

### Declaring Variables:

Syntax: **[Public |Private| Dim] <variable name> as <Data type>**

Examples:

```
Public varItem as string
Private varQty as integer
Dim varPrice as decimal
```

### Conditional Statement:

Syntax:

```
If <condition 1> then
    <statement 1>
[elseif <condition 2> then
    <statement 2>
    ...
Elseif <condition n> then
    <statement n>
Else
    <else statement>
End if
```

LOOPS:

1. For ... Next statement

Syntax:

```
For counter [ As datatype ] = <start value> To <end value> [ Step <increment> ]
    [ statements ]
Next [ counter ]
```

2. While ... End While statement

Syntax:

```
While <condition >
    [ statements ]
End While
```

3. Do... Loop

Syntax:

```
Do {While | Until} <condition >
    [ statements ]
Loop
```

### Establishing Database connection.

- Declare a connection variable  
*Private <connection variable> as Common.DbConnection*  
*Note: must be placed outside of any event or user-defined procedures*
- Create the connection string  
*<connection variable> = new DB2Connection ("[server = <server name>;]  
database = <database name>;" + "uid = <user name>; password =  
<password>;")*
- Open the connection  
*<connection variable>. Open*

### Try ... catch ... statement

- It is an exception handler. It gives us a way to handle possible errors that may occur in a given block of code during runtime.
- In case of errors, your program can terminate “gracefully”

Syntax:

```
Try  
    [try statements]  
[Catch [ exception [ As type]]  
    [ catch Statements]  
End try
```

Example:

```
Try  
    Me.txtlastname = "Isaac Newton"  
Catch ex As Exception  
    Msgbox(ex.toString)  
End Try
```

### DB2Command Class:

- Represents an SQL statement or stored procedure to execute against a data source.
  - Methods for executing commands against a database.
    - ExecuteReader - Executes commands that return rows (SELECT)
    - ExecuteNonQuery - Executes commands such as SQL INSERT, DELETE, UPDATE, and SET statements.
  - Syntax:
    - Dim <variable> As New DB2Command(<Sql as string>,<connection>) or
    - <db2Command variable> = new DB2Command(<Sql as string>,<connection>)
- NOTE: the “sql string can be defined outside of the DB2 command class”

### Example:

1. insert these data, (1001, 'Pad Paper',50,34.50) into the ITEM table.

```
Dim SqlStr as string = "insert into item values (1001,'Pad Paper', 50, 34.50)"
Dim Cmd as new Db2Command(SqlStr, DbConn)
Cmd.ExecuteNonQuery
```

Or

```
Dim Cmd as DB2Command
Cmd = new DB2Command("insert into items values (1001,'Pad Paper', 50, 34.50)",
    DBConn)
Cmd.ExecuteNonQuery
```

2. Update the quantity, reduce it by 10, of item 1001

```
Dim SqlUpdate as string
Dim CmdUpdate as DB2Command
```

```
SqlUpdate = "update items set itemQty = ItemQty - 10 where itemNo = 1001"
CmdUpdate = new DB2command(SqlUpdate,DBConn)
CmdUpdate.ExecuteNonQuery
```

3. Retrieving all rows from table ITEMS.

```
Dim SqlRet as string
Dim CmdSelect as DB2Command
Dim SelectReader as DB2DataReader
```

```
SqlRet = "select itemNo, itemDesc, itemQty, itemPrice from item"
CmdSelect = new DB2Command(SqlRet, DBConn)
SelectReader = CmdSelect.ExecuteReader
```

### Data Grid:

#### Filling Up a DataGrid View Header

- Set the number of columns using ColumnCount property  
Syntax: *<datagrid name>.ColumnCount = <no of columns>*

DataGridView1.ColumnCount = 3

- Set the column names using the Name property

Syntax: *<datagrid name>.Columns(<index>).Name = <column name>*

DataGridView1.Columns(0).Name = "Department"

- Set the column width using the Width property

Syntax: *<datagrid name>.Columns(<index>).Width = <column width>*

DataGridView1.Columns(0).Width = 150

Filling Up the Data Grid:

- With the data reader that holds the data populates the grid using the Data Grid Add row function.
- Syntax:

*<data grid name>.Rows.Add(<row var as array of string>)*

- Example:

```
dim row as String()
while rdr.Read()
    row = new String() {rdr.GetSting(0),..., rdr.GetString(n)}
    dgView.Rows.Add(row)
End While
```

Fetching Data from the DataGrid: (with the MouseUp Event)

Syntax: *<variable> = <datagrid name>.CurrentRow.Cells(<index>).Value[.ToString]*

Dim VCode as Integer

Dim VName as String

VCode = MyDataGrid.CurrentRow.Cells(0).Value

VName = MyDataGrid.CurrentRow.Cells(1).Value.ToString