Expression Blend Design, Part 1 of 3: Introduction

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Prerequisites: This course assumes that students have some programming experience and a background in building user interfaces on the Microsoft platform.

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Course description: The user experience is very important in creating any application. Part of the experience is how well the user is able to use the application with the interface. User Interface building has become a vital role for any developer. One of the tools for creating a user interface is Expression Blend. This course will introduce Expression Blend and Expression Suite. It will show the basics of using this tool to create interfaces that can be hooked up with the Visual Studio to create an application.

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