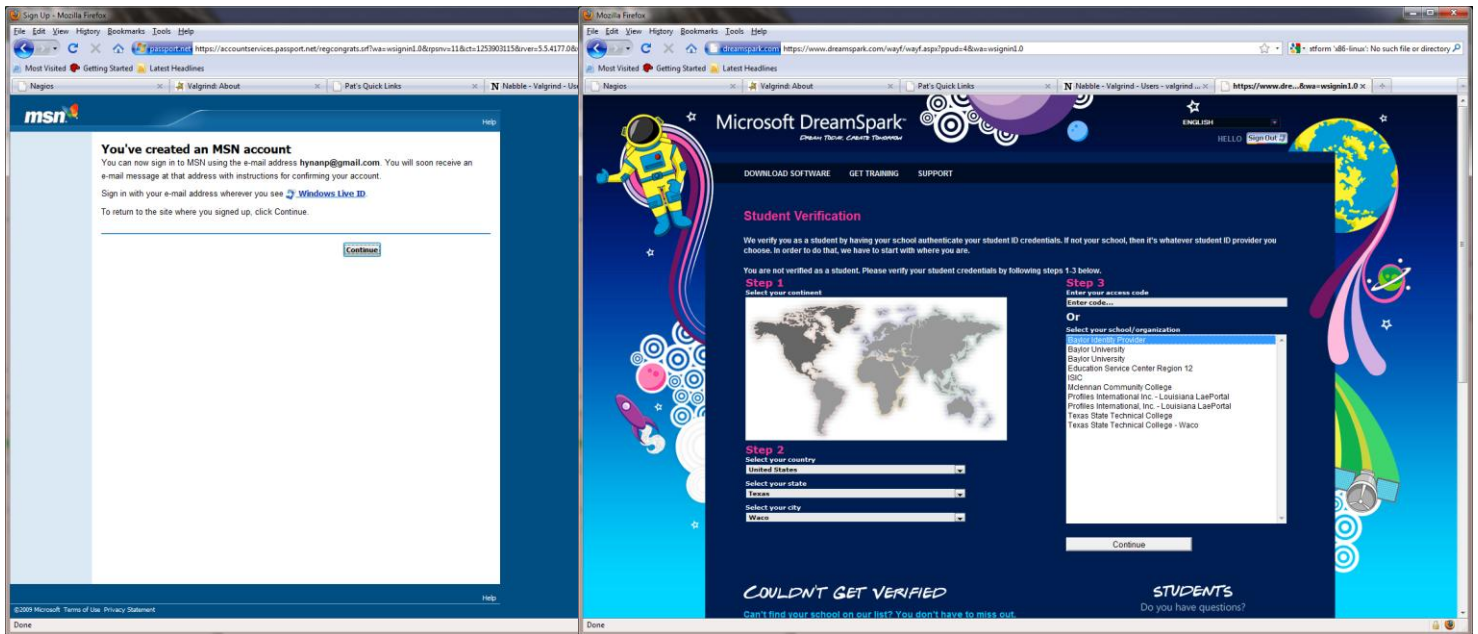
By typing your e-mail address and clicking I Accept, you are accepting all of the agreements, and consenting to receive all information from Microsoft electronically. You understand that you are creating credentials that you can use on other [Windows Live](#) sites and services. You also agree to receive targeted advertisements and periodic member e-mail messages from Microsoft. If you do not accept the agreements as written, click the Cancel button to discontinue sign-up.

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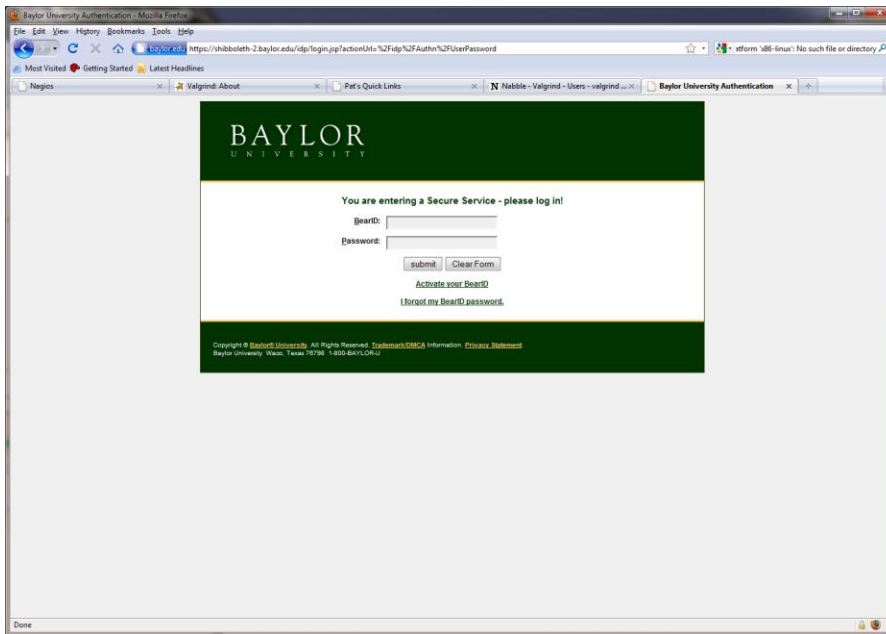
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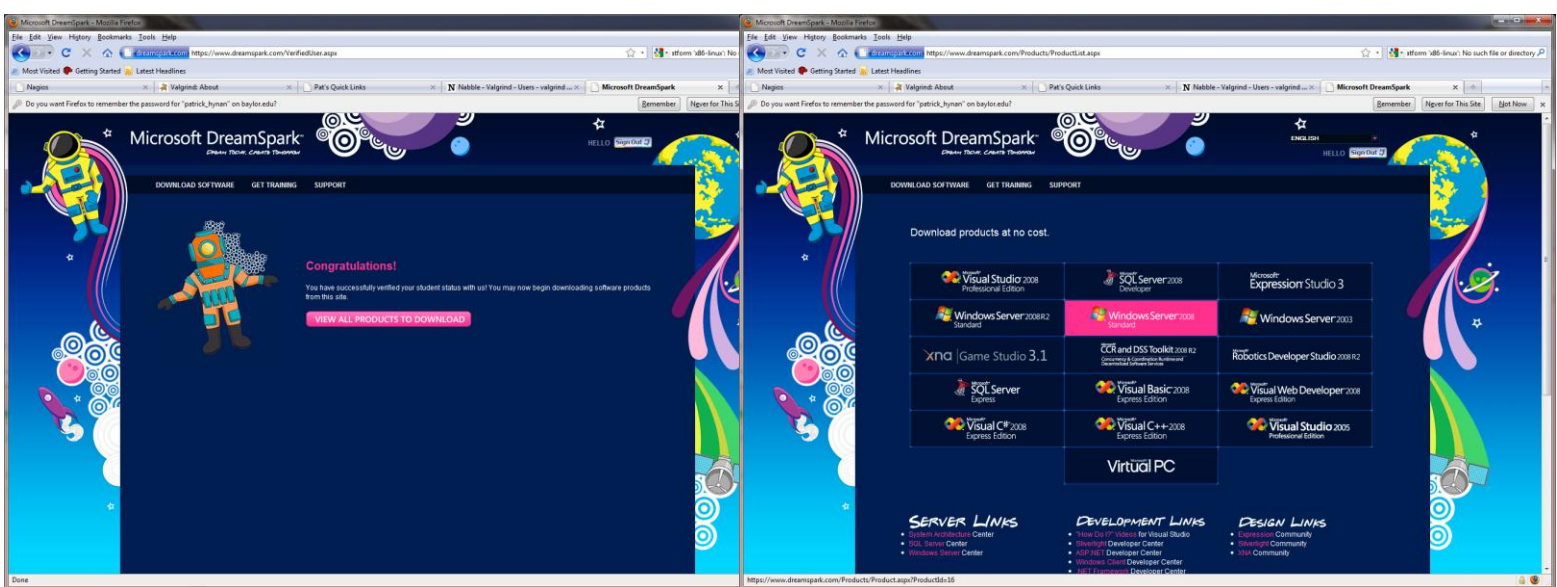
5. If you chose to use an existing account, complete the information requested, review and accept the license agreement.



6. Once you have confirmed your account you should be redirected back to the Student Verification page shown above. This is the page that will help you to authenticate to Baylor's DreamSpark authentication server. You can use the items in Step 1 and Step 2 to narrow the search for the organization in Step 3. Make sure to select **"Baylor Identity Provider"** as the verification server in Step 3.



7. When you click "Continue," you should be directed to a Baylor University server. This server verifies that you are student, faculty or staff member. Please use your Bear\_ID and password to login into this server.



8. Once the authentication is done you should now be able to download the software from the DreamSpark web site. To get to this site again, login to <http://www.dreamspark.com> and use the account you created in these steps.