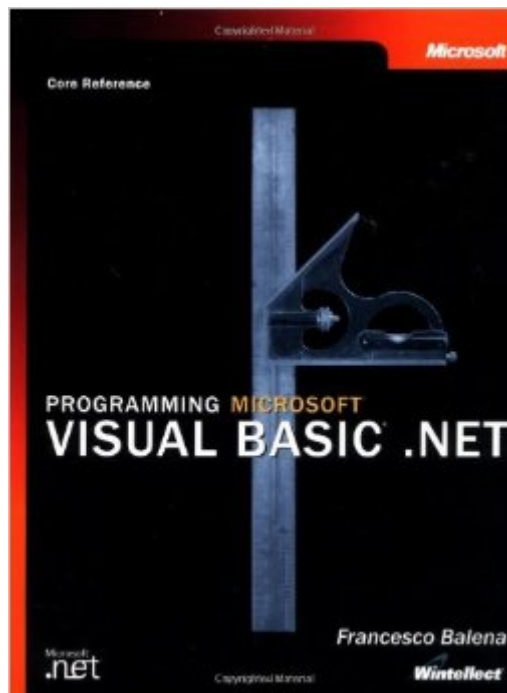


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Accelerate your productivity with Visual Basic® .NET™ and quickly create powerful Win32® applications and high-performance, scalable applications for the Web™ with this indispensable tutorial and reference. Building on the success of the author's popular programming book for Visual Basic 6.0, this new book teaches you the best practices for porting and reusing existing Visual Basic code in the .NET Framework as well as for exploiting the language's advanced new object-oriented capabilities. It covers the common language runtime (CLR), multithreaded programs, Windows® Forms applications, GDI+ graphic programming, Windows services, ADO.NET classes for database programs, ASP.NET Web Forms, and Web Services. It includes advanced optimization techniques and tips for leveraging the power of the Microsoft® Visual Studio® .NET environment. Topics covered include: Getting started with Visual Basic .NET Modules, variables, and error handling Object-oriented features, including inheritance Delegates and attributes Arrays, lists, and collections Files, directories, and streams Object serialization Regular expressions Threading Assemblies and AppDomains Reflection Windows Forms applications and GDI+ Windows Forms custom control creation Windows services ADO.NET XML ASP.NET Web Forms applications User controls and custom controls XML Web services CD+DVD INSIDE! CD-ROM features: A fully searchable electronic copy of PROGRAMMING MICROSOFT VISUAL BASIC 6.0 Sample applications written in Visual Basic .NET A Note Regarding the CD or DVD The print version of this book ships with a CD or DVD. For those customers purchasing one of the digital formats in which this book is available, we are pleased to offer the CD/DVD content as a free download via O'Reilly Media's Digital Distribution services. To download this content, please visit O'Reilly's web site, search for the title of this book to find its catalog page, and click on the link below the cover image (Examples, Companion Content, or Practice Files). Note that while we provide as much of the media content as we are able via free download, we are sometimes limited by licensing restrictions. Please direct any questions or concerns to [booktech@oreilly.com](mailto:booktech@oreilly.com).

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I use VB.NET every day and regularly refer to this book for tips, techniques, and explanation of concepts. I use it so much that it's starting to get worn out. As a long time VB6 developer I similarly wore out my copy of Balena's earlier book, "Programming Visual Basic 6.0". This is a HUGE book (1500+ pages), but unlike a lot of similar tomes there is not one wasted page. Every bit of it is good, useful material. It is aimed primarily at experienced VB6 programmers who want to move to .NET, so unless you already know VB6 pretty well you may find some of his explanations hard to follow. If you DO know VB6 and want to move to .NET, this book will get you there more effectively than any other book on the market - bar none. I've read a lot of .NET books, so I know what I'm talking about. This is not a re-write of his earlier VB6 book. It is completely new. In fact, wherever VB.NET remains unchanged from VB6 Mr. Balena refers to chapters in his old book (which is included in electronic form on the CD). This is the only "flaw" I've found in this book, as I sometimes have to examine both books to get a complete picture of certain subjects. This book covers .NET well enough that even a C# programmer could benefit from it. ADO.NET, ASP.NET, WinForms, XML Web Services, Assemblies and Appdomains, Reflection, Regular Expressions, Delegates, Threading, GDI - all that and more are covered thoroughly and with lots of good code examples. The code examples are generally of high quality, and they illustrate clever tricks and techniques that will prove useful in day to day programming tasks. The code alone is worth the price of the book. Francesco Balena's writing style is easy to follow.

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