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 - The CaseStudy directory contains a case study in multiple steps.
 - The **Demos** directory is provided for performing in-class demonstrations led by the instructor.
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Chapter 1

.NET: What You Need to Know

.NET: What You Need to Know

Objectives

After completing this unit you will be able to:

- Describe the essentials of creating and running a program in the .NET environment.
- Build and run a simple C# program.
- Use the ILDASM tool to view intermediate language.
- Use Visual Studio 2015 as an effective environment for creating C# programs.
- Use the .NET Framework SDK documentation.

Getting Started

- From a programmer's perspective, a beautiful thing about .NET is that you scarcely need to know anything about it to start writing programs for the .NET environment.
 - You write a program in a high-level language (such as C#), a compiler creates an executable .EXE file (called an assembly), and you run that .EXE file.
- Even very simple programs, if they are designed to do something interesting, such as perform output, will require that the program employ the services of library code.
 - A large library, called the .NET Framework Class Library, comes with .NET, and you can use all of the services of this library in your programs.

.NET: What Is Really Happening

- The assembly that is created does not contain executable code, but, rather, code in Intermediate Language, or IL (sometimes called Microsoft Intermediate Language, or MSIL).
 - In the Windows environment, this IL code is packaged up in a standard portable executable (PE) file format, so you will see the familiar .EXE extension (or, if you are building a component, the .DLL extension).
 - You can view an assembly using the ILDASM tool.
- When you run the .EXE, a special runtime environment (the Common Language Runtime, or CLR) is launched and the IL instructions are executed by the CLR.
 - Unlike some runtimes, where the IL would be interpreted each time it is executed, the CLR comes with a just-in-time (JIT) compiler, which translates the IL to native machine code the first time it is encountered.
 - On subsequent calls, the code segment runs as native code.

.NET Programming in a Nutshell

- 1. Write your program in a high-level .NET language, such as C#.
- 2. Compile your program into IL.
- 3. Run your IL program, which will launch the CLR to execute your IL, using its JIT to translate your program to native code as it executes.
 - We will look at a simple example of a C# program, and run it under .NET.
 - Don't worry about the syntax of C#, which we will start discussing in the next chapter.

.NET Program Example

- See SimpleCalc in the Chap01 folder.
- 1. Enter the program in a text editor.

```
// SimpleCalc.cs
//
// This program does a simple calculation:
// calculate area of a rectangle

public class SimpleCalc
{
    static void Main()
    {
        int width = 20;
        int height = 5;
        int area;
        area = width * height;
        System.Console.WriteLine("area = {0}", area);
    }
}
```

2. Compile the program at the command-line. Start the console window via Start | All Programs | Visual Studio 2015 | Visual Studio Tools | Developer Command Prompt for VS2015. Navigate to folder \OIC\CSharp\Chap01\SimpleCalc.

```
>csc SimpleCalc.cs
```

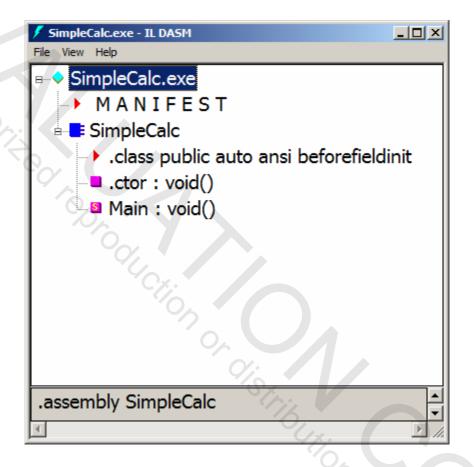
3. Run your IL program SimpleCalc.exe

```
>SimpleCalc
area = 100
```

Viewing the Assembly

• You can view the assembly using the *ILDASM* tool¹.

>ildasm SimpleCalc.exe



¹ You can change the font size from the View menu.

Viewing Intermediate Language

• Double-click on *Main:void()*

```
SimpleCalc::Main : void()
                                                           Find Find Next
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  .entrypoint
  // Code size
                    28 (0x1c)
  .maxstack 2
  .locals init (int32 V 0,
         int32 V_1,
          int32 V_2)
 IL_0000: nop
 IL_0001: ldc.i4.s
                      20
 IL 0003: stloc.0
 IL 0004: 1dc.i4.5
 IL_0005: stloc.1
 IL 0006: ldloc.0
 IL 0007: ldloc.1
 IL 0008: mul
 IL 0009: stloc.2
 IL_000a: ldstr
                      "area = {0}"
 IL 000f: ldloc.2
 IL 0010: box
                      [mscorlib]System.Int32
 IL 0015: call
                      void [mscorlib] System.Console::WriteLine
 IL 001a: nop
 IL 001b: ret
} // end of method SimpleCalc::Main
                                        Dn is propiled to
```

Understanding .NET

- The nice thing about a high-level programming language is that you usually do not need to be concerned with the platform on which the program executes.
- You can work with the abstractions provided by the language and with functions provided by libraries.
- Your appreciation of the C# programming language and its potential for creating great applications will be richer if you have a general understanding of .NET.
- After this course, we suggest you next study:
 - Test-Driven Development (Unit Testing)
 - NET Framework Using C#
- And then, depending on your interests:

Data Access	Windows	Web
ADO.NET	Windows Forms	ASP.NET
XML Programming	WPF	ASP.NET MVC
		WCF
		ASP.NET AJAX

Visual Studio 2015

- While it is possible to write C# programs using any text editor, and compile them with the command-line compiler, it is very tedious to program that way.
- An IDE makes the process of writing software much easier.
 - An IDE provides convenience items, such as a syntaxhighlighting editor.
 - An IDE reduces the tedium of keeping track of configurations, environment settings and file organizations.
 - You may use Visual Studio 2015 throughout this course to create and compile your C# programs.
 - Visual Studio 2015 is discussed in more detail in Supplement 1.
 - In this course you may use any version of VS 2015, including the free Community Edition.

Visual Studio Sign In

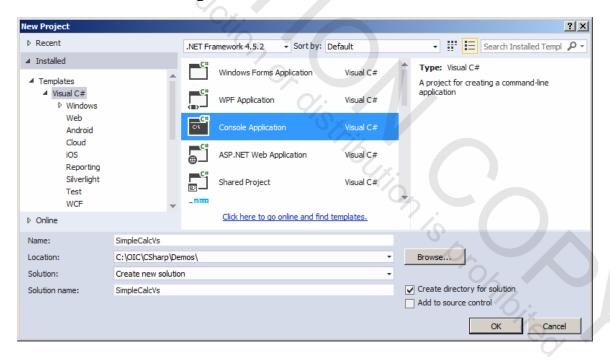
• When you first bring up Visual Studio on a new device, you will be invited to sign in.



- Sign in with any Microsoft ID.
- By doing so you will synchronize your settings among devices and connect to online developer services.

Creating a Console Application

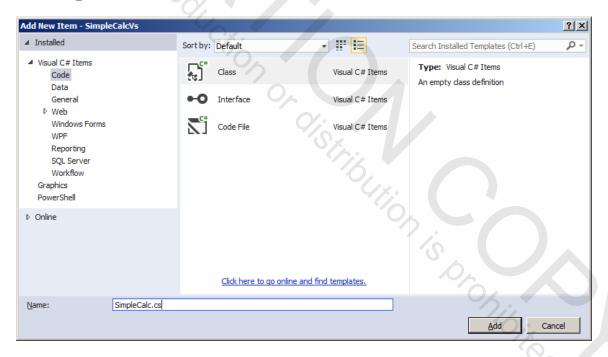
- We will now create a simple console application using Visual Studio.
 - Our program is the same simple calculator we created earlier that was compiled at the command line.
- 1. From the Visual Studio main menu, choose File | New | Project.... This will bring up the New Project dialog.
- 2. Choose Visual C# and "Console Application".
- 3. Leave checked "Create directory for solution". ²
- 4. In the Name field, type **SimpleCalcVs** and for Location browse to **C:\OIC\CSharp\Demos**. Click OK.



² Examples in later chapters frequently do not have a directory for solution.

Adding a C# File

- There will be a number of starter files. Expand properties and select the files *AssemblyInfo.cs* (in the Properties folder), *App.config* and *Program.cs*. Press the Delete key.
- We are now going to add a file SimpleCalc.cs, which contains the text of our program.
- 1. In Solution Explorer, right click over **SimpleCalcVs** and choose Add | New Item.... This will bring up the Add New Item dialog.
- 2. In the middle pane, choose "Code File." For Name type **SimpleCalc.cs**. Click Add.



Using the Visual Studio Text Editor

- The empty file *SimpleCalc.cs* will now be open in the Visual Studio text editor. Enter the following program.
 - Or you could just copy from Chap01\SimpleCalc\.

```
// SimpleCalc.cs
//
// This program does a simple calculation:
// calculate area of a rectangle

public class SimpleCalc
{
    static void Main()
    {
        int width = 20;
        int height = 5;
        int area;
        area = width * height;
        System.Console.WriteLine("area = {0}", area);
    }
}
```

 Notice that the Visual Studio text editor highlights syntax, indents automatically, and so on.

IntelliSense

- A powerful feature of Visual Studio is IntelliSense.
 - IntelliSense will automatically pop up a list box allowing you to easily insert language elements directly into your code.

```
SimpleCalc.cs* → ×
C# Miscellaneous Files
                                                                        SimpleCalc
      □// SimpleCalc.cs
        // This program does a simple calculation:
        // calculate area of a rectangle
      □ public class SimpleCalc
            static void Main()
                 int width = 20;
                 int height = 5;
                 int area;
                 area = width * height;
                 System.Console.WriteLine("area = {0}", area);
                 System.Console.

    SetWindowSize

                                  Title
                                  TreatControlCAsInput
                                   WindowHeight
                                     WindowLeft
                                     WindowTop
                                     WindowWidth
                                     Write
                                                                 void System.Console.W
Writes the current line
```

Build and Run the Project

- Building a project means compiling the individual source files and linking them together with any library files to create an IL executable .EXE file.
- You can build the project by using one of the following:

 - You can run the program without the debugger by using one of the following:
 - Menu Debug | Start Without Debugging
 - Toolbar button ▶ (This button is not provided by default; see Appendix A for how to add it to your Build toolbar.)
 - Keyboard shortcut Ctrl + F5
 - You can run the program in the debugger by using one of the following:
 - Menu Debug | Start Debugging
 - Toolbar button ► Start
 - Keyboard shortcut F5.

³ The two are the same in this case, because the solution has only one project, but some solutions have multiple projects, and then there is a difference.

Pausing the Output

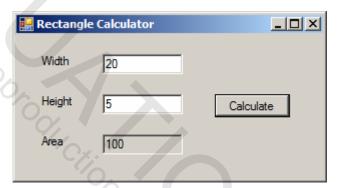
- If you run the program in the debugger from Visual Studio, you will notice that the output window automatically closes on program termination.
- To keep the window open, you may prompt the user for some input.

- This program is saved as a Visual Studio solution in Chap01\SimpleCalcVs.
- Remember that you can always make the console window stay open by running without the debugger via Ctrl + F5.

Visual C# and GUI Programs

- Microsoft's implementation of the C# language, Visual C#, works very effectively in a GUI environment.
 - Using Windows Forms, it is easy to create Windows GUI programs in C#.

Example: See Chap01\SimpleCalcGui

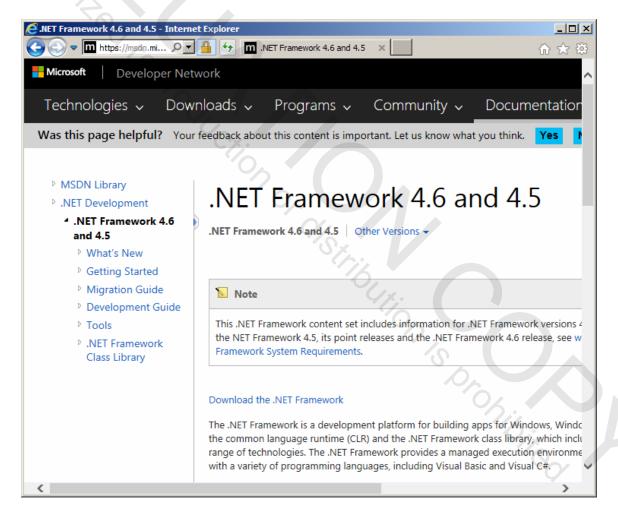


• We will discuss GUI programming using C# in Chapter 19.

.NET Documentation

• .NET Framework documentation is available online.

- Use the menu Help | View Help. Other menu choices let you add and remove content and to set a preference for launching in Browser or Help Viewer.
- The .NET Framework 4.5 documentation now includes documentation for .NET 4.6, which is the version of the .NET Framework that comes with Visual Studio 2015.



Summary

- As in other environments, with .NET you write a program in a high-level language, compile to an executable (.EXE file), and run that .EXE file.
- The .EXE file, called an *assembly*, contains Intermediate Language instructions.
 - You can view an assembly through the *ILDASM* tool.
 - Visual Studio 2015 is a powerful IDE that makes it easy to develop C# programs.
 - With Visual Studio it is easy to create GUI programs using C#.
 - You can access extensive .NET Framework documentation through the Visual Studio help system.

Chapter 2

First C# Programs

First C# Programs

Objectives

After completing this unit you will be able to:

- Write a basic "Hello, World" program in C#.
- Compile and run C# programs in your local development environment.
- Describe the basic structure of C# programs.
- Describe how related C# classes can be grouped into namespaces.
- Use variables and simple expressions in C# programs.
- Write C# programs that can perform simple calculations.
- Perform simple input and output in C#.
- Describe objects and classes in C#.
- Use an input wrapper class to perform input in C#.

Hello, World

- Whenever learning a new programming language, a good first step is to write and run a simple program that will display a single line of text.
 - Such a program demonstrates the basic structure of the language, including output.
 - You must learn the pragmatics of compiling and running the program.
- Here is "Hello, World" in C#:
 - See Demos\Hello\Hello.cs, backed up in Chap02\Hello.

```
class Hello
{
   public static int Main(string[] args)
   {
       System.Console.WriteLine(
          "Hello, World");
       return 0;
   }
}
```

Compiling, Running (Command Line)

- The Visual Studio 2015 IDE (integrated development environment) was introduced in Chapter 1, and we will use it throughout the course.
 - See Supplement 1 for more details.
 - To open an existing project or solution, use the menu File |
 Open | Project/Solution. You can then navigate to a .csproj or .sln file.
- If you are using the .NET SDK, you may do the following:
 - Compile the program via the command line:

csc Hello.cs

An executable file **Hello.exe** will be generated. To execute your program, type at the command line:

Hello

 The program will now execute, and you should see the greeting displayed. That's all there is to it!

Hello, World

Program Structure

```
// Hello.cs
class Hello
{
    ...
}
```

• Every C# program has at least one *class*.

- A class is the foundation of C#'s support for object-oriented programming.
- A class encapsulates data (represented by variables) and behavior (represented by methods).
- All of the code defining the class (its variables and methods)
 will be contained between the curly braces.
- We will discuss classes in detail later.
- Note the *comment* at the beginning of the program.
 - A line beginning with a double slash is present only for documentation purposes and is ignored by the compiler.
- C# files have the extension .cs.

Program Structure (Cont'd)

```
// Hello.cs
class Hello
{
    public static int Main(string[] args)
    {
        ...
        return 0;
    }
}
```

- Every C# program has a distinguished class that has a method whose name must be *Main*.
 - Note the capitalization!
 - The method should be **public** and **static**.
 - An int exit code can be returned to the operating system. Use
 void if you do not return an exit code.

```
public static void Main(string[] args)
```

- Command line arguments are passed as an array of strings.
- You may omit the command line arguments.

```
public static void Main()
```

- The runtime will call this **Main** method it is the entry point for the program.
- All of the code for the **Main** method will be between the curly braces.

Program Structure (Cont'd)

```
// Hello.cs

class Hello
{
   public static int Main(string[] args)
   {
       System.Console.WriteLine(
        "Hello, World");
       return 0;
   }
}
```

- Every method in C# has one or more statements.
- A statement is terminated by a semicolon.
 - A statement may be spread out over several lines.
- The *Console* class provides support for standard output and standard input.
 - The method WriteLine displays a string, followed by a new line.

Namespaces

- Much of the standard functionality in C# is provided through many classes in the .NET Framework.
- Related classes are grouped into namespaces.
- The fully-qualified name of a class is specified by the namespace, followed by a dot, followed by the class name.

```
System.Console
```

• A using statement allows a class to be referred to by its class name alone.

```
// Hello2.cs
using System;
class Hello
{
    public static void Main()
    {
        Console.WriteLine("Hello, World");
    }
}
```

- Note that in C# it is not necessary for the file name to be the same as the name of the class containing the *Main* method.
- This version of the program also illustrates a *Main()* method with no command-line arguments and void return type.

Exercise

- Take a few minutes to add two more lines of code to your program.
 - Print out the phrase "My name is XXXX" (use your own name).
 - Then print out "Goodbye."
- Save your file, compile the program, and run it.
 - Your output should be something like this:

Hello, World My name is Bob Goodbye Thoropolis in the state of the

Answer

```
// Hello3.cs
using System;
class Hello
    public static void Main()
         Console.WriteLine("Hello, World");
         sole,

topological distribution is prophibition.
         Console.WriteLine("My name is Bob");
         Console.WriteLine("Goodbye");
 }
```

Variables

- In C#, you can define variables to hold data.
- Variables represent storage locations in memory.
- In C#, variables are of a specific data type.
 - Some common types are int for integers and double for floating point numbers.
 - You must declare variables before you can use them.
- A variable declaration reserves memory space for the variable and may optionally specify an initial value.

 If a variable is not initialized in its declaration, it should be assigned prior to being used.

```
int kilo;
kilo = 1024;
// Now you may use kilo
```

Expressions

- You can combine variables and constants (or "literals") via *operators* to form *expressions*.
- Examples of operators include the standard arithmetic operators:

```
+ addition
- subtraction
* multiplication
/ division
```

• Here are some examples of expressions:

```
kilo * 1024
(fahrenheit - 32) * 5 / 9
3.1416 * radius * radius
```

Assignment

- You can assign a value to a variable by using the = symbol.
 - On the left hand side is a variable.
 - On the right hand side is an expression.
 - The expression is evaluated and its value is assigned to the variable on the left.
 - Assignment is a statement and must be terminated by a semicolon.

```
mega = kilo * 1024;
celsius = (fahrenheit - 32) * 5 / 9;
area = 3.1416 * radius * radius;
```

• Note that the same variable can be used on both sides of an assignment statement.

```
int item = 5;
int total = 30;
total = total + item;
```

 The expression total + item evaluates to 35, using the old value of total, and this value is assigned to total, creating a new value.

Calculations Using C#

- You can easily use C# to perform calculations by adding code to the *Main* method of a C# class.
 - Declare whatever variables you need.
 - Create expressions and assign values to your variables.
 - Print out the answer using **Console.WriteLine()**.
- You can easily perform labeled output, relying on two features of C#:
 - The operator + performs concatenation for **string** data.
 - There is an automatic, implicit conversion available that converts numeric data to string data when required.
 - Hence this code ...

```
int total = 35;
System.Console.WriteLine("The total is " + total);
```

- ... will produce this output:

The total is 35

Sample Program

• This program will convert temperature from Fahrenheit to Celsius.

See Convert\Step1. // Convert.cs - Step 1 // Program converts a hardcoded temperature in // Fahrenheit to Celsius using System; class Convert public static void Main(string[] args) int fahr = 86;int celsius = (fahr - 32) * 5 / 9; Console.WriteLine("fahrenheit = " + fahr); Console.WriteLine("celsius = " + celsius); Tiblition is on his like of the second secon

More about Output in C#

- The *Console* class in the *System* namespace supports two simple methods for performing output:
 - WriteLine() writes out a string followed by a new line.
 - Write() writes out just the string without the new line.

```
int x = 24;
int y = 5;
int z = x * y;
Console.Write("Product of " + x + " and " + y);
Console.WriteLine(" is " + z);
Console.WriteLine("The product is {0}", z);
```

- The output is all on one line:

Product of 24 and 5 is 120

- A more convenient way to build up an output string is to use *placeholders* {0}, {1}, etc.
 - An equivalent way to do the output shown above is:

```
Console.WriteLine("Product of \{0\} and \{1\} is \{2\}", x, y, z);
```

- The program OutputDemo illustrates the output operations just discussed.
- Later in the course we will see how to control formatting of output, and occasionally in examples we will throw in some simple use of formatting.

Input in C#

- Our first Convert program is not too useful, because the Fahrenheit temperature is hard-coded.
 - To convert a different temperature, you would have to edit the source file and recompile.
- What we really want to do is allow the user of the program to enter a value at runtime for the Fahrenheit temperature.
- Although simple console input in C# is fairly easy, we can make it even easier using object-oriented programming.
 - We can encapsulate or "wrap" the details of input in a class.
 - It will be easy to use the wrapper class.

More about Classes

- Although we will discuss classes in more detail later, there is a little more you need to know now.
- A class can be thought of as a template for creating objects.
 - An object is an instance of a class.
- A class specifies data and behavior.
 - The data is different for each object instance.
- In C#, you instantiate a class by using the *new* keyword.

InputWrapper iw = new InputWrapper();

- This code creates the object instance iw of the InputWrapper class.

InputWrapper Class

- The *InputWrapper* class "wraps" interactive input for several basic data types.
 - The supported data types are int, double, decimal and string.
 - Methods getInt, getDouble, getDecimal and getString are provided.
 - A prompt string is passed as an input parameter.
 - See files InputWrapper.cs in directory TestInputWrapper, which implements the class, and TestInputWrapper.cs, which tests the class.
- Although the code is quite short, it is a little complex, involving a number of different methods from different .NET Framework classes.
- However, you do not need to be familiar with the implementation of *InputWrapper* in order to use it.
 - That is the beauty of "encapsulation"—complex functionality can be hidden by an easy-to-use interface.

Echo Program

- We illustrate interactive input by a simple "echo" program.
 - The program prompts the user for a name, and then prints out a personalized greeting.
 - See Echo.
- This directory has two files, each defining a class.
 - InputWrapper.cs defines the wrapper class. There is no Main method in this class.
 - **EchoName.cs** has a class **Echo**, with a **Main** method.

```
// EchoName.cs
//
// Prompts user to enter name and then
// prints out greeting using name
using System;
class Echo
{
  public static void Main(string[] args)
  {
    InputWrapper iw = new InputWrapper();
    string name = iw.getString("Enter your name: ");
    Console.WriteLine("Hello, " + name);
}
```

Using InputWrapper

- The bolded statements illustrate how to use the *InputWrapper* class.
 - Instantiate an InputWrapper object iw by using new.
 - Prompt to obtain input data by calling the appropriate getXXX method.

Compiling Multiple Files

• It is easy to compile multiple files at the command line.

csc *.cs

- This will compile all of the files in the current directory.
- The file containing a class with the **Main** method will be used as the name of the generated .EXE file:

Directory of C:\OIC\CSharp\Chap02\Echo

```
03/30/2015
            03:38 PM
                         <DIR>
03/30/2015
            03:38 PM
                         <DIR>
11/25/2009
            05:06 PM
                                3,683 Echo.csproj
11/25/2009
            05:06 PM
                                  897 Echo.sln
11/25/2009
                              10,240 Echo.suo
            05:09 PM
11/16/2001
            07:21 PM
                                  317 EchoName.cs
            03:38 PM
03/30/2015
                                4,096 EchoName.exe
01/05/2001
            01:34 PM
                                  855 InputWrapper.cs
                6 File(s)
                                   20,088 bytes
                2 Dir(s)
                          42,316,091,392 bytes free
```

If multiple classes contain a Main method, you can use the /main command line option to specify which class contains the Main method that you want to use as the entry point into the program.

csc *.cs /main:Echo

Multiple Files in Visual Studio

- It is very easy to work with Visual Studio projects that have multiple files.
- As an example, open the Visual Studio *solution* that is specified by the file $Chap02 \setminus Echo \setminus Echo.sln$.
- A solution can contain one or more projects.
 - In this case there is a single project file Echo.csproj.
- You can see all the files in a solution through the *Solution Explorer*.



- When you build the solution via the toolbar button ♠, you will build all the projects in the solution.

The .NET Framework

- The .NET Framework has a very large class library (several thousand classes).
- To make all of this functionality more manageable, the classes are partitioned into *namespaces*.
- The root namespace is *System*, which directly contains many useful classes, among them:
 - Console provides access to standard input, output and error streams for I/O.
 - Convert provides conversions among base data types.
 - Math provides mathematical constants and functions.

The .NET Framework (Cont'd)

- Underneath *System*, there are other namespaces, among them:
 - System.Data contains classes constituting the ADO.NET architecture for accessing databases.
 - System.Xml provides standards-based support for processing XML.
 - System.Drawing contains classes providing GDI+ graphics functionality.
 - System.Windows.Forms provides support for creating applications with rich Windows-based interfaces.
 - System.Web provides support for browser/server communication.
 - System.IO provides support for reading and writing with streams and files. Both synchronous and asynchronous I/O are supported.
 - System.Net provides support for several standard network protocols.

Lab 2

C# Programs for Calculation

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Suggested time: 30 minutes

Summary

- Every C# application has a class with a method *Main*, which is the entry point into the application.
- The System class includes methods for performing output, such as WriteLine.
- Expressions in C# are formed from literals, variables and operators.
- With the assignment statement, you can assign a value computed by an expression to a variable.
- Input in C# is a little more complicated than output, but you can use a wrapper class that encapsulates the required C# classes and presents a simple programming interface.
- The .NET Framework has a large class library that is partitioned into namespaces.

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Introduction

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Root Directory: OIC\CSharp

Directories: Labs\Lab2\Convert (Exercise 1 work)

Chap02\Convert\Step1 (Backup of Exercise 1 starter files)

Chap02\Convert\Step2 (Answer to Exercise 1)
Chap02\TestInputWrapper (InputWrapper class)
Labs\Lab2 (Exercise 2 work)
Chap02\Circle (Exercise 2 answer)

Exercise 1. Fahrenheit to Celsius Conversion

Examine the code of the starter program. Build and run. Notice that the Fahrenheit temperature to be converted is hard-coded. Modify the program to prompt the user for a Fahrenheit temperature, read in the value entered by the user, and print out the result. Make use of the wrapper class **InputWrapper** that was discussed in this chapter.

The starter program uses **int** as the data type for temperatures. An optional experiment is to use **double** as the data type. Could you input the Fahrenheit temperature as an **int** and calculate the Celsius temperature as a **double**?

Exercise 2. Calculate the Area of a Circle

Use Visual Studio to create an empty C# project Circle in the Lab2 folder. This will create the folder Circle. Add a new file Circle.cs to your project, where you will place your program code.

Write a C# program to calculate the area of a circle. Prompt the user for the radius, read in the value entered by the user, calculate the area of the circle, and print out the result. For pi, use the approximation 3.1416. What is an appropriate data type to use for radius and area?

As an optional experiment, use the class **Math** (in the namespace **System**) for a more accurate value of pi.

Another optional experiment is to capture the output data in a file. This is easy to do at the command line, by using the > to "redirect" output to a file.

```
Circle > output.txt
```

When using this technique, the prompts are written to the output file and not displayed on the screen. Hence you need to know what to type! If you type "10" for the radius, your output file should look like:

radius: Using, 3.1416, area = 314.16 Using, Math.PI, area = 314.15926535897933



Chapter 5

Control Structures

Control Structures

Objectives

After completing this unit you will be able to:

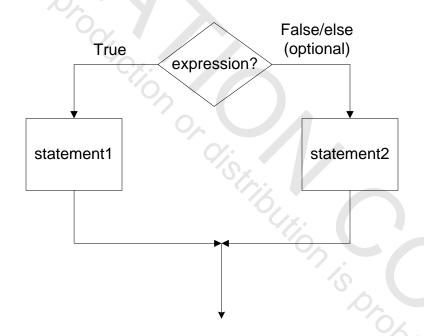
- Use the common C# control structures to perform tests and loops.
- Use arrays in C# programs.

If Test

• In an *if test*, a *bool* expression is evaluated, and, depending on the result, the "true branch" or "false branch" is executed.

```
if (expression)
    statement 1;
else // optional
    statement 2;
```

• If the *else* is omitted, and the test is false, the control simply passes to the next statement after the *if* test.



See LeapYear.

Blocks

- Several statements may be combined into a *block*, which is semantically equivalent to a single statement.
 - A block is enclosed in curly braces.
 - Variables declared inside a block are local to that block.
- The program *Swap* illustrates a block and the declaration of a local variable *temp* within the block.
 - An attempt to use **temp** outside the block is a compiler error.

```
// Swap.cs
using System;
public class Swap
   public static int Main(string[] args)
      int x = 5;
      int y = 12i
      Console.WriteLine("Before:
                         x, y);
      if(x < y)
         int temp = x;
         x = y;
         y = temp;
      Console.WriteLine("After: x = \{0\}, y
                         x, y);
      // Console.WriteLine("temp = {0}", temp);
      return 0;
}
```

Loops

- while
- for
- do/while
- foreach
- break
- continue
- goto
- switch

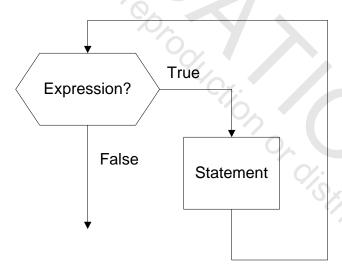
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while Loop

• The most basic type of loop in C# is a while loop.

```
while (expression)
{
    statements;
    ...
}
more statements;
```

Recommendation: Use blocks (in curly braces) even if there is only one statement in a loop.



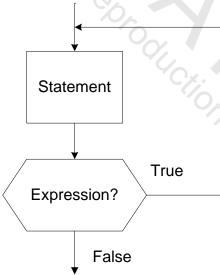
See LeapYearLoop.

do/while Loops

- In the while loop, if the condition is initially false, then the loop is skipped.
- If you want a loop in which the body is always executed, use a do/while.

```
do
{
...
}
while (expression); // 

note semicolon!
```

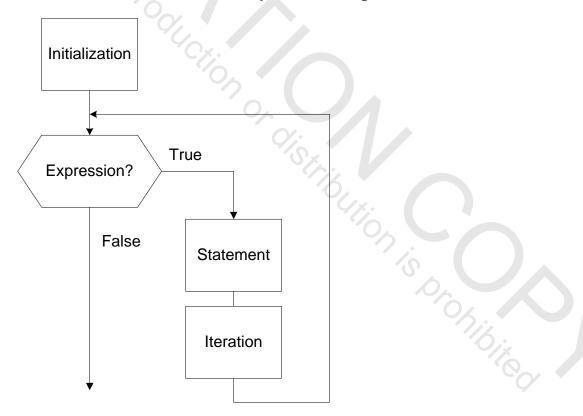


for Loops

• A perennial favorite of C/C++ and Java programmers, the *for* loop is the most flexible of the loop control structures.

```
for (initialization; test; iteration)
{
   statements;
   ...
}
more statements;
```

 The test must be a Boolean expression. Initialization and iteration can be almost any kind of expression.



ForUp Example

- The example program *ForUp* illustrates calculating the sum of the numbers from 1 to 100 using a for loop with the counter going up.
 - Notice that in this loop the variable i is defined within the loop and hence is not available outside the loop.

```
// ForUp.cs
using System;

public class ForUp
{
    public static int Main(string[] args)
    {
        int sum = 0;
        for (int i = 1; i <= 100; i++)
        {
            sum += i;
        }
        Console.WriteLine("sum = {0}", sum);
        // Console.WriteLine("i = {0}", i);
        // i is not defined outside the for loop return 0;
    }
}</pre>
```

ForDown Example

- The example *ForDown* illustrates calculating the sum of the numbers from 1 to 100 using a for loop with the counter going down.
 - Notice that in this loop the variable i is defined before the loop and hence is available outside the loop.

```
// ForDown.cs
using System;

public class ForDown
{
   public static int Main(string[] args)
   {
      int sum = 0;
      int i;
      for (i = 100; i >= 1; i--)
      {
            sum += i;
      }
      Console.WriteLine("sum = {0}", sum);
      Console.WriteLine("i = {0}", i);
      // i is defined outside the for loop return 0;
   }
}
```

Arrays

- Arrays are a very common and easy to use data structure in many programming languages, and they are useful for illustrating programs involving loops.
- Hence we will give a brief preview here, so that we can provide more interesting examples for the rest of the chapter.
 - An array is declared using square brackets [] after the type, not after the variable.

```
int [] a; // declares an array of int
```

- Note that the size of the array is not part of its type. The variable declared is a reference to the array.
- You create the array elements and establish the size of the array using the **new** operator.

```
a = new int[10];  // creates 10 array elements
```

- The new array elements start out with the appropriate default values for the type (0 for **int**).
- You may both declare and initialize array elements using curly brackets, as in C/C++.

```
int [] a = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11\};
```

Fibonacci Example

• As our first example we will populate a 10-element array with the first 10 Fibonacci numbers. The Fibonacci sequence is defined as follows:

```
fib[0] = 1
fib[1] = 1
fib[i] = fib[i-1] + fib[i-2] for i >= 2
```

 The program Fibonacci populates the array and then prints out the first 10 Fibonacci elements all on one line, followed by printing them out in reverse order on the next line.

```
int [] fib;
fib = new int[10];
fib[0] = fib[1] = 1;
for (int i = 2; i < 10; i++)
    fib[i] = fib[i-1] + fib[i-2];

for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
    Console.Write("{0} ", fib[i]);
Console.WriteLine();

for (int i = 9; i >= 0; i--)
    Console.Write("{0} ", fib[i]);
Console.WriteLine();
```

• Here is the output:

```
1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34 55 55 34 21 13 8 5 3 2 1 1
```

foreach Loop

- The *foreach* loop is familiar to VB programmers, but is not present in C/C++ or Java (before Java 5).
- It is a special loop for iterating through collections.
- In C#, an array is a collection, so you can use a *foreach* loop to iterate through an array.

```
// ForEachLoop.cs
using System;

public class ForEachLoop
{
   public static int Main(string[] args)
   {
      int [] primes = {2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13};
      int sum = 0;
      foreach (int prime in primes)
      {
            Console.Write("{0} ", prime);
            sum += prime;
      }
      Console.WriteLine();
      Console.WriteLine("sum = {0}", sum);
      return 0;
   }
}
```

• foreach will be covered in greater detail in a later chapter.

break

- The *break* statement allow immediate exit from a loop.
 - See BreakSearch.

```
int [] primes = {2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13};
foreach (int prime in primes)
   Console.Write("{0} ", prime);
Console.WriteLine();
int target = 7;
int i;
for(i = 0; i < primes.Length; i++)
{
   if (target == primes[i])
        break;
}
if (i == primes.Length)
   Console.WriteLine("{0} not found", target);
else
   Console.WriteLine("{0} found at {1}", target,i);
return 0;</pre>
```

• Here is the output:

```
2 3 5 7 11 13
7 found at 3
```

continue

- The *continue* statement bypasses the remainder of a loop, transferring control to the beginning of the loop.
 - See ContinueLoop.

```
int [] numbers = {0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9};
foreach(int num in numbers)
{
    Console.Write("{0} ", num);
}
Console.WriteLine();
Console.Write("Odd numbers: ");
int index = 0;
while(++index < numbers.Length)
{
    if(numbers[index] % 2 == 0)
    {
      continue;
    }
    Console.Write("{0} ", numbers[index]);
}
Console.WriteLine();</pre>
```

• Here is the output:

```
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Odd numbers: 1 3 5 7 9
```

goto

- Considered by purists to be evil, the infamous *goto* was even completely banned from some languages.
 - Use **goto** sparingly and with great care.

```
goto label;
  label:
// GotoSearch.cs
using System;
public class GotoSearch
   public static int Main(string[] args)
      int [] primes = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13\};
      foreach (int prime in primes)
         Console.Write("{0} ", prime);
      Console.WriteLine();
      int target = 7;
      int i;
      for(i = 0; i < primes.Length; i++)</pre>
         if (target == primes[i])
            goto found;
      Console.WriteLine("{0} not found", target);
      return 0;
   found:
      Console.WriteLine("{0} found at {1}",
                         target,i);
      return 0;
}
```

Structured Programming

- Although a program like the one shown in the preceding page is easy to understand on a small scale, the structure of such a program is problematical if the same style is carried over to larger programs.
 - The basic difficulty is that there are many execution paths,
 and so it becomes difficult to verify that the program is
 correct.
- Structured programming imposes certain discipline.
 - Programs are built out of basic components, such as blocks (compound statements) and simple control structures like if...else and while.
 - Each of these components has a single entrance and a single exit.
- The program on the preceding page violates these principle several places.
 - The **Main** function has two exits (return statements).
 - The loop can be exited in two ways, normally and via the goto.
 - Such a program can become difficult to maintain. If some task needs to always be done before exiting a loop, you may have to place duplicate code, which can become out of synch when this common code is updated in one place.

Structured Search Example

- The program *StructuredSearch* illustrates a more structured programming approach to our simple linear search than either of our previous solutions.
 - Both break and goto can be replaced by a simple while loop and use of a suitable bool flag.

```
int [] primes = {2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13};
foreach (int prime in primes)
  Console.Write("{0} ", prime);
Console.WriteLine();
int target = 7;
int i = 0;
bool found = false;
while (!found && i < primes.Length)
   if (target == primes[i])
      found = true;
   else
      i++;
if (found)
  Console.WriteLine("{0} found at {1}", target,i);
else
  Console.WriteLine("{0} not found", target);
return 0;
```

• Here is the output:

```
2 3 5 7 11 13
7 found at 3
```

Multiple Methods

- Our example programs so far have all of our code in one *Main()* method.
- As programs get longer, use subroutines, or additional "methods" in C# terminology.
 - For now, look at the example **MultipleMethods**.

```
using System;
public class MultipleMethods
   public static void Main()
      InputWrapper iw = new InputWrapper();
      // initialize and display array
      int[] primes = {2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13};
      for (int i = 0; i < primes.Length; i++)
         Console.Write("{0} ", primes[i]);
      Console.WriteLine();
      // loop to read and search for targets
      Console.WriteLine(
"Enter numbers to search for, -1 when done");
      int target = iw.getInt("target number: ");
      while (target !=-1)
         int index = Search(primes, target);
         if (index == -1)
            Console.WriteLine(
               "{0} not found", target);
         else
            Console.WriteLine(
               "{0} found at {1}", target, index);
         target = iw.getInt("target number: ");
   }
```

Multiple Methods (Cont'd)

• Here is a sample run of this program:

```
2 3 5 7 11 13

Enter numbers to search for, -1 when done target number: 11

11 found at 4

target number: 3

3 found at 1

target number: 33

33 not found

target number: 13

13 found at 5

target number: 2

2 found at 0

target number: -1

Press any key to continue
```

switch

- The *switch* statement can be substituted, in some cases, for a sequence of *if* tests.
- There are comparable control structures in other languages, such as:
 - Select in Visual Basic
 - case in Pascal
 - "computed goto" in FORTRAN.
 - switch in C/C++
- Example Program:
 - SwitchDemo

switch in C# and C/C++

- In C#, after a particular case statement is executed, control does not automatically continue to the next statement.
 - You must explicitly specify the next statement, typically by a break or goto label.

```
    This avoids a "gotcha" in C/C++.
```

```
switch (code)
  case 1:
    goto case 2;
  case 2:
    Console.WriteLine("Low");
    break;
  case 3:
    Console.WriteLine("Medium");
    break;
  case 4:
    Console.WriteLine("High");
    break;
  default:
    Console.WriteLine("Special case");
    break;
}
```

• In C#, you may switch on any integer type and on a char or string data type.

Lab 5

Managing a List of Contacts

In this lab, you will begin implementation of a contact management system. The first version of the program is very simple. You will maintain a list of names in an array of strings, and you will provide a set of commands to work with these contacts:

- add a contact to the list
- show the contacts in forward order
- show the contacts in reverse order
- find a contact in the list.
- remove a contact from the list

Detailed instructions are contained in the Lab 5 write-up at the end of the chapter.

Suggested time: 45 minutes

Summary

- C# has a variety of control structures of C#, including if, while, do, for and switch.
- There are alternative ways of exiting or continuing iteration in a loop, including *break*, *continue*, and *goto*.
 - Structured programming avoids use of *goto* and leads to programs that are easier to understand and maintain.
 - C# provides arrays for holding collections of items all of the same type.
 - The foreach loop makes it very easy to write concise code for iterating through an array or another collection.

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Suggested Time: 45 minutes

Root Directory: OIC\CSharp

Directories: Labs\Lab5\Contacts (do your work here)

Chap05\Contacts\Step1(answer to Part 1)Chap05\Contacts\Step2(answer to Part 2)

Part 1. Implement a Command Processing Loop

- 1. Use Visual Studio to create an empty C# project **Contacts** in the **Lab5** folder. This will create the subfolder **Contacts**. Add a new file **TestContacts.cs** to your project, where you will place the program code.
- 2. Move the supplied file **InputWrapper.cs** from **Lab5** down to **Lab5\Contacts**. Add this file to your project.
- 3. Add C# code to the file **TestContacts.cs** to set up a class **TestContacts** with a public static **Main()** method. Provide a **using System;** statement.
- 4. Add code to **Main()** to do the following:
 - a. Instantiate an **InputWrapper** object **iw**.
 - b. Write a message "Enter command, quit to exit."
 - c. Use the **getString()** method of **InputWrapper** to prompt for a command using the prompt string "> " and store the result in the **string** variable **cmd**.
 - d. Write out the command that was entered.

5. Build and test. It would be a good idea to also build and test incrementally after the following steps, but we won't explicitly say so.

- 6. Add a while loop that will loop until the command entered is "quit." Move the statement writing out the command inside the loop.
- 7. Add a switch statement, with cases for each of the supported commands. In the default case, print out a message listing each of the legal commands with a brief description. In the case for a command provide stub code that prints out a message indicating that that command was invoked. You can now comment out the statement writing out the command that was entered.
- 8. Build and test.

Part 2. Implement the Commands

In this part you will declare an array of strings to hold the names. You will provide code for each of the commands, commenting out the stub code as each command is implemented.

- 1. Declare an array **names** of 10 strings. Also declare an **int** variable **count**, which will be initialized at 0. This holds a count of the actual number of elements in the array.
- 2. Add code to initialize a few names in the array. Increment **count** as you add each name. For example, the following code would add three names:

```
names[count++] = "Tom";
names[count++] = "Dick";
names[count++] = "Harry";
```

- 3. Implement the "forward" command to display the names in the array. First try a **foreach** loop. What is the problem?
- 4. The **foreach** loop will try to display all 10 elements in the array, and you want to display only the three actual names. Replace the **foreach** loop by a counted **for** loop, with the loop index incrementing.
- 5. Implement the "backward" command. Use a counted **for** loop, with the index decrementing.
- 6. Implement the "add" command.
- 7. Implement the "find" command. You will need search code both for this command and also for "remove," so it would be useful for you to create a method **Search()**, similar to the method in the **MultipleSearch** example program.
- 8. Implement the "remove" command.

Chapter 9

Methods, Properties, and Operators

Methods, Properties, and Operators

Objectives

After completing this unit you will be able to:

- Explain how methods are defined and used, how parameters are passed to and from methods, and how the same method name can be overloaded, with different versions having different parameter lists.
- Implement methods in C# that take a variable number of parameters.
- Use the C# get/set (property syntax) methods for accessing data.
- Overload operators in C#, making the invocation of certain methods more natural and intuitive.

Static and Instance Methods

- We have seen that classes can have different kinds of members, including fields, constants, and methods.
 - A method implements behavior that can be performed by an object or a class.
 - Ordinary methods, sometimes called **instance methods**, are invoked through an object instance.

```
Account acc = new Account();
acc.Deposit(25);
```

 Static methods are invoked through a class and do not depend Add (5, ... upon the existence of any instances.

```
int sum = SimpleMath.Add(5, 7);
```

Method Parameters

- Methods have a list of parameters, which may be empty.
 - Methods either return a value or have a void return.
 - Multiple methods may have the same name, so long as they have different signatures (a feature known as method overloading).
 - Methods have the same signature if they have the same number of parameters and these parameters have the same types and modifiers (such as **ref** or **out**).
- The return type does not contribute to defining the signature of a method. By default, parameters are value parameters, meaning copies are made of the parameters.
 - The keyword **ref** designates a **reference** parameter, in which case, the parameter inside the method and the corresponding actual argument refer to the same object.
 - The keyword **out** refers to an **output** parameter, which is the same as a reference parameter, except that on the calling side, the parameter need not be assigned prior to the call.
 - We will study parameter passing and method overloading in more detail later in this chapter.

No "Freestanding" Functions in C#

- In C#, all functions are methods and, therefore, associated with a class.
 - There is no such thing as a freestanding function, as in C and C++.
 - "All functions are methods" is rather similar to "everything is an object" and reflects the fact that C# is a pure objectoriented language.
 - The advantage of all functions being methods is that classes become a natural organizing principle. Methods are nicely grouped together.

Classes with All Static Methods

- Sometimes part of the functionality of your system may not be tied to any data, but may be purely functional in nature.
- In C#, you would organize such functions into classes that have all static methods and no fields.
 - The program *TestSimpleMath/Step1* provides an elementary example.

```
// SimpleMath.cs
public class SimpleMath
{
   public static int Add(int x, int y)
   {
      return x + y;
   }
   public static int Multiply(int x, int y)
   {
      return x * y;
   }
}
```

Parameter Passing

- Programming languages have different mechanisms for passing parameters.
- In the C family of languages, the standard is "call-by-value."
 - This means that the actual data values themselves are passed to the method.
 - Typically, these values are pushed onto the stack and the called function obtains its own independent copy of the values.
 - Any changes made to these values will not be propagated back to the calling program. C# provides this mechanism of parameter passing as the default, but C# also supports reference parameters and output parameters.
 - In this section, we will examine all three of these mechanisms, and we will look at the ramifications of passing class and struct data types.

Parameter Terminology

- Storage is allocated on the stack for method parameters.
 - This storage area is known as the **activation record**.
 - It is popped when the method is no longer active.
 - The **formal parameters** of a method are the parameters as seen within the method.
 - They are provided storage in the activation record.
 - The arguments of a method are the expressions between commas in the parameter list of the method call.

Value Parameters

- Parameter passing is the process of initializing the storage of the formal parameters by the actual parameters.
- The default method of parameter passing in C# is call-by-value, in which the values of the actual parameters are copied into the storage of the formal parameters.
 - Call-by-value is safe, because the method never directly accesses the actual parameters, only its own local copies.

But there are drawbacks to call-by-value:

- There is no direct way to modify the value of an argument.
 You may use the return type of the method, but that only allows you to pass one value back to the calling program.
- There is overhead in copying a large object.
- The overhead in copying a large object is borne when you pass a *struct* instance.
 - If you pass a class instance, or an instance of any other reference type, you are passing only a reference and not the actual data itself.
 - This may sound like call-by-reference, but what you are actually doing is passing a reference by value.
 - Later in this section, we will discuss the ramifications of passing struct and class instances.

Reference Parameters

- Consider a situation in which you want to pass more than one value back to the calling program.
- C# provides a clean solution through reference parameters.
 - You declare a reference parameter with the **ref** keyword, which is placed before both the formal parameter and the actual parameter.
 - A reference parameter does not result in any copying of a value.
 - Instead, the formal parameter and the actual parameter refer to the same storage location.
 - Thus, changing the formal parameter will result in the actual parameter changing, as both are referring to exactly the same storage location.

Reference Parameters (Cont'd)

- The program *ReferenceMath* illustrates using *ref* parameters.
 - The two methods Add and Multiply are replaced by a single method Calculate, which passes back two values as reference parameters.

Reference Parameters (Cont'd)

• Notice the use of the *ref* keyword in front of the third and fourth parameters. Here is the test program:

```
// TestReferenceMath.cs
using System;

public class TestReferenceMath
{
   public static void Main(string[] args)
   {
      int sum = 0, product = 0;
      MultipleMath.Calculate(5, 7, ref sum,
          ref product);
      Console.WriteLine("sum = {0}", sum);
      Console.WriteLine("product = {0}", product);
   }
}
```

- The ref keyword is used in front of the parameters.
- Variables must be initialized before they are used as reference parameters.

Output Parameters

- A reference parameter is used for two-way communication between the calling program and the called program, both passing data in and getting data out.
- Thus, reference parameters must be initialized before use.
 - In TestReferenceMath.cs, we are only obtaining output, so initializing the variables only to assign new values is rather pointless.
 - C# provides for this case with **output parameters**.
 - Use the keyword out wherever you would use the keyword ref.
 - Then you do not have to initialize the variable before use.
 - Naturally, you could not use an **out** parameter inside the method; you can only assign it.
- The program *OutputMath* illustrates the use of output parameters.

Structure Parameters

- A struct is a value type, so that if you pass a struct as a value parameter, the struct instance in the called method will be an independent copy of the struct in the calling method.
- The program *HotelStruct* illustrates passing an instance of a *Hotel* struct by value.
- The object *hotel* in the *RaisePrice* method is an independent copy of the object *ritz* in the Main method.
 - This figure shows the values in both structures after the price has been raised for **hotel**.
 - Thus, the change in price does not propagate back to **Main**.

Main ritz Boston
Ritz
100
\$200.00

......

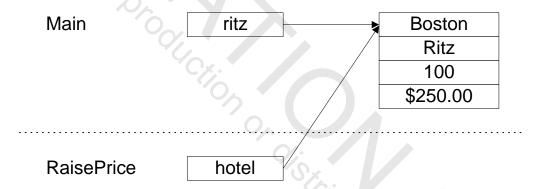
RaisePrice hotel

Boston
Ritz
100
\$250.00

- The program HotelStructRef has the same struct definition,
 but the test program passes the Hotel instance by reference.
- Now the change does propagate, as you would expect.

Class Parameters

- A class is a reference type, so that if you pass a class instance as a value parameter, the class instance in the called method will refer to the same object as the reference in the calling method.
- The program *HotelClass/Step1* illustrates passing an instance of a *Hotel* class by value.
 - This figure illustrates how the **hotel** reference in the **RaisePrice** method refers to the same object as the **ritz** reference in **Main**.



 Thus, when you change the price in the RaisePrice method, the object in Main is the same object and shows the new price.

Method Overloading

- In a traditional programming language, such as C, you need to create unique names for all of your methods.
- If methods basically do the same thing, but only apply to different data types, it becomes tedious to create unique names.
 - For example, suppose you have a FindMax method that can find the maximum of two int, two long, or two string.
 - If we need to come up with a unique name for each method, we would have to create method names, such as FindMaxInt, FindMaxLong, and FindMaxString.
 - In C#, as in other object-oriented languages such as C++ and Java, you may *overload* method names.
 - That is, different methods can have the same name, if they have different signatures.
 - Two methods have the same signature if they have the same number of parameters, the parameters have the same data types, and the parameters have the same modifiers (none, ref, or out).
 - The return type does not contribute to defining the signature of a method.
 - So, in order to have two functions with the same name, there must be a difference in the number and/or types and/or modifiers of the parameters.

Method Overloading (Cont'd)

- At runtime, the compiler will resolve a given invocation of the method by trying to match up the actual parameters with formal parameters.
 - A match occurs if the parameters match exactly or if they can match through an implicit conversion.
 - For the exact matching rules, consult the C# Language Specification.
- The program *OverloadDemo* illustrates method overloading.
 - The method FindMax is overloaded to take either long or string parameters.
 - The method is invoked three times, for int, long, and string parameters.
 - There is an exact match for the case of **long** and **string**.
 - The call with int actual parameters can resolve to the long version, because there is an implicit conversion of int into long.
 - You may wish to review the discussion of conversions of data types at the end of Chapter 3.
- We will cover the *string* data type and the *Compare* method in Chapter 10.

Chapter 9 **CSharp**

Lab 9A

Method Overloading

In this lab, you will extend the **SimpleMath** class to include subtraction and division, providing the four methods for **double** as well as int.

Detailed instructions are contained in the Lab 9A write-up at the end of the chapter. e: 15 mi.

Suggested time: 15 minutes

Modifiers as Part of the Signature

- It is important to understand that if methods have identical types for their formal parameters, but differ in a modifier (none, *ref*, or *out*), then the methods have different signatures.
- The program OverloadHotel provides an illustration.
 - We have two **RaisePrice** methods.
 - In the first method, the hotel is passed as a value parameter.
 - In the second version, the hotel is passed as a reference parameter.
 - These methods have different signatures.

Variable Length Parameter Lists

- Our *FindMax* methods in the previous section were very specific with respect to the number of parameters—there were always exactly two parameters.
- Sometimes you may want to be able to work with a variable number of parameters, for example, to find the maximum of two, three, four, or more numbers.
- C# provides the *params* keyword, which you can use to indicate that an array of parameters is provided.
 - Sometimes you may want to provide both a general version of your method that takes a variable number of parameters and also one or more special versions that take an exact number of parameters.
 - The special version will be called in preference, if there is an exact match. The special versions are more efficient.
- The program *VariableMax* illustrates a general *FindMax* method that takes a variable number of parameters.
 - There is also a special version that takes two parameters.
 - Each method prints out a line identifying itself, so you can see which method takes precedence.

Properties

- The encapsulation principle leads us to typically store data in private fields and to provide access to this data through public accessor methods that allow us to set and get values.
 - For example, in the **Account** class we used as an illustration in Chapter 7, we provided a method **GetBalance** to access the private field **balance**.
 - You don't need any special syntax; you can simply provide methods and call these methods what you want, typically GetXXX and SetXXX.
- C# provides a special property syntax that simplifies user code.
- Rather than using methods, you can simply use an object reference, followed by a dot, followed by a property name.
 - Some examples of a **Balance** property (that is both read/write) of a **SimpleAccount** class follow.
 - We show in comments the corresponding method code.

Properties Examples

• First example is SimpleAccount.

```
SimpleAccount acc = new SimpleAccount();
decimal bal;
bal = acc.Balance;
// bal = acc.GetBalance();
acc.Balance = 100m;
acc.Balance += 1m;
// acc.SetBalance(acc.GetBalance() + 1m);
```

- As you can see, the syntax using the property is a little more concise.
- Properties were popularized in Visual Basic and are now part of .NET and available in other .NET languages, such as C#.
- The program *AccountProperty* illustrates implementing and using several properties: *Balance*, *Id*, and *Owner*.
 - The first two properties are read-only (only get defined) and the third property is read/write (both get and set).
 - It is also possible to have a write-only property (only set defined).
- The next page shows the code for the *Account* class, where the properties are defined.
 - Notice the syntax and the special C# keyword value.

Properties Example (Cont'd)

```
// Account.cs
public class Account
   private int id;
   private static int nextid = 1;
   private decimal balance;
   private string owner;
   public Account(decimal balance, string owner)
      this.id = nextid++;
      this.balance = balance;
      this.owner = owner;
   public void Deposit(decimal amount)
      balance += amount;
   public void Withdraw(decimal amount)
      balance -= amount;
   public decimal Balance
      get
         return balance;
   public int Id
      get
         return id;
   }
```

Properties Example (Cont'd)

```
public string Owner
   get
      return owner;
   set
      owner = value;
      is production or distribution is prohibited
```

Auto-Implemented Properties

- An auto-implemented property provides a concise way of defining a property.
 - The compiler automatically provides a private field to implement the property.
 - You can only access the property through the **get** and **set** accessors.
- An auto-implemented property must declare both a get and a set accessor.

```
public decimal Balance { get; set; }
```

• An auto-implemented property can be made readonly by declaring *set* as private.

```
public int AccountId { get; private set; }
// read-only
```

- The next page provides an example of the use of autoimplemented properties.
 - See AutoProperties.
 - The line that is commented out is illegal because the property
 AccountId is read-only.

Auto-Implemented Property Example

```
class Program
   static void Main(string[] args)
      Account acc = new Account(101, 150m);
      acc.Show();
      acc.Balance += 100m;
      acc.Show();
      // acc.AccountId = 201;
      // Illegal because AccountId is read-only
class Account
  public int AccountId { get; private set; }
   // readonly
  public decimal Balance { get; set; }
  public Account(int accId, decimal bal)
      AccountId = accId;
      Balance = bal;
  public void Show()
      Console.WriteLine("Id: {0},
                                  Balance: {1:C}",
         AccountId, Balance);
}
```

Lab 9B

Properties

In this lab, you will use properties to access and modify member data items in an object of a class type.

Detailed instructions are contained in the Lab 9B write-up at the end of the chapter. e: 20 m.

Suggested time: 20 minutes

Operator Overloading

- Another kind of syntactic simplification that can be provided in C# is operator overloading.
- The idea is that certain method invocations can be implemented more concisely using operators, rather than method calls.
 - Suppose we have a class **Matrix** that has static methods to add and multiply matrices.
 - Using methods, we could write a matrix expression like this:

```
Matrix a, b, c, d;
// code to initialize the object references
d = Matrix.Multiply(a, (Matrix.Add(b, c));
```

- If we overload the operators + and *, we can write this code Olis Habitation is on his property of the second se more succinctly:

```
d = a * (b + c);
```

Operator Overloading (Cont'd)

- You cannot create a brand new operator, but you can overload many of the existing C# operators to be an alias for a static method.
 - For example, given the static method **Add** in the **Matrix** class ...

```
class Matrix
{
...
  public static Matrix Add(Matrix x, Matrix y)
  {
  - ... you could write instead:
  public static Matrix operator+(Matrix x, Matrix y)
```

- All of the rest of the class implementation code stays the same, and you can then use operator notation in client code. Operator declarations, such as *operator*+ shown above, must obey the following rules:
 - Operators must be **public** and **static**, and may not have any other modifiers.
 - Operators take only value parameters, and not reference or output parameters.
 - Operators must have a signature that differs from the signatures of all other operators in the class.

Operator Overloading (Cont'd)

• There are three categories of operators that can be overloaded.

- The table shows the unary and binary operators that can be overloaded.
- A third category of operators, user-defined conversions, will be discussed in Chapter 14.

Туре	Operators
Unary	+ -! ~ ++ true false
Binary	+ - * / % & ^ << >> == != > < >= <=

If you overload a binary operator op, the corresponding compound assignment, operator op=, will be overloaded for you by the compiler. For example, if you overload +, you will automatically have an overload of +=.

• The relational operators must be overloaded in pairs:

- operator== and operator!=
- operator> and operator<
- operator>= and operator<=.</p>

Sample Program

- As an illustration of operator overloading, consider the program *ClockOverload*, which has a class, *Clock*, that does "clock arithmetic."
 - The legal values of Clock are integers between 1 and 12 inclusive.
 - Addition is performed modulo 12. Thus 9 + 7 is 16 modulo 12, or 4.
 - We overload the plus operator to perform this special kind of addition operation.
 - We have two different versions of the plus operator. One adds two Clock values, and the other adds a Clock and an int.
 - In the test program, note that we are able to use +=, even though we have not explicitly provided such an overload.
 The compiler automatically furnishes this overload for us, by virtue of our overloading +.

Operator Overloading in the Class Library

- Although you may rarely have occasion to overload operators in your own classes, you will find that a number of classes in the .NET Framework Class Library make use of operator overloading.
- In Chapter 10, you will see how + is used for concatenation of strings.
- In Chapter 18, you will see how += is used for adding an event handler to an event.

Summary

- In this chapter, we examined a number of features of methods.
- In C#, there is no such thing as a freestanding function.
- All functions are tied to classes and are called methods.
- If you do not care about class instances, you can implement a class that has only static methods.
- By default, parameters are passed by value, but C# also supports reference parameters and output parameters.
- A method name can be overloaded, with different versions having different parameter lists.
- You can also implement methods in C# that take a variable number of parameters.
- C# provides special property syntax for concisely invoking get/set methods for accessing data.
- You can overload operators in C#, a feature which makes the C# language inherently more extensible without requiring special coding in the compiler.

Chapter 9 CSharp

Lab 9A

Overloading Methods

Introduction

In this lab, you will extend the **SimpleMath** class to include subtraction and division, providing the four functions for **double** as well as **int**.

Suggested Time: 15 minutes

Root Directory: OIC\CSharp

Directories: Labs\Lab9A\TestSimpleMath (work area)

> Chap09\TestSimpleMath\Step1 (backup of starter files)

Chap09\TestSimpleMath\Step2 (answer)

Instructions

1. Build and run the starter project.

- 2. Extend the **SimpleMath** class by adding functions to handle subtraction and division for **int**.
- 3. Then add methods to handle the same four operations for **double**.
- 4. Add test code to **TestSimpleMath.cs** to check your overloaded methods. Tiblition is oronibited.
- 5. Build and test.

Lab 9B

Properties

Introduction

In this lab, you will use properties to access and modify member data items in an object of a class type.

Suggested Time: 20 minutes

Root Directory: OIC\CSharp

Directories: Labs\Lab9B\HotelClass (work area)

Chap09\HotelClass\Step1 (backup of starter files)

Chap09\HotelClass\Step2 (answer)

Instructions

1. Build and run the starter project.

- 2. Change all of the data members of the **Hotel** class to have private access, and add properties to access and change the data members. In the properties for the number of rooms, enforce a limitation of no more than 400 and no fewer than 10. For the cost of a room, limit it to the range \$30-\$150.
- 3. Modify **HotelTest.cs** to check the properties.
- 4. Build and test.

