

Developing Apps Using Visual Basic 2005

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Course description: In this course you will learn how to use Visual Studio 2005 and Visual Basic 2005 to build Windows applications to run on the .NET 2.0 platform. You will become familiar with the Windows Forms and Windows Forms controls, focusing on new Visual Studio 2005 features. You will see how to use new .NET 2.0 features like Application events and the My namespace. Access data using ADO.NET and its DataTable, DataReader, DataAdapter, and DataSet classes. Take advantage of new Visual Studio 2005 data binding features, and explore the range of controls and components provided by Visual Studio 2005. Build solid applications using structured exception handling, and debug your applications using new Visual Studio 2005 debugging features. Access legacy code in COM components, Win32 APIs using P/Invoke, and remote code in Web Services. Add professional-looking menus and toolbars using the new ToolStrip controls, and add unprecedented flexibility to your user interfaces using the new container controls. Deploy and maintain your application easier than ever before, taking advantage of Click-Once deployment.

Course outline:

Overview of Windows Forms

- Introduction
- Create a New VB Win App
- Hide/Show Other Windows
- Set Properties of the Form
- Add Controls to the Form
- Investigate the Snap Lines
- Adjust Controls Size/Locations
- TextBox MultiLine Property
- Label AutoSize Property
- Format the Controls
- Controlling Tab Order
- View the Code
- The Dispose Method
- InitializeComponent() Proc.
- Summary

Overview of Event Handling

- Introduction
- Adding Event Handling Code
- Rename the Controls
- Adding Code to the Button
- Adding a Menu to the Form
- Component Tray
- Set Properties of the MenuStrip

- Adding Code for the MenuStrip
- Adding Access/Shortcut Keys
- Non-Graphical Components
- Adding a ToolTip Component
- Adding a Timer Component
- Summary

Working with Events

- Introduction
- How VB Handles Events
- Working with Events
- Add Button Click Event
- Add Mouse Click Event
- MouseEventArgs Parameter
- Working with Forms
- Using Forms as Dialog boxes
- Demonstrate a Dialog Form
- Examine the Dialog Form
- Set Dialog Result Properties
- The Using Construct
- Starting the Application
- Selecting an Initial Form
- Event Covers
- Introducing Delegates
- Examine the Click Event

- Examine the MouseClick Event
- Call a Procedure
- Handles Clause in Code
- Handling Multiple Controls
- MC with Single Procedure
- MC with Same Event Handler
- One Event/Multiple Handlers
- AddHandler/RemoveHandler
- Summary

Form and Control Events

- Introduction
- Explore Form/Control Events
- Form Events
- Investigating Form Events
- Keyboard Events
- KeyPress vs KeyDown/KeyUp
- KeyPress/Up/Down Events
- Investigating Keyboard Events
- View Code for KB Events
- Mouse Events
- MouseMove Event
- MouseUp/Down Events
- Investigating Mouse Events
- Control Events

- Investigating ControlEvents
- Validating User Input
- The Validating Event
- View Validating Event Example
- ErrorProvider Component
- Creating a Cancel Button
- Error Provider/Cancel Demo
- Summary

Label/TextBox/Button Controls

- Introduction
- Label Control
- TextBox Control
- Label/TextBox Demo
- Investigate Label Properties
- Display Help Info in a Label
- Show/Hide a Label Control
- Add Cut/Copy/Paste Features
- Change BackColor of TextBox
- Validate Text Length in a TB
- Auto Completion for a TextBox
- Button Control
- Button Demo
- Control Button Click
- Button Appearances

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- Investigate Button Properties
- Images on a Button
- Button Default or Cancel
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- RadioButton Control
- CheckBox/RadioButton Demo
- CheckBox Properties
- Grouping RadioButtons
- Validate a TextBox
- RadioButton Selection
- Respond to RadioButton
- ComboBox Control
- ListBox Control
- CheckedListBox Control
- Combo/List/Checked Demo
- Populating a ComboBox
- Populate a ListBox
- Select Items in a ComboBox
- Select Items in a ListBox
- Multiple Values in a Listbox
- Items in a CheckedListBox
- Items in the CheckedListBox
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Additional Common Controls

- Introduction
- LinkLabel Control
- NumericUpDown Control
- Demo
- LinkLabel_ValueChanged
- RadioButton_CheckChanged
- PictureBox Control
- ProgressBar Control
- PictureBox/ProgressBar Demo
- Change the Image
- Load an Image
- Load Image Asynchronously
- Methods to Display Progress
- Summary

Intro to Exception Handling

- Introduction
- Exception Handling in .NET
- VB 6 vs .NET
- Structured Exception Handling Example
- No Error Handling
- Exception Assistant
- Disable Exception Assistant
- Error that the User Sees
- Add a Simple Try/Catch Block

- Unhandled Exceptions
- Using an Exception Object
- Catching Specific Exceptions
- Multiple Exceptions
- Inheritance Hierarchy
- Specific Exception Code
- Summary

Creating/Throwing Exceptions

- Introduction
- Using the Throw Keyword
- Searching for Handlers
- Exception Handling Options
- Throwing Exceptions
- Throw an Exception Demo
- Inner Exception Property
- Running Code Unconditionally
- Finally and/or Catch
- Finally Block Code Demo
- Implement the Using Block
- Unhandled Exceptions
- Set Up UE Demo
- Run UE Demo
- Creating an Exception
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Strings

- Introduction
- Working with Text
- String Class
- Creating Strings
- String Properties
- Shared/Static String Methods
- Instance String Methods
- Work with Strings Demo
- String Properties Demo
- Shared/Static Methods Demo
- String Methods Demo
- StringBuilder Class
- Multiple Line Text Output
- StringBuilder Class
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Dates and Times

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- Working with Dates/Times
- DateTime Constructors
- Shared/Static Members
- Simple Properties
- Conversion Methods
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- Shared Static Methods
- Localized Date Information
- Run Dates and Times Demo
- View the Code for the Demo
- Date/Time Methods Demo
- Date/Time Globalization Demo
- Handling Elapsed Time
- Creating TimeSpan Values
- TimeSpan Instance Members
- TimeSpan Fields
- Measuring Elapsed Time
- TimeSpan Demo
- Stopwatch Class Demo
- Stopwatch Class Code
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- Overview of ADO.NET
- ADO.NET Classes
- OleDb vs SqlClient
- ADO.NET Architecture
- DataTable Object
- DataTable Object Demo
- Connecting to a Data Source
- Setting Up Connections
- Config File Conn Strings
- Making the Connections
- Exception Handling
- Use the Using Block
- Cmds/Cmd Methods
- Reading Data
- Close the Connection
- SqlDataReader Demo
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- Using a Data Adapter
- Getting Data into a DataSet
- Filling a DataSet
- DataTable Rows and Columns
- Using DataRows
- DataColumnns and Schema
- Retrieve OleDb DataSet Demo
- SQL DataTable Demo
- Choosing ADO.NET Provider
- SQL Server Data Provider
- OLE DB .NET Data Provider
- ODBC Data Provider
- Multiple Providers
- Writing Code for MP
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Data Binding

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- Data Binding Basics
- Creating a Data Source
- Data Source Config Wizard
- Data Sources Window
- Creating Data-Bound Forms
- Data Binding Demo
- Create a Data Source
- Data Sources Window
- Create Data Bound Form
- Components and Controls
- The DataSet
- The TableAdapter
- View Code that Binds the Data
- View Code to Save an Entry
- BindingSource Component
- BindingNavigator Control
- Investigate the Components
- Investigate the DataSet
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Relationships/Lookup Tables

- Introduction
- Data from Related Tables
- Categories/Products Form
- Modify the DataGridView
- Data Components
- BindingSource Properties
- Lookup Tables Data
- Modify Form with DLT
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Searching and Filtering

- Introduction
- Add Search Capabilities
- TableAdapter Query Config
- Call the TableAdapter Query
- Search Criteria Builder
- Search Capabilities Demo
- Add Queries to TableAdapter
- Add Search Controls to Form
- Add Wildcard to Query
- Filtering by Values
- Add Category Lookup to Form
- Add Code for the Lookup
- Summary

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- Determine User Changes
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- Add BindingNavigator Demo
- BindingSource Component
- BindingSource Data Navigation
- BSD Manipulation
- BindingSource Sorting/Filtering
- BindingSource Demo
- Working with Underlying Data
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- Working with Related Data
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DataGridView Control

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- Customize Data Display
- DataGridView Demo
- Formatting Cells at Runtime
- CellFormatting Event Demo
- CellFormatting Event Code
- Displaying Calculated Values
- Display Calc. Value Demo
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- Displaying Images
- Displaying Images Demo
- Displaying Images Code
- Add Controls to DataGridView
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- Create a Report Manually
- Set Sorting/Grouping
- Edit an Expression
- Add ReportViewer to Form
- Run the New Report
- Review of Creating a Report
- Local/Rmt. Report Processing
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- System.IO Namespace
- Selecting Files
- Filter Property
- Other Properties
- Show the Dialog Box
- Retrieve Multiple Files
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- SaveFileDialog Control
- OpenFileDialog Demo
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- Why Two Sets of Classes?
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- Investigating the Objects
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- Methods of the Directory Class
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- Stream-Based Objects
- Alternate Solutions
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- ProjectSettings Properties
- Associate an Icon
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- View the Build Files
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- Adding References
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