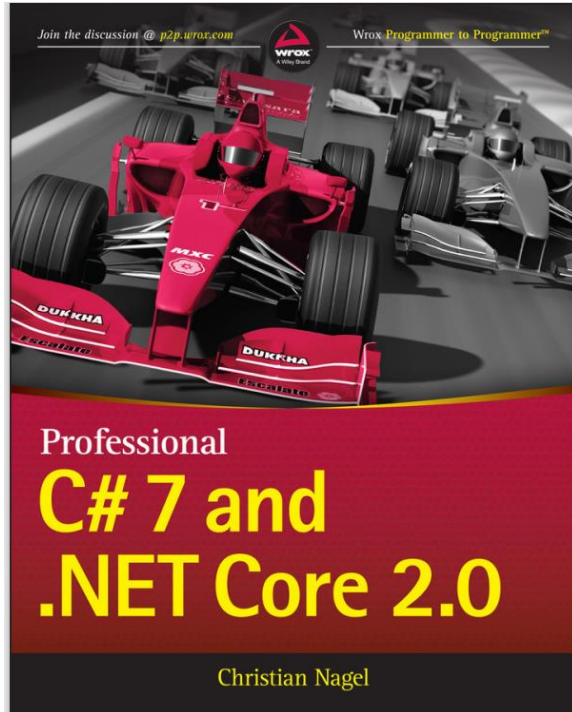


Programming



Lecture 3

Introduction to C# and .NET

Topics

- Introduction to C# and .NET
 - Features of C#
 - .NET Framework
 - C# basic syntax
- Basic usage of Visual Studio .NET
 - Basic features
 - Create a new project
 - Compile & Run
 - Basic of debugging

Introduction C#

- Introduced in 2000 by Microsoft
 - Has roots in the C, C++, and Java
- It's appropriate for the most demanding app-development tasks
 - Large-scale enterprise
 - Web-based, mobile and “cloud”-based apps

Object-Oriented Programming

- C# is object oriented
- C# has access to the powerful .NET Framework Class Library
 - Vast collection of built-in classes to develop app quickly
 - We will learn more about .NET Framework later

Some key capabilities in the .NET Framework Class Library

Database

Building web apps

Graphics

Input/output

Computer networking

Permissions

Mobile

String processing

Debugging

Multithreading

File processing

Security

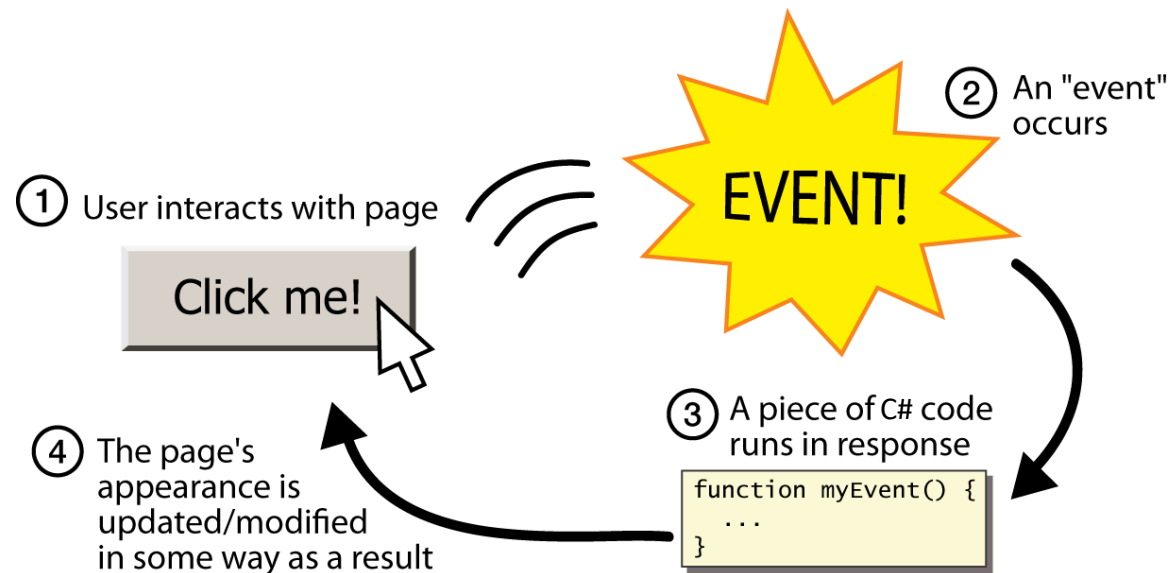
Web communication

Graphical user interface

Data structures

Event-Driven Programming

- C# is event driven.
 - We write programs to respond to user-initiated events e.g., mouse clicks, keystrokes, timer expiration, etc
 - Or touches, finger swipes, etc on smartphones



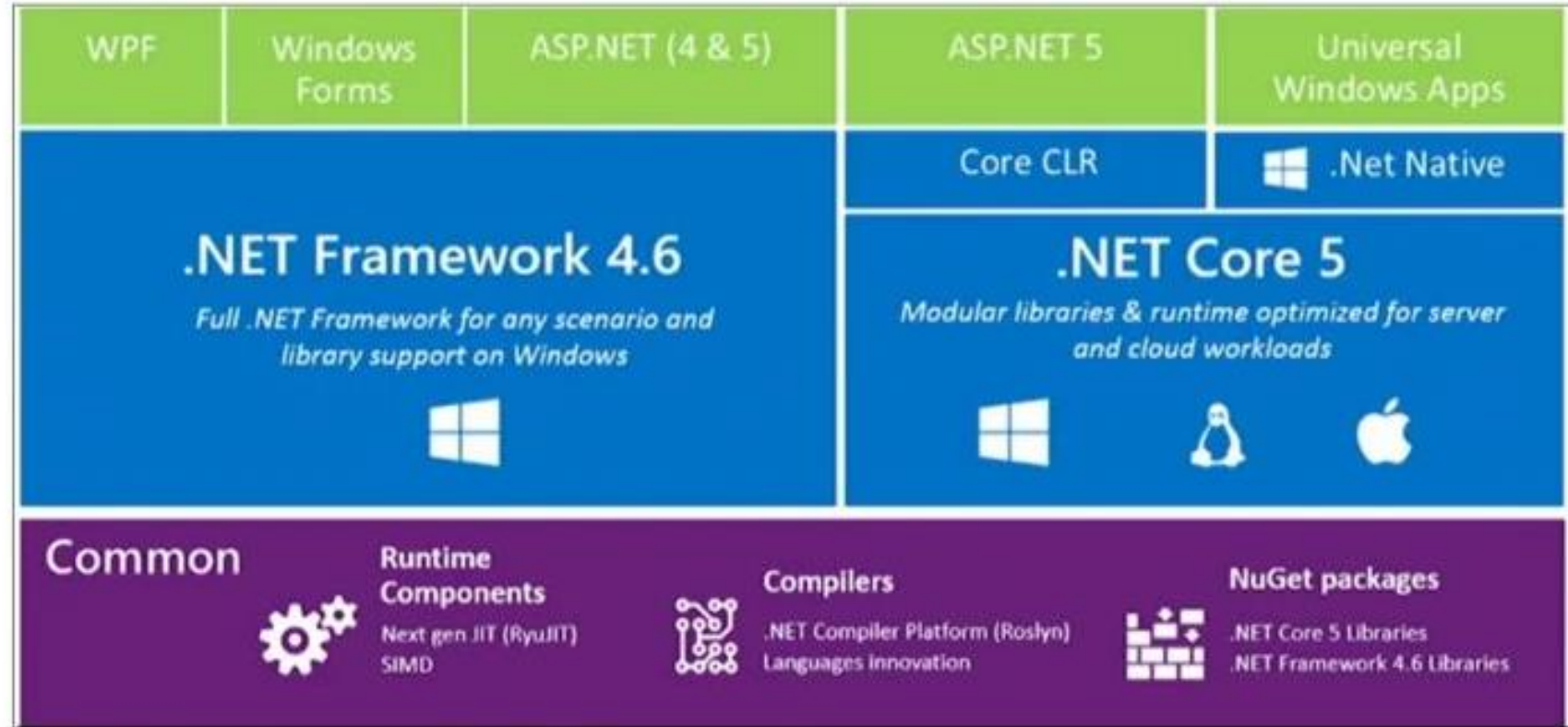
Visual Programming

- C# is visual programming language
 - You can write code
 - You can also use VS to drag/drop and design GUI
 - Then VS will write the GUI code for you
 - Allows us to focus on coding business processing

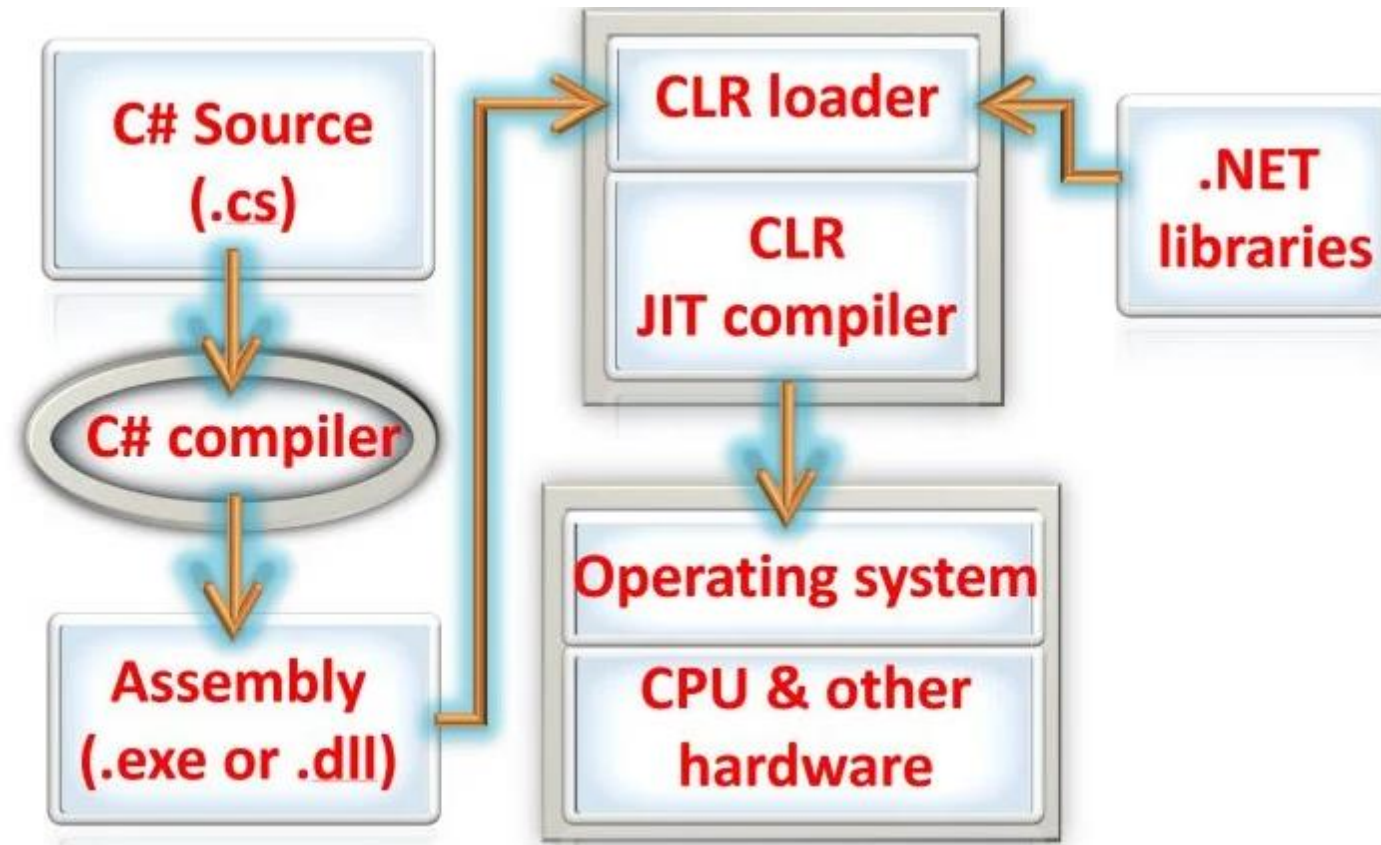
An International Standard

- C# has been standardized internationally
 - Enables other implementation of language besides MS's Visual C#
 - One example is Mono that runs on Linux, iOS, Android, and Windows

How C# works



How C# works



Internet and Web Programming

- We can build web based app with C# and Microsoft's ASP.NET technology



Microsoft's .NET



Introduction

- In 2000 by Microsoft announce .NET initiative
 - Broad vision for using the Internet and the web in the development, engineering, distribution and use of software
 - .NET permits you to create apps using any .NET-compatible language (C#, Visual Basic, Visual C++...)
 - Part of the initiative includes ASP.NET technology

.NET Framework

- It executes apps and contains the Class Library
- .NET Framework Class Library
 - Contains many valuable prebuilt classes
 - These classes are tested and tuned
 - These speedup the development & performance

Common Language Runtime (CLR)

- CLR is another key part of the .NET Framework
 - Executes .NET programs and provides functionality to make easier to develop and debug
- CLR is a virtual machine (VM)
 - It manages execution of programs and hides from them the underlying operating system hardware
 - Source code are executed/managed by CLR is called managed code.
- CLR provides many services to managed code
 - Integrating software components written in different .NET languages
 - Error handling between such components
 - Enhanced security
 - Automatic memory management
 - Etc.

Managed Code to Machine Instruction

- Managed code is compiled into machine-specific instructions in following steps
 1. First code is compiled into MSIL (all C#, J#, etc will be compiled into MSIL)
 2. When the app executes, JIT compiler in the CLR translates MSIL into machine code
 3. The machine code executes on that platform



Platform Independence

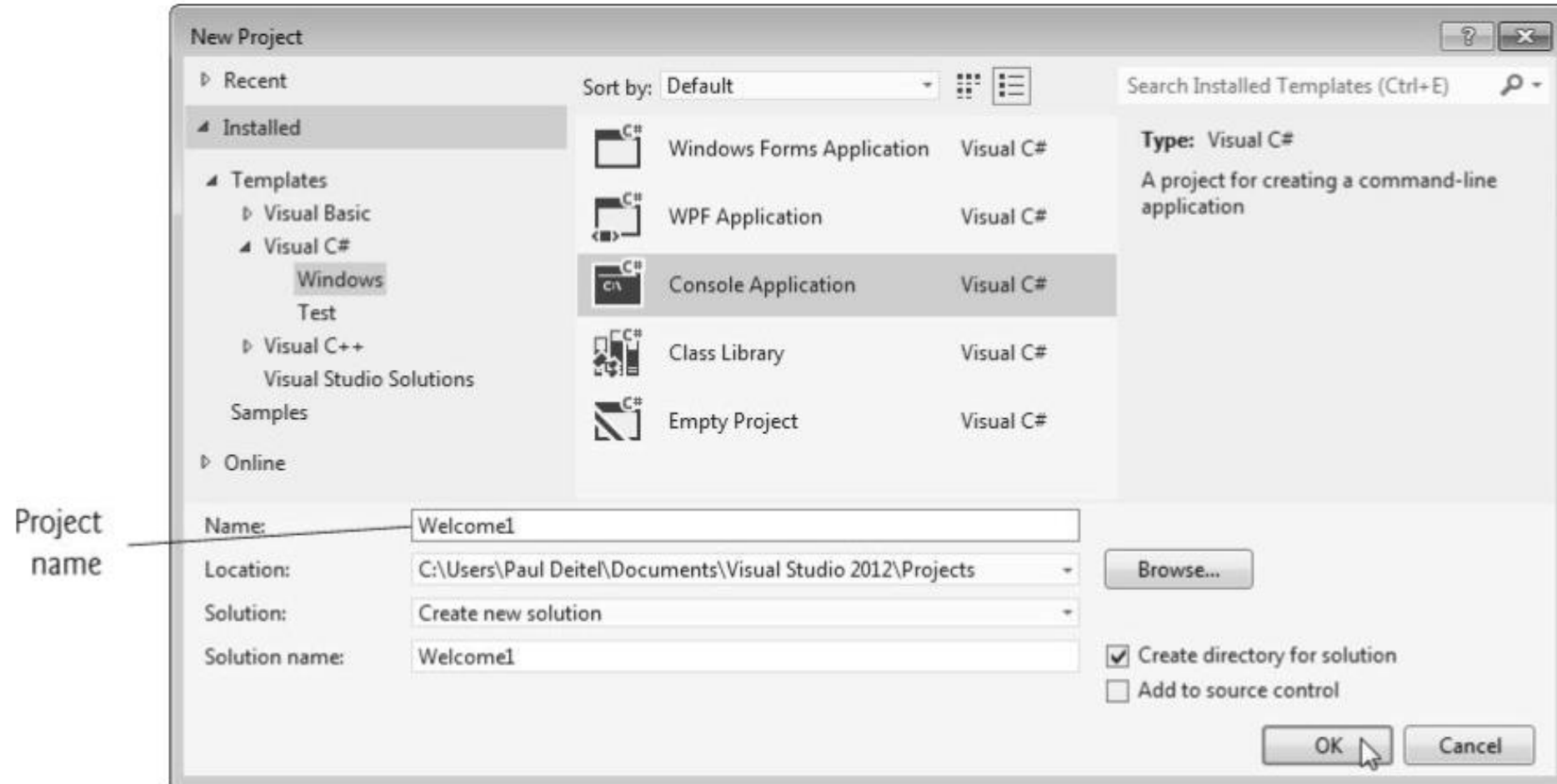
- .NET Framework exists and is installed for a platform
- .NET is platform independence
 - Ability to run across multiple platforms
 - E.g., we can install .NET in Mac OS

Language Interoperability

- .NET Framework provides high level language interoperability
 - Software can be written in C#, Visual Basic, etc
 - All will be compiled into MSIL

C# Basic Syntax

Creating a new app



The source code

```
1 using System;
2 using System.Collections.Generic;
3 using System.Linq;
4 using System.Text;
5 using System.Threading.Tasks;
6
7 namespace HelloWorld
8 {
9
10 //A Simple Program to display the words Hello World
11
12 class Program
13 {
14 static void Main(string[] args)
15 {
16 Console.WriteLine("Hello World");
17 Console.Read();
18 }
19 }
20 }
```

using Directive

- From line 1 to 5, we have a few statements that start with the word `using`. These statements are known as directives. They tell the compiler that our program uses a certain namespace
- For instance, the first line
`using System;`
- tells the compiler that our program uses the `System` namespace.

Namespace

- A namespace is simply a grouping of related code elements. These elements include classes, interfaces, enums and structs etc
- C# comes with a large amount of pre-written code that are organised into different namespaces.
- The System namespace contains code for methods that allow us to interact with our users. We use two of these methods in our program - the WriteLine() and Read() methods

Class declaration

- Every app consists of at least one class declaration that defined by the programmer
 - user-defined class
 - E.g., public class Welcome1
- Class Name convention (upper camel casing)
 - Begin with a capital letter
 - Capitalize the first letter of each word included
 - Contains letters, digits, and underscore
 - Doesn't start with digit, doesn't contain spaces
- C# is case sensitive
 - So be careful because Myname is different from MyName

C# Method and Statements

- Main method
 - `public static void Main(string[] args)`
 - It's the starting point of every app
- Statements
 - Statements end with a semicolon (;)

statements/comments

- Statement is instruction that programmer tells computer to do
 - Every C# statement is terminated with semicolon ‘;’
- Comment is explanation / guide that programmer explain to reader some block of code and comments will not be executed
 - Comment a single line with //
 - Comment a block with /* */

Multiple Line Statement

```
1  // Fig. 3.10: Welcome2.cs
2  // Displaying one line of text with multiple
statements.
3  using System;
4
5  public class Welcome2
6  {
7      // Main method begins execution of C# app
8      public static void Main( string[] args )
9      {
10         Console.Write( "Welcome to " );
11         Console.WriteLine( "C# Programming! " );
12     } // end Main
13 } // end class Welcome2
```

```
Welcome to C# Programming!
```

Formatting Text

```
1  // Fig. 3.13: Welcome4.cs
2  // Displaying multiple lines of text with string
   formatting.
3  using System;
4
5  public class Welcome4
6  {
7      // Main method begins execution of C# app
8      public static void Main( string[] args )
9      {
10         Console.WriteLine( "{0}\n{1}", "Welcome
   to", "C# Programming! " );
11     } // end Main
12 } // end class Welcome4
```

Displaying Output

- Most applications require some **input** from the user and give **output** as a result.
To display text to the console window you use the **Console.Write** or **Console.WriteLine** methods.
- The difference between these two is that **Console.WriteLine** is followed by a line terminator, which moves the cursor to the next line after the text output.
- The program below will display Hello World! to the console window:

User Input

- You can also prompt the user to enter data and then use the **Console.ReadLine** method to assign the input to a string variable. The following example asks the user for a name and then displays a message that includes the input:

```
static void Main(string[] args)
{
    string yourName;
    Console.WriteLine("What is your name?");

    yourName = Console.ReadLine();

    Console.WriteLine("Hello {0}", yourName);
}
```

User Input

- The **Console.ReadLine()** method returns a **string** value.
If you are expecting another type of value (such as int or double), the entered data must be converted to that type.
- This can be done using the **Convert.ToXXX** methods, where XXX is the .NET name of the type that we want to convert to. For example, methods include **Convert.ToDouble** and **Convert.ToBoolean**.
- For integer conversion, there are three alternatives available based on the bit size of the integer: **Convert.ToInt16**, **Convert.ToInt32** and **Convert.ToInt64**. The default int type in C# is 32-bit.

Read the input

- For standard input we use `Console.ReadLine()`
 - `String s = Console.ReadLine();`
 - `int n = Convert.ToInt32(Console.ReadLine());`
- Possible erroneous input
 - User can input a string which is not an integer
 - In this case an Exception is raised
 - We will learn about handling exception later