

Windows Presentation Foundation Using Visual Basic 2010

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Prerequisites: This course assumes that students have some programming background and experience using Visual Studio 2010. This course assumes knowledge of a CLS language (Visual Basic), of the .NET Framework, and the current (or a prior) version of Visual Studio.

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Course description: Windows Presentation Foundation (WPF) takes the creation of client-side Windows applications to a whole new level. Developers moving from Windows Forms will find that the flexibility and richness of WPF makes it possible to create applications unlike any they could previously create. This course introduces the basics of working with WPF, starting with a tour of the basic controls, through data binding.

Course outline:

Intro to WPF

- Introduction
- Another UI Paradigm
- What We Have
- WPF to the Rescue
- Graphics and Composition
- Important Questions P1
- Important Questions P2
- WPF vs. Silverlight
- An Inconvenient Truth
- WPF and XAML
- WPF Project Templates
- Demo: WPF Application
- Summary

Investigating XAML

- Introduction
- Investigating XAML
- Simple Properties
- Type Converters
- Complex Properties
- Demo: Properties
- Markup Extensions
- Demo: Markup Extension
- Attached Properties

- Summary

Content and Grid Controls

- Introduction
- Content and Grid Controls
- Working With Layout Controls
- Demo: Layout Controls
- List Box as a Container
- Demo: List Box
- Grid as Container
- Demo: Grid Control
- Dependency Properties
- DependencyObject Class
- Investigating Dependency
- Declaring the Property
- In Constructor
- Property Wrapper
- Using Attached Properties
- Working with Attached
- Demo: Attached Properties
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Layout Principles

- Introduction
- Windows Forms Layout
- Web Forms Layout
- XAML Layout

- XAML Layout is Recursive
- Determining Element Size
- Alignment
- Margin and Padding
- Alignment, Margin, and Padding
- Containers
- StackPanel
- Determining Element Size
- Demo: Elements in StackPanel
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More Layout Containers

- Introduction
- WrapPanel
- Demo: WrapPanel
- DockPanel
- Demo: DockPanel
- Nesting Containers
- Demo: Nesting Containers
- Grid
- Demo: Grid
- Canvas
- Demo: Canvas
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Simplest Controls

- Introduction

- The Simplest Controls
- Border Control
- Border Control Properties
- LinearGradientBrush
- GradientStop
- More GradientBrush
- Demo: Border Control
- Demo: Button Control
- Demo: CheckBox Control
- CheckBox Control Events
- RadioButton Control
- Demo: RadioButton
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Text, Date, and Misc

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- Text Entry Controls
- TextBlock Control
- Line Breaks in TextBlock
- The <Run/> Element
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- TextBox Properties
- TextBox Key Events
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- Demo: DatePicker Control
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- MediaElement Control
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- Demo: MediaElement
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- ListBox
- Populate a ListBox
- More ListBox
- Demo: ListBox
- ComboBox
- IsEditable and IsReadOnly
- Demo: ComboBox
- TreeView
- Populate TreeView in XAML
- More TreeView
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Menu and Layout Controls

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- Menu
- MenuItem
- Define a Menu in XAML
- Context Menu
- Demo: Menu
- Demo: Context Menu
- ScrollViewer
- TabControl and TabItem
- GroupBox
- Expander
- Demo: ScrollViewer
- Demo: Headered Controls
- Summary

Resources

- Introduction
- XAML Resources
- Why Use Resources?
- Resources Dictionary
- Demo: Resource
- Using Resources
- Static vs. Dynamic
- Defining Static Resources

- Hierarchy of Resources
- Demo: Hierarchy
- Self-Referential Resource
- Demo: Self-Referential
- Resource Naming Conflicts
- Demo: Naming Conflict
- App-Level Resources
- Demo: App-Level Resources
- Modifying Resources in Code
- Working with Resources
- Demo: Resources in Code
- Organizing Resources
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- XAML Styles
- Creating a Simple Style
- Demo: Style
- What's Going On?
- One Small Difference
- Why Use Styles?
- Important Tool
- Dynamic Styles
- Demo: Applying Styles
- Style Inheritance
- Demo: BasedOn
- Be Careful!
- Specifying Types
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- Navigation
- Page Class
- NavigationWindow Class
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- Pack URIs
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Advanced Navigation

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- Navigation Service
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- Hosting Pages in Windows
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- Demo: In Windows
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Introducing Binding

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- Binding
- When to Use Binding?
- Connection Sources & Targets
- Under the Hood
- Value Converters
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- Binding Details
- Setting the Binding Mode
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- A Simple Example
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- Demo: Sorting and Reordering
- Using Cell Templates
- Demo: Using Cell Templates
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- Demo: Grouping
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- DataGrid Properties
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- StrokeDashArray
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- Polyline
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- Paths vs Geometries
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- Working with Curves
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- Use Element.Property Syntax
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- Using the Publish Wizard
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