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Network Programming Laboratory work #4

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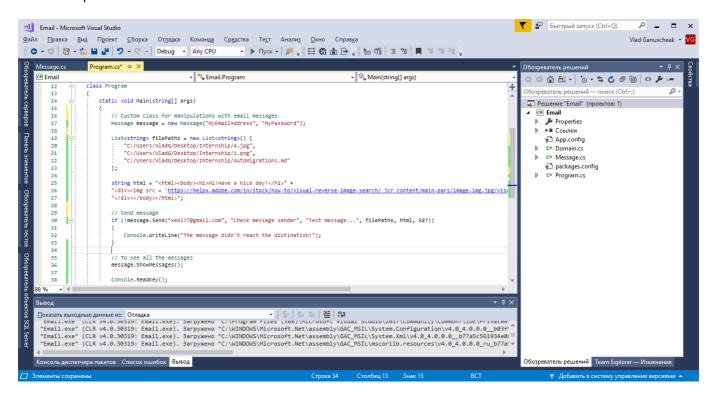
Task

To create simple email client which could be able to read and send messages using an existing account. As the additional tasks you can implement the following:

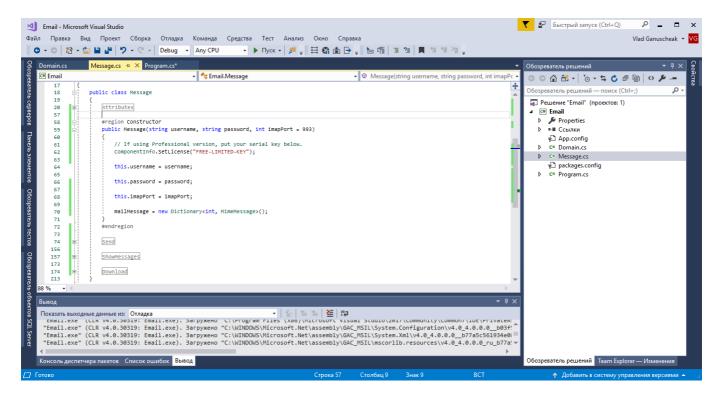
- Sending the message with files;
- Sending HTML forms (which include images);
- Create class POP3Header which will read the message and keep the content into dictionary.

Implementation

In the main class there is the starting point of the application. Here I launch the *Message* class which has my custom implementation of function which use MailKit and MimeKit.



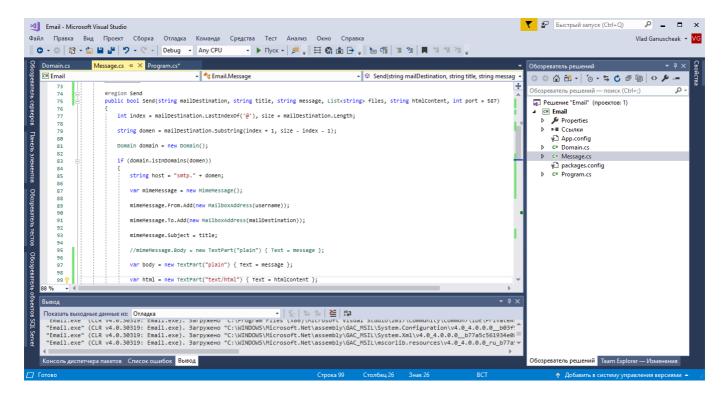
In the *Message* class constructor I define the values of *username* (email address) and *password* and the *imap port* (by default it is 993). Also inside the constructor the Dictionary object is instantiated.



In this function there is the code that permits to send messages to users. As the input parameters it has:

- mailDestination (the address of the email of the receiver);
- title the title of the message;
- message the text content of the sending form;
- files the list of strings where are indicated the paths to corresponding files;
- htmlContent the content of the html page saved as a string;
- port smtp port for email domain (it may vary for different emails, but by default it is setted as 587).

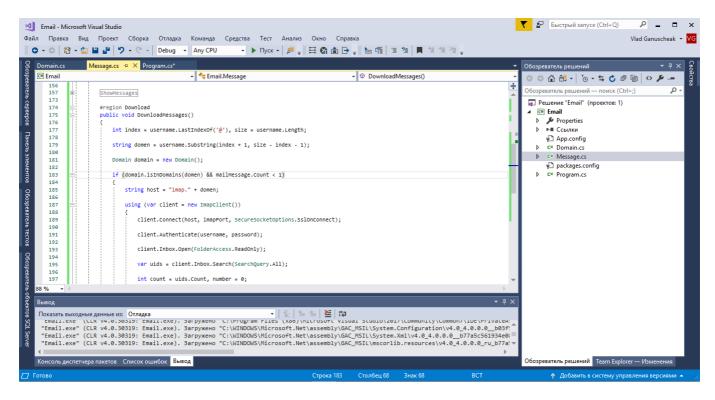
The thing that I should mention is that I use custom **Domain** class which checks the validity of the email address (it contains ~ 40 most popular email domains).



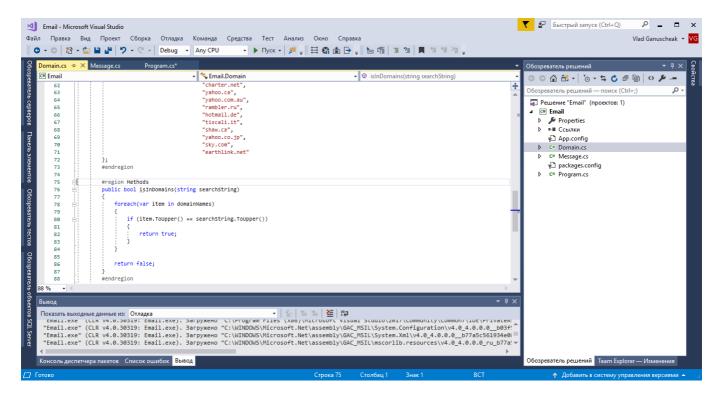
The **DownloadMessage** class which load from the defined earler attributes messages from the remote server (i.e. gmail.com, yahoo.com, mail.ru etc.).

All extracted messages and their content are kept in the dictionary where *Key* is the order of the message from the remote server and the *Value* is message itself.

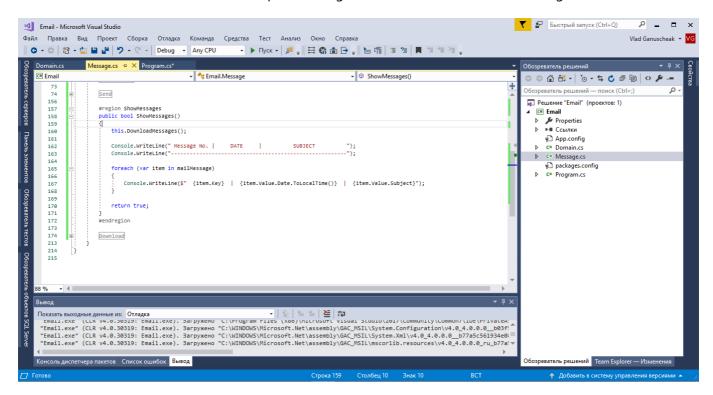
In this method the _Domain class is used too.



As You can see, there are a lot of domains of electronic mail defined in this class and there is a method which checks if the input parameter corresponds to one of predefined domains (indifferent of was the character in Pascal case or Camel one).



In the Show function everything is simple. It just displays the content which was extracted from the remote email into a dictionary. If the dictionary contains yet at least a field, the ** Download()** function shouldn't be executed inside this one i.e. the data is up to date right now and we don't need to change it.



On the picture below is ilustrated a big number of messages which have been loaded from my email. The program works comparatively fast.

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C:\Users\VladG\source\repos\Email\Email\bin\Debug\Email.exe
                                                                                                                                lands in Scotland
          27.03.2019 10:03:36 +02:00 27.03.2019 13:45:49 +02:00
                                              "The EU has passed it's law about internet copyright" Moment
                                             Speak up, _Gvlad_aka_GV097
TS - Laboratory Work
Branching model support + 5 new features
 430
          27.03.2019 20:35:51 +02:00
          27.03.2019 22:58:17 +02:00
                                              "Chinese Grindr owner has to sell the app due to US security concern...
"Bears trade Jordan Howard to the Eagles" Moment
          28.03.2019 11:15:17 +02:00
          29.03.2019 10:05:31 +02:00
                                              "Bears trade Jordan Howard to the Eagles
          30.03.2019 11:04:58 +02:00
                                              "Boston Dynamics' robot has a new skill of robot Jenga" Moment
          31.03.2019 13:20:33 +03:00
                                              "Former Nevada politician says former VP Biden planted 'an awkward k...
          31.03.2019 19:47:19 +03:00
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          01.04.2019 12:38:19 +03:00
                                              "People are introducing their dads in the latest trend ??" Moment
          02.04.2019 11:14:35 +03:00
                                              "Saudi Aramco generates more profits than any other company in the w...
                                              SP 1/1 #5
          02.04.2019 11:53:34 +03:00
 441
          03.04.2019 2:26:10 +03:00
                                             Just in: Total Chaos speakers revealed, Rhino goes Next and more
                                             [PR] Changes in Lab 5, 6
[PR] Alternative Task for Lab 5,6
 442
          03.04.2019 15:11:14 +03:00
          06.04.2019 10:55:44 +03:00
 444
          07.04.2019 15:15:09 +03:00
                                              PS - materiale evaluare II
 445
          08.04.2019 16:24:06 +03:00
                                             [PR] Retaking the Quiz / 2'nd Attestation Mark
 446
          09.04.2019 9:56:58 +03:00
                                            PS 1/1 #6
          09.04.2019 11:12:39 +03:00
                                             PS 1/1 #7-8
 448
          09.04.2019 17:59:08 +03:00
                                              [CodinGame Blog] What if reaching Legend was easier than you thought? ??
 449
          09.04.2019 21:55:48 +03:00
                                              Fwd: Summer School 2019
 450
          20.04.2019 11:06:01 +03:00
                                              "Good Friday commemorated with crucifixion reenactments" Moment
          21.04.2019 0:47:43 +03:00
                                            Важное оповещение системы безопасности
                                            _GVlad_aka_GVO97, download the app today
[TMPS][PR] Admission to Exam / Допуск к экзамену / Admiterea la examen
          21.04.2019 3:17:38 +03:00
          21.04.2019 8:00:00 +03:00
 453
                                             "People are reworking movie titles with body parts ??" Moment
Важное оповещение системы безопасности
          21.04.2019 12:43:18 +03:00
          21.04.2019 14:55:49 +03:00
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Conclusion

In order to implement all the functionality what I have done, I used the MailKit and MimeKit libraries from NuGet package Manager of Visual Studio. It has a lot of built-in methods which make programmer's life a little bit easier, but unfortunately, not all of these methods could be used for every email. It could be explained that *imap* and *smtp* ports may differ from server to server. Also I should mention that gmail blocks third part applications which try to synchronize their actions with it (as a solution I was forced to enable permision of the third part applications to access my account in case of valid credentials).

The good thing of this application is that it can send messages to different mail server providers which have support of *imap* and *smtp*. If the messages are not downloaded or are not reach the destination, it means that the user should do a little bit changes inside his/her account settings.