

Advanced.NET Framework 2.0 Using VB 2005: Part 2

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Course description: In this volume, you'll learn about implementing service processes and application domains in your .NET applications using the System and ServiceProcess namespaces. You'll see how to take advantage of multi-threading to create fast and efficient processes through the Threading namespace. You'll learn how to internationalize your .NET application by using the globalization classes. Enhance your user interface with the System.Drawing and System.Text namespaces.

Course outline:

Multithreaded Applications

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- Demo: Timer Class
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