Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0 Requirement

The 32-bit and 64-bit versions of the Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0 setup are available on the ArcGIS 9.3 and 9.3.1 media in the DotNet20 folder.

If Microsoft .NET Framework 3.0 or Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 is installed on your machine, Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0 will also be installed automatically by Microsoft. Therefore having Microsoft .NET Framework 3.0 or 3.5 installed on your machine will satisfy any ArcGIS Product requirements for Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0 listed here.

ArcGIS Desktop core metadata tools (ESRI Metadata Translator, Metadata Publisher, USGS MP Metadata Translator, XSLT Transformation) requires Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0 to be installed prior to the installation of ArcGIS Desktop to have core metadata tools available for install.

ArcGIS Desktop requires Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0 to enable crash dump reports to be automatically sent to ESRI. Without Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0 the crash dump reports are saved locally and must be manually sent to ESRI.

ArcGIS Desktop, ArcReader for Windows and ArcGIS Engine require Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0 to run .NET-based applications written against ArcGIS 9.3 or 9.3.1. Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0 must be installed prior to the installation of the product to have the option to install the .NET Support feature.

- A Typical or Complete installation of ArcGIS Desktop or ArcReader automatically installs the .NET Support feature if Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0 is installed before you run the ArcGIS Desktop or ArcReader setup program.

ArcGIS Desktop and ArcGIS Engine Software Developer Kits (SDK)
The following SDK's require Visual Studio 2005 (which includes .NET Framework 2.0) or Visual Studio 2008 (which includes .NET Framework 3.5 satisfying the Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0 requirement.)

- ArcGIS Desktop SDK for Microsoft .NET Framework
- ArcGIS Desktop SDK for Visual C++
- ArcGIS Engine SDK for Microsoft .NET
- ArcGIS Engine SDK for Visual C++
- ArcGIS Engine SDK for C++

ArcIMS for Windows
ArcIMS .NET Web Manager and ArcIMS Web ADF for the Microsoft .NET Framework requires Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0 to be installed prior to installation of the product.
ArcGIS Server for the Microsoft .NET Framework and ArcGIS Explorer requires Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0 to be installed prior to installation of the product.