

# Developing Apps Using Visual Basic 2008: What's New

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**Prerequisites:** Before taking this course, students should have a good working knowledge of Visual Studio 2005 and the .NET Framework 2.0, or should have completed AppDev's Developing Applications Using Visual Basic 2005 and Developing Applications Using Visual Basic 2005: Additional Topics.

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**Course description:** Visual Studio 2008 adds a large set of new functionality for the Visual Basic developer. From new language features, including LINQ (Language Integrated Query) to new client-side data support, Visual Studio 2008 and the .NET Framework 3.5 make it easier than ever to create robust, enterprise-level applications. This course, including full written courseware, demonstrations, and lab exercises, introduces the most important new features in Visual Studio 2008 for experienced Visual Basic developers.

## Course outline:

### Introduction to LINQ

- Introduction
- Working with Data
- LINQ and VB/C#
- LINQ and Language Features
- LINQ Usages
- LINQ Overview
- LINQ Syntax
- Demo: Query Expressions
- Intellisense with LINQ
- Extension Methods
- Demo: Custom Extension
- More Complex Objects
- Object Initializers
- Demo: Object Initializers
- Query Extension Methods
- Lambda Expressions
- Demo: Lambda Expressions
- Anonymous Types
- Demo: Anonymous Types
- Interesting Examples
- Demo: List Processes
- LINQ and Delayed Execution

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### LINQ to SQL

- Introduction
- Overview: LINQ to SQL
- Create Data Model
- Demo: Add LINQ to SQL Class
- Demo: View Data Model
- Demo: Query SQL Database
- Demo: Call Stored Proc
- Anonymous Types w/SQL
- Demo: Anonymous Types
- Modify SQL Data
- Demo: Modify SQL Data
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### LINQ to DataSets / XML

- Introduction
- Overview: LINQ to DataSets
- LINQ to Typed DataSets
- Demo: Typed DataSets
- LINQ to Untyped DataSets
- Demo: Untyped DataSets
- LINQ to XML
- Demo: LINQ to XML
- Transform XML
- Demo: Transform XML

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### Hierarchical Data / Caching

- Introduction
- Work with Related Data
- TableAdapterManager
- Demo: TableAdapterManager
- View DataSet
- View Relations
- AutoIncrement Properties
- Connected Scenarios
- Synch Local Data
- Synch Services for ADO.NET
- SQL Server Compact 3.5
- Set Up Synchronization
- Demo: ADO.NET Synch
- Add Local Database Cache
- Configure Tables
- Explore Solution Files
- Rebind Data Controls
- Synchronize Data
- Test Synch/Remote Data
- SyncStatistics Class
- SyncDirection Property

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### N-Tier Data

- Introduction
- Overview: 2-Tier
- Overview: N-Tier
- Demo: Split DataSet Code
- Create N-Tier App
- Define 2-Tier DataSource
- DataSet Project Property
- Create Multi-Tier Form
- Define N-Tier DataSource
- Test N-Tier App
- LINQ to SQL
- LINQ to SQL Mappings
- DataContext Class
- Entity Classes
- Object Relational Designer
- Demo: LINQ to SQL
- View Designer Class
- Create Front End
- Configure Behavior
- Specify Mappings
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### Introduction to WPF

- Introduction

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- View Example WPF App
- Windows Forms
- What WPF Provides
- Graphics and Composition
- WPF Questions
- Family.Show App
- Inconvenient Truth
- WPF and XAML
- XAML / WPF Designer
- Demo: A Simple WPF App
- Explore WPF App Parts
- View XAML Markup
- Modify Properties
- Add Controls
- Handle Events
- Useful Project Tools
- Investigate Routed Events
- Properties of RoutedEventArgs
- Demo: Modify the App
- Summary

## Content / Grid Controls

- Introduction
- Overview: Content Controls
- Add Image to ListBox
- Content Property
- Work w/Layout Controls
- StackPanel Control
- Add TextBox to StackPanel
- List Box as Container
- Grid Control
- Create Row/Column Definitions
- Specifying Column/Row Sizes
- Add Controls to Grid
- Dependency Properties
- DependencyObject Class
- Investigate Dependency Props
- Declare the Property
- In Constructor
- Property Wrapper
- Use Attached Properties
- Programming the Grid
- Summary

## WPF Layout

- Introduction
- Examine Solution App
- Controls in App
- Create the Layout
- Create New Project
- Layout Controls on Form
- Add Second Grid

- Add Controls to Grid
- Save / Test Form
- MediaPlayer Control
- Demo: MediaPlayer Control
- Add Stack Panel
- Add Media Element Control
- Add a Slider
- Modify Row Definitions
- Configure Buttons
- Configure Stack Panel
- Configure Slider
- Configure Column Sizes
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## WPF Code

- Introduction
- Add Timer to User Control
- Add Constructor
- Event Handler Code
- Add Button Code
- Hook Up Event Handlers
- Add the User Control
- Test the Application
- Create / Bind Data Source
- Create ThumbnailList Class
- Set FolderName Property
- Demo: ThumbnailList Class
- Prepare Window1 Class
- Demo: Window1 Class
- Hook up Data Binding
- Demo: Data Binding
- Data Binding Syntax
- Display the Video
- Add Data Converter/Template
- Create a Type Converter
- IValueConverter Interface
- Demo: Type Converter
- Add Converter Resource
- Add Resources
- Create Data Template
- Save / Test Application
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## Create a WCF Service

- Introduction
- Windows Comm. Foundation
- WCF / Web Services
- WCF / .NET Remoting
- Demo: Simple WCF Service
- WCF Building Blocks
- Services
- Service Contracts
- Data Contracts

- Endpoints
- Bindings
- WCF Provided Bindings
- Demo: Create WCF Service
- Create Connection String
- Examine Data Code
- View app.config
- Test Service
- Create a Host for Service
- Modify Web.config
- View Service in Browser
- Call Service w/Windows App
- Examine Windows Client
- Add Service Reference
- Examine Endpoint
- Bind the Data
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## Host a WCF Service

- Introduction
- Overview
- Hosting Options
- Host in IIS
- Host in Client App
- Channels
- Demo: Host a WCF Service
- Create Console App
- Add Reference
- Add ServiceHost Code
- Run the Service Host
- Create Client App
- Set Up Data Binding
- Add New DataSource
- Create an Endpoint
- ChannelFactory
- Set Start Up Projects
- Test the App
- Use NetTCPBinding
- Define Multiple Endpoints
- Multiple Listening Protocols
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## Configuration

- Introduction
- ServiceModel Configuration
- <services> Element
- Configuration Example
- Multiple Endpoints
- Demo: Config WCF Services
- Service Config Editor
- Create New Service
- Create/Edit Endpoints
- Save config File

- Include in Project
- Test Service
- Create Client End Points
- View Client app.config
- Implement End Points
- Test App
- Edit Config File
- Summary

## Introduction to Workflow

- Introduction
- Overview: WWF
- Demo: Simple Workflow
- Create Sequential Workflow
- Add Activities
- Test Workflow
- Debug Workflow
- Examine Startup Code
- Overview: Activities
- Conditional Activities
- IfElse Activity
- While Activity
- Demo: IfElse Activity
- Set Conditions
- Declarative Rule Condition
- Rule Expression Editor
- Add/Remove IfElse Branch
- Code Condition
- Test IfElse Workflow
- Demo: While Activity
- Add While Activity
- Add Sequence Activity
- Bind to a Property
- Test While Workflow
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## WWF Decisions / Hosting

- Introduction
- Rules in Workflows
- Overview: RuleSet
- Overview: Policy Activity
- Demo: RuleSets/Policies
- Use a Policy Activity
- Create a RuleSet
- Add New Rules
- Test Workflow
- Call Methods in Rules
- RuleSetReference Property
- Workflow Architecture
- Host Workflow in Windows App
- Pass Parameters
- Demo: Host Workflow in Form
- Set Workflow References

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- Test Host Workflow
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## **Comm. / State Machines**

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- Call From Workflow
- Demo: Call Methods in Host
- Create the Interface
- Call Methods
- Implement Interface
- Save/Build/Test Solution
- Hook up Data Exchange
- Handle Host Events
- Event Arguments
- State Machine Workflows
- State / SetState Activites
- Demo: State Machine WF
- Examine EventArgs Class
- Examine the Interface
- Examine Host Interface
- Create the Workflow States
- Modify State Activity
- Configure State Transitions
- Configure Workflow Events
- StateFinalization Activity
- Test the Application
- Summary

## **Client App Services**

- Introduction
- Manage Members / Roles
- Configure Web Site Security
- Demo: Web Site Security
- Run aspnet\_regsql
- ASP.NET SQL Server Wizard
- Create Web Site
- Set Web Site Properties
- Set up Security
- Web Site Administration Tool
- Create Roles
- Add Users/Access Rules
- Manage Roles
- Windows Application Features
- Role Based Security
- Project Settings
- Client Application Services
- Authentication
- Demo: Remote Authentication
- Enable Client App Services
- Set Authentication Mode
- Configure Web Site to Listen
- Use Authentication Service

- Modify Login Form
- Use Credentials Provider
- Summary

## **Roles/Settings/Custom Prov.**

- Introduction
- Overview: Roles
- Overview: Settings
- Demo: Remote Roles/Profiles
- Use Roles Service
- Add/Define Settings
- Bind Settings
- Save Settings
- Run Application
- Use Profile Service
- Load Web Settings
- Test Web Settings
- Custom Membership Providers
- Custom Role Providers
- Demo: Membership/Role Prov.
- View User.xml/Roles.xml
- Create Membership Provider
- Create Role Provider
- Test the Providers
- Summary

## **VSTO Excel**

- Introduction
- Office Projects VS 2008
- What Can Office Do
- What Kind of Apps
- Document vs. Application
- Excel Add-In
- Ribbon Customizations
- Demo: Create Excel Add-In
- Demo: Ribbon Customization
- Office Ribbon IDs
- Lay out Custom Tab/Group
- Add Data Source
- Add Data / Hook Events
- Create Custom Task Pane
- Program Custom Task Pane
- Manage Task Pane Display
- Task Pane/ToggleButton
- Test Excel Add-In
- Summary

## **VSTO Word**

- Introduction
- Content Control Types
- Managed Wrappers
- Create Form
- Demo: Content Controls
- Create New Form
- Add New Data Source

- Add Content Controls
- Program Content Controls
- Enhance Data Binding
- Test Word Add-In
- Summary

## **VSTO Outlook**

- Introduction
- Form Regions
- Four Types of Regions
- Create Form Regions
- Create New Office Add-in
- Add New Form Region
- Add New Data Source
- Lay out Form Contents
- Test the Form
- Populate the Mail Message
- Test Outlook Add-in
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