Chapter 3

Fundamentals of Programming in Visual Basic 3.1 Visual Basic Controls

- Invoking Visual Basic
- Text Box Control
- Button Control
- Label Control
- List Box Control
- Name Property
- Fonts / Auto Hide
- Positioning and Aligning Controls

Visual Basic Start Page



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Toolbox



Auto Hide

- Hides Toolbox when not in use
- Vertical push pin icon indicates auto hide is disabled.
- Click the push pin to make it horizontal and enable auto hide.

3 Ways to Place a Control from the Toolbox onto the Form Window

- Double-click
- Drag
- Click, Point, and Drag

Four Controls at Design Time



To select a control, click on it. Sizing handles will appear when a control is selected.

Text Box Control

- Used for input and output
- When used for output, ReadOnly property is set to True



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Press F4 to display the Properties window for the selected control.

Categorized view Alphabetical view

Properties Window



Some Often Used Properties

- Text
- Autosize
- Font.Name
- Font.Size
- ForeColor
- BackColor
- ReadOnly

Setting the ForeColor Property

- 1. Click on ForeColor.
- 2. Click on button at right of settings box.
- 3. Click on Custom tab to obtain display shown.
- 4. Click on a color.



Font Property

- 1. Click on Font in left column.
- 2. Click on ellipsis at right of settings box to obtain display shown,
- 3. Make selections.

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Button Control

- The caption on the button should indicate the effect of clicking on the button.
- Text property determines caption.

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The text associated with the control.

Add an "access key"





Label Control

- Used to identify the contents of a text box.
- Text property specifies caption.
- By default, label automatically resizes to accommodate caption on one line.
- When the AutoSize property is set to False, label can be resized manually. Used primarily to obtain a multi-rowed label.

List Box Control

- Initially used to display several pieces of output.
- Later used to select from a list.

The Name Property

- How the programmer refers to a control in code
- Setting for Name property near top of Properties window.
- Name must begin with a letter, be less than 215 characters long, and may include numbers and letters.
- Use appropriate 3- or 4-character naming prefix

Control Name Prefixes

Control	Prefix	Example
button	btn	btnCompute
label	Ibl	IbIAddress
text box	txt	txtAddress
list box	lst	IstOutput

Fonts

- Proportional width fonts take up less space for "I" than for "W" – like Microsoft Sans Serif
- Fixed-width fonts take up the same amount of space for each character – like Courier New
- Fixed-width fonts are good for tables.

Positioning Controls



Aligning Controls



Aligning Controls

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Button1	Button2	– Snap line