

# C# Introduction

Here we will learn the basics of c# programming language; those are what is c#, overview of c# programming, features of c# programming, and history of c# programming.

## What is the C# Programming Language?

C# (pronounced as “**C Sharp**”) is a simple, modern, object-oriented, and type-safe programming language. C# language has its roots in C languages such as C, C++, and it is mostly similar to Java programming.

C# Programming language will allow developers to build a variety of secure and robust applications such as windows applications, web applications, database applications, etc., which will run on the **.NET Framework**.

C# programming language has been built on **.NET Framework** to run the c# applications. We are required to install a **.NET Framework** component on our machines.

**.NET Framework** is a development platform to build apps for windows, web, azure, etc., by using programming languages such as C#, F#, and Visual Basic. It consists of two major components, such as **Common Language Runtime** (CLR), an execution engine that handles running apps, and **.NET Framework Class Library**, which provides a library of tested and reusable code that developers can use in their applications.

## Overview of C#

- C# is an object-oriented programming language, and it supports the concepts of encapsulation, abstraction, polymorphism, etc.
- In c#, all the variables, methods, and application entry points are encapsulated within the class definitions.
- C# is developed specifically for the .NET Framework, and it enables programmers to migrate from C/C++ and Java easily.
- C# is a fully Event-driven and visual programming language.
- Microsoft provided an IDE (Integrated Development Environment) tool called Visual Studio (<https://www.visualstudio.com/>) to implement c# programs easily.

## Features of C#

C# contains various features similar to other programming languages such as c++ and Java. There are some additional features in C# that make it different from other languages.

- C# is a modern programming language, and it is very powerful and simple for building applications.
- C# is useful in developing windows, web, and device applications.
- C# provides automatic memory management by clearing unused objects.
- C# is a type-safe programming language, and it makes it impossible to perform unchecked type casts.
- C# provides a structured and extensible approach for error detection and recovery.
- C# is a structure-oriented programming language, and the compilation, and execution of c# applications are faster due to automatic scalability.

## History of C#

The C# programming language has been implemented by **Anders Hejlsberj**, an employee of Microsoft. The C# programming language's initial release is in **2002** with **.NET Framework 1.0**, and it's more like Java programming.

The following table lists c# programming language evaluation with multiple features along with .NET Framework and visual studio.

Version	Year	.NET Framework	Visual Studio	Features
C# 1.0	2002	1.0 / 1.1	Visual Studio 2002	Basic Features
C# 2.0	2005	2.0	Visual Studio 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Generics</li><li>• Partial types</li><li>• Anonymous methods</li><li>• Nullable types</li><li>• Iterators</li><li>• Covariance and contravariance</li></ul>

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C# 3.0	2007	3.0 / 3.5	Visual Studio 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Auto implemented properties</li><li>• Anonymous types</li><li>• Query expressions</li><li>• Lambda expression</li><li>• Expression trees</li><li>• Extension methods</li></ul>
C# 4.0	2010	4.0	Visual Studio 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dynamic binding</li><li>• Named/optional arguments</li><li>• Generic covariant and contravariant</li><li>• Embedded interop types</li></ul>
C# 5.0	2012	4.5	Visual Studio 2012 / 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Asynchronous members</li><li>• Caller info attributes</li></ul>
C# 6.0	2015	4.6	Visual Studio 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Static imports</li><li>• Exception filters</li><li>• Property initializers</li><li>• Expression bodied members</li><li>• Null propagator</li><li>• String interpolation</li><li>• nameof operator</li><li>• Dictionary initializer</li></ul>
C# 7.0	2017	.NET Core	Visual Studio 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Out variables</li><li>• Tuples and deconstruction</li><li>• Pattern matching</li><li>• Local functions</li><li>• Expanded expression bodied members</li><li>• Ref locals and returns</li></ul>

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