

## Technical FAQ

### Software requirements

To obtain the source code of EwE 5 and 6, you will need the following:

- A Subversion client such as [?TortoiseSVN](#) to get a copy of the source code from the EwE Subversion repository,
- Log-in access to SVN, which we will provide to you upon request.
- The URL to our Subversion repository: <http://sources.ecopath.org/svn/Ecopath/trunk/Ecopath6>
- Note: if you cannot use SVN, you can download the latest version of the source code ([?as a ?zip file](#)).

[>> Show SVN step-by-step instructions](#)

- Microsoft Windows XP or newer. The EwE6 sources are not [?MONO](#) compliant.
- A development environment such as [?Microsoft Visual Basic Express 2010](#) or newer, or [?Microsoft Visual Studio 2010](#) or newer
- [?Microsoft Jet Engine 4.0](#) for using MDB databases. Native to Windows XP and newer.
- [?Microsoft 2007 Office drivers](#) for using ACCDB databases. Installed with Office 2007, and native to Windows Vista and newer.

[>> Show Visual Studio step-by-step instructions](#)

To compile the source code of Ecopath version 5, you require:

- [?Microsoft Visual Basic 6](#).
- Windows XP. Visual Basic 6 does not work well on the 64 bit versions of Windows Vista and Windows 7. You can develop using Windows 7 and 8 excellent [?Hyper-V virtual PC](#).

### Code documentation

- [Documenting your code](#) - How to write and publish in-code documentation with Visual Studio and [?SandCastle](#)

### Coding issues

We've ran into a series of limitations and oddities that we want to prevent from happening. Here are a few links that convey some of our experiences:

- [Best practices, coding guidelines and user interface design guidelines](#)
- [Solving key EwE6 source code errors](#)