

Exploring Visual Studio 2008 Using Visual Basic

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Course description: Visual Studio 2008 adds a large set of new functionality for the Visual Studio 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 introduces the most important new features in Visual Studio 2008 for experienced Visual Studio developers.

Course outline:

LINQ Syntax

- Introduction
- Language Integrated Query
- Delayed Execution
- LINQ and Visual Basic/C#
- LINQ and Language Features
- LINQ Usages
- LINQ Overview
- LINQ Syntax
- Demo: LINQ Intellisense
- Demo: Query Expressions
- Extension Methods
- Extension Method Example
- Demo: Custom Extension
- More Complex Objects
- Demo: Complex Collection
- Object Initializers
- Query Extension Methods
- Lambda Expressions
- Demo: Lambda Expression
- Anonymous Types
- Demo: Anonymous Types
- Interesting Examples
- Demo: List Processes
- Demo: Process a Text File
- Summary

LINQ Over Data

- Introduction

- LINQ over SQL
- Create Data Model
- Demo: Create Data Model
- Demo: View Data Model
- Demo: Query SQL Database
- Demo: Call Stored Proc
- Demo: Anonymous Types
- Modify SQL Data
- Demo: Modify SQL Data
- Demo: LINQ Single Extension
- LINQ over DataSets / XML
- LINQ over Typed DataSets
- Demo: Typed DataSets
- LINQ over Untyped DataSets
- Demo: LINQ over DataSets
- LINQ over XML
- Demo: LINQ over XML
- Demo: Transform XML
- Summary

LINQ Operators

- Introduction
- Overview
- TypeOf
- Min / Max / Sum / Avg
- Count
- Any / All
- Take / Skip

- LINQ Docs
- Summary

Hierarchical Data/Caching

- Introduction
- Work w/Related Data
- TableAdapterManager
- Demo: TableAdapterManager
- Hierarchical Update Property
- Set Foreign Key Relations
- Connected Scenarios
- How to Sync Local Data
- Sync Services for ADO.NET
- SQL Server Compact 3.5
- Setup Synchronization
- Demo: Synchronization
- Demo: Store Data Locally
- Demo: Synch the Data
- SyncDirection
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N-Tier Applications

- Introduction
- Overview
- How VS 2008 Helps
- Demo: Split Dataset
- Add Data Access Layer
- Add Business Logic Layer
- Consume Data
- LINQ to SQL

- DataContext Class
- Entity Class
- Object Relational Designer
- Demo: OR Designer
- Summary

WPF and XAML

- Introduction
- Application Model
- Graphics Model
- Document Model
- WPF Questions
- Two WPF Reference Apps
- NY Times Reader App
- Family.Show App
- Inconvenient Truth
- XAML / WPF Designer
- Explore WPF App Parts
- Declarative Programming
- Demo: A Simple App
- Content Controls
- Demo: Content Controls
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WPF Movie Viewer

- Introduction
- Overview
- Demo: Layout Form
- Add Controls
- Demo: Add Controls

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- Layout Rows/Columns
- Create User Control
- Demo: Create User Control
- Demo: Add Code to Control
- Use Media Player Control
- Add User Control to Form
- Create Data Source
- Hook up Data Binding
- Add Data Template
- Add Type Converter
- Display the Movie
- Test Final Movie Player
- Summary

WCF Service

- Introduction
- Why Create WCF
- WCF / Web Services
- WCF / .NET Remoting
- WCF Building Blocks
- Services/Endpoints/Bindings
- WCF Provided Bindings
- Service Contracts
- Data Contracts
- Demo: Create WCF Service
- Demo: Examine Interfaces
- Implement Interface
- Create Data Connection
- Examine app.config
- Test the WCF Service
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Host WCF Service

- Introduction
- Overview: Hosting
- Create WCF Service
- Host in IIS
- Host in Client App
- Host in Console App
- Use Multiple Hosts
- Summary

WCF Configuration/Encryption

- Introduction
- Service Configuration
- Multiple Endpoints
- Service Configuration Editor
- Add New app.config
- WCF Security
- Security Modes
- Credentials
- Encrypt Messages
- Demo: Add a new Endpoint
- Add system.diagnostics
- View Log w/svcTraceViewer

- Add Encryption
- View Encrypted Log
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Windows Workflow Foundation

- Introduction
- Overview: WWF
- Two Types of Workflows
- Workflow Activities
- Conditional Activities
- IfElse Activity
- While Activity
- Demo: IfElse Activities
- Rule Condition Editor
- Workflow Runtime Code
- Demo: While Activities
- Summary

Decisions and Hosting

- Introduction
- Rules in Workflows
- Rulesets
- Policy Activity
- Demo: Rules/Policy Activity
- Call Methods in Rules
- Workflow Architecture
- Host Workflow in Win App
- Pass Parameters
- Demo: Host Workflow
- Demo: Pass Parameters
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Comm / State Machines

- Introduction
- Call Methods from Workflow
- Call Methods in Host
- Demo: Call Host Methods
- Demo: Create Interface
- Add CallExternalMethods
- Implement the Interface
- Handling Host Events
- Event Arguments
- State Machine Workflows
- State / SetState Activities
- Demo: State Machine WF
- Demo: View Shared Interface
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Client Application Services

- Introduction
- Role-Based Security
- Project Settings
- Client App Services
- Authentication
- Roles

- Settings
- Demo: Create Windows App
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- Demo: Create Provider
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- Introduction
- Windows App Scenarios
- WinForms/ WPF
- Host WinForms Control
- Host WPF Control
- Demo: Host WinForms Ctrl
- Demo: Host WPF Controls
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Reporting / ClickOnce

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- Overview: Reporting
- Demo: Use Reports App Temp
- Demo: Use Report Wizard
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- Overview: ClickOnce Deploy
- Demo: Deploy a WPF App
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Web Designer Features

- Introduction
- What's New in VS 2008
- Multi-Targeting Support
- Demo: Multi-Targeting
- HTML Designer / CSS Support
- Demo: HTML Designer / CSS
- Nested Master Pages
- Demo: Nested Master Pages
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Web Data

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- Work w/Data
- Overview: Data Access
- Object/Relational Mapping
- Overview: LINQ
- Demo: LINQ in ASP.NET
- Demo: Add Where Clause
- Demo: Anonymous Type
- Demo: Server Side Paging
- Demo: Validate Data
- New ASP.NET Data Controls
- ListView Control
- LinqDataSource Control

- DataPager Control
- Demo: ListView
- Demo: LinqDataSource
- Demo: Filter DataSource
- Demo: EditItemTemplate
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JavaScript / Ajax

- Introduction
- JavaScript Intellisense
- Annotations
- Use Include File
- What is AJAX
- Web Browser Support
- AJAX Advantages
- AJAX Disadvantages
- ASP.NET AJAX
- ASP.NET Control Toolkit
- VS 2008 AJAX Support
- Using ASP.NET AJAX
- Demo: AJAX Server Controls
- UpdatePanel / Callbacks
- Server-Side Paging
- Demo: Server-Side Paging
- AJAX Extenders
- Demo: AJAX Extenders
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VSTO Excel

- Introduction
- Office Projects in VS 2008
- What Can Be Done w/Office
- Doc vs App Customizations
- Create Excel Add-In
- Ribbon Customizations
- Demo: Create Excel Add-In
- Demo: Ribbon Designer
- Ribbon Control ID Docs
- Demo: Create Custom Tab
- Setup a Data Source
- Demo: Data Source
- Custom Task Pane
- Demo: Custom Task Pane
- Manage Task Pane
- Demo: Manage Task Pane
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- Demo: Task Pane/Toggle Button
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- Managed Wrappers
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- Overview
- 4 Types of Regions
- Create a Region
- Create Outlook Add-in
- Create Form Region
- Add Ctrl's to Form Region
- Form Region Events
- Test the Add-in
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VBA / SharePoint

- Introduction
- Overview: VBA / VSTO
- Demo: Trusted Locations
- Demo: Examine Macro
- Demo: Create New Project
- Demo: Retrieve Data
- Demo: Add Code
- Demo: Expose Code to VBA
- Demo: Edit Macro
- Demo: Test the Macro
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- Create Workflows
- VSTO SharePoint Solution
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VSTO ClickOnce Deploy

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- Grant Permissions
- VSTO V3 Solutions
- ClickOnce Deployment
- Publish an Application
- Security and VSTO V3
- Create VSTO Solution
- Publish VSTO Solution
- Deploy VSTO Solution
- Deploy Updates
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