Silverlight 4 Using Visual Basic 2010

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Prerequisites: This course assumes that students have some programming background and experience using Visual Studio 2010. This course assumes knowledge of a CLS language (Visual Basic), of the .NET Framework, and the current (or a prior) version of Visual Studio.

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Course description: Silverlight 4.0 makes it possible for developers to create rich, interactive application delivered through a Web browser to nearly any client operating system, including Windows, Mac, and Linux. This course introduces the basics of creating and hosting Silverlight applications, working through many of the important controls, though binding Silverlight applications to live data.

Course outline:

Introducing Silverlight
- Introduction
- Introducing Silverlight
- Demo: MS Silverlight page
- Why Silverlight?
- Evolution of Silverlight
- Development Tools
- Getting Started
- Additional Projects
- WPF vs. Silverlight
- An Inconvenient Truth
- Silverlight and XAML
- Demo: Silverlight Application
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Investigating XAML
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- Investigating XAML
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- Type Converters
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- Demo: Markup Extensions
- Attached Properties
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- Working with Layout Controls
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- DependencyObject Class
- Investigating Property
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- In Constructor
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- Running Out of Browser
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Layout Principles
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- Windows Forms Layout
- Web Forms Layout
- XAML Layout
- XAML Layout is Recursive
- Determining Element Size
- Alignment
- Margin and Padding
- Alignment, Margin, Padding
- Containers
- StackPanel
- Determining Element Size
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More Layout Containers
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- WrapPanel
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- DockPanel
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- Nesting Containers
- Demo: Nesting Containers
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- GradientStop
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- TextBlock Control
- Line Breaks
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- DatePicker Control
- Demo: Calendar and DataPicker
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- ProgressBar Control
- MediaElement Control
- Demo: Slider Controls
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- Demo: MediaElement Control
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- ListBox
- Populate a ListBox
- More ListBox
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- IsEditable and IsReadOnly
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- Populate TreeView in XAML
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- TabControl and TabItem
- Expander
- Demo: ScrollViewer
- Demo: TabControl + Expander
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- Introducing XAML Resources
- Why Use Resources?
- The Resources Dictionary
- Demo: Resource
- Using Resources
- Static vs Dynamic
- Defining Static Resources
- Hierarchy of Resources
- Demo: Hierarchy of Resources
- Self-Referential Resource
- Demo:Self-Referential Resource
- Resource Naming Conflicts
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- Creating a Simple Style
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- What is Going On
- Why Use Styles
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- Dynamic Styles
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Advanced Navigation
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- Sources + Targets
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- To the Rescue
- StringFormat Property
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- Without Data Binding
- With Data Binding
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- WCF Building Blocks
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- Binding to One Customer
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- Grouping and Sorting
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- Data Entry
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Data Form Data Page
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- Working with Shapes
- Investigating Basic Shapes
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- Rounding Corners
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- Positioning and Sizing Shapes
- Demo: Positioning and Sizing
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- Paths vs Geometries?
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- Demo: Ellipse,Line,RetangleGeo
- Using the GeometryGroupElement
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- Curves/Lines with PathGeometry
- Segment Types
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- Working with Brushes
- What is a Brush?
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- How to Select a Color
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- Use Element.Property Syntax
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- LinearGradientBrush Class
- LinearGradientBrush
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- ImageBrush
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- RotateTransform
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- Enter Expression Blend
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- Why Use Expression Blend?
- Expression Blend and SketchFlow
- Working with Expression Blend
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