

CS 2630: Data Structures

Fall 2021

Lab 04 (10 points)

Due: Thursday 10/28 before 11:00pm

Objectives

After this lab assignment, students should be able to:

- Create a Visual Studio GUI Project using CLR

Instructions

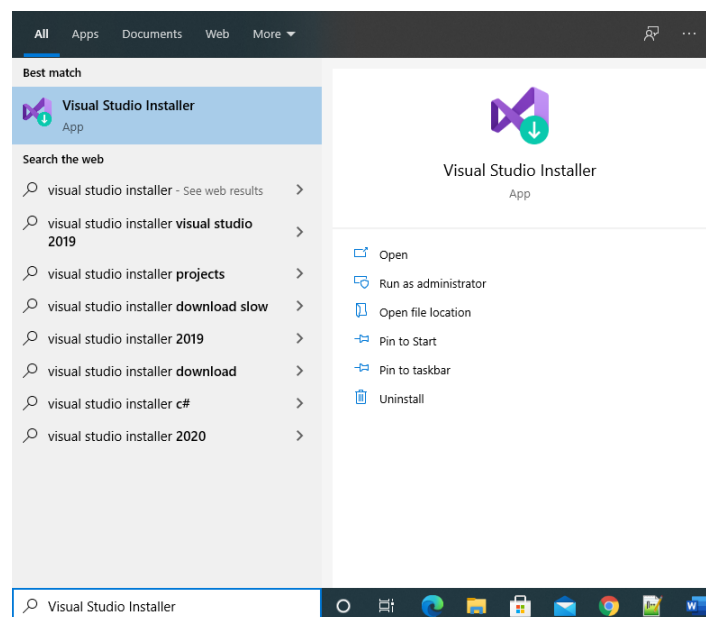
For Lab 4, there are four tasks for you to complete:

- A tutorial that shows you how to create an empty CLR Project in Visual Studio
- Three tasks that introduce you to adding and controlling various elements on a Windows Form
 - Task 1 - Adding a “ball” graphic
 - Task 2 - Animating the “ball” graphic
 - Task 3 - Adding a stop condition for the “ball” animation

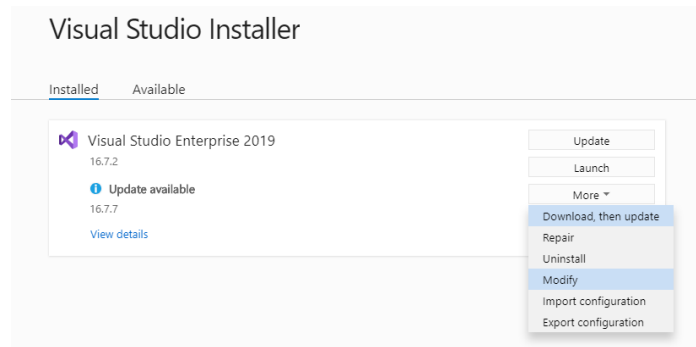
Complete all four tasks and then submit your project according to the Submission instructions at the end of this document.

Visual Studio - Creating an Empty CLR Project

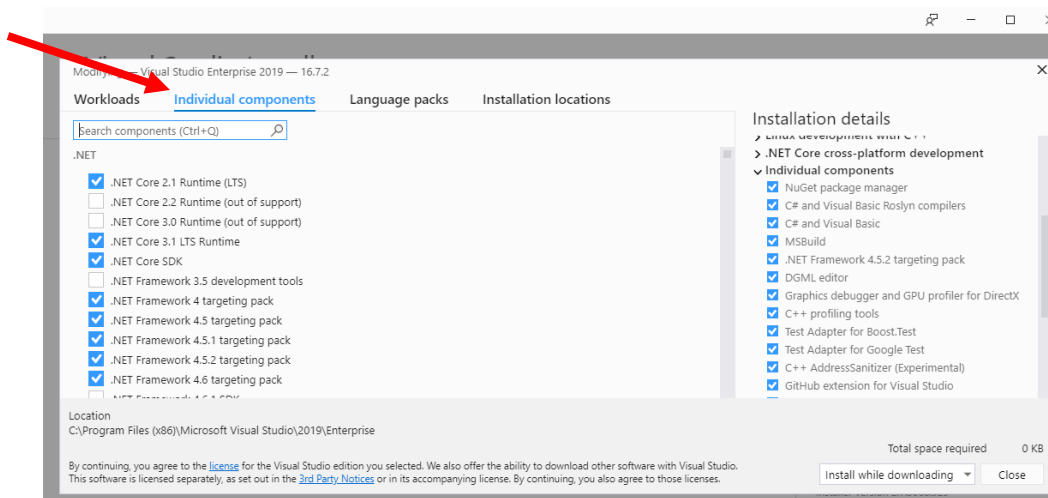
Your version of Visual Studio most likely has not been installed with CLI support. So, you must modify your installation to include it. Launch the Visual Studio Installer –search for Visual Studio in the windows search bar and it should appear in the list of results:



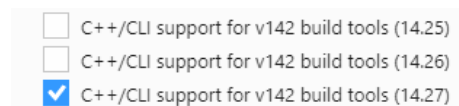
Once the installer launches, select “Modify” to add component to Visual Studio. This option may be under the “More” selection, as shown below:



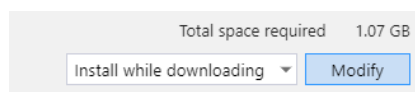
You should now see a dialog allowing you to add installation components. Select “Individual Components.”



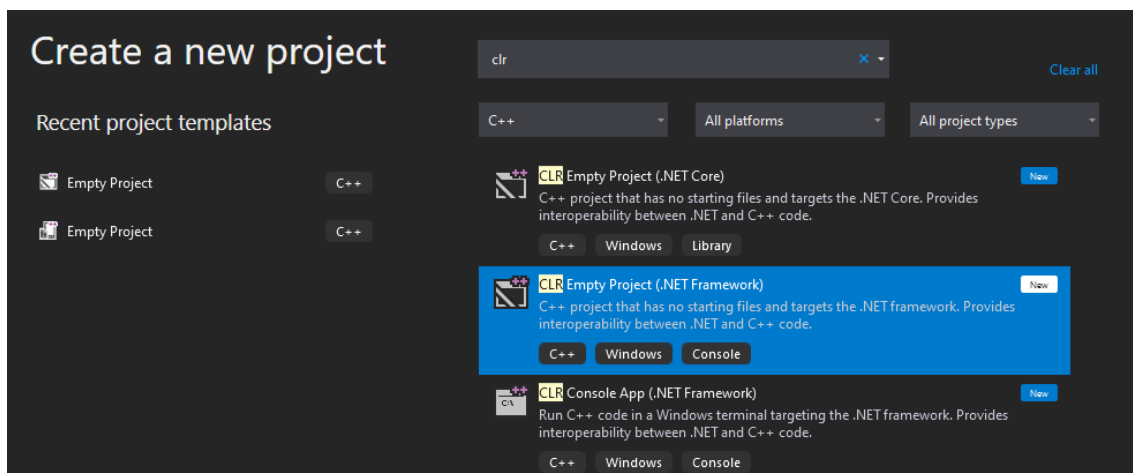
Check the box to the left of the bottom-most “C++/CLI support for v142 build tools”



Now click “Modify” on the lower-right corner of the dialog:



The installation may take some time, depending on your environment. Once the installation is finished, launch Visual Studio. You may now create a new project that allows you to work with the .NET framework. So, create a new project and make sure your screen looks like the image below:

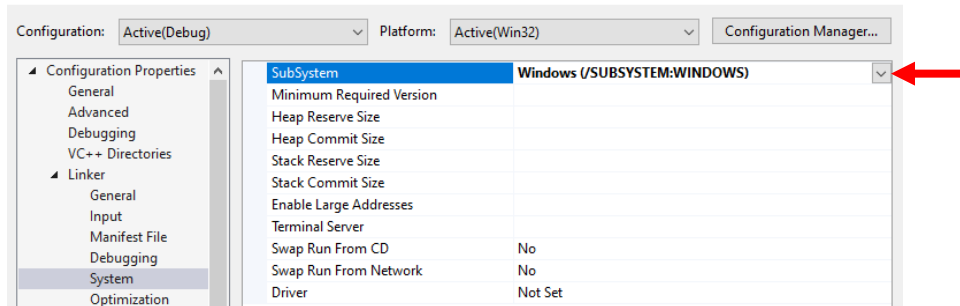


Specifically, select “C++” as the language and type “CLR” into the search box at the top. You will get several options for CLR projects. Select “CLR Empty Project (.NET Framework).” Depending on your version of Visual Studio, you may just see “CLR Empty Project.” – this is fine, select that option if it’s all you see. **You MUST name your project with a compatible C++ name, such as “Lab4.” Don’t add any spaces, don’t start with a number, and don’t use any characters except for: alphanumeric characters and underscores.**

Once your project has been created, there are several additional configuration parameters we need to change:

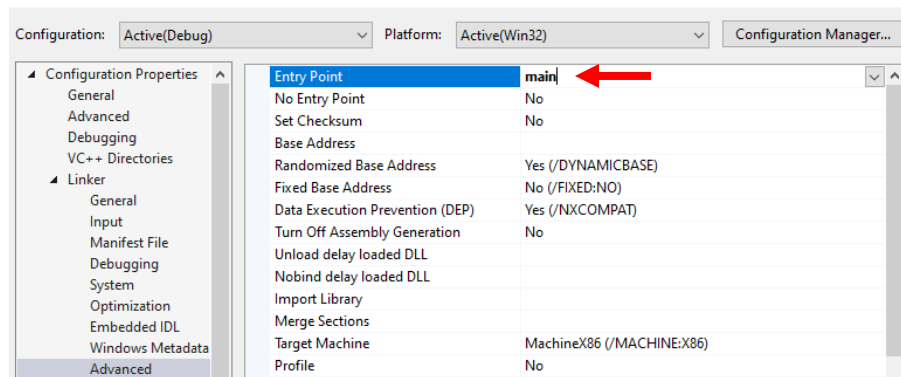
1. Navigate to Project→Properties→Linker→System→SubSystem

Change this value to “Windows” – after doing this, you can select the down arrow to the right and specifically select “Windows (/SUBSYSTEM:WINDOWS)”



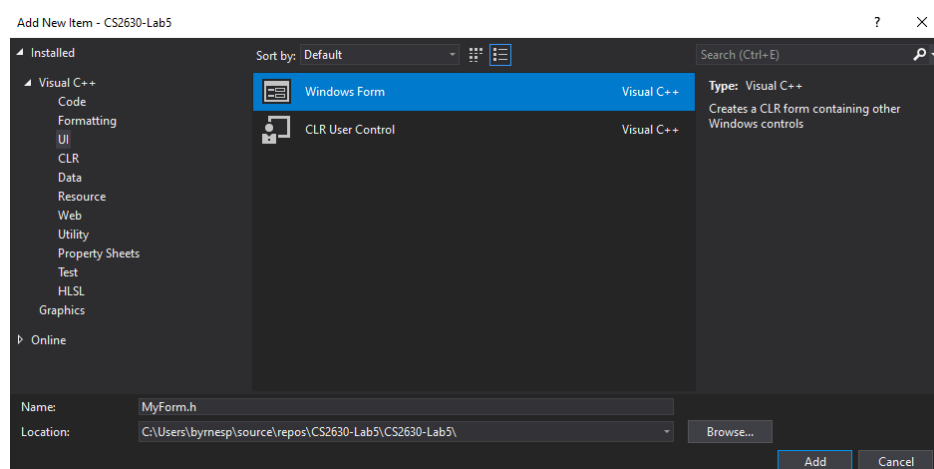
2. Now, navigate to Project→Properties→Linker→Advanced→Entry Point

Change this value to “main”



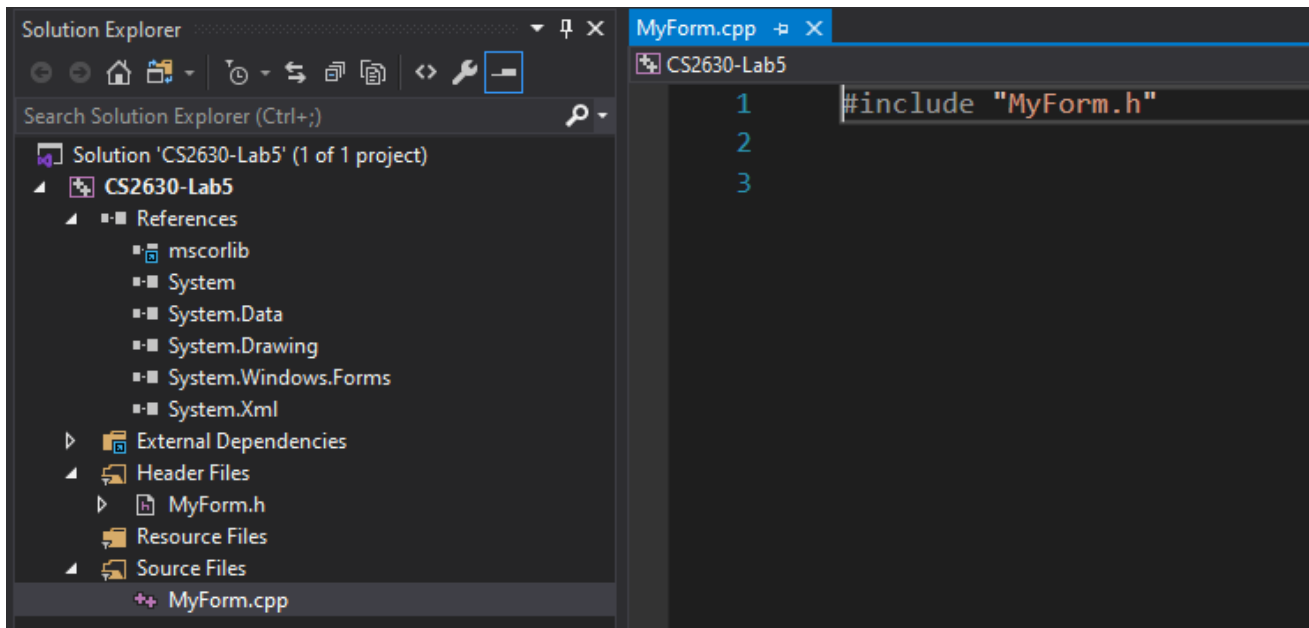
3. Once these two parameters have been changed appropriately, select “Apply” and “OK.”

Now that the project has been properly configured, let’s add a Windows Form to the project. Navigate to Project→Add New Item...→UI→Windows Form→Add



After you click “Add” you will see an error in your form design view – **ignore the error**. You should notice that `MyForm.h` and `MyForm.cpp` have been added to your project.

Open `MyForm.cpp`. For now, it only contains one line and looks like the following screenshot:



Copy the following code after line 1:

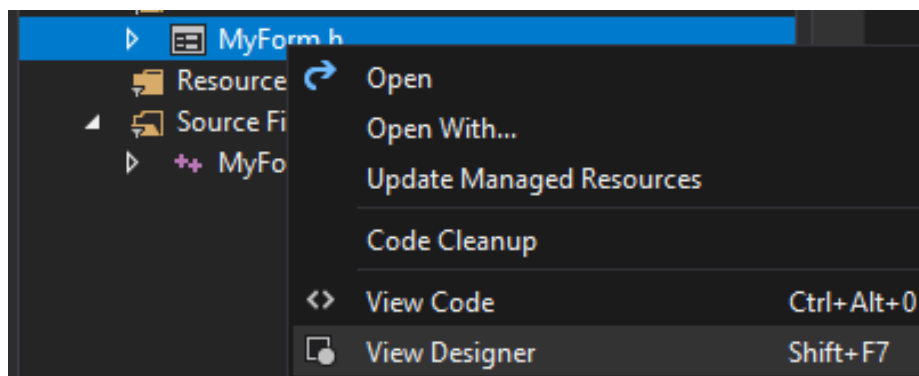
```
using namespace System;
using namespace System::Windows::Forms;

[STAThread]
int main( array<String^>^ args ) {
    Application::EnableVisualStyles();
    Application::SetCompatibleTextRenderingDefault(false);

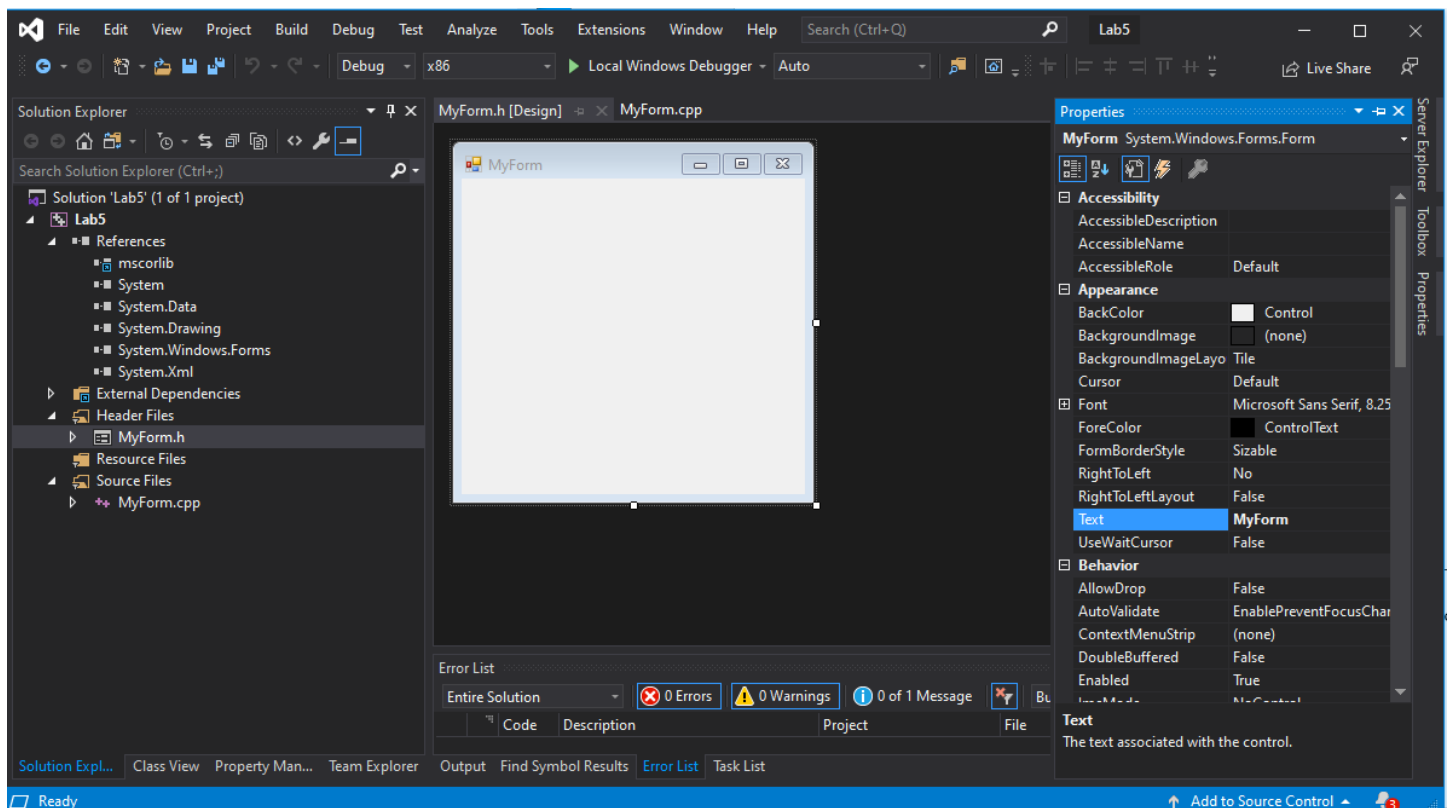
    Lab4::MyForm form;
    Application::Run(%form);
}
```

Note that you will need to replace “Lab4” with the name of YOUR project. For your future projects, you will also replace “Lab4” with your project names. **Also, as a reminder, you should name your project with a compatible C++ variable name so that you don’t run into non-compatible object name problems!!!!** If your form name is not “MyForm”, you also need to change “MyForm” to whatever name you gave to your form.

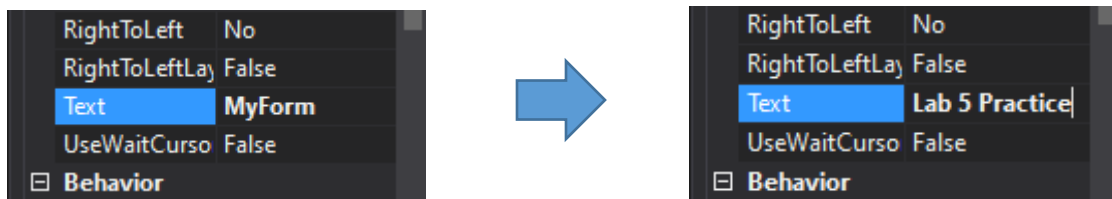
Finally, save everything in your project. Close your project and reopen it. Right click “MyForm.h” in the solution explorer and select “View Designer”. (This is a known bug in VS 2017 and unfortunately, Microsoft decided it is a low priority bug to work on...)



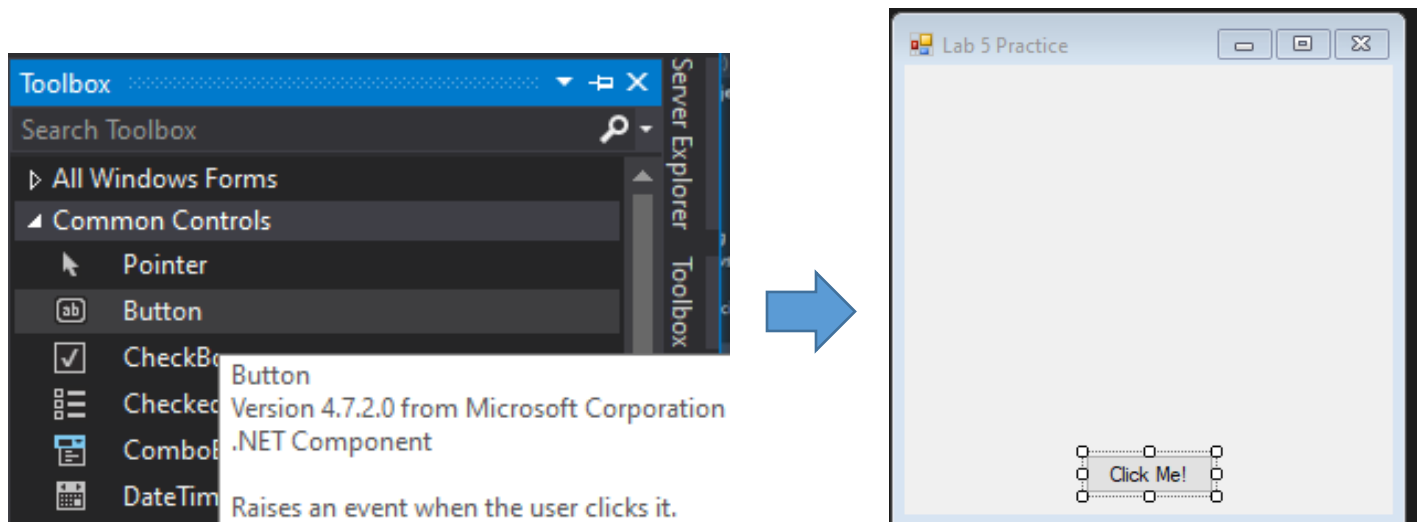
You should now see the “MyForm.h [Design]” tab in Visual Studio:



If you don't see the **Properties** window (right side of figure), then you can right-click on the form and select “Properties.” In the Properties window, change the "Text" property to “**Lab4 Practice**”. If the Properties window keeps auto hiding, you can right click on it and choose “Dock”.



If you don't see the **ToolBox**, use the "View" menu to open it. Dock the **ToolBox** to the location you prefer. Select Common Controls→Button, then click on the form. The button will appear on the form. Move it to the bottom and use the Properties Window to change its text to: **Click Me!**



Double click on the button on the form and you will be taken to an "Event Handler" for the button. This is the function that will run anytime a user of your program clicks on this button!

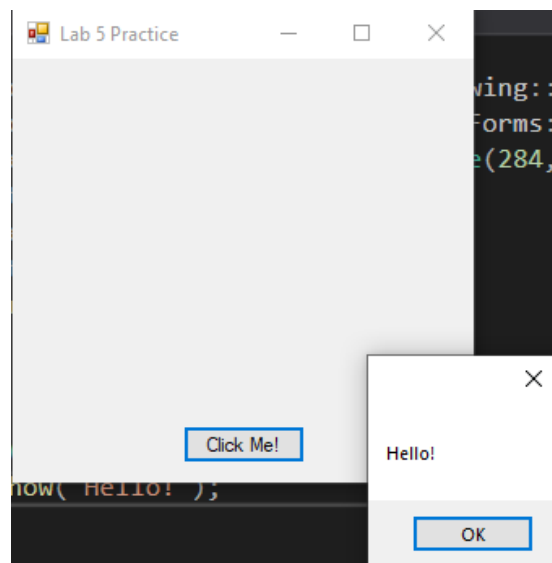
```
77 | #pragma endregion
78 | private: System::Void button1_Click(System::Object^ sender, System::EventArgs^ e) {
79 |     }
80 | };
81 | }
```

This is where you type the code you want to execute when the button is clicked. You may notice that all the code is being put in the .H file for the form. Microsoft apparently decided to make their C++ look a lot more like Java!

Add the following code to the Event Handler for the button: `MessageBox::Show("Hello!");`

```
77 | #pragma endregion
78 | private: System::Void button1_Click(System::Object^ sender, System::EventArgs^ e) {
79 |     MessageBox::Show("Hello!");
80 | }
81 | };
```

We now have a basic CLR project that we can build and run! So, build your project and then select Debug→Start Without Debugging. Your program should launch and present you with the Form you just created. Click on the button and make sure you see something like the screenshot below.



Task 1 – Adding a “Ball” Element to a Windows Form

Now that we have a basic CRL project, we can start adding new elements. In the `MyForm.h` file, find the following line (around line 37):

```
37 | private: System::Windows::Forms::Button^ button1;
```

Type the following code after this line:

```
38 | private:
39 |     int ball_x, ball_y;
40 |     static const int BALLSIZE = 40;
```

The observant student will note the “^”. This is an extension to C++ supported only by Visual Studio.NET. Unlike standard C++, Studio.NET supports “managed” pointers – pointers that are garbage collected automatically just like the ones you were used to in Java. GUI development in Studio.NET uses such pointers. You can still use “->” to access elements (just like pointers declared using “*”), but you use `gcnew` to create objects rather than `new`.

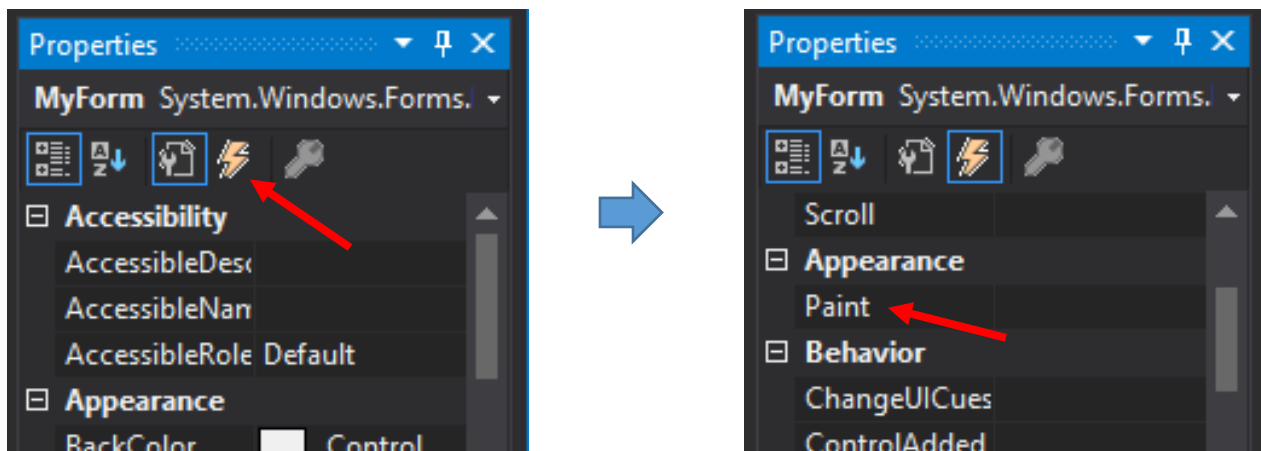
Locate the `MyForm` default constructor and under the line: `InitializeComponent();`

Add the following statement: `ball_x = ball_y = 50;`

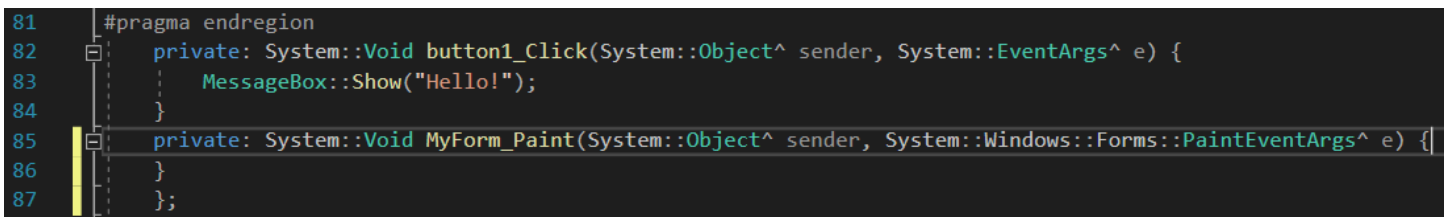


The diagram shows two code editors. The left editor shows a code snippet with line numbers 20 to 24. Line 20 contains `InitializeComponent();`, line 21 has a comment `//`, line 22 has `//TODO: Add the constructor code here`, and line 23 has another `//`. Line 24 is a closing brace. A blue arrow points from this editor to the right editor. The right editor shows the implementation of the `MyForm` constructor. It starts with `MyForm(void)` followed by an opening brace. Line 20 contains `InitializeComponent();`, line 21 has a comment `//`, line 22 contains `ball_x = ball_y = 50;`, and line 23 is a closing brace.

Go back to the design view of `MyForm`, make sure the whole form is "selected", then go to the Properties Window, and click on the "lightning bolt" to bring up events. You are going to add an event handler for the Paint event. Scroll until you see the Paint event (under Appearance) in the Properties Window, then double-click on the white part to the right of it.

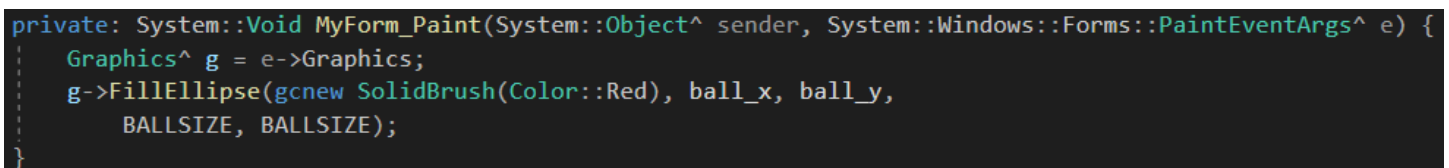


You are going to add an event handler for the Paint event. Scroll until you see the Paint event (under Appearance) in the Properties Window, then double-click on the word “Paint”. This will make an event handler for the paint method and throw you to the code again.



The diagram shows a code editor with line numbers 81 to 87. Line 81 contains `#pragma endregion`. Line 82 contains `private: System::Void button1_Click(System::Object^ sender, System::EventArgs^ e) {`. Line 83 contains `MessageBox::Show("Hello!");`. Line 84 contains `}`. Line 85 contains `private: System::Void MyForm_Paint(System::Object^ sender, System::Windows::Forms::PaintEventArgs^ e) {`. Line 86 contains `}`. Line 87 contains `};`.

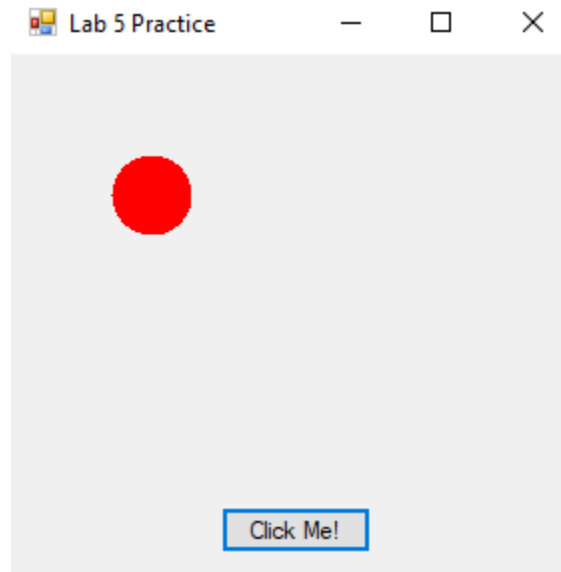
The code for the paint method will be very similar to what we did in the paint method in Java, except that in Java, a "Graphics" object was passed as a parameter. For .NET, we need to get it from the `PaintEventArgs` parameter. So, put in the following code to draw a red ball:



The diagram shows a code editor with the following code for the `MyForm_Paint` method:

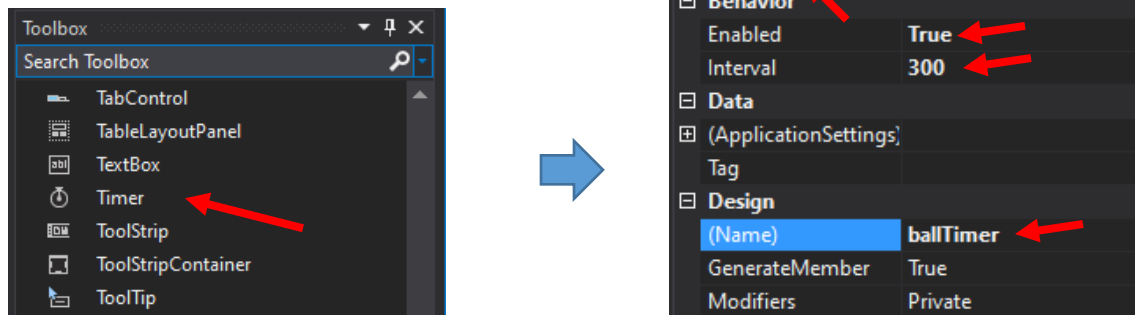
```
private: System::Void MyForm_Paint(System::Object^ sender, System::Windows::Forms::PaintEventArgs^ e) {  
    Graphics^ g = e->Graphics;  
    g->FillEllipse(gcnew SolidBrush(Color::Red), ball_x, ball_y,  
        BALLSIZE, BALLSIZE);  
}
```

Build and run your project and make sure you can now see a red ball.

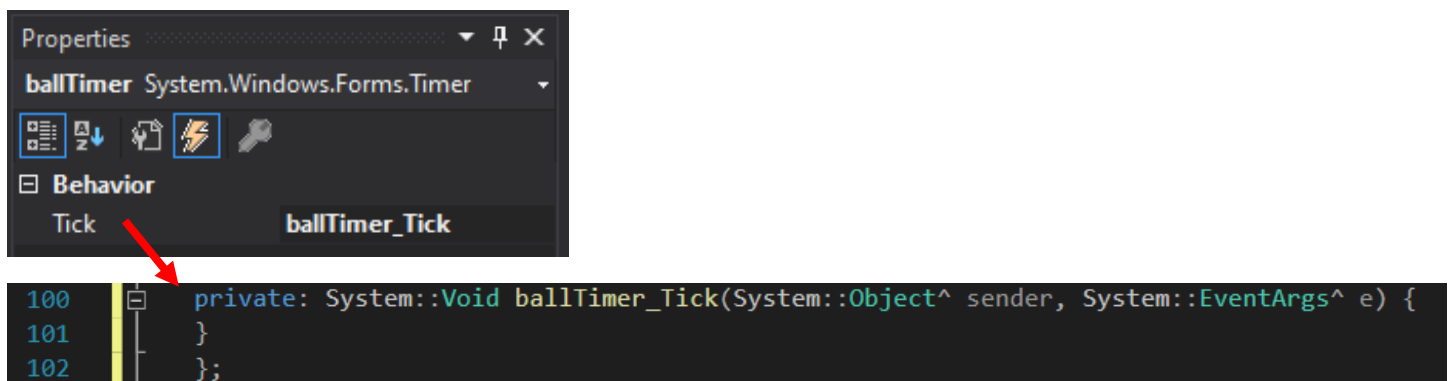


Task 2 – Animating the “Ball” Graphic

Switch back to the design view of `MyForm`. Take a `Timer` from the `Toolbox` (search under “All Window Forms”) and put it on the form. In the `Properties Window`, with the timer highlighted, switch back to the `Properties` (click the little icon to the left of the lightning bolt). Set the “`Enabled`” property to be true and set the “`Interval`” to be 300 (which is 300 milliseconds). Change the “`Name`” property to `ballTimer`.



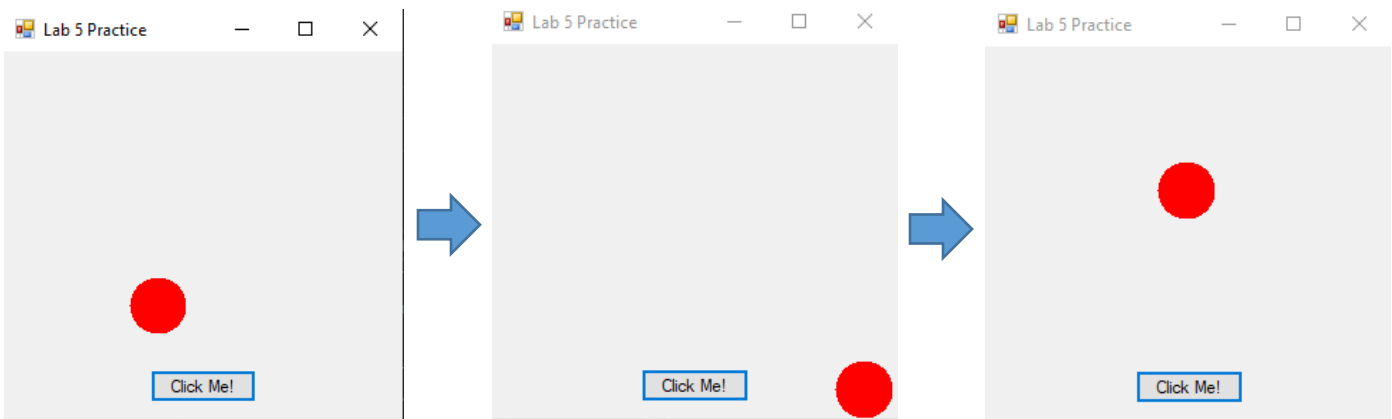
In the `Properties Window`, switch back to the `Events`. Double-click on “`Tick`”. You are going to write a handler for when the timer “goes off”.



Inside of the `ballTimer_Tick()` handler function, add the following code – you may play around with these values and experiment to see what happens.

```
100 private: System::Void ballTimer_Tick(System::Object^ sender, System::EventArgs^ e) {
101     ball_x += 30;
102     ball_y += 20;
103     if (ball_x + BALLSIZE > this->Width)
104         ball_x = 0;
105     if (ball_y + BALLSIZE > Height)
106         ball_y = 0;
107     Invalidate(); // Cause a repaint.
108 }
```

Build and run your project and make sure you can now see the red ball moving.



Task 3 – Adding a Stop Condition for the “Ball” Animation

Switch back to the design view of the form. For this task, it's up to you to figure out how to follow each of the steps! The steps are as follows:

1. In the Toolbox window, expand the “All Windows Forms” items, find `TrackBar`, and add one to the Form.
2. Change the following properties:
 - `TickFrequency` : 100
 - `Maximum`: 800
 - `Minimum`: 20
 - `Value`: 300
 - `Name`: `timerSpeedTrackBar`
3. Add an Event Handler for the "Value Changed" event. We want this to specify how fast the timer goes off. Add the following code:

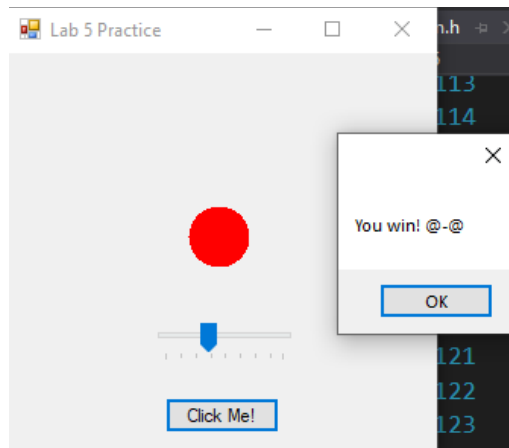
```
private: System::Void timerSpeedTrackBar_ValueChanged(System::Object^ sender, System::EventArgs^ e) {
    ballTimer->Interval = timerSpeedTrackBar->Value;
}
```

4. Finally we'll add code to stop the program when the user clicks on the ball. Select the Form in the forms designer, add an event handler for `MouseDown`, and add code to the mouse handler using the pseudocode:

if the click is on the ball, execute

```
ballTimer->Enabled = false;  
  
MessageBox::Show("You win! @-@");  
  
this->Close();
```

This will turn off the timer (so the ball stops moving), display a message, and then close the application. The “right” way to determine if a mouse click is “on the ball” is to compute the distance between the mouse and the ball’s center, noting that (ball_x, ball_y) is the coordinate of the upper-left corner. A simpler way is if the mouse’s X coordinate is within BALLSIZE pixels of ball_x and the Y coordinate is within BALLSIZE pixels of ball_y – this method treats the ball as a square. Use whichever solution you prefer. Within the event handler, the mouse’s X and Y coordinates are given by e->X and e->Y.



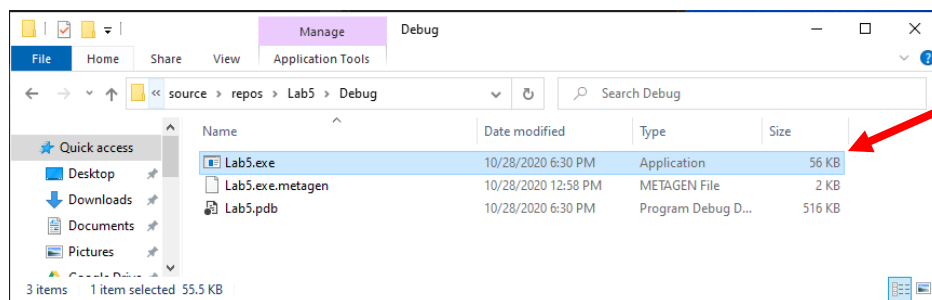
Grading

You will be graded according to the following Rubric:

- (10 points) Does your program work and can I stop the ball from moving?

Submission

When you are done building / testing your program, navigate to the debug directory and locate the executable file for your program. The Debug folder in the root directory for your project is typically where the executable file is located:



You must submit this executable file to Canvas before the due date.