



Chapter 5. Advanced GUIs

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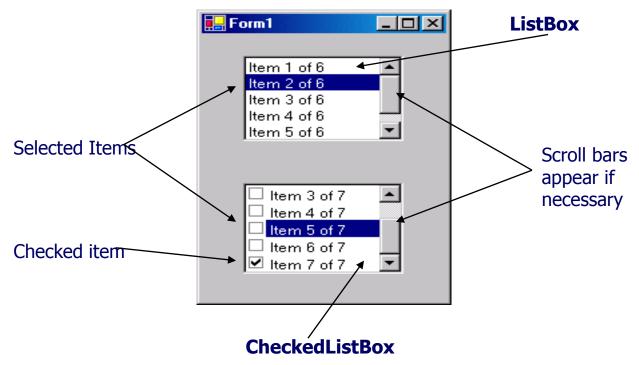


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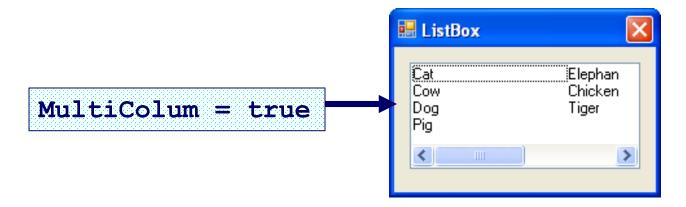


- ListBoxeS
 - Allow users to view and select from items on a list





- ListBox Common Properties
 - Items: Lists the collection of items within the ListBox.
 - MultiColumn: Indicates whether the ListBox can break a list into multiple columns.





- ListBox Common Properties
 - SelectedIndex: Returns the index of the currently selected item. If the user selects multiple items, this method arbitrarily returns one of the selected indices; if no items have been selected, the method returns -1.
 - SelectedIndices: Returns a collection of the indices of all currently selected items.





- ListBox Common Properties
 - SelectedItem: Returns the currently selected item.
 - SelectedItems: Returns a collection of the currently selected item(s).
 - SelectedValue: Returns the value of the member property specified by the ValueMember property.



- ListBox Common Properties
 - Sorted: Indicates whether items appear in alphabetical order. True causes alphabetization; default is False.
 - SelectionMode: Determines the number of items that can be selected and the means through which multiple items can be selected. Values None, One, MultiSimple (multiple selection allowed) and MultiExtended (multiple selection allowed via a combination of arrow keys, mouse clicks and Shift and Control buttons).



- ListBox Common Methods
 - GetSelected: Takes an index, and returns True
 if the corresponding item is selected.
 - Add: Adds an Item to the list of Items
 - listBox1.Items.Add("One");
 - listtBox1.Items.Add("Two");
 - RemoveAt: Removes the Item at the specified index within the collection
 - listBox1.Items.RemoveAt(row);
 - Clear: Clear to all Items collection
 - listBox1.Items.Clear();



- ListBox Common Events
 - SelectedIndexChanged: Occurs when selected index changes. Default when control is double clicked in designer.



ListBox Example

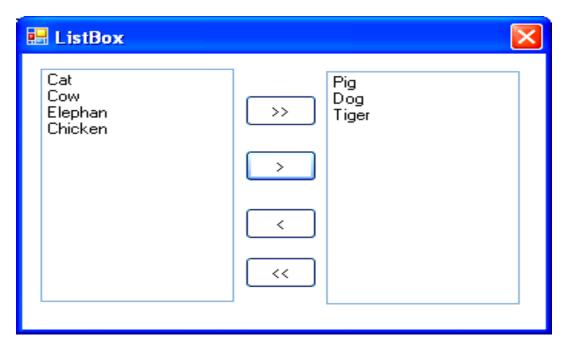




```
private void btnAdd_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
            listBox1.Items.Add(txtInput.Text);
            txtInput.Clear();
 private void btnRemove_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
            int row=listBox1.SelectedIndex;
            if (row != -1) listBox1.Items.RemoveAt(row);
private void btnClear_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
            listBox1.Items.Clear();
```



- ListBox Homework
 - Adds and Removes Items





CheckedListBoxeS

- Extends ListBox by placing a check box at the left of each item.
- Can select more than one object at one time
- Can add to, remove from or clear list
- Can select multiple items from the list





- CheckedListBox Common Properties
 - CheckedItems: The collection of items that are checked. Not the same as the selected items, which are highlighted (but not necessarily checked).
 - CheckedIndices: Returns indices for the items that are checked.
 - SelectionMode: Can only have values One (allows multiple selection) or None (does not allow multiple selection).



- CheckedListBox Common Methods
 - GetItemChecked: Takes an index and returns true if corresponding item checked.
- CheckedListBox Common Events
 - ItemCheck: Occurs when an item is checked or unchecked.

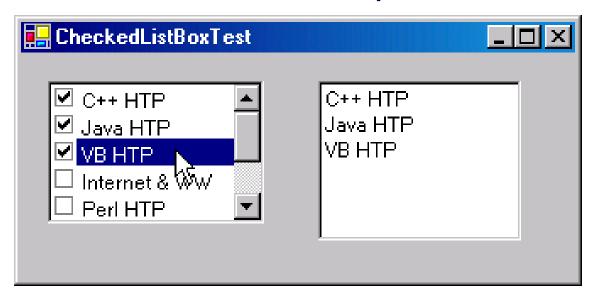




- ItemCheckEventArgs Properties
 - CurrentValue: Whether current item is checked or unchecked. Values Checked, Unchecked or Indeterminate.
 - Index: Index of item that changed.
 - NewValue: New state of item.



CheckedListBox Example

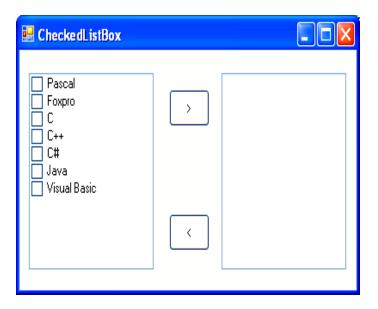


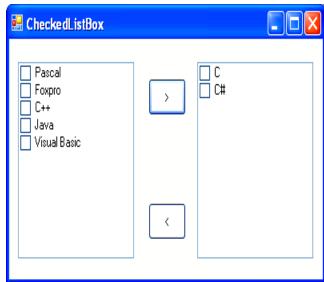


```
private void myCheckedListBox_Load(object sender, EventArgs e)
       checkedListBox1.Items.Add("C++ HTP");
private void checkedListBox1_ItemCheck(object sender,
                                       ItemCheckEventArgs e)
        string item = checkedListBox1.SelectedItem.ToString();
        if ( e.NewValue == CheckState.Checked )
           listBox1.Items.Add(item);
        else
        listBox1.Items.Remove(item);
```



CheckedListBox Homework







```
private void btnAdd_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
    for (int i = 0; i < checkedListBox1.Items.Count - 1; i++)</pre>
       {
          if (checkedListBox1.GetItemChecked(i) == true)
               // Adds Item i to checkedListBox2
               string item = checkedListBox1.Items[i].ToString();
               checkedListBox2.Items.Add(item);
               // Removes Item i at checkedListBox1
               checkedListBox1.Items.RemoveAt(i);
```





- Combine TextBox and drop-down list
- Common Properties
 - DropDownStyle: Determines the type of combo box. Value Simple means that the text portion is editable and the list portion is always visible. Value DropDown (the default) means that the text portion is editable but an arrow button must be clicked to see the list portion. Value DropDownList means that the text portion is not editable.





- Common Properties
 - Items: Collection of items in the ComboBox control.
 - MaxDropDownItems: Maximum number of items to display in the drop-down list (between 1 and 100). If value is exceeded, a scroll bar appears.
 - SelectedIndex: Returns index of currently selected item. If there is no currently selected item, -1 is returned.





- Common Properties
 - SelectedItem: Returns the currently selected item.
 - Sorted: If true, items appear in alphabetical order. Default false.
- Common Events
 - SelectedIndexChanged: Occurs when selected index changes. Default when control double clicked in designer.



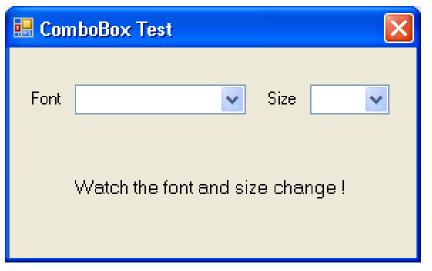


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- Example
 - Design the form



Note: cboFont gets system font



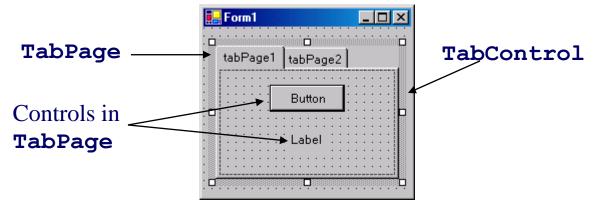
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private void ComboBox_Load(object sender, EventArgs e)
           //Get fonts of system
           FontFamily[] ff = FontFamily.Families;
           //Add to cboFont
           for (int i = 0; i <ff.Length; i++)</pre>
               cboFont.Items.Add(ff[i].Name);
           //Add size to cboSize
           for (int i = 8; i <= 72; i++)
             cboSize.Items.Add(i);
```





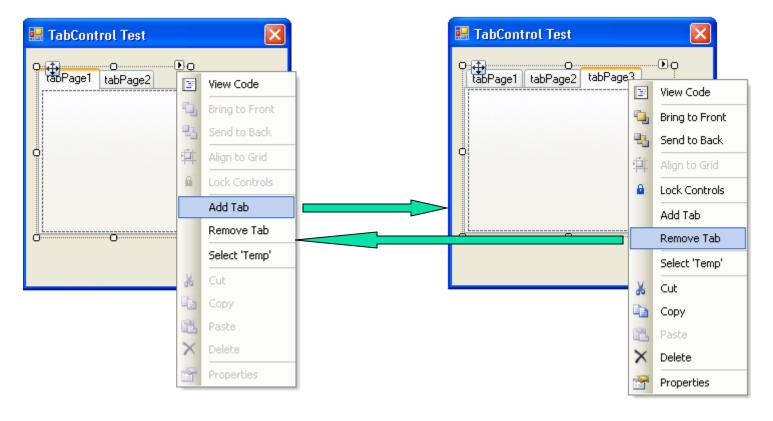


- Creates tabbed windows
- Windows called TabPage objects
 - TabPages can have controls
 - Tabpages have own Click event for when tab is clicked





Add and Remove Tab



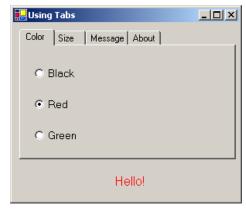




- Common Properties
 - SelectedIndex: Indicates index of TabPage that is currently selected.
 - SelectedTab: Indicates the TabPage that is currently selected.
 - TabCount: Returns the number of tabs.
 - TabPages: Gets the collection of TabPages within our TabControl.
- Common Event
 - SelectedIndexChanged: Occurs when another TabPage is selected.



Exercise











```
private void btnBlack_CheckedChanged(object sender, EventArgs e)
          lbDisplay.ForeColor = Color.Black;
private void btnRed_CheckedChanged(object sender, EventArgs e)
          lbDisplay.ForeColor = Color.Red;
private void btnGreen_CheckedChanged(object sender, EventArgs e)
          lbDisplay.ForeColor = Color.Green;
```



```
private void btnPoint16_CheckedChanged(object sender, EventArgs e)
            lbDisplay.Font = new Font(lbDisplay.Font.Name, 16);
private void btnPoint20_CheckedChanged(object sender, EventArgs e)
            lbDisplay.Font = new Font(lbDisplay.Font.Name, 20);
private void btnHello_CheckedChanged(object sender, EventArgs e)
            lbDisplay.Text = btnHello.Text;
        }
```

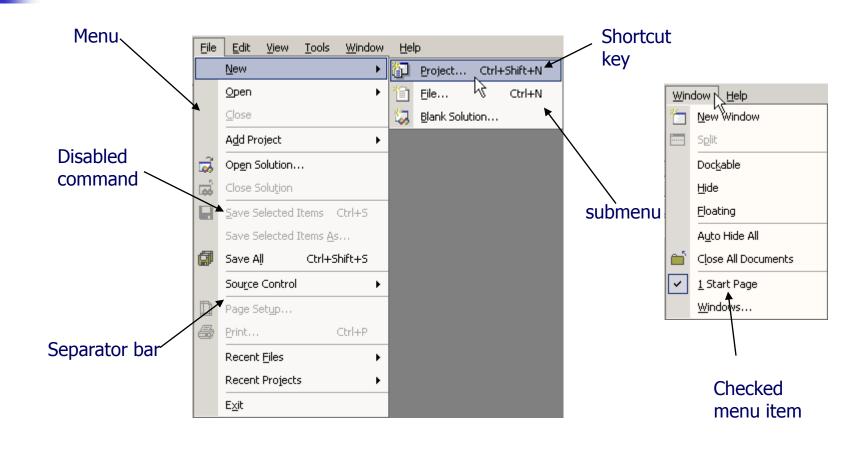




- Group related commands together
- Contain
 - Commands
 - Submenus



Menus

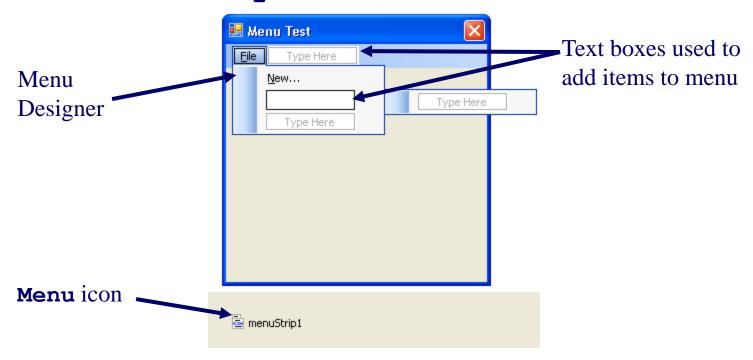






MenuStrip

A standard menu of the form is provided with the MenuStrip control.







MenuStrip

- Common Properties
 - Name: Indicates the name used in code to identify the menu. Usually set mnu+text (e.g. mnuFile, mnuNew, mnuOpen,...).
 - Checked: Whether menu item appears checked. Default false, meaning that the menu item is not checked.
 - Shortcut: Shortcut key for the menu item (i.e. Ctrl + F9 can be equivalent to clicking a specific item).





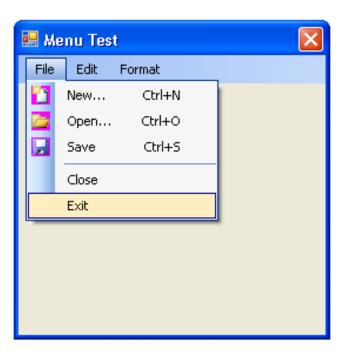
MenuStrip

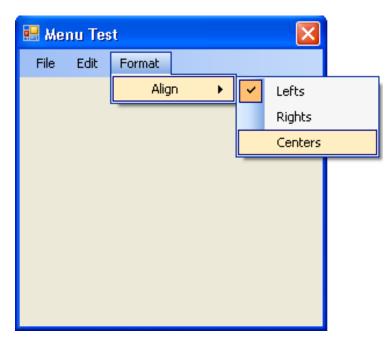
- Common Properties
 - ShowShortcut: If true, shortcut key shown beside menu item text. Default true.
 - Text: Text to appear on menu item. To make an Alt access shortcut, precede a character with & (i.e. &File for File).
- Common Events
 - Click: Occurs when item is clicked or shortcut key is used. Default when double-clicked in designer.



MenuStrip

Exercise





Note: name = mnu+text (e.g. mnuFile, mnuNew)





ContextMenuStrip

- Represents shortcut menus that are displayed when the user clicks the right mouse button over a control or area of the form.
- To display shortcut menu of the control, sets the <u>ContextMenuStrip</u> property of the control to the name of **ContextMenuStrip** menu.





- The ToolStrip creates toolbars
- To add standard toolbars in the designer
 - Create a ToolStrip control.
 - In the upper right corner of the ToolStrip, click the smart task arrow to display the ToolStrip Tasks pane.
 - In the ToolStrip Tasks pane, choose Insert Standard Items
- To display a ToolTip
 - Set the ShowItemToolTips property of the control to true.



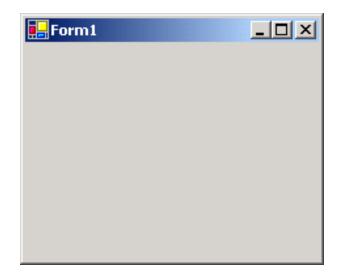


- Users can edit multiple documents at once
- Usually more complex then single-document interface applications
- Application window called parent, others child
- Parent and child menus can be merged
 - Based on MergeOrder property

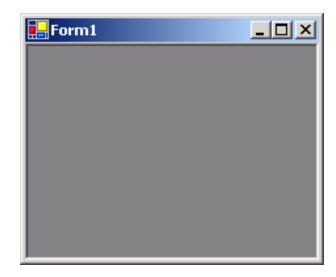




SDI and MDI Forms



Single Document Interface (SDI)

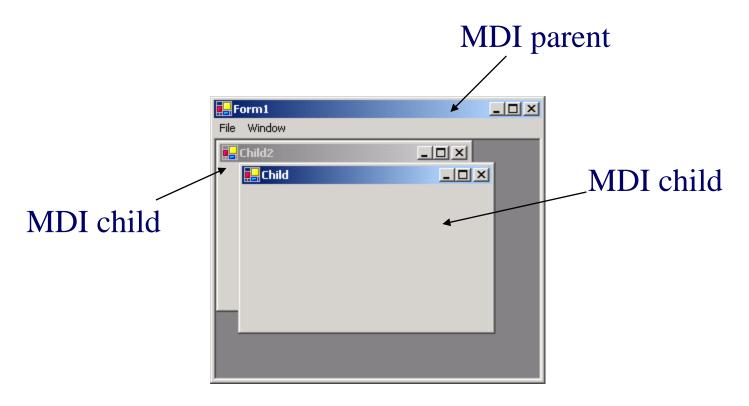


Multiple Document Interface (MDI)





An example of MDI Parent and MDI Child







- Child windows can be arranged in parent window:
 - Tiled windows: Completely fill parent, no overlap
 - Either horizontal or vertical
 - Cascaded windows: Overlap, same size, display title bar
 - ArrangeIcons: Arranges icons for minimized windows





- Common MDI Child Properties
 - IsMdiChild: Indicates whether the Form is an MDI child. If True, Form is an MDI child (readonly property).
 - MdiParent: Specifies the MDI parent Form of the child.
- Common MDI Parent Properties
 - ActiveMdiChild: Returns the Form that is the currently active MDI child (returns null if no children are active).





- Common MDI Parent Properties
 - IsMdiContainer: Indicates whether a Form can be an MDI. If True, the Form can be an MDI parent. Default is False.
 - MdiChildren: Returns the MDI children as an array of Forms.





- Common Methods
 - LayoutMdi: Determines the display of child forms on an MDI parent. Takes as a parameter an MdiLayout enumeration with possible values ArrangeIcons, Cascade, TileHorizontal and TileVertical.
- Common Events
 - MdiChildActivate: Generated when an MDI child is closed or activated.

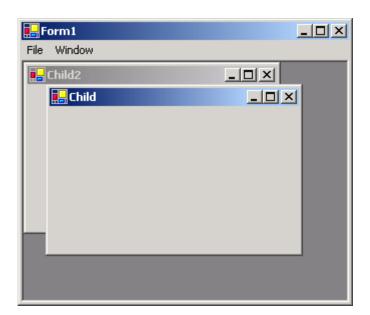




LayoutMdi enumeration values



ArrangeIcons



Cascade

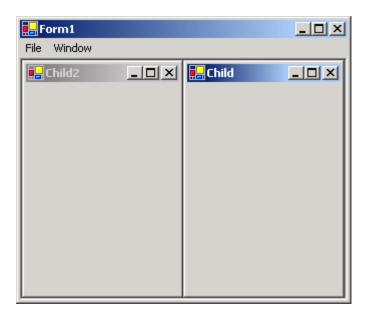




LayoutMdi enumeration values



TileHorizontal

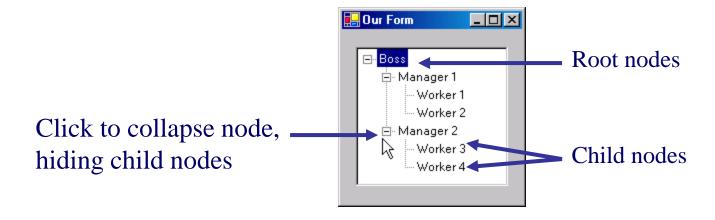


TileVertical





- Displays nodes hierarchically
- Parent nodes have children
- The first parent node is called the root
- Use Add method to add nodes







- Common Properties
 - CheckBoxes: Indicates whether checkboxes appear next to nodes. True displays checkboxes. Default is False.
 - ImageList: Indicates the ImageList used to display icons by the nodes. An ImageList is a collection that contains a number of Image objects.





- Common Properties
 - Nodes: Lists the collection of TreeNodes in the control. Contains methods Add (adds a TreeNode object), Clear (deletes the entire collection) and Remove (deletes a specific node). Removing a parent node deletes all its children.
 - SelectedNode: Currently selected node.
 - Checked: Indicates whether the TreeNode is checked. (CheckBoxes property must be set to True in parent TreeView.)





- Common Properties
 - FirstNode: Specifies the first node in the Nodes collection (i.e., first child in tree).
 - FullPath: Indicates the path of the node, starting at the root of the tree.
 - ImageIndex: Specifies the index of the image to be shown when the node is deselected.
 - LastNode: Specifies the last node in the Nodes collection (i.e., last child in tree).





- Common Properties
 - NextNode: Next sibling node.
 - PrevNode: Indicates the previous sibling node.
 - SelectedImageIndex: Specifies the index of the image to use when the node is selected.
 - Text: Specifies the text to display in the TreeView.

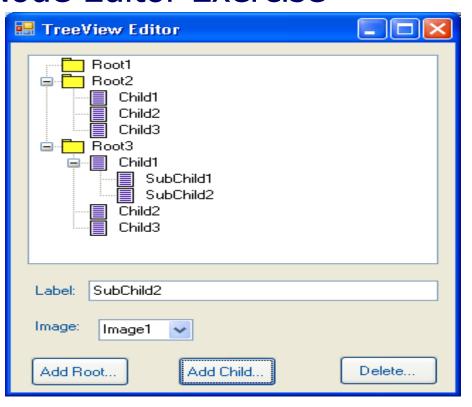




- Common Methods
 - Collapse: Collapses a node.
 - Expand: Expands a node.
 - ExpandAll: Expands all the children of a node.
 - GetNodeCount: Returns the number of child nodes.
- Common Events
 - AfterSelect: Generated after selected node changes. Default when double-clicked in designer.



TreeNode Editor Exercise







- Exercise
 - Set name properties
 - treeView1
 - txtInput
 - comboBox1
 - btnAddRoot
 - btnAddChild
 - btnDelete
 - Declare in class
 - private TreeNode currentNode;



- Set imageList1 property
 - ImageCollection: The images stored in this ImageList.
- Load Event



btnAddRoot Click Event

treeView1_AfterSelect Click Event



btnAddChild and btnDelete Click Event

```
private void btnAddChild_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
            if (txtInput.Text.Trim() == "") return;
            TreeNode childNode = new TreeNode();
            childNode.Text = txtInput.Text;
            childNode.ImageIndex = comboBox1.SelectedIndex;
            currentNode.Nodes.Add(childNode);
            currentNode.ExpandAll();
private void btnDelete_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
            currentNode.Remove();
```





- Displays list of items
 - Can select one or more items from list
 - Displays icons to go along with items
- Common Properties
 - Activation: Determines how the user activates an item. This property takes a value in the ItemActivation enumeration. Possible values are OneClick (single-click activation), TwoClick (double-click activation, item changes color when selected) and Standard (double-click activation).





- Common Properties
 - CheckBoxes: Indicates whether items appear with checkboxes. True displays checkboxes. Default is False.
 - Columns: The columns shown in detail view.
 - FullRowSelect: Indicates whether all SubItems are hightlighted along with the Item when selected.
 - GridLines: Display grid lines around all Items and SubItems. Only shown when in Details view.





- Common Properties
 - Items: Returns the collection of ListViewItems in the control.
 - LargeImageList: Indicates the ImageList used when displaying large icons.
 - MultiSelect: Determines whether multiple selection is allowed. Default is True, which enables multiple selection.
 - SelectedItems: Lists the collection of currently selected items.





- Common Properties
 - SmallImageList: Specifies the ImageList used when displaying small icons.
 - View: Determines appearance of ListViewItems. Values LargeIcon (large icon displayed, items can be in multiple columns), SmallIcon (small icon displayed), List (small icons displayed, items appear in a single column) and Details (like List, but multiple columns of information can be displayed per item).



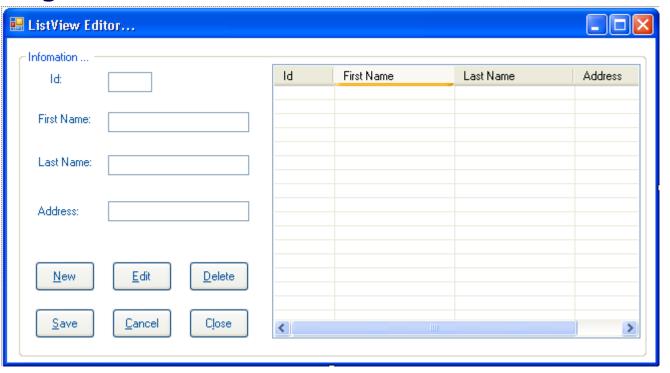


- Common Method
 - Add: Adds an item to the collection of items.
 - Clear: Removes all items from the collection.
 - Remove: Removes the specified item from the collection.
 - RemoveAt: Removes the item at the specified index within the collection.
- Common Events
 - ItemSelectionChanged: Occurs when the selection state of an item changes.





- ListView Editor Exercise
 - Design the form







Exercise

- Set name properties
 - txtId, txtFirstName, txtLastName, txtAddress
 - btnNew, btnEdit, btnDelete, btnSave, btnCancel.
- Set listView1 properties
 - Columns: Add four columns
 - FullRowSelect: true
 - GridLines: true
 - MultiSelect: false
 - View: Details





Declare

- private bool modeNew;
- private int row;

 Add the function to enable or to disable the textboxes and buttons.

```
private void SetControls(bool edit)
{
    txtId.Enabled = false;
    txtFirstName.Enabled = edit;
    txtLastName.Enabled = edit;
    txtAddress.Enabled = edit;
    btnNew.Enabled = !edit;
    btnEdit.Enabled = !edit;
    btnDelete.Enabled = !edit;
    btnSave.Enabled = edit;
    btnCancel.Enabled = edit;
}
```



- Load Event
 - SetControls(false);
- btnNew Click Event



btnEdit Click Event

btnCancel Click Event

```
private void btnCancel_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
{
    SetControls(false);
}
```



btnDelete and btnClose Click Event

```
private void btnClose_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
{
         this.Close();
}
```



ListViews

btnSave Click Event

```
private void btnSave_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
   if (modeNew)
      listView1.Items.Add(txtId.Text);
      listView1.Items[row].SubItems.Add(txtFirstName.Text);
      listView1.Items[row].SubItems.Add(txtLastName.Text);
      listView1.Items[row].SubItems.Add(txtAddress.Text);
   else
      listView1.Items[row].SubItems[1].Text = txtFirstName.Text;
      listView1.Items[row].SubItems[2].Text = txtLastName.Text;
      listView1.Items[row].SubItems[3].Text = txtAddress.Text;
  SetControls(false);
```

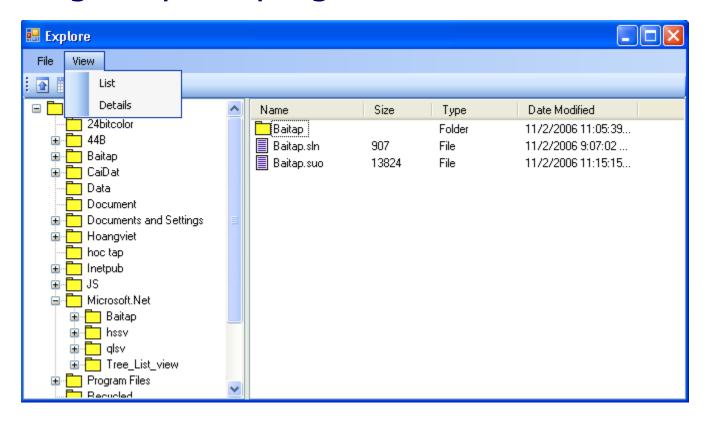


ListViews

ItemSelectionChanged Event



Design Explore program





Load and treeView1 Cick Event



Load directories to treeView1

```
public void LoadTreeView(string dirValue, TreeNode parentNode)
   string[] dirArray = Directory.GetDirectories(dirValue);
   if (dirArray.Length != 0)
      foreach (string directory in dirArray)
       DirectoryInfo curDirectory = new DirectoryInfo(directory);
       TreeNode myNode = new TreeNode(curDirectory.Name);
       parentNode.Nodes.Add(myNode);
       // recursively populate every subdirectory
       LoadTreeView(directory, myNode);
```



Load file to listView1

```
public void LoadFilesInDirectory(string curDirectory)
// load directory information and display
 listView1.Items.Clear();
 DirectoryInfo newDirectory = new DirectoryInfo(curDirectory);
 // put files and directories into arrays
DirectoryInfo[] dirArray = newDirectory.GetDirectories();
 FileInfo[] fileArray = newDirectory.GetFiles();
 // add directory names to ListView
 foreach (DirectoryInfo dir in dirArray)
   ListViewItem newDirectoryItem = listView1.Items.Add(dir.Name);
   newDirectoryItem.SubItems.Add("");
```





Load file to listView1

```
newDirectoryItem.SubItems.Add("Folder");
 newDirectoryItem.SubItems.Add(dir.LastWriteTime.ToString());
 newDirectoryItem.ImageIndex = 0;
// add file names to ListView
foreach (FileInfo file in fileArray)
   ListViewItem newFileItem = listView1.Items.Add(file.Name);
   newFileItem.SubItems.Add(file.Length.ToString());
   newFileItem.SubItems.Add("File");
   newFileItem.SubItems.Add(file.LastWriteTime.ToString());
   newFileItem.ImageIndex = 1;
```



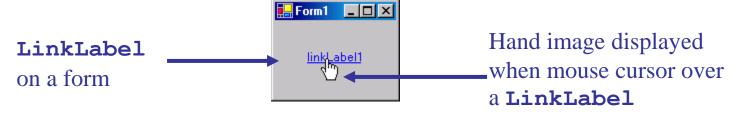
Other functions

```
private void mnuList_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
         listView1.View = View.List;
private void mnuDetails_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
         listView1.View = View.Details;
private void tbUp_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
      string currentDirectory;
      currentDirectory = treeView1.SelectedNode.Parent.FullPath;
      LoadFilesInDirectory(currentDirectory);
```





- Displays links to other objects
 - Uses event handlers to link to right file or program
 - Start method of Process class opens other programs
- Derived from class Label, inherits functionality







- Common Properties
 - ActiveLinkColor: Specifies the color of the active link when clicked. Default is red.
 - LinkArea: Specifies which portion of text in the LinkLabel is treated as part of the link.
 - LinkBehavior: Specifies the link's behavior, such as how the link appears when the mouse is placed over it.
 - LinkColor: Specifies the original color of all links before they have been visited. Default is blue.





- Common Properties
 - Links: Lists the LinkLabel.Link objects, which are the links contained in the LinkLabel.
 - LinkVisited: If True, link appears as if it were visited (its color is changed to that specified by property VisitedLinkColor). Default False.
 - Text: Specifies the text to appear on the control.
 - UseMnemonic: If True, & character in Text property acts as a shortcut (similar to the *Alt* shortcut in menus).





- Common Properties
 - VisitedLinkColor: Specifies the color of visited links. Default is Color. Purple.
- Common Events
 - LinkClicked: Generated when link is clicked. Default when control is double-clicked in designer.