Programming with Visual Basic Net

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Texts and Materials

🌟 Primary Text: ‘Introduction to Computer Programming’
- Slide set on Basic Programming with Visual Studio
- Available weekly in the Course Materials
  - PowerPoint slides
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- [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) فيديوهات تعليمية
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Course Syllabus

- Part I - Introduction to VB .NET
  - Lecture 1 – Introduction to Visual Studio
  - Lecture 2 – Creating Simple Programs with VB

- Part II - Procedural Programming Basics
  - Lecture 3 – Algorithms, Flowchart, Languages and VB Variables
  - Lecture 4 – Data Types
  - Lecture 5 – Decision Structures
  - Lecture 6 – Methods and Enumerations
  - Lecture 7 – Loops
  - Lecture 8 – Complex Data Types 1: Arrays
  - Lecture 9 – Complex Data Types 2: Structures
  - Lecture 10 – Complex Data Types 3: ArrayLists

- Part III – Complex WinForm Design
  - Lecture 11 – Responding to Events
  - Lecture 11 – Complex WinForms
  - Lecture 13 – Dialogs
  - Lecture 14 – Menus
Course Methodology

- Each class is 120 minutes. After each lecture-period:
  - students will then be provided time for practice
  - A Teaching Assistant (TA) will be available to answer questions during the practice period in LAB 2

المدة خلال الأسبوع هي كما يلي:

1. مدة المحاضرة 120 دقيقة للمادة الأساسية النظرية
2. 120 دقيقة للتطبيق العملي في مختبر 2 و يكون الكادر التدريسي للعملي متواجد
3. 60 دقيقة للاسئلة والمساعدة في حل التمارين و أيضا تقام بها الامتحانات المفاجئة (الكورسات)

ملاحظة: جميع الامتحانات تتم خلال نظام الموودل لذا أول شي خلال الأسبوع الأول هو اعمل حساب خاص على الموودل من خلال مراجعة رئاسة القسم
Course Evaluation (Grading)
توزيع التقييم والدرجات

The final grade (100%) will be awarded using the following criteria:

- Students should come to each class.
- Note: points **will be deducted** for lateness and breaking lab rules.

تقييم الطالب والدرجة النهائية تتم من خلال النقاط التالية:

- **Task and Homeworks**: الواجبات البيئية والواجبات أثناء المحاضرة والمختبر
- **Attendance**: الحضور والتأخر عن المحاضرة
- **An in-class quiz**: الكورّات (الامتحانات اليومية)
- **Practice Exams**: الامتحانات العملية الشهرية
- **Theory Exams**: الامتحانات النظرية الشهرية
- (All Above 50% السعي=) + Course Final Exam 50% = 100%
Lecture 1: Introduction to VB.NET

 المحاضرة الأولى: مقدمة الى الفجوال بيسك دوت نت
Outline

Introduction:
- Computers, Information, and Information Processing
- Software vs. Hardware
- Programming Languages
- Interpreted vs. Compiled Languages

Visual Basic (VB)
- VB.NET
- Our IDE for Windows Applications: Visual Studio.NET
  - Introduction
  - Basic Operation

Introduction to Basic Program Design
- Basic process for program preparation
- Simple Example: ‘Hello World’
  - Program design
  - Form and Controls arrangement
  - Adding code
- Running, Testing, and Saving the Program
What is a Computer?

- A computer is a logical device for processing information.
  - Specifically, computers process data.
    - Data = structured information
  - Base: Silicon VLSI technology
    - VLSI = Very Large Scale Integrated circuits

- Computers are Powerful!
  - Can perform logical computations much faster than Humans.
  - Current speed (desktop!): 4 x10^9 basic operations/sec (GHz)
    - Each a simple logical operation (division, shift, write, etc)

- Computers are Limited…
  - Computation basically **sequential**…
    - One operation at a time.
    - In contrast, Humans use **parallel** processing (by neurons).
      - We are better at complex tasks (e.g., Vision, Pattern Recognition)
  - Computers not very ‘adaptive’…
    - Standard computers mainly do what they are told.
  - Communication difficult (computers think logically):
    - Programming languages (and programmers) required!
Software vs. Hardware

At the most basic level computers can be broken down into two components:
- Hardware and Software

Hardware = the physical components of the computer system.
- Data Processing: The Central Processing Unit (CPU)
- Data Storage: Memory storage devices:
  - RAM (primary), Hard drive (secondary), flash disks (peripheral), etc
- Data Communication: Devices for Input/Output:
  - Input: Keyboard, mouse, etc
  - Output: Display, printer, speaker

Software = the computer programs that run on a computer
- These establish logical control over the hardware:
  - Manage the details of Data Processing, Storage, and Communication.
- The Operating System (OS): primary system control
  - Windows, Ubuntu Linux, Mac OS X, Unix, etc
- Application Software: MS-Word, PowerPoint, Excel, etc
- User-built Applications: using a Programming Language
Computer Languages

- Computer languages can be classified into 3 types:
  - Machine Languages:
    - Languages that the Computer can directly understand…
    - Each operation a string of digits (1’s and 0’s)
    - Machine Dependent: only usable on one platform.
    - Difficult for humans to freely use.
  - Assembly Languages:
    - More ‘English-like’: Uses words from natural languages…
    - Each an abbreviation for a single machine language operation.
    - Translated to Machine Language by special programs:
      - Assemblers
    - Still not convenient for Humans.
  - High-Level Languages (HLLs):
    - So-called Programming Languages.
    - Single statements can accomplish bigger tasks:
      - Groups of a set of related basic operations.
    - Much more convenient for Humans.
Many Programming Languages have been developed.

- Some well-known compiled **High Level Languages** include (older to newer):

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<th>High-Level Language</th>
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<td>Scientific (matrix) Calculations</td>
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<td>COBOL (Common Business Oriented Language)</td>
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<td>Operating System Development</td>
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<td>Ada</td>
<td>Embedded Systems, Industry</td>
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<td><strong>BASIC</strong> (Beginner's All-purpose Symbolic Instruction Code)</td>
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- Many others, including interpreted languages: Python, Perl, Ruby, etc

- Languages allow communication between **humans and computers**…
  - This involves **converting abstract algorithms** for solving problems into a form understandable by the computer.
    - An ‘**executable**’ (i.e., run-able) form.
  - Such a converted algorithm is called a **program**.
  - The people that do the conversion (at the high level) are us…the **programmers**.
Interpreted vs. Compiled Languages

- Before execution, instructions in a program must also be converted:
  - from a text file (human-readable words in a HLL)...
  - ...to an executable form (first to assembly, then to machine language)

- Two flavors exist for this conversion process:
  - In advance (compiled all at once):
    - Conversion by a program called a ‘compiler’.
    - Faster, but less adaptable
      - ...better for Engineering.
  - ‘On the fly’ (interpreted one instruction at a time):
    - Conversion by a program called an ‘interpreter’.
    - Slower, but programs may be changed at run-time
      - ...better for real-time Analysis and Management.

- Programming languages may be of either type...
  - Interpreted: Python, Perl, bash scripting (linux), javascript
  - Compiled: C, C++, C#, and VB .NET (visual basic)
  - Some (JAVA, VB .NET, C#) are essentially a combination of both:
    - VB .NET: code first compiled into ‘Common Intermediate Language’...
      - Portions of CIL code later interpreted by an ‘CIL converter’ to executable code.
        - So-called, ‘Just-In-Time (JIT) Compilation’.
  - Either way, some kind of text editor is required to write the program.
Visual Basic vs. VB .NET

**BASIC**
- Beginner’s All-purpose Symbolic Instruction Code
- Developed as an extension of C, to be a general-purpose programming language.

**Visual BASIC (VB)**
- BASIC + a Graphical User Interface (GUI)
- Greatly eases the creation of Windows applications
  - Especially, by facilitating the use of re-usable components

**Visual BASIC .NET**
- A programming language based on VB 6.0
- Working on the .NET framework of the Microsoft Corporation
  - A Platform for cross-language development (C#, VB. NET, C++, F#)
  - Includes a large standard library called the BCL (Base Class Library)

**Visual Studio**
- Microsoft’s Integrated Development Environment (IDE) for VB .NET.
- Intended mainly for Windows Applications and Web Applications.
- We will use Visual Studio 2012 to create all of our programs.
Starting Visual Studio 2012

- Go to Programs > All Programs > Microsoft Visual Studio 2012 (click)
  - After a few moments, Visual Studio 2012 (VS 2012) should open...
    - With the Start Page shown in the central window.
    - As shown, there are shortcuts for Project Creation and Project Opening, here...

One way to quickly make a new project is by clicking the ‘New Project’, shortcut, here...

Shortcuts for opening your Recent Projects can also be useful...
Creating a New Project

- Instead, let’s create a new Visual Basic Project using the VS Menu…:
  - First, open the VS 2012 Menu > File Tab and click ‘New Project’…

- The **New Project Dialog** will appear (see next slide)…
Creating a New Project (cont.)

- Use the ‘New Project’ Dialog to set the new project’s type, name, etc:
  1. Select the Visual Basic Templates from the left-hand window…
     - Then, select ‘Windows Forms Application’ as our project type.
  2. Choose a Name and Location to store your Project; for now…
     - Keep the default Project Name (WindowsApplication1) and Location (later, copy to your USB)
  3. Finally, make sure ‘Create directory for Solution’ is checked…
     - And press OK …
The main screen will appear:

- **ToolBox Window**: Contains reusable components for your application.
- **Solution Explorer**: Open Projects are listed here...
- **Properties Window**: Properties available for the selected object are listed here... used to set Form and Control Properties.
- **Form Designer**: We will draw the project interface here...
- **Windows Form Designer**
Double-clicking the Design Window brings up the Code Editor. This shows your project's current VB code.
In this course, we will build VB projects by Incremental Development Process.

### Program Development Process

1. **Step 1 - Making the Project (solution)**
2. **Step 2 - Form Preparation and Controls Arrangement**
3. **Step 3 - Setting Control Properties**
4. **Step 4 - Adding Program Code**
5. **Step 5 - Program Debugging (Testing)**
6. **Step 6 - Saving the Project**

- بداية البرنامج
- إضافة ورم وكيانات
- وضع إعدادات الكائنات
- إضافة الكود
- تنفيذ البرنامج
- خزن البرنامج
Let’s Make a Simple Program

- We start by making a Program Plan:
  - A simple description of the desired characteristics and functionality.
    - Often includes an efficient method of solution (algorithm).
      - Example: a plan for adding two decimal numbers.

- Simple ‘Welcome’ program (plan):
  - **Program purpose**: Display a simple message; exit.
  - We will use 2 Buttons (each called a ‘Control’)
    - We will use Visual Studio’s Design Window to create these.

- Desired functionality (program behavior):
  - TextBox:
    - Allows our user to input his/her name
  - Clicking **Button 1** (“Welcome” Button):
    - Display ‘Hello <User Name>! Welcome to Visual Basic.’
  - Clicking **Button 2** (‘Exit’ Button):
    - Exit (close the program)

- We will add each Control to our Form using the Design Window…
  - …and then add some simple VB .NET code.
Step 1: Making the Project

- Click ‘New Project’ in the start screen to display the New Project Dialog:
  - Choose settings to make a VB Windows Form (WinForm) Project, as below:
  - Name your project ‘Welcome Project’; also, keep your default location.
Step 2: Form and Controls Arrangement

- We now add 1 Label, 1 TextBox, and 2 Buttons to our form…
Step 3: Setting Control Properties

Adjust the Properties of each Control...

1. Select the desired control (by single-clicking)
   → Its Properties will be shown in the Properties Window

2. Click each desired Property, one by one.

Notice the distinctive way we name our Controls...
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Step 4: Adding Program Code

- Now, let’s add the VB code to make the program work…
  - We do this by coding a Subroutine (mini-program) for each **active** Control.
    - By “active” we mean a Control that will be coded by us to respond to user input.
    - This type of Subroutine is called an **Event Handler**.
  - Let’s make our Program respond when a user **clicks** **btnOK**
    - To get started, just **double-click** the Control, **btnOK** in the Design Window...
      - This takes us to Code View and gives us an empty Event Handler (red box)

- Next, we will add VB code to Handle the **Click** Event of **btnOK**…
  - Events are identified as **ControlName + . + EventName** → **btnOK.Click**
  - Event Handers are named similarly, but using an underbar → **btnOK_Click**
Step 4 (cont.): Adding Program Code

Now, add the VB code below to btnOK_Click:

- Note: Any code we put it in btnOK_Click will execute whenever btnOK is pressed, one time from top to bottom.

```vbnet
Private Sub btnOK_Click(sender As Object, e As EventArgs) Handles btnOK.Click
    'Display a MessageBox greeting to our user
    MessageBox.Show("Hello " & txtWelcome.Text & ". Welcome to Visual Basic!", _ "Hello User Message")
End Sub
```

- Here, we will display a small MessageBox to welcome our user.
  - The 1st line (green text) is a comment statement, which does nothing.
  - The 2nd line, MessageBox.Show() accepts 2 arguments separated by a comma and a statement extender (_ _):

    1. Here, the 1st argument makes a String to hold our message, in 4 steps:
       a. First, we make a short String (“Hello “)
       b. The user’s name is then fetched from the Text Property of txtWelcome
       c. We then make a third String: ” Welcome to Visual Basic!”
       d. Our message is then made from these 3 Strings using the & operator.

    2. The 2nd argument specifies the text for the Title Bar of the MessageBox
Step 4 (cont.): Adding Program Code

Next, let’s add the VB code for btnExit_Click:

- First, return to the Design Window (left tab), and double-click btnExit.
- Next, add the code shown below to your new, empty Event Handler:

```vbnet
Private Sub btnExit_Click(sender As Object, e As EventArgs) Handles btnExit.Click
    End
End Sub
```

- Here, we are coding to let the user exit our program by pressing btnExit.
  - Using a single VB Keyword → End

This style of programming is known as “Event Driven Programming”

- In this style, our program behaves like a simple automaton (robot)...
  - It waits for one of our defined user Actions to happen...
    1. User Clicks the OK button (btnOK)
    2. User Clicks the Exit button (btnExit)
  - Then, it responds to each action by executing the corresponding Handler.
Step 5: Program Testing

- Click the green triangle (Start) to Compile and Run your Program:
  - Here, **Compiling** means taking your VB source code and converting it into a machine-usable form.
  - Then, test your program (as the User):

1. First, type your name in `txtWelcome`...
2. Press `btnOK` to show the Welcome Message
3. Press `btnExit` to Exit the Program
Step 6a: Saving the Program

To save your Program (Visual Studio Solution):
1. Select ‘File’ from the Visual Studio 2012 Main Menu...
2. Select ‘Save All’ to save all files (note: there is no general-use ‘Save As’).

To confirm, first check your Visual Studio Projects Folder:
- MyDocuments > Visual Studio 2012 > MyProjects > Welcome Project

Here, you are in your ‘Welcome Project’ Solution Folder, and you will see:
- The ‘Welcome Project’ folder is your Project Folder
  - Note: You have only 1 Project in this Solution.
- ‘Welcome Project.sln’ is your Solution File
  - (This is the icon you click to open your solution in VS 2012)
Step 6b: Confirming the Save

- Next, let’s find your executable file …
  - ( = Welcome Project.exe )
  - First, enter your Project Folder…

- Then, enter your Project’s bin folder to view your exe file.
  - You may run your program directly by clicking this icon…
    - Note: your Project will NOT open.
  - Or, more conveniently, from within Visual Studio (as usual).
Using Visual Studio Help

- Visual Studio 2012 features an extensive set of Help Tools, including:
  - A Window-based Help System allowing you to view documentation;
  - An intelligent, programmable tool-tip based system called Intellisense

- You will become familiar with Intellisense as you gain experience; however, be aware that you may access the VS Help Window in several ways:
  1. Through the Visual Studio Main Menu (Help > View Help):
Summary

- In this lecture, we have discussed:
  - Computers and Information Processing
  - Programming Languages
  - Visual Basic (VB .NET)

- We have also learned the basics of using Visual Studio 2012, our Integrated Development Environment (IDE):
  - How to use the ToolBox to place Controls in the Designer Window.
  - How to set Control Properties
  - How to add code to your Form in the Code Window.
  - How to build (compile), run, and view your code.
  - How to get help.

- And we also made and ran our very first VB Application:
  - Welcome User

- Next, we will get more practice building simple VB Programs.
Work in LAB

- تنصيب فجوال بيسك 2012
- طبق الخطوات في Incremental Development Process
  من أجل تصميم برنامج
  يقوم بطبع رسالة ترحيب.
- Create a Windows application with a Textbox control and a Button control that will display what ever is typed in the text box when the user clicks the button.
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