

Exploring Visual Studio 2010 Using Visual Basic

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Prerequisites: This course assumes that students have some programming background and experience using Visual Studio 2008. Because this course focuses solely on new features in Visual Studio 2010, its content will best be appreciated by developers who are fluent using Visual Studio 2008, and simply want to discover the new features added in Visual Studio 2010. The course assumes knowledge of a CLS language (Visual Basic or Visual C#), of the .NET Framework 3.5, and Visual Studio 2010.

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Course description: Visual Studio 2010 adds a large set of new functionality for the Visual Studio developer. From new language features, including dynamic language support to full support and tooling for developing Silverlight applications, Visual Studio 2010, and the .NET Framework 4.0, make it easier than ever to create robust, enterprise-level applications. This course introduces the most important new features in Visual Studio 2010 for experienced Visual Studio developers.

Course outline:

IDE Features

- Introduction
- List of New Features
- Two Faces of VS 2010
- VS as an Editor
- General Improvements
- Demo:Start Page
- Demo:Extension Manager
- UI Improvements
- Zoom
- Docking Windows
- Generate from Usage
- Highlighting References
- Navigate To/Quick Search
- Box Selection
- Demo:UI Improvements
- IntelliSense FirstMode
- Search Add New Item
- Demo:IntelliSense Modes
- Demo:Search Add New Item
- Debugging Improvements
- Floating Data Tips
- Threading

- Demo:Debugging Improvements
- Summary

Language Features

- Introduction
- VB-Only Features
- Line Continuation
- Demo:Line Continuation
- Auto-Implemented Properties
- Collection Initializers
- Array Literals
- Demo:Implemented Properties
- Demo:Collection Initializers
- Demo:Array Literals
- Demo:Sub Lambdas
- Demo:Lambdas Handlers
- Demo:Anonymous Lambdas
- Parallel Language Features
- PLINQ
- Demo:Parallel Processing
- Demo:LINQ/PLINQ
- Dynamic Language Features
- Call IronPython Method
- Demo:Work w/Dynamic Class
- Demo:Call IronPython Method

- Generic Variance
- Limits of Variance
- Covariance Explained
- Contravariance Explained
- Demo:Covariance
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Web Designer Enhancements

- Introduction
- Overview: Enhancements
- Web Templates
- Demo:Web Templates
- HTML/JScript Snippets
- JScript IntelliSense
- Demo:Snippets/Intellisense
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Core Services

- Introduction
- ASP.NET Core Services
- Web.config File Minification
- Demo:Web.config File
- Extensible Output Caching
- Auto-Start Web Apps
- Shrinking Session State
- URL Routing
- Demo:URL Routing

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Web Forms

- Introduction
- Overview: Web Forms
- Setting Meta Tags
- Demo:Setting Meta Tags
- Control over ViewState
- New Browsers/Devices
- Predictable Client IDs
- Demo:Predictable Client IDs
- Persistent Row Selection
- Demo:Persistent Selection
- Filter Data w/QueryExtender
- Demo:QueryExtender Control
- ASP.NET Chart Control
- Demo:ASP Chart Control
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Deployment

- Introduction
- Web Application Deployment
- New Deployment Features
- Web Packaging
- Web.Config Transformation
- Database Deployment
- One-Click Publishing

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- Demo:Deployment Features
- Demo:New Configuration
- Demo:Examine Configurations
- Demo:Connection String
- Demo:Create Transformation
- Demo:Perform Translation
- Demo:Create Package
- Demo:Deploy Package
- Demo:Perform Deployment
- Demo:Check Results
- Demo:Browse Website
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Introduction to Workflow

- Introduction
- Windows Workflow Foundation
- Rethinking Applications
- Wouldn't It Be Great If
- You're in Luck
- Workflow 4.0
- Activities: Workflow Controls
- Data Flow
- Demo:Workflow
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Activities / Hosting

- Introduction
- Flow Control Activities
- Runtime/Primitives Activities
- Other Activity Groups
- Demo:Control Activities
- Workflow Architecture
- Kinds of Host Applications
- WorkflowInvoker
- WorkflowApplication class
- Demo:WorkflowApplication
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Custom Activities

- Introduction
- Overview: Custom Activities
- Why Custom Activities
- Base Activity Classes
- Demo:Activity Library
- Demo:Custom Activities
- Demo:Composite Activity
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Configuration Improvements

- Introduction
- WCF Building Blocks
- Endpoints Explained
- Bindings Explained
- WCF Provided Bindings
- Hosting a WCF Service
- Defining Endpoints
- Service Config Improvements

- Demo:WCF Service
- Demo:Host Application
- Demo:Host Application
- Demo:Default Endpoints
- Demo:Configure Bindings
- Demo:Self Host Service
- Demo:Multiple Protocols
- Demo:Add Client App
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Service Discovery

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- Overview: Service Discovery
- Demo:WCF Discovery
- Demo:Discovery-Host
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- Discovery Announcements
- Demo:Announcements
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Data Binding

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- New Controls in WPF
- DataGrid Control
- Data Binding
- Demo:Data Binding
- Code:Data Binding
- Demo:DataGrid
- Demo:Use Resource
- Demo:Create Converter
- Demo:Use Converter
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- WPF / Silverlight Designer
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- Overview: DatePicker Control
- Demo:Calendar Control
- Demo:Blackout Dates
- Demo:Flow Direction
- Demo:Change Scaling
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Visual State Manager

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- Visual State Manager

- Easing Functions
- Demo:Easing Functions
- Demo:Visual State Manager
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Silverlight

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- Why Silverlight?
- Evolution of Silverlight
- Silverlight 3.0
- Silverlight Development Tools
- Getting Started
- Silverlight Layout
- Demo:Simple Project
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- Demo:Debug Code
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Silverlight Media

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- Video / Audio
- Demo:MediaElement Control
- Out of Browser Support
- Demo:Out of Browser
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Silverlight Navigation

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- Silverlight Navigation App
- Navigation Framework
- Demo:Navigation Template
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Silverlight Data

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- Working with Data
- Binding Data
- Demo:Binding Data
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Entity Framework

- Introduction
- Overview: Entity Framework
- Entity Data Model (EDM)
- Entity Framework Components
- ObjectContext Class
- Entity Class
- Relationships
- Stored Procedures
- Create Entity Data Model

- New Entity Framework 4
- Demo:Entity Data Model
- Demo:Model Browser
- Demo:Add Entities
- Demo:Stored Procs
- Demo:Import Procs
- Demo:DB from Model
- Demo:Generated Code
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LINQ to Entities

- Introduction
- Querying with LINQ
- LINQ to Entities
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- Demo:Simple Queries
- Demo:Scalar Functions
- Demo:Aggregate Functions
- Demo:Related Entities
- Demo:Lambda Expressions
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- ADO.NET Data Service
- REST
- REST Principles
- Why REST vs SOAP
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- Demo:Data Services
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- SharePoint 2010
- Project Templates
- Item Templates
- List/Content Types
- List Definitions/Instances
- Create a List
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- Demo:SPMetal
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- Client Object Model (COM)
- Retrieve Data with Load
- Retrieve Data with LoadQuery
- Load vs LoadQuery
- Modify List Items
- Retrieve List Items
- Demo:Simple Object Model
- Demo:Complex Object Model
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