

Advanced .NET Framework 2.0 Using C# 2005: Part 1 of 2

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Course description: In this volume, you'll learn about System.Configuration namespace to embed configuration management into your .NET applications. See how to post events to the Windows Event log and manage Windows processes using the System.Diagnostics namespace. Take advantage of the new .NET 2.0 security features in the System.Security namespace. Prevent tampering using the AccessControl and Authentication classes. Protect your data using the Cryptography classes. Control access to your applications using the Permissions and Policy classes.

Course outline:

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- .NET Configuration System
- Configuration API
- Config Files Security
- Standard Config Sections
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- Read AppSettings
- View Raw AppSettings XML
- Connection Strings
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