

Introduction to Visual Basic I

Topics

- Get familiar with the VS Express 2013 environment
- String and number variables
- Assignment statements
- Evaluating expressions
- User input: strings and numbers

Preliminaries

If you haven't already done so, start by making a copy of today's lab folder (Lab03) and saving it in your M:\CS130\Labs folder. Right-click on the folder you just copied and rename it Lab03_YourLastName_YourFirstName (but use your actual last and first names).

You may now work locally by opening the write-up from within the copied folder.

A straightforward program

1. Launch the **RAPTOR** software and use it to create and save a new program called `StraightforwardProgram_Part1.rap` inside the folder `StraightforwardProgram` inside of your lab folder.

Complete `StraightforwardProgram_Part1.rap` so that it prompts the user to input a first name and a last name (using two input symbols) and outputs to the *MasterConsole* a single line containing the full name input by the user formatted as below (for inputs John and Miller):

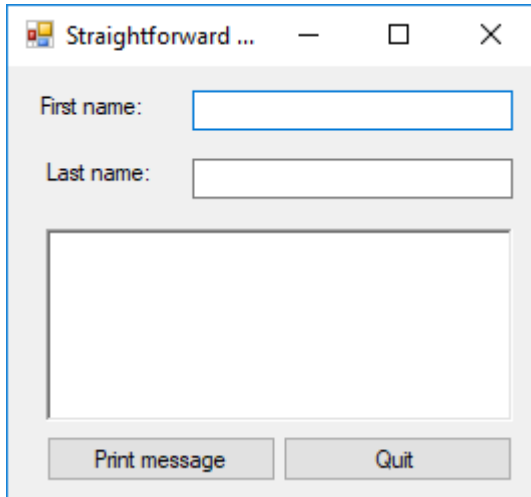
```
Hello Miller, John
```

When done, save and close file `StraightforwardProgram_Part1.rap`.

2. Launch VS Express 2013 and open the program `StraightforwardProgram_Part2` which can be found inside of the folder `StraightforwardProgram` inside of your lab folder.

Your program will contain a single empty Form object by default. In the Form properties window (if it is not completely visible, click on the Properties tab on the right side of the screen), change the Name property to **frmStraightforwardProgram** and Text property to **Straightforward Program**. (PS: the Name property of an object CANNOT contain spaces).

Complete the program `StraightforwardProgram_Part2` so that is the equivalent of your RAPTOR program, `StraightforwardProgram_Part1.rap`. It should look something like the example below.



Next, enhance your Visual Basic program to request additional user input. Specifically, the user should input the following along with first and last name:

- month of birth
- day of birth
- year of birth
- college
- major

Then, using the additional user input, the output sentence should be updated as well. The format for the output should be:

Chuck Norris was born on March 10, 1940. They are a Chemistry major at CSBSJU.

where Chuck and Norris were input for the *first* and *last* name respectfully, March, 10, and 1940 for the *month*, *day*, and *year* of birth respectfully, and Chemistry and CSBSJU for the *major* and *college*.

Your program should behave identically to the solution which can be run by double-clicking the file `StraightforwardProgram_Part2.exe` found in the Executables folder inside of your lab folder.

When done, save and close program `StraightforwardProgram_Part2`.

Checkpoint 1 (30/100): A successful `StraightforwardProgram_Part2` program:

- is based on a complete and correct `StraightforwardProgram_Part1.rap` RAPTOR program that produces correctly formatted output for input first and last name, as in the first example in this exercise
- produces correctly formatted output for sample input described in the second example in this exercise

Video rental store

1. Launch the RAPTOR software and use it to create and save a new program called `VideoRentalStore_Part1.rap` inside the folder `VideoRentalStore` inside of your lab folder.

Complete `VideoRentalStore_Part1.rap` to prompt the user to input a customer's full name and the number of videos rented out; compute (and store in a new variable) the total cost assuming videos are rented out for a single day at a \$2.50 per day; and display in the *MasterConsole* the customer name and total cost in a nicely formatted message as in the example below, assuming the user's full name is Mary Smith and 5 videos were rented out:

```
Total cost for Mary Smith is $12.5000
```

When done, save and close file `VideoRentalStore_Part1.rap`.

2. Launch VS Express 2013 and open the program `VideoRentalStore_Part2` which can be found inside of the folder `VideoRentalStore` inside of your lab folder.

Complete program `VideoRentalStore_Part2` so that it is the equivalent of your RAPTOR program, `VideoRentalStore_Part1.rap`.

Next, enhance the Visual Basic program so that it can handle a variable number of days. For example, for input Mary Smith and 5 videos rented out for 3 days, the output becomes:

```
Total cost for Mary Smith is $37.5
```

Your program should behave identically to the solution which can be run by double-clicking the file `VideoRentalStore_Part2.exe` found in the `Executables` folder inside of your lab folder.

When done, save and close program `VideoRentalStore_Part2`.

Checkpoint 2 (65/100): A successful `VideoRentalStore_Part2` program:

- is based on a complete and correct `VideoRentalStore_Part1.rap` RAPTOR program that produces correctly formatted output for input customer name and number of videos rented out, as shown in the first example in this exercise
- produces correctly formatted output, for input customer name, number of videos rented out and number of days, as shown in the second example in this exercise
- must also have successfully completed Checkpoint 1

3. Use **File Explorer** to navigate to the folder containing the final version of your program `VideoRentalStore_Part2` in your lab folder. Copy and paste this program in the same folder, and then right-click on the copy to rename it as `VideoRentalStore_Part3`. Launch VS Express and use it to open the program `VideoRentalStore_Part3`.

Make the necessary changes to program `VideoRentalStore_Part3` to allow customers to rent out premium videos @ \$5.25 per day in addition to regular videos @ \$2.50 per day. The input number of days will apply to both types of videos; for example, for 5 regular videos and 3 premium videos rented out for 3 days, your program would display:

Total cost for Mary Smith is \$84.75

Note that $(5 * 2.50 + 3 * 5.25) * 3 = 84.75$

Next, have your program display the output in a meaningful format which includes the pretax total and the total after applying a 7% sales tax; for the example above, your program would display:

Hello Mary Smith, your pretax total for 5 regular videos and 3 premium videos for 5 days is \$141.25, or \$151.1375 after tax.

Your program should behave identically to the solution which can be run by double-clicking the file `VideoRentalStore_Part3.exe` found in the Executables folder inside of your lab folder.

When done, save and close program `VideoRentalStore_Part3`.

Checkpoint 3 (70/100): A successful `VideoRentalStore_Part3` program:

- produces correctly formatted output, including pretax and after-tax total as in the last example above, for input customer name, number of regular videos rented out, number of premium videos rented out and number of days.
- must also have successfully completed Checkpoint 1

4. Use your VideoRentalStore_Part3 program to complete the following test table for the different input values shown on the left. This activity is known as program testing which is common practice in computer programming. The importance of this seemingly tedious activity cannot be overstated! Thoroughly testing computer programs under different input scenarios ensures they behave as expected especially for “special” cases which are often ignored by programmers making programs susceptible to failure.

Input values for your program (<i>run your program for each of the following cases; provide a customer name of your own choosing</i>)			Expected program output for after-tax total (<i>what output you expect your program to produce for the given inputs</i>)	Actual program output for after-tax total (<i>what output your program actually produces for the given inputs</i>)
Number of regular videos	Number of premium videos	Number of days	<i>please compute by hand and write down missing entries (indicated by ???)</i>	<i>please write down the after-tax total values produced by your program</i>
3	2	5	96.3	
1	1	1	8.2925	
0	5	1	???	
1	0	1	???	
0	0	1	???	
1	5	0	???	

Checkpoint 4 (75/100): A successful part 4:

- produces correct output: the expected after-tax total **MUST** match the actual after-tax total for all cases in the table
- must also have successfully completed Checkpoint 1

Submission Instructions

During our next lab meeting, you will be asked to expand your solutions to Part 3 and work on new exercise. Prior to the meeting, you are expected to

- finish ALL parts of this lab,
- study (again) any material you struggled with in this lab, and
- study new material needed for the next lab

You will submit your work for this lab and the next one together at the end of our next lab meeting