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và một ý tưởng
có thể
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hay công sức,
hay kinh nghiệm,
hay kiến thức,
hay tiền bạc, ...
của mình.



Mà không chờ đợi một sự báo ân nào.

Chỉ cần mỗi người trong 3 người đó,
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tiếp tục giúp đỡ thêm 3 người nữa.

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Pay it forward...

Hãy tri ân người giúp mình bằng cách giúp đỡ người khác
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Graphic User Interface Programming

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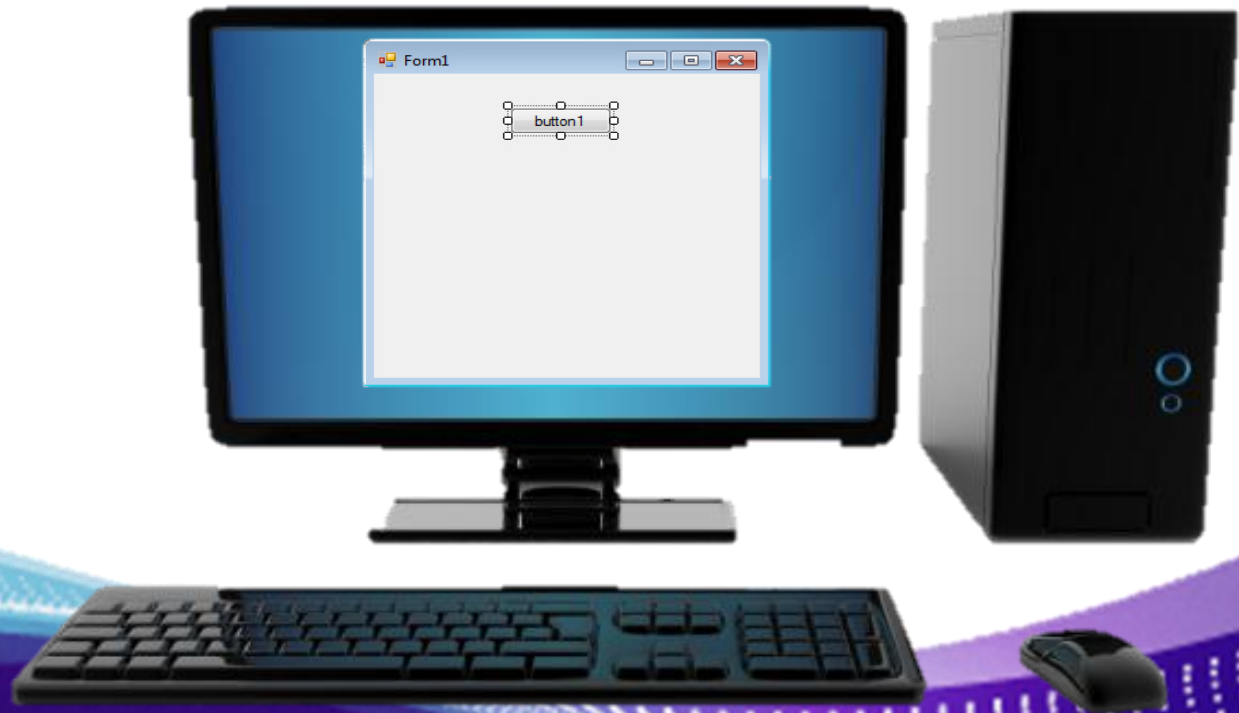
Graphic User Interface?

Interface is the tool that helps interact, configure and supervise a system.



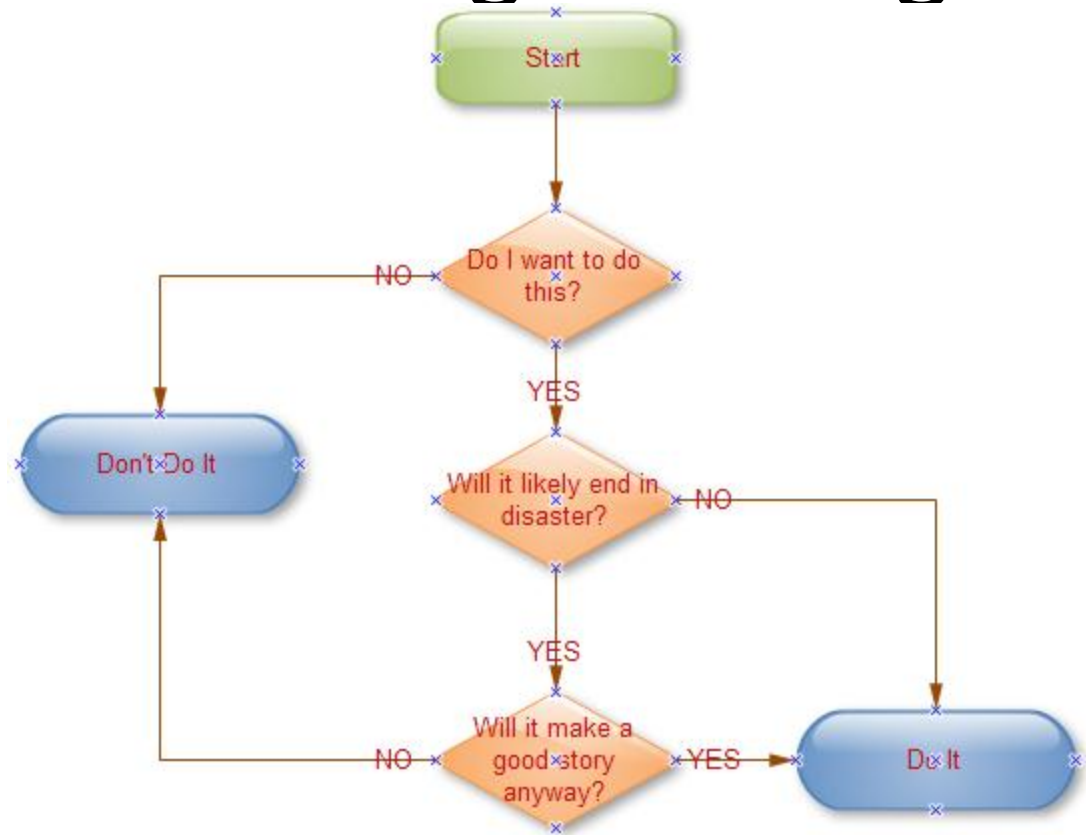
Graphic User Interface:

An interface that helps interact with electronic devices using images on screens.



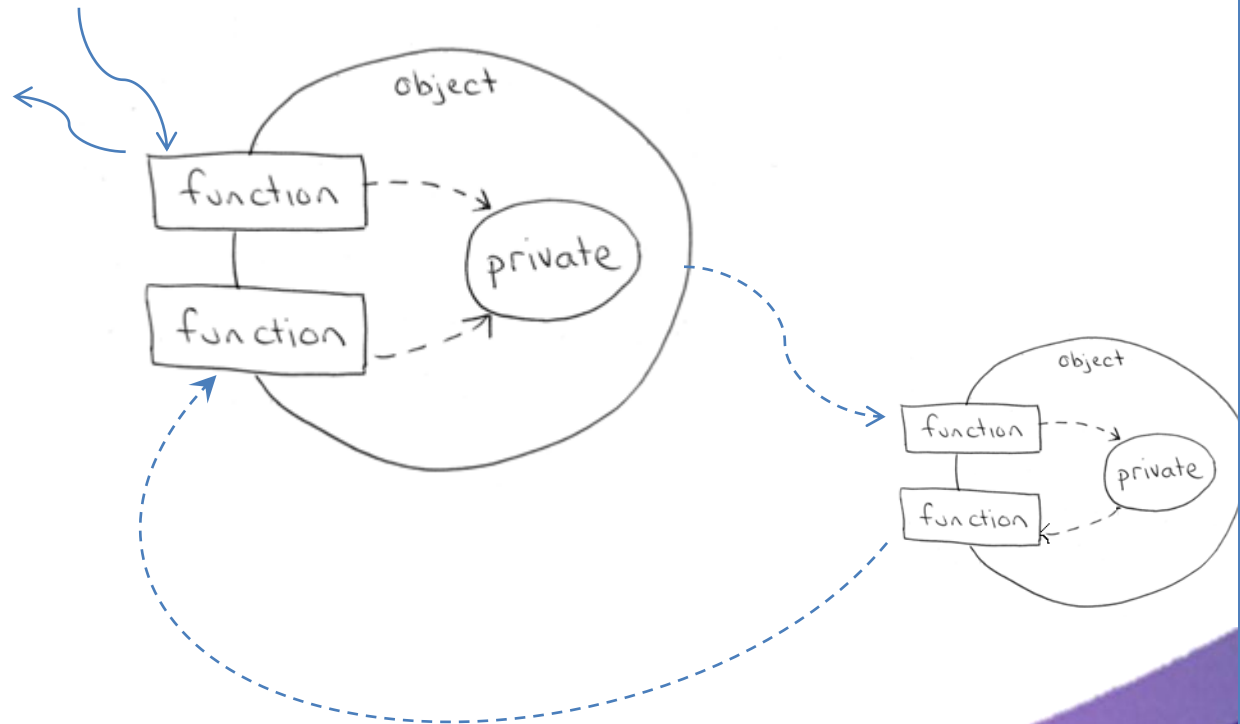
Object-oriented Programming?

In Structured Programming, program is a list of **subroutines** processed **one after another**, **selected by conditions**. User's interactions require latency. Generally speaking, everything's written in this way.



Object-oriented Programming:

- OOP defines objects as instances of classes. User interacts with objects by their associated functions termed as methods. Methods manipulate the values of objects' properties and return the result.



Object-oriented Programming:

BK Student
<code>public string Name</code>
<code>public short Year</code>
<code>private double GPA</code>
<code>private boolean Single</code>
<code>...</code>
<code>string WriteAGUI();</code>
<code>string SingASong ();</code>

A class definition

PIF's BK Student
<code>string Name: "Britsk"</code>
<code>short Year: 2009</code>
<code>double GPA: 8.xx</code>
<code>boolean Single: true</code>
<code>boolean KnowMSP: true</code>
<code>string WriteAGUI();</code>
<code>string SingASong();</code>

An object



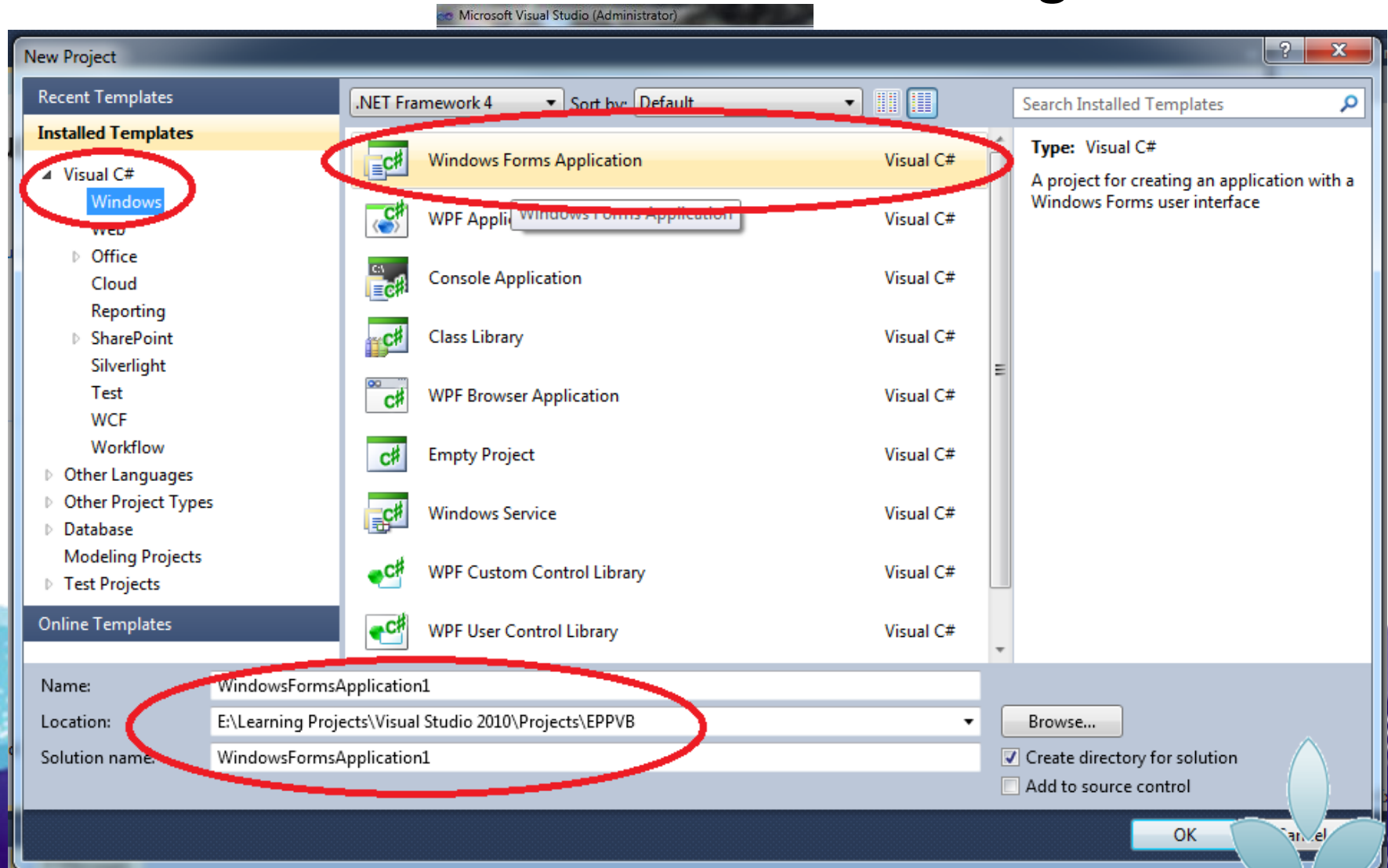
"Good Job!"



"Hello!!"



Visual Studio C# - The Basics: Starting A Form



Visual Studio C# - The Basics: Simple Controls

The image shows a screenshot of the Visual Studio C# IDE. On the left is the **Toolbox** window, which lists various Windows Forms controls. The **Common Controls** section is expanded, and several controls are circled in red: **Button**, **Label**, and **TextBox**. The main design area on the right shows the **ConfigurationForm.cs [Design]** view. A red circle highlights the **Select Mode** button in the design view, with a callout bubble saying "Double-click". Another callout bubble points to the code area, saying "Yr code here!". The code in the **ConfigurationForm.cs** file shows the **butt_track_mode_Click** event handler, which sets properties for **GroupBoxTrackControl**, **Timer**, **GroupBoxSelectPort**, **GroupBoxOptions**, and **textBox_temp_text**. It also includes a comment `//this is necessarily put here` and code to open a **GraphingForm**.

Toolbox

- All Windows Forms
- Common Controls
 - Pointer
 - Button
 - CheckBox
 - CheckedListBox
 - ComboBox
 - DateTimePicker
 - Label
 - LinkLabel
 - ListBox
 - ListView
 - MaskedTextBox
 - MonthCalendar
 - NotifyIcon
 - NumericUpDown
 - PictureBox
 - ProgressBar
 - RadioButton
 - RichTextBox
 - TextBox
 - ToolTip
 - TreeView
 - WebBrowser
- Containers
 - Pointer
 - FlowLayoutPanel
 - GroupBox

ConfigurationForm.cs [Design]

Double-click

Yr code here!

```
private void butt_track_mode_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
{
    GroupBoxTrackControl.Enabled = true;
    GroupBoxTrackControl.Visible = true;
    reset_track_mode();
    Com.Write("t\0"); //"t" in "tracking"

    Timer.Interval = 100;
    Timer.Enabled=true;

    GroupBoxSelectPort.Visible = false;
    GroupBoxSelectPort.Enabled = false;
    GroupBoxOptions.Visible = false;
    GroupBoxOptions.Enabled = false;
    textbox_temp_text = butt_track_intro;

    //this is necessarily put here
    ButtonGraphing.Enabled = true;
    if (GraphingForm != null)
    {
        GraphingForm.Close();
        GraphingForm = new GraphForm(this);
        GraphingForm.Enabled = true;
        GraphingForm.Show();
    }
}
```

Visual Studio C# - The Basics: Simple *Controls*

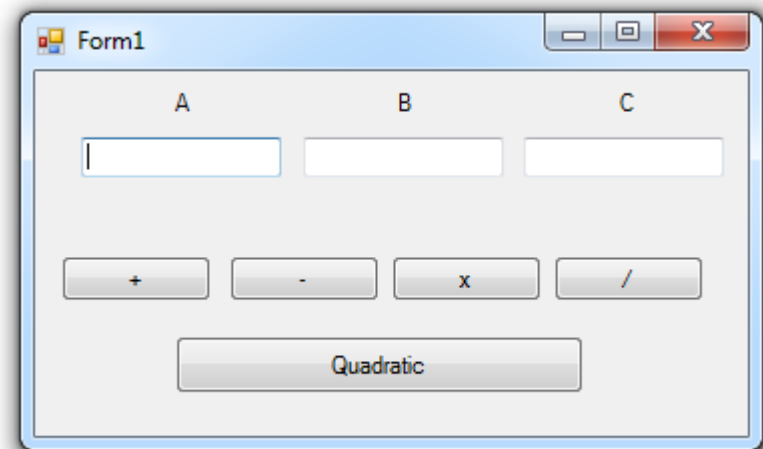
- Problem:
 - Make GUI with **3 textboxes**: txtboxNumA, txtboxNumB, txtboxResult; **5 buttons**: buttonSum, buttonSub, buttonMul, buttonDiv, buttonQuad.
 - Input the numbers to txtboxNumA and txtboxNumB. Click any of the first 4 button to have the respective **result displayed in txtboxResult**. Click buttonQuad to get the **solutions of a quadratic equation** with a, b, c in the three textboxes, displayed the **solutions in string form on txtboxResult**.



Visual Studio C# - The Basics: Simple *Controls*

```
private void buttonDiv_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
{
    double a, b;
    if (txtboxNumA.Text == "" || txtboxNumB.Text == "")
        MessageBox.Show("Missing Input!");
    else
    {
        a = Convert.ToDouble(txtboxNumA.Text);
        b = Convert.ToDouble(txtboxNumB.Text);
        txtboxResult.Text = Convert.ToString(a / b);
    }
}
```

In this function we have a sample
of **event response**, **data check**,
type conversion and **notification**.




```
private void button1_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
{
    double a, b, c, delta_sqrt, x1, x2;
    if (txtboxNumA.Text == "" || txtboxNumB.Text == "" || txtboxResult.Text == "")
        MessageBox.Show("Missing Input!");

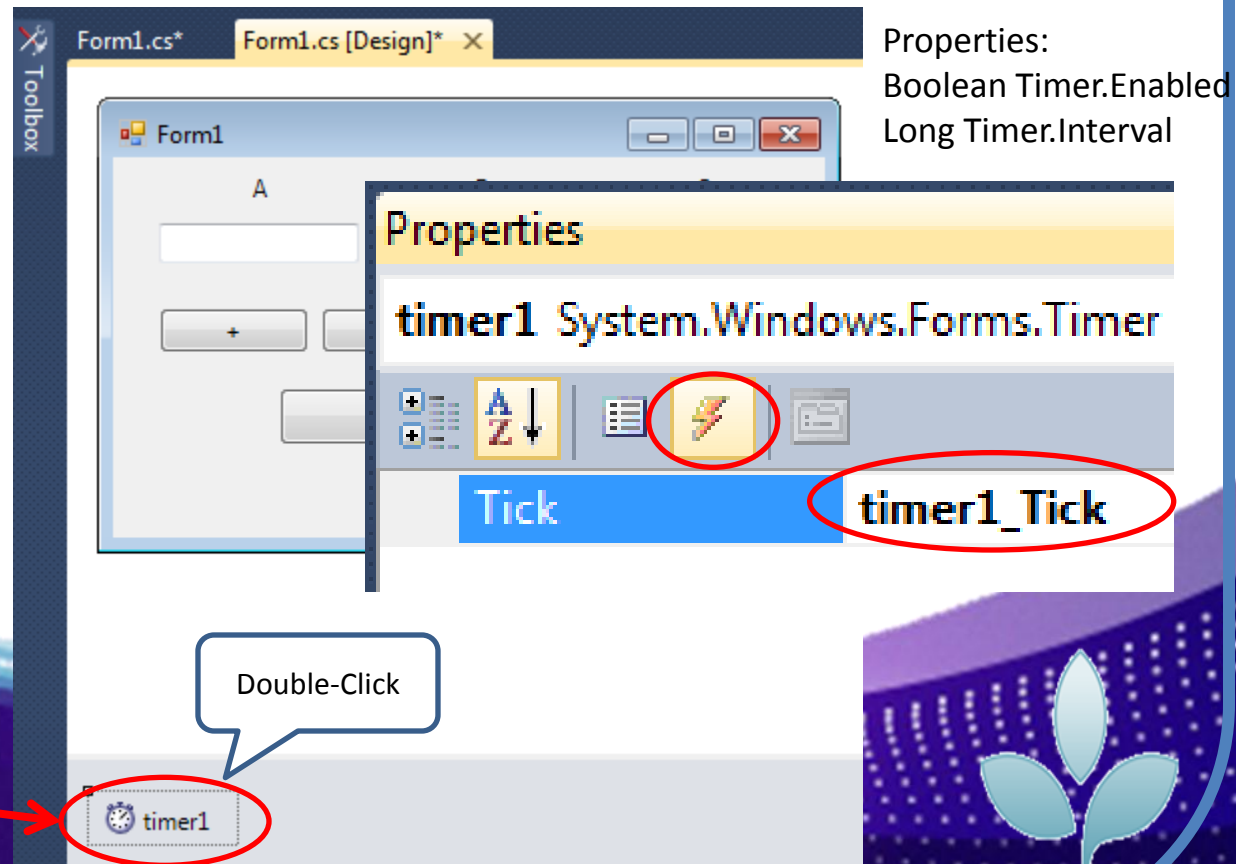
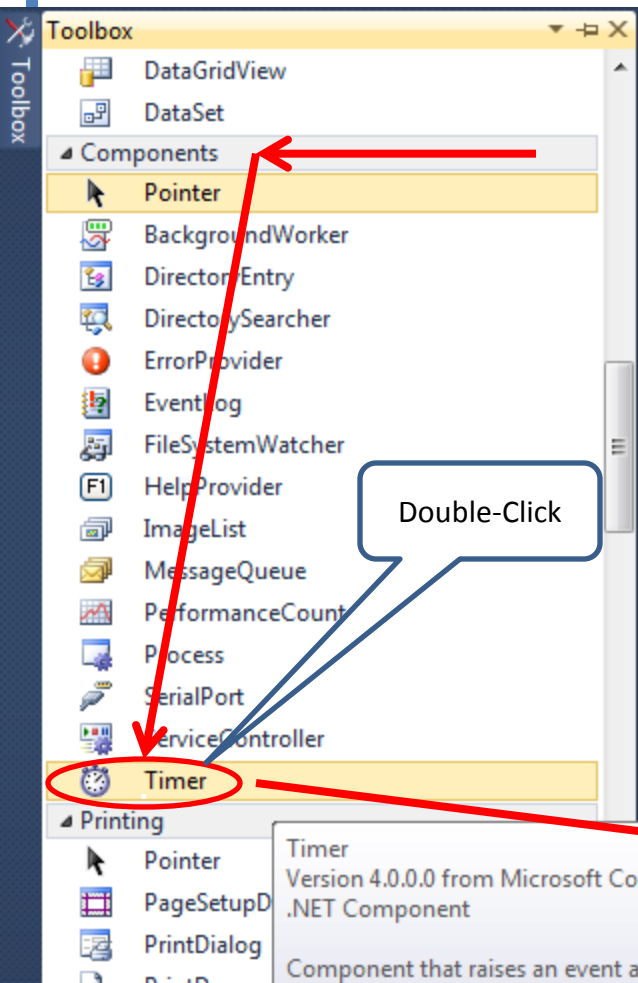
    else
    {
        a = Convert.ToDouble(txtboxNumA.Text);
        b = Convert.ToDouble(txtboxNumB.Text);
        c = Convert.ToDouble(txtboxResult.Text);
        if ((b * b - 4 * a * c) >= 0)
        {
            delta_sqrt = Math.Sqrt((b * b - 4 * a * c));
            x1 = (-b + delta_sqrt) / 2 / a;
            x2 = (-b - delta_sqrt) / 2 / a;
            txtboxResult.Text = Convert.ToString(x1) + " ; " + Convert.ToString(x2);
        }
        else
        {
            delta_sqrt = Math.Sqrt(-(b * b - 4 * a * c));
            txtboxResult.Text = Convert.ToString(-b/2/a) + " +|- j" + Convert.ToString(delta_sqrt/2/a);
        }
    }
}
```

Sometimes, we must use the system's methods, help can be found from MSDN forum.



Visual Studio C# - The Basics: Timer

- **Timer** is a control to generate a periodical event (timer_tick) that provides some service.
- **ms** is the smallest fraction of time **visual studio** can distinguish, and this is a common convention for high-level programming.



Visual Studio C# - The Basics: Serial Port

- **Serial Port** is a control much like button. It's useful for communication with the MCU.
- Default properties are usually the same among devices.
- Some **properties** need modification according to applications.

The screenshot illustrates the steps to add and configure a SerialPort control in Visual Studio:

- Toolbox:** The 'Components' section is expanded. A red arrow points to the 'SerialPort' control, with a callout box saying 'Double-Click'.
- Form Design:** The 'Form1' design view shows two text boxes labeled 'A' and 'B', three buttons labeled '+', '-', and 'x', and a 'Quadratic' button. A red arrow points from the 'SerialPort' control in the toolbox to a 'serialPort1' control added to the form.
- Properties Window:** The 'serialPort1' properties are listed. Red arrows point to specific properties:

Property	Value
(Name)	serialPort1
BaudRate	9600
DataBits	8
DiscardNull	False
DtrEnable	False
GenerateMember	True
Handshake	None
Modifiers	Private
Parity	None
ParityReplace	63
PortName	COM1
ReadBufferSize	4096
ReadTimeout	-1
ReceivedBytesThre	1
RtsEnable	False
StopBits	One
WriteBufferSize	2048
WriteTimeout	-1

Visual Studio C# - The Basics: Serial Port

```
using System.IO.Ports;

...
private void timer1_Tick(object sender, EventArgs e)
{
    int PortNumber = 0;
    string[] ports = SerialPort.GetPortNames();
    if (PortNumber != ports.Length)
    {
        PortNumber = Convert.ToUInt16(ports.Length);
        comboBox1.Items.Clear();
        for (int j = 0; j < PortNumber; j++)
        {
            comboBox1.Items.Add(ports[j]);
        }
        comboBox1.Items.Add("");
    }
}
```

In these codes, for every timer interrupt event we scan for the hardware ports connected to PC and display them in a comboBox *control*

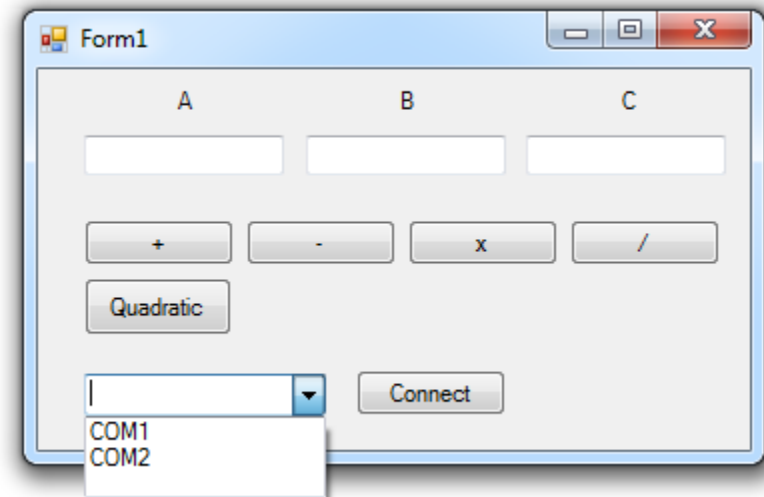


Visual Studio C# - The Basics: Serial Port

- Problem:
 - On last Form of Quadratic Equation, **add some serial port, scan for hardware** ports and **display in a comboBox**. A `buttonConnect` to make connection to a serial port chosen.
 - Receive the values from MCU in IEEE real-number format. Display those on the textboxes, perform calculations.



```
private void buttonConnect_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
{
    if (comboBox1.Text == "")
    {
        MessageBox.Show("Please select Port!");
    }
    else
    {
        if (buttonConnect.Text == "Connect")
        {
            SerialPort1.PortName = comboBox1.Text;
            try
            {
                SerialPort1.Open();
                buttonConnect.Text = "Disconnect";
                comboBox1.Enabled = false;
            }
            catch
            {
                MessageBox.Show("Please select another Port!");
            }
        }
        else
        {
            buttonConnect.Text = "Connect";
            comboBox1.Enabled = true;
            SerialPort1.Close();
        }
    }
}
```



```
//change button's text to Connect
//enable combo box for selecting port
//close COM port
```



Visual Studio C# - The Basics: Serial Port

```
private void SerialPort1_DataReceived(object sender, SerialDataReceivedEventArgs e)
{
    byte txtbox_choice, i;
    byte[] BytesFromMCU = new byte[4];
    txtbox_choice = (byte)SerialPort1.ReadByte();
    float Value = 0;
    for (i = 0; i <= 3; i++)
        BytesFromMCU[i] = (byte)SerialPort1.ReadByte();

    Value = BitConverter.ToSingle(BytesFromMCU, 0);
    switch((char)txtbox_choice)
    {
        case 'a':
            txtboxNumA.Text = Convert.ToString(Value);
            break;
        case 'b':
            txtboxNumA.Text = Convert.ToString(Value);
            break;
        case 'c':
            txtboxNumA.Text = Convert.ToString(Value);
            break;
    }
    break;
    case 'c':
        txtboxNumA.Text = Convert.ToString(Value);
        break;
    }
}
```

InvalidOperationException was unhandled

Cross-thread operation not valid: Control 'txtboxNumA' accessed from a thread other than the thread it was created on.

Troubleshooting tips:

[How to make cross-thread calls to Windows Forms controls](#)

[Get general help for this exception.](#)

[Search for more Help Online...](#)

Actions:

[View Detail...](#)

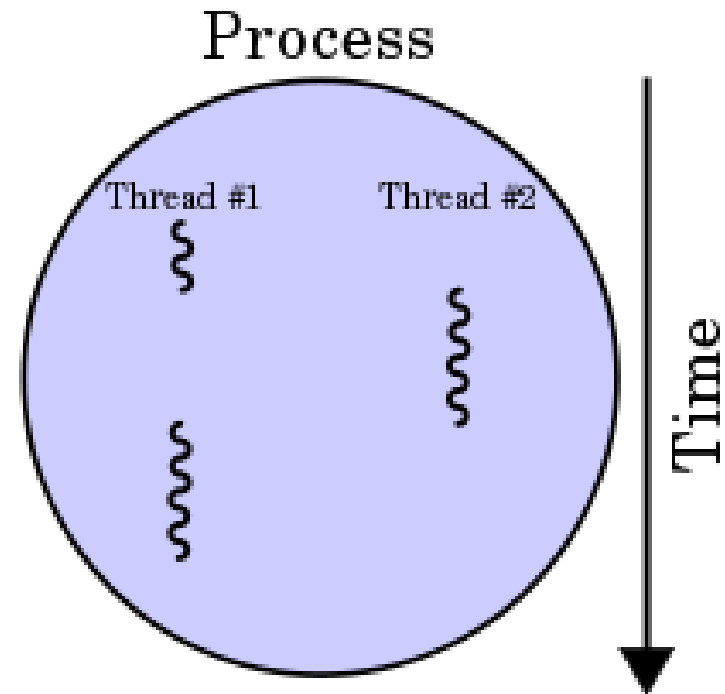
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Will this just work?



Visual Studio C# - The Basics: Serial Port

Thread is a sequence of instructions in a process which the hardware is processing at the moment. Some threads may have reference to objects of another, some have not. This brings us back to the fact that all programs are literally written in structured programming method.



Visual Studio C# - The Basics:

Delegate and cross-thread reference

- In C# the “dangerous” notion of C’s *pointer* is no longer used: Array’s length needs no declaration, addressing is dynamic and objects exchange values through methods. A ***delegate*** is roughly ***a function pointer*** in traditional C. In this sense, we have a parameter to call for an function not yet determined.
- When a control is not on the current thread, cast a **delegate** pointing to the **function** manipulating that **control**. Use an ***Invoke*** method with that **delegate** as a parameter to ask the thread containing that **control** to process the **function**.



Visual Studio C# - The Basics:

Delegate and cross-thread reference

```
private void SerialPort1_DataReceived(object sender, SerialDataReceivedEventArgs e)
{
    byte txtbox_choice;
    byte[] BytesFromMCU = new byte[4];
    txtbox_choice = (byte)SerialPort1.ReadByte();
    float Value = 0;
    for (int i = 3; i >= 0; i--)
        BytesFromMCU[i] = (byte)SerialPort1.ReadByte();

    Value = BitConverter.ToSingle(BytesFromMCU, 0);
    display_value((char)txtbox_choice, Value);
}
```

In this code block display_value() is a method that can refer to controls of other thread



```
private delegate void DeleOfdisplay_value(char txtbox_choice, Single Value);
private void display_value(char txtbox_choice, Single Value)
{
    if (txtboxNumA.InvokeRequired)
    {
        DeleOfdisplay_value CrossThreadOfdisplay_value = new DeleOfdisplay_value(display_value);
        txtboxNumA.Invoke(CrossThreadOfdisplay_value, new object[] {txtbox_choice, Value});
    }
    else
    {
        switch ((char)txtbox_choice)
        {
            case 'a':
                txtboxNumA.Text = Convert.ToString(Value);
                break;
            case 'b':
                txtboxNumB.Text = Convert.ToString(Value);
                break;
            case 'c':
                txtboxResult.Text = Convert.ToString(Value);
                break;
        }
    }
}
```



Visual Studio C# - The Basics: Graphing

- Graph is a control that is not built-in in VS, we must install a dynamic link library for this control.
- (go to <http://www.payitforward.edu.vn/forum/threads/42/> for directions of how to manipulate ZedGraph).

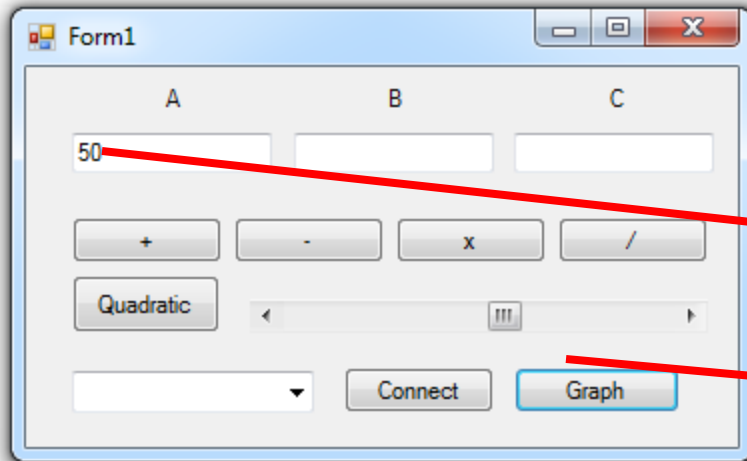


Visual Studio C# - The Basics: Graphing

- Problem:
 - Add a new GraphForm in your project containing a zedGraphControl.
 - On the QuadraticForm add a slider, a buttonGraph which calls GraphForm. The GraphForm plots the value of txtBoxNumA when it's called and the real-time value of the slider.



Visual Studio C# - The Basics: Graphing



Form1

A B C

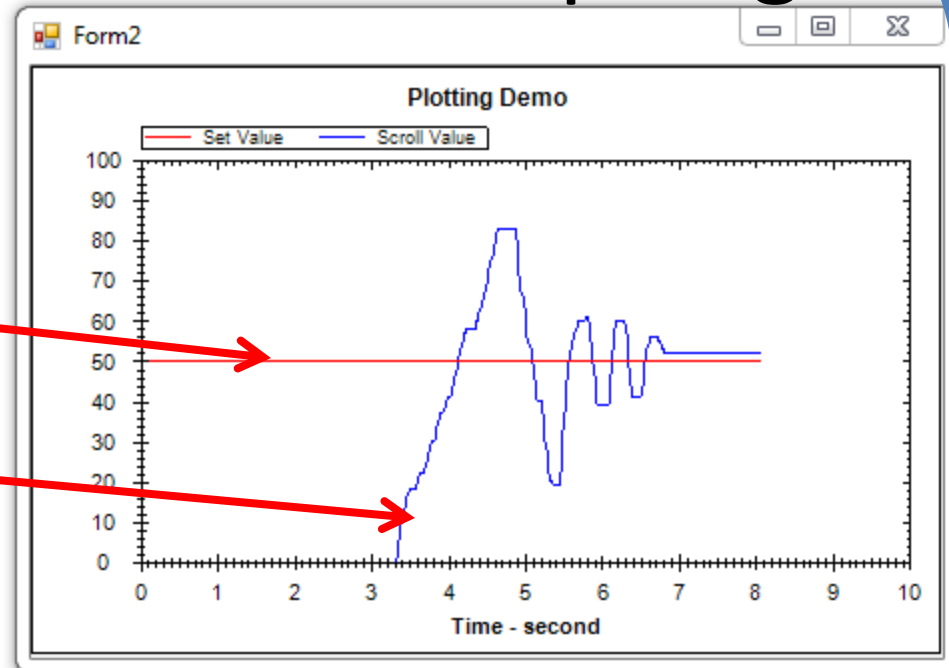
50

+ - x /

Quadratic

Connect Graph

This form contains three input fields labeled A, B, and C. Field A contains the value 50. Below the fields are four arithmetic operation buttons: +, -, x, and /. There is also a 'Quadratic' button and a scroll bar. At the bottom, there are 'Connect' and 'Graph' buttons. Red arrows indicate that the value in field A is plotted as a horizontal line in the graph, and the 'Graph' button is used to update the 'Scroll Value' plot.





Visual Studio C# - The Basics: Graphing

```
namespace GUICalDemo
{
    public partial class GraphForm : Form
    {
        Form1 CalForm;
        double setValue;
        public GraphForm(Form1 sender, double tbA)
        {
            CalForm = sender;
            setValue = tbA;
            InitializeComponent();
        }

        private void GraphForm_FormClosed(object sender, FormClosedEventArgs e)
        {
            CalForm.GraphForm = null;
        }
        //some stuff omitted here!
    }

    public partial class GraphForm : Form
    {
        public GraphForm GraphForm = null;
        private void buttonGraph_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
        {
            if (GraphForm != null)
                GraphForm.Close();
            GraphForm = new GraphForm(this, Convert.ToDouble(txtboxNumA.Text));
            GraphForm.Enabled = true;
            GraphForm.Show();
        }
    }
}
```

Mutual
recognition
between
the 2
forms.



Visual Studio C# - The Basics: Graphing

- Initial the zedGraphControl (within the namespace of GraphForm)

```
int TickStart;
private void GraphForm_Load(object sender, EventArgs e)
{
    RollingPointPairList ReferenceValue = new RollingPointPairList(10000);
    RollingPointPairList ResponseValue = new RollingPointPairList(10000);

    LineItem RefCurve = zedGraphControl1.GraphPane.AddCurve("Set Value", ReferenceValue, Color.Red, SymbolType.None);
    LineItem ResCurve = zedGraphControl1.GraphPane.AddCurve("Scroll Value", ResponseValue, Color.Blue, SymbolType.None);

    zedGraphControl1.GraphPane.Title.Text = "Plotting Demo";
    zedGraphControl1.GraphPane.XAxis.Title.Text = "Time - second";
    zedGraphControl1.GraphPane.YAxis.Title.Text = " ";

    TickStart = Environment.TickCount;
    zedGraphControl1.GraphPane.XAxis.Scale.Min = 0;
    zedGraphControl1.GraphPane.XAxis.Scale.Max = 10;
    zedGraphControl1.GraphPane.XAxis.Scale.MinorStep = 0.1;
    zedGraphControl1.GraphPane.XAxis.Scale.MajorStep = 1;
}
```



Visual Studio C# - The Basics: Graphing

- Add a timer2 in the GraphForm with a sampling interval. Sample and rescale the Graph in each tick event!

```
private void timer2_Tick(object sender, EventArgs e)
{
    double scrollValue;

    scrollValue = Convert.ToDouble(CalForm.hScrollBar1.Value);
    if (zedGraphControl1.GraphPane.CurveList.Count <= 0)
        return;

    LineItem RefCurve = zedGraphControl1.GraphPane.CurveList[0] as LineItem;
    LineItem ResCurve = zedGraphControl1.GraphPane.CurveList[1] as LineItem;

    if (RefCurve == null || ResCurve == null)
        return;

    IPointListEdit RefPoints = RefCurve.Points as IPointListEdit;
    IPointListEdit ResPoints = ResCurve.Points as IPointListEdit;

    if (RefPoints == null || ResPoints == null)
        return;

    double time = (Environment.TickCount - TickStart)/1000.0;

    RefPoints.Add(time, setValue);
    ResPoints.Add(time, scrollValue);

    Scale XScale = zedGraphControl1.GraphPane.XAxis.Scale;

    if (time > XScale.Max - XScale.MajorStep)
    {
        XScale.Max = time + XScale.MajorStep;
        XScale.Min = 0;
    }
    zedGraphControl1.AxisChange();
    zedGraphControl1.Invalidate();
}
```



Visual Studio C# - The Basics: Packaging

- To provide an install-and-use package that users would not be concerned of having VS or particular controls employed in the project.
- (go to <http://www.payitforward.edu.vn/forum/threads/42/> for directions of how to package your stuff).



Thank You!

