

# Text Rendering with GDI



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# Preparing to Render Text

- Rendering text in GDI is simple, all you need is:
  - A brush to render with
  - A font to use
- Then you just call `DrawString()`.

# Preparing to Render Text - Brush

- Any type of brush will work.

```
private void RenderTextExample(Graphics g)
{
    //Brush to use to draw text with
    System.Drawing.Drawing2D.LinearGradientBrush textBrush = new
        System.Drawing.Drawing2D.LinearGradientBrush(ClientRectangle,
            Color.Red, Color.Blue,
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# DrawString

- Once the Brush and Font are created, they need to be passed to DrawString()

```
g.DrawString("Text in GDI is easy!", font, textBrush, new  
    Point(10, 10));
```

# DrawString Examples - SolidBrush

```
private void RenderTextExample(Graphics g)
{
    //Brush to use to draw text with
    Brush textBrush = new SolidBrush(Color.Red);

    // Font to render with
    Font font = new Font("Times New Roman", 40);

    g.DrawString("Text in GDI is easy!", font, textBrush,
        new Point(10, 10));

    textBrush.Dispose();
}
```

# DrawString Examples - SolidBrush





# DrawString Examples - LinearGradientBrush

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            Color.Red, Color.Blue, System.Drawing.Drawing2D.
            LinearGradientMode.Horizontal);

    // Font to render with
    Font font = new Font("Times New Roman", 40);

    g.DrawString("Text in GDI is easy!", font, textBrush, new Point(10, 10));

    textBrush.Dispose();
}
```

# DrawString Examples - LinearGradientBrush



# Summary

- Text is easy
- Create a Brush, create a Font.
- Call DrawString()

# References

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