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Windows Presentation Foundation Programming Using Visual Basic.NET

Duration: 5 Days *(Face-to-Face & Remote-Live)*, or 35 Hours *(On-Demand)*

Price: $2495 *(Face-to-Face & Remote-Live)*, or $895 *(On-Demand)*

Discounts: We offer multiple discount options. Click here for more information.

Delivery Options: Attend face-to-face in the classroom, remote-live or via on-demand training.

Description

This course provides students with hands on experience using Visual Studio to create Windows Presentation Foundation (WPF) applications using VB.NET. The class provides a thorough introduction to the VB.NET programming language, including coverage of the essentials of the VB.NET programming language, built in data types, operators, control structures, classes and methods, collections and exception handling.

Students then learn how to leverage the power of the .NET Framework to build WPF applications. Students learn the basics of XAML and how to use it to describe the appearance and behavior of WPF user interfaces. Students also learn how to use XAML resources to manage styles, triggers and control templates.

Students learn how use a variety of WPF controls to interact with users and manage data in multi-form applications. Students explore how to leverage the power of XAML data binding. Students also learn the basics of working with images and simple animations.

Students learn how to use their data binding and command skills to implement the MVVM design pattern with WPF applications, including case studies. Students will also learn how to leverage the power of web services by calling both SOAP services and RESTful APIs.

Other topics include: debugging techniques; building menus, toolbars and status bars; reading and writing files; and deploying WPF applications. Comprehensive labs and exercises provide the students with extensive experience creating and debugging WPF applications.

Prerequisites

Knowledge of fundamental XML syntax is helpful, but not required. Prior experience with a scripting or programming language is required.

Course Overview

Introduction to .NET

- Overview of the .NET Framework
- How .NET is Different from Traditional Programming
- Common Language Runtime (CLR)
- Common Language Specification (CLS)
- Common Type System (CTS)
- .NET Assemblies
- Microsoft Intermediate Language (CIL)
- .NET Namespaces
- .NET Framework Class Library

Introduction to Visual Studio

- Creating a Project
- Using the Code Editor
- Correcting Syntax Errors
- Setting Project Properties
- Adding References
- Compiling a Program
- Running a Program
- Debugging a Program
- Using the MSDN (Help)

Language Fundamentals

- VB.NET Program Structure
- Defining Namespaces
- Using VB.NET's My Namespace
- Understanding VB.NET Data Types
- Defining Variables and Constants
- Comparing Value Types vs. Reference Types
- Working with Operators and Expressions
- Performing Type Conversions
- Using Console I/O
- Formatting Numbers, Date and Times

Conditionals and Looping

- `If`
- `If/Else`
- `If/ElseIf/Else`
- `Select Case`
- `Do/Loop`
- `While`
- `For/Next`
- `For Each/Next`

Methods and Parameters

- Defining Static and Instance Methods
- Passing Parameters by value and by reference
- Overloading Methods
- Using Variable Length Parameter Lists

Exception Handling

- What are Exceptions?
- .NET Exception Hierarchy
- Catching Exceptions
- Throwing Exceptions
- Managing Resources with Finally

Collections

- Defining and Using Arrays
- Understanding `System.Array`
- .NET Collections vs Generic Collections

Object-Oriented Programming

- Overview of Object-Oriented Programming
- Building Classes
- Defining Properties

- Working with Lists
- Working with Dictionaries
- Using LINQ to Objects

- Using Auto-Implemented Properties
- Defining Methods
- Understanding Constructors
- Extending .NET Classes via Inheritance
- Defining and Implementing Interfaces
- Understanding the Role of Interfaces in .NET

WPF Applications

- WPF Applications
- Types of WPF Applications
- Structure of WPF Applications
- Using the WPF Designer
- Setting Properties
- Handling Events
- Using the MessageBox Class
- Passing Command-Line Arguments
- Handling Application Lifetime Events

Working with XAML

- XAML vs. BAML
- Understanding XAML Markup
- XAML Elements
- XAML Namespaces
- Creating Objects using XAML
- Working with Resources
- Handling Events in XAML
- Working with Resources
- Defining and Using Styles

WPF User Interface Basics

- WPF Control Hierarchy
- Common Properties, Methods and Events
- Dependency Properties
- Configuring a Window's Properties
- Adding Controls
- Controlling the UI's Appearance
  - Managing Size
  - Managing Position
  - Managing Alignment
  - Managing Visibility
  - Using Fonts
- Working with Transformations
  - Scale Transformations
  - Rotation Transformations
  - Skew Transformations

Using XAML Layout Elements

- Overview of Layout Elements
- Using the `Canvas`
- Using the `StackPanel`
- Using the `WrapPanel`
- Using the `Grid`
- Using the `UniformGrid`
- Using the `DockPanel`
- Using the `ViewBox`
- Adding Scrolling Capabilities

Using WPF Controls

- Working with WPF Controls
- Using `Text` Controls
- Using `Button` Controls
- Using `Selection` Controls
- Using `List` Controls
- Using `Container` Controls
- Working with Routed Events

Working with Styles, Triggers and Control Templates

- Using Styles
- Working with Triggers and Multi-Triggers
- Using Control Templates

Working with WPF Windows

- Understanding Modal vs Modeless
- Displaying a Window Modally
- Retrieving Data from Modal Windows
- Creating Owned Windows
- Displaying a Window Modelessly
- Working with Data in Modeless Windows
- Using Common Dialogs
- Creating Irregularly Shaped Windows

Working with Menus, Toolbars and Status Bars

- Working with Menus
- Working with Toolbars
- Working with Status Bars
- Working with the Ribbon

Working with Images, Colors and Animations

- Working with Images
- Working with Shapes
- Working with Brushes
- Using Solid Brushes
- Using Gradient Brushes
- Building Simple Animations

Working with Data Binding

- Overview of Data Binding
- Binding to Control Properties
- Binding to Data Sources
  - Binding to a List
  - Binding to an ADO.NET Object
  - Binding to an Object
  - Binding to XML
- Sorting and Filtering Data
- Using Value Converters
- Working with Change Notifications

MVVM Commands

- Understanding Commands
- Creating Commands
- Associating Command with a Command Source
- Binding Command to Command Handlers
- Building WPF Applications Using the MVVM Design Pattern
  - Understanding MVVM
  - Implementing `INotifyPropertyChange`
  - Using a DelegateCommand
  - Working with ObservableCollections
  - MVVM Case Studies

Calling Web Services

- Understanding Web Services
- Calling SOAP Services
- Calling REST Services
- Serializing and Deserializing JSON

Deploying WPF Applications

- Understanding Deployment Options
- Configuring an Application for Deployment
- Using XCOPY Deployment
- Using Installers

- Using Click-Once Deployment

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