

## Windows Forms Programming for Experienced Visual Basic.NET Programmers

**Duration:** *(Face-to-Face & Remote-Live)*, or 21 Hours *(On-Demand)*

**Price:** £1,345 *(Face-to-Face & Remote-Live)*, or £1,145 *(On-Demand)*

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**Delivery Options:** Perform training at your own pace via our [on-demand training](#) option or attend regularly scheduled live courses via [remote-live attendance](#).

### Students Will Learn

- Creating desktop-based applications
- Using control properties and methods to modify the appearance and behavior of controls
- Writing event handlers to respond to user interactions
- Using list-based controls such as `ListBoxes` and `ComboBoxes` on forms
- Using image controls such as `ImageList` and `PictureBox` on forms
- Accessing and displaying data using ADO.NET
- Binding data to controls on a Windows Form
- Using modal and modeless dialogs to interact with users
- Using the background worker to perform an asynchronous operation
- Calling Web services
- Reading and writing data from files and streams
- Deploying .NET applications

### Course Description

This course provides students with hands on experience using Visual Studio to create desktop applications using Windows Forms and the .NET Framework using Visual Basic.NET. Students should already have a working knowledge of VB.NET.

This course teaches students how to leverage the power of the .NET Framework to build desktop applications. Students learn how to build Windows Forms applications and use with a variety of controls to create sophisticated user interfaces. Students also learn how to use the `BackgroundWorker` to perform asynchronous operations.

Students also learn how to use ADO.NET to interact with databases and XML files. Students learn how Windows Forms uses data binding to display data in controls such as the `DataGridView` and `Chart`. 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; using a .config file to control application configuration; building menus, toolbars and status bars; reading and writing files; interacting with the file system; and deploying desktop applications.

Comprehensive labs provide the students with extensive experience creating and deploying Windows Forms-based desktop applications.

This course provides thorough coverage of the use of **Windows Forms** to build desktop applications. Students requiring additional coverage of **Windows Presentation Foundation, ASP.NET Web Forms, ASP.NET MVC** or **WCF** should contact HOTT or refer to HOTT's [complete course listing](#) for additional training courses.

**Students unfamiliar with the VB.NET language should take the 5-day [Windows Forms Programming Using VB.NET](#) class instead.**

## Course Prerequisites

Prior experience with Visual Basic.NET is required.

## Course Overview

### Windows Forms Applications

- Windows Forms Applications
- Setting Form Properties
- Understanding the Life-cycle of a Form
- Using the Windows Forms Designer
- Using the `MessageBox` Class
- Using a `.config` File

### Handling Events

- Understanding the Event-Driven Programming Model
- Writing Event Handlers
- Sharing Event Handlers

### ADO.NET

- Understanding the ADO.NET Object Model
- Connected vs. Disconnected Access
- Using a Connection to Connect to a Data Source
- Using a Command to Execute Queries and Stored Procedures
- Using a `DataReader` to Work with Cursors
- Using the `DataSet` with Disconnected Data

### Using Controls

- Working with Windows Forms Controls
- Using `Text` Controls
- Using `Button` Controls
- Using `Selection` Controls
- Using `List` Controls
- Using `Container` Controls
- Using `Image` Controls
- Using `Up/Down` Controls
- Using the `ErrorProvider` and `ToolTipProvider` Controls

### Performing Asynchronous Activities

- Understanding Threading
- Working with Delegates
- Using the Background Worker
- Updating Controls from Other Threads

### Using XML

- Understanding XML and XML Schemas
- Reading XML Data with a `DataSet`
- Writing XML Data with a `DataSet`

- Using `DataAdapters` with `DataSets`

## Data Binding

- Understanding ADO.NET Data Binding
- Binding to Simple and Complex Controls
- Manually Binding Controls
- Using the `BindingSource` Control
- Using the `BindingNavigator` Control
- Using the `DataGridView` Control
- Using the `Chart` Control

## Working with Menus, Toolbars and Status Bars

- Working with Menus
- Working with Toolbars
- Working with Status Bars

## Calling Web Services

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

## Working with Forms

- Understanding Modal vs Modeless Forms
- Displaying Modal Forms
- Working with `DialogResult`
- Retrieving Data from Modal Forms
- Displaying Modeless Forms
- Working with Data in Modeless Forms
- Using the Common Dialogs

## Working with Files and Directories

- Working with the Windows File System
- Discovering Drives
- Discovering Directories
- Discovering Files
- Examining File, Directory and Drive Attributes
- Reading, Writing and Appending to Files

## Deploying Windows Forms Applications

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

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