



Topic 2A

Introduction to C# and
Windows Form

Topics

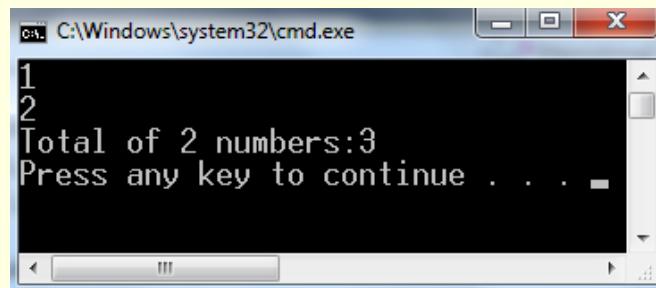
- ❑ Introduction to the C# Language
- ❑ A Word about Windows Form
- ❑ Creating a new project, compile and execute a C# program

Objectives:

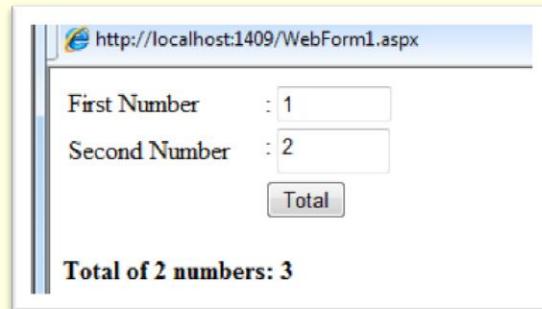
- ❑ Be able to understand what C# can achieve
- ❑ Be able to understand fundamentals of Windows Form
- ❑ Be able to create a C# project, compile and execute the program.

Introduction to the C# Language

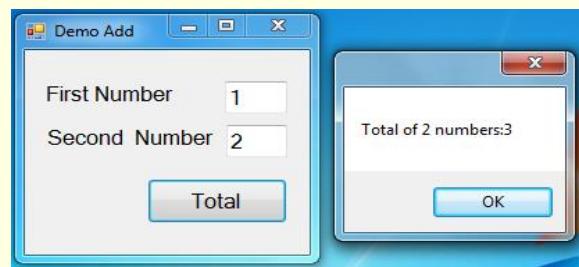
- ❑ The C# language that you will learn in this module can be used in many environments:
- ❑ Console Applications



- ❑ Web Applications



- ❑ Windows Form Applications



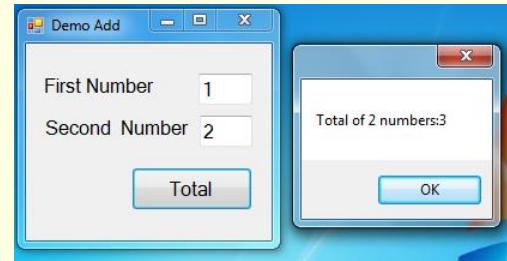
Introduction to the C# Language

- ❑ And many others such as mobile applications. So once you master C#, you will also do well in other programming modules!

- ❑ In this IT1753 Module, you will be using **Windows Form** to learn how to write programs using C#.

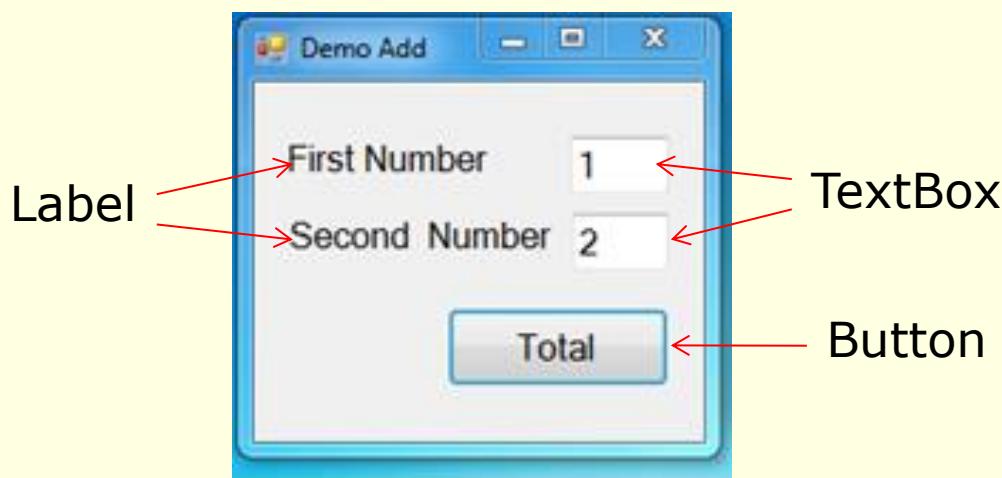
- ❑ **Why Windows Form?** It helps you to develop programs **quickly** that are **friendly, interactive** and **fun** (like games), without worrying about the details of how its **controls** (example, button, text box) are created.

- ❑ In this way, you can focus on mastering the C# Language!



A Word about Windows Form

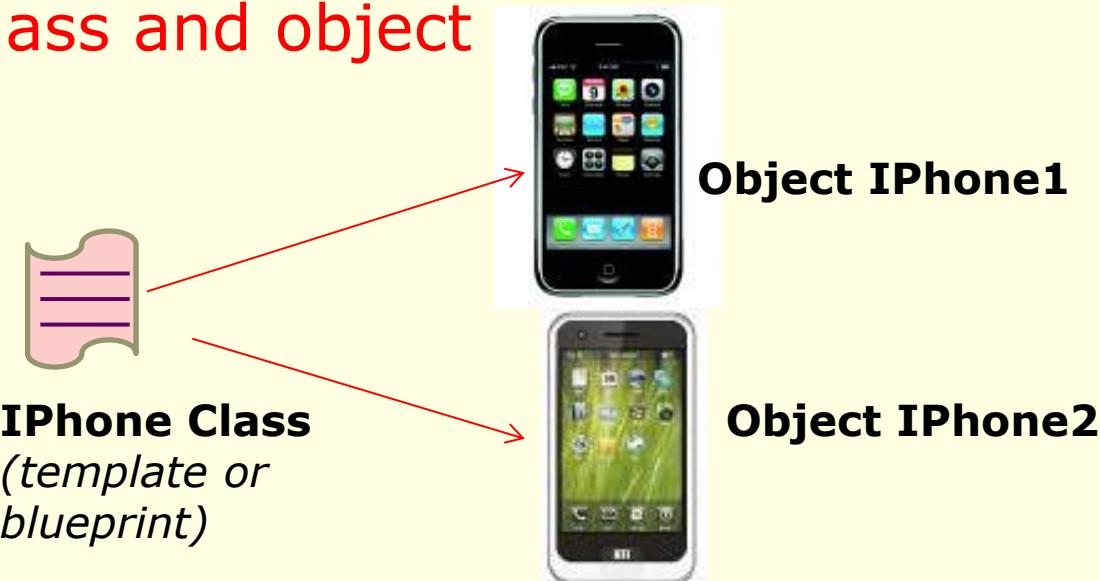
- Let's examine Windows Forms in more detail



- The controls on the form above – Label, TextBox, Button and even the Form itself - are *objects*.
- But what are objects?

A Word about Windows Form

Illustration of the relationship between class and object



- ❑ In this iPhone example, an **iPhone Class** is a **template or blueprint** needed to make one or more iPhone **objects**. Classes have **properties** and **methods**.
 - ❑ Property refers to what it **has**, say, its color and dimensions (description)
 - ❑ Methods refer to what it **can do** say, dial a number, surf internet, answer a call etc. (actions)

A Word about Windows Form

Illustration of the relationship between class and object



- In the above example, from the iPhone **class**, we create 2 **Objects** – iPhone1 and iPhone2
- Once an object, we can change the value of properties and methods derived from the class.
- For example,



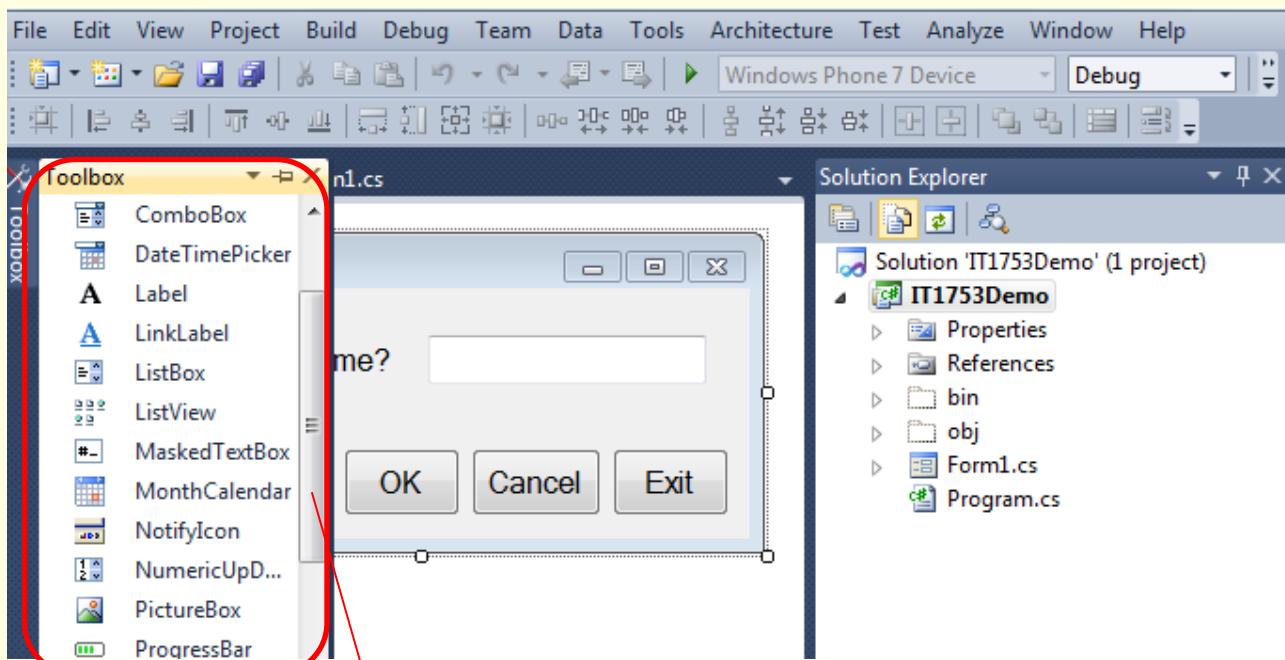
Color Property of Object iPhone1 is **Black**



Color Property of Object iPhone2 is **White**

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- Similar to the **iPhone Class** example, each **control** in the **Toolbox** is a **class** you can use. The Toolbox is part of the **IDE** or Integrated Development Environment.

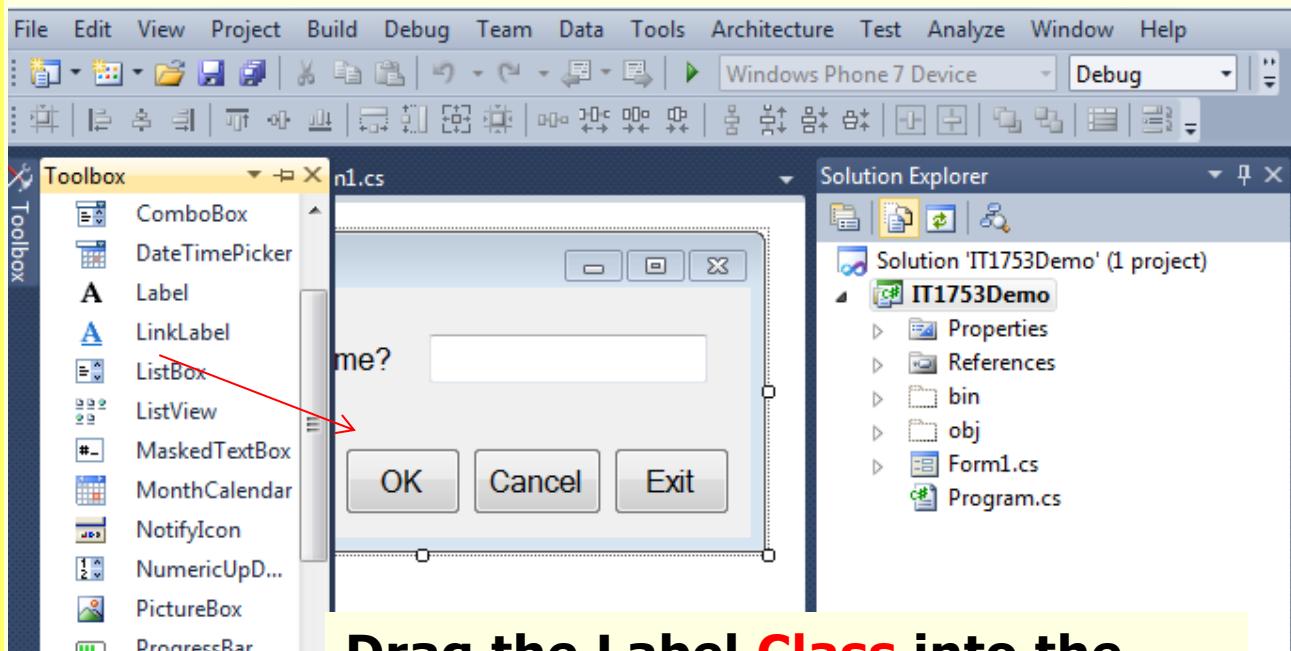


These are Control classes available for you to use

- As you can see from the Toolbox, you have a ComboBox class, DateTimePicker class, a Label class etc.

A Word about Windows Form

- ❑ How do you create an object from the control classes in the Toolbox?
- ❑ You just need to ‘drag and drop’ the control you want from the Toolbox to the Form!

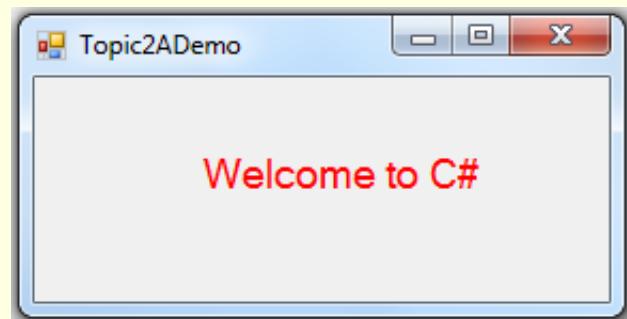


Drag the Label Class into the Form to create a Label Object.

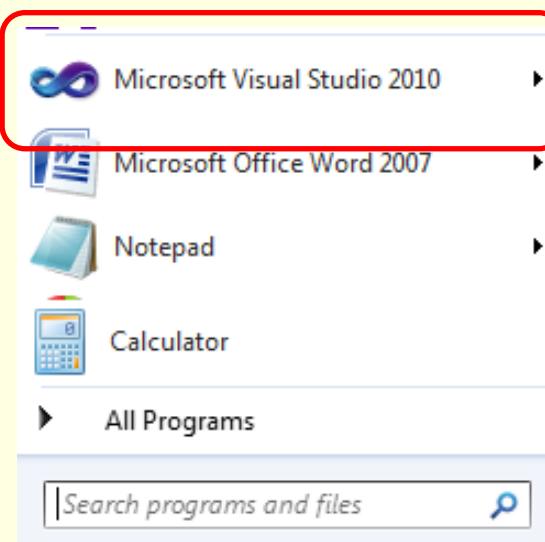
- ❑ Once the control is placed on the Form, the IDE will create automatically the necessary code for you to create the object; The basic C# coding are provided by VS.
- ❑ However, you may need to add in C# codes for your application. You will learn it soon!

An Example: Creating a Simple C# Windows Form

- Having understood what a control class is and how to create objects from them, let's go through a step by step example to create this form:

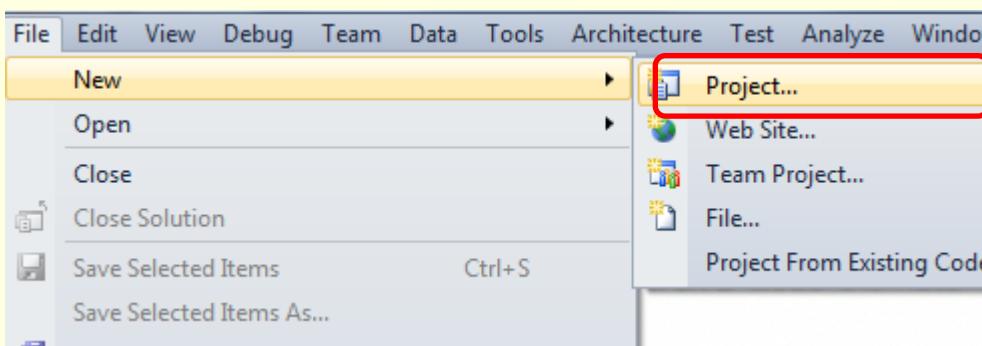


- Click on Visual Studio to run the IDE environment.



An Example: Creating a Simple C# Windows Form

2. Select File->New->Project.



3. Set the following:

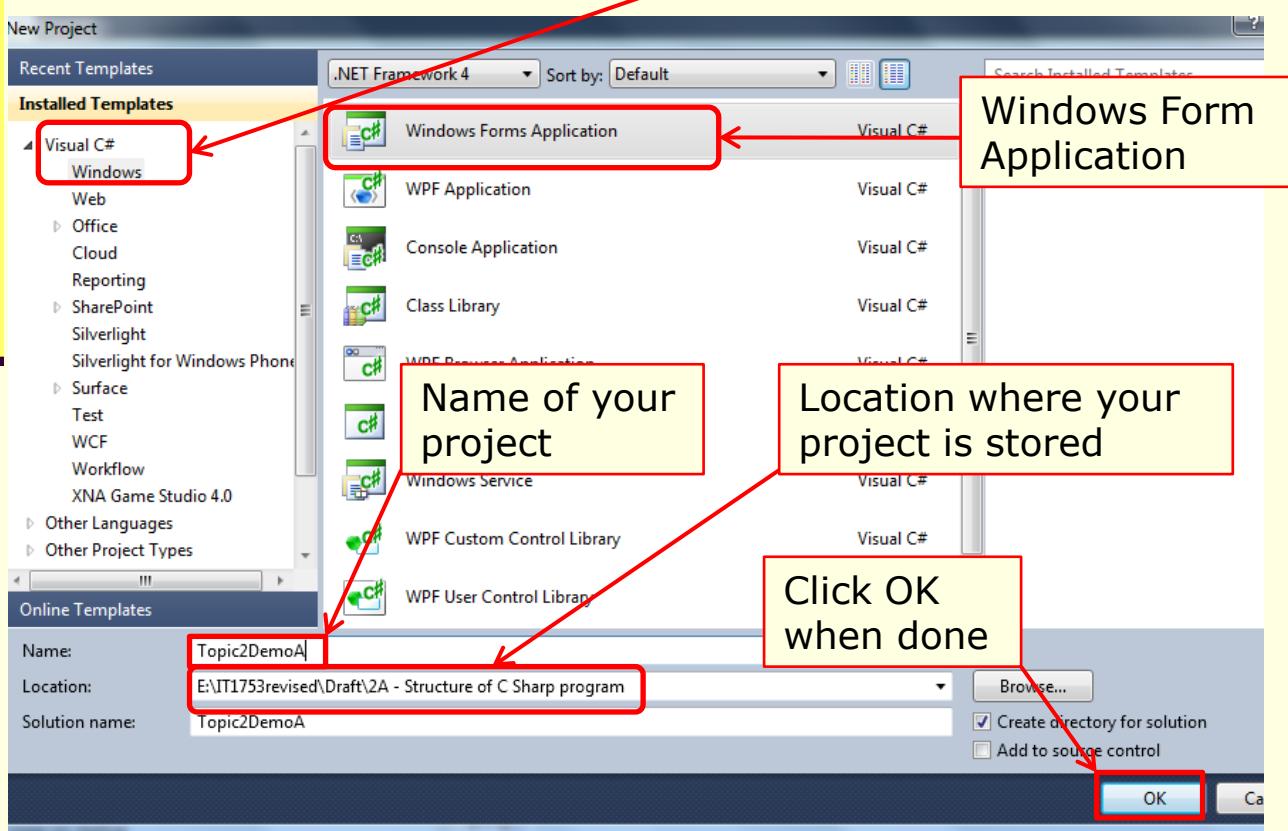
Choose C# and Windows

Windows Form Application

Name of your project

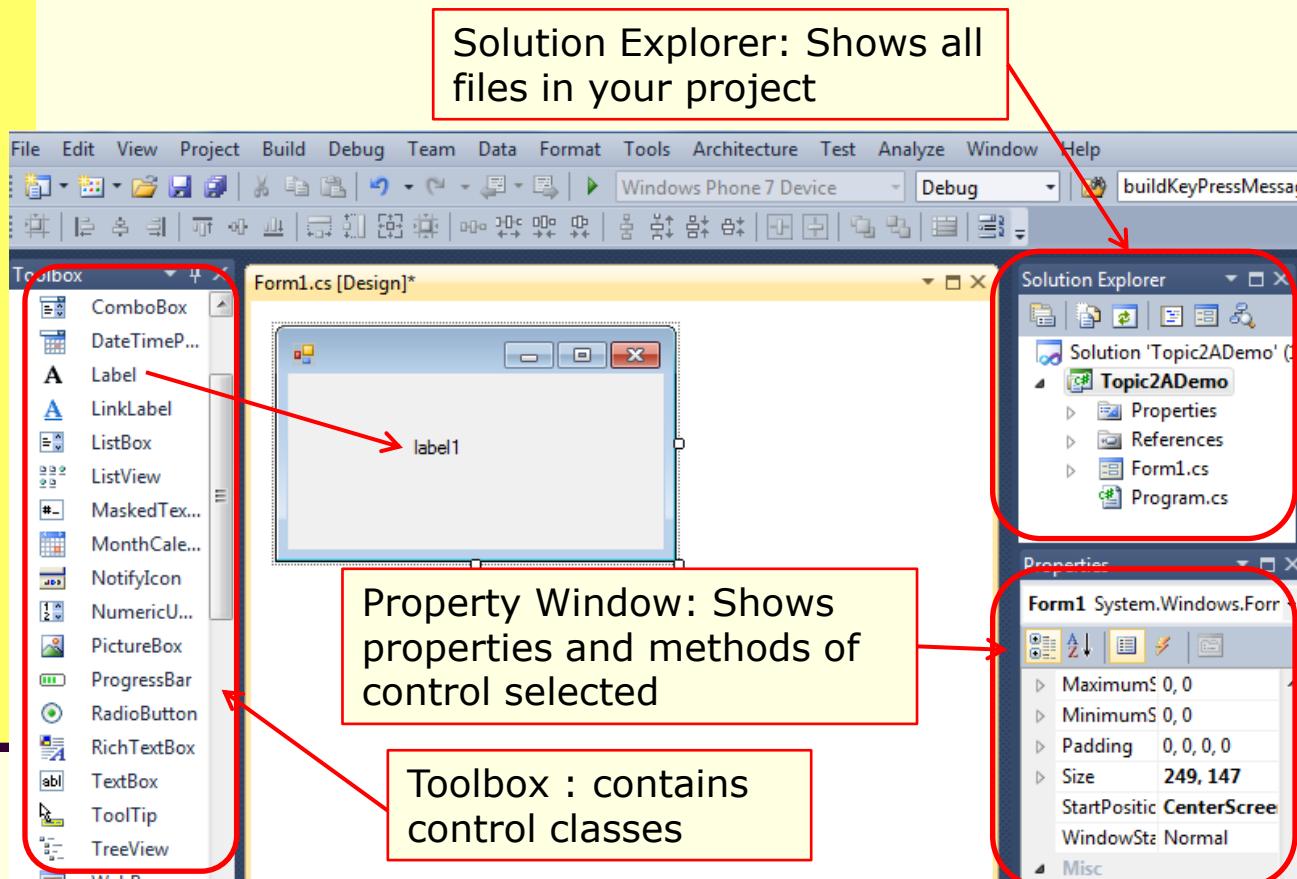
Location where your project is stored

Click OK when done



An Example: Creating a Simple C# Windows Form

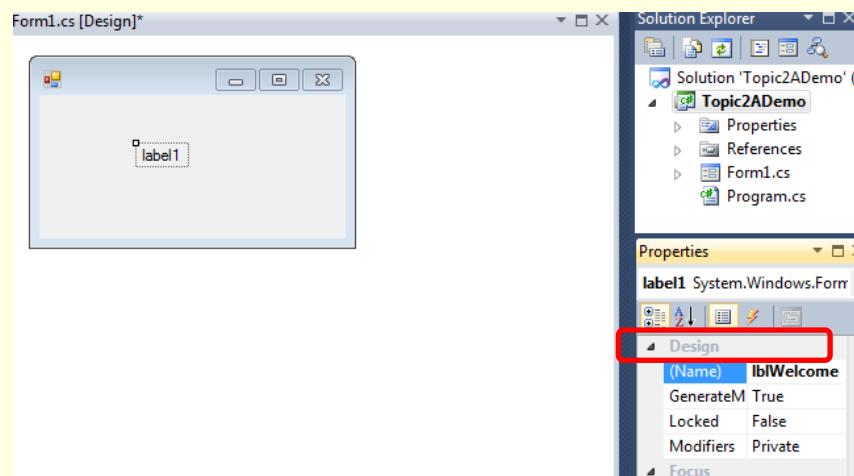
4. The IDE that opens up comprises a Toolbox, Document Window, Solution Explorer, Property Window



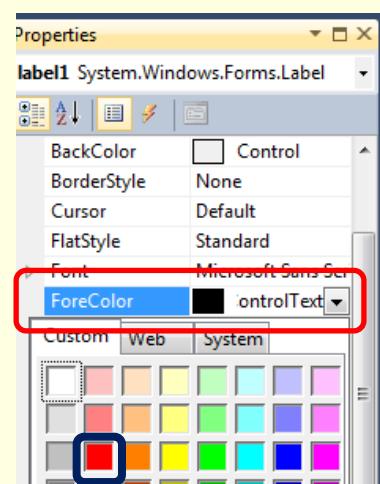
5. Drag and drop a Label control **class** from the Toolbox onto the Form1 to create a Label **object**.

An Example: Creating a Simple C# Windows Form

6. Change the Name property of the Label object to **IblWelcome**. It is a good practice to give your object meaningful names. In this, **Ibl** refers to the prefix for Label and Welcome is because this Label is used to display a Welcome message.



7. Just for fun, change the ForeColour of the Label object to Red.



An Example: Creating a Simple C# Windows Form

8. Double click on the Form using the mouse. The C# code will be shown. Don't worry about the rest of the code yet. Just look at the portion **Form1_Load**.

This is the method which executes when the Form first starts up(Remember a **method** is what an object can do?). In this case, the Form can perform a Load method called Form1_Load.

Fill up the line of text in *italics and red* within the Form1_Load method { } curly braces. Notice the line ends with a semicolon ;

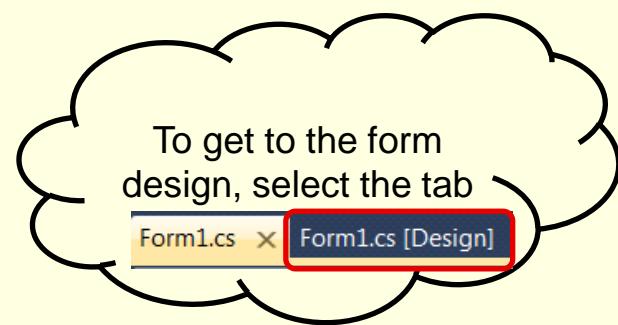
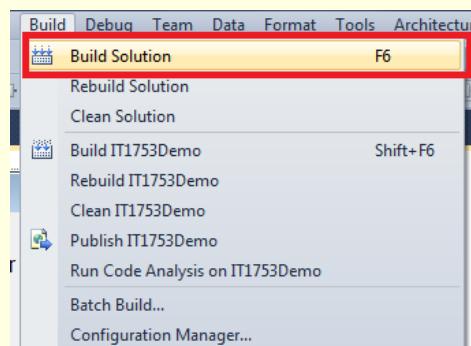
```
namespace Topic2ADemo
{
    public partial class Form1 : Form
    {
        public Form1()
        {
            InitializeComponent();
        }

        private void Form1_Load(object sender,
                               EventArgs e)
        {
            IblWelcome.Text = "Welcome to C#";
        }
    }
}
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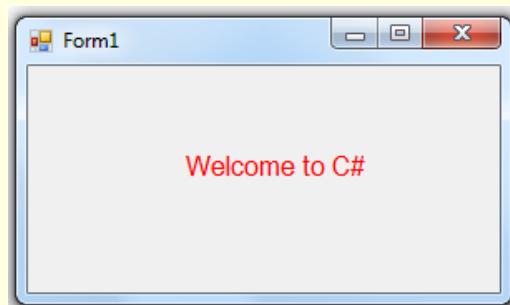
This means you are giving the Text property of Label IblWelcome the value "Welcome to C#"

An Example: Creating a Simple C# Windows Form

9. Compile the file by pressing **F6** or clicking on the highlighted menu item shown highlighted in red below. Notice if compilation is successful, a message “*Build successful*” is displayed on the bottom left.



10. Execute the file by pressing **F5**. The following Form will appear.



- ❑ Congratulations! You have successfully written a C# program with only 1 line of code!

An Example: Creating a Simple C# Windows Form

- Now that you have developed your first C# Form, let's look at the code in more detail:

```
namespace Topic2ADemo
{
    public partial class Form1 : Form
    {
        public Form1()
        {
            InitializeComponent();
        }

        private void Form1_Load(object sender,
                               EventArgs e)
        {
            // welcome statement
            lblWelcome.Text = "Welcome to C#";
        }
    }
}
```

- First, notice that for each section, the {} braces comes **in pair** – an opening and closing brace
- Namespace is just a way to organise information. You do not have to be too concerned about this for now.
- Form1_Load is the method called when your Form first starts up. You write your C# codes inside methods like Form1_Load

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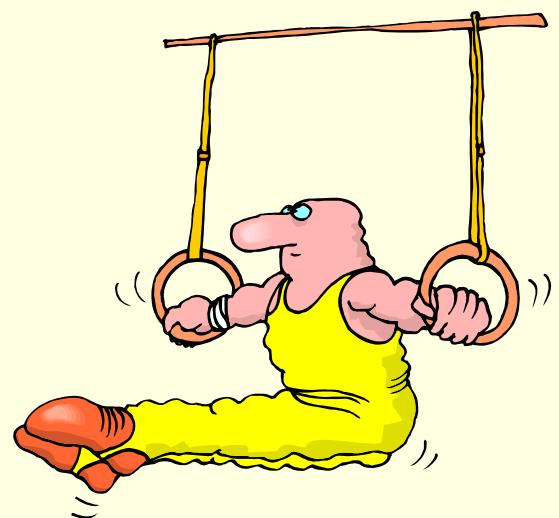
4 Note C# codes end with a semi colon;

5 This is a comment. Comments are ignored by the compiler

6 This line is automatically created by the IDE to create all necessary codes to get your program working

Summary

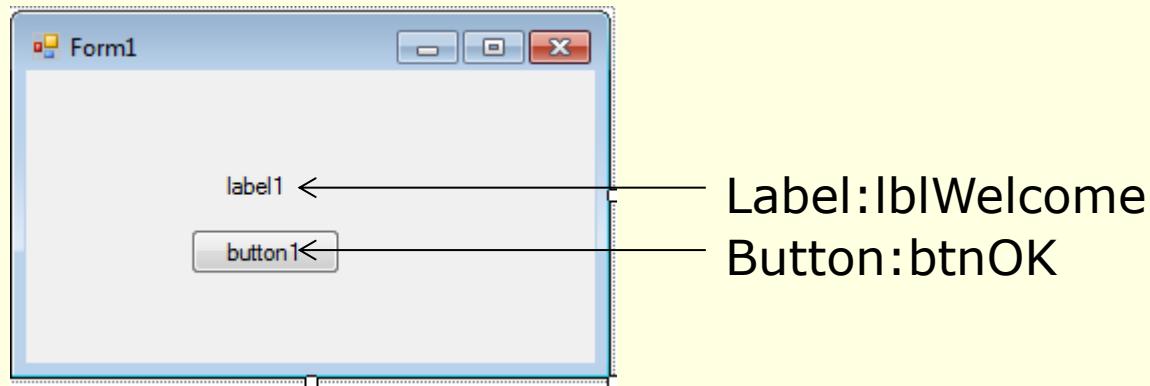
- Introduction to C# Language
- Understand the fundamentals of Windows Form
- How to create a C# project, compile and execute C# Windows Form application
- Do **PRACTICAL 2A**



Practical 2A

Exercise 1: Creating a Simple C# Windows Form

1. Using the steps given from Page 11 onwards, create a new Windows Form Project called Prac2AEx1.
2. Create a button and label object as shown.



3. Assign them the following properties:

Control	Property	Value
Button	Name	btnOK
Button	Text	OK
Label	Name	lblWelcome
Label	Text	<blank>

To get the **Property window**, Right mouse click on the object, choose



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Creating a Simple C# Windows Form

4. (a) Double click on the button.
(b) You will see a **btnOK_Click** method in the C# code. The button has a click method which will respond to the mouse click.

5. (a) When the button is click, we want to display a message “Welcome to C# Programming” in the Label we created earlier.
(b) To achieve this, in the btnOK_Click method, between the curly braces { }, enter the following sentence.

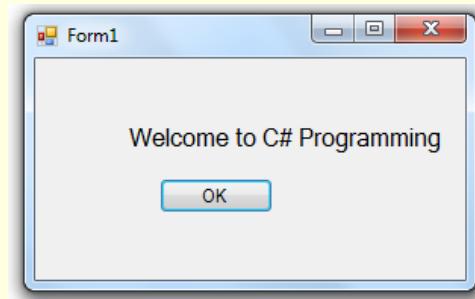
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- (c) Note there is a semicolon at the end of each C# sentence.
6. Compile your program by pressing F6. Make sure a message “Build Successful” is displayed at the bottom right corner of the IDE.

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7. Run the program by pressing F5.
8. Test your program by pressing the OK button. The following should appear.



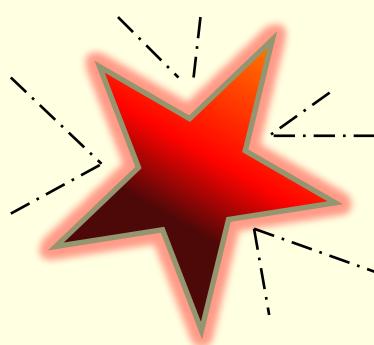
9. Congratulations! You have written a C# Windows Form program.

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❑ Bonus exercise 1!!

- ❑ Modify the program to do the following:
 - ❑ When user clicks OK button
 - ❑ Program displays “Ah Meng, Welcome to C#”
(Where Ah Meng is your name)



Practical 2A – C# Applications

Exercise 2 – GUI creation

We will be creating the C# GUI for all the practical questions:

- Refer: week 1 - Topic 1B, Practical 1B
- Based on the GUI design on paper
- Create the user controls in VS

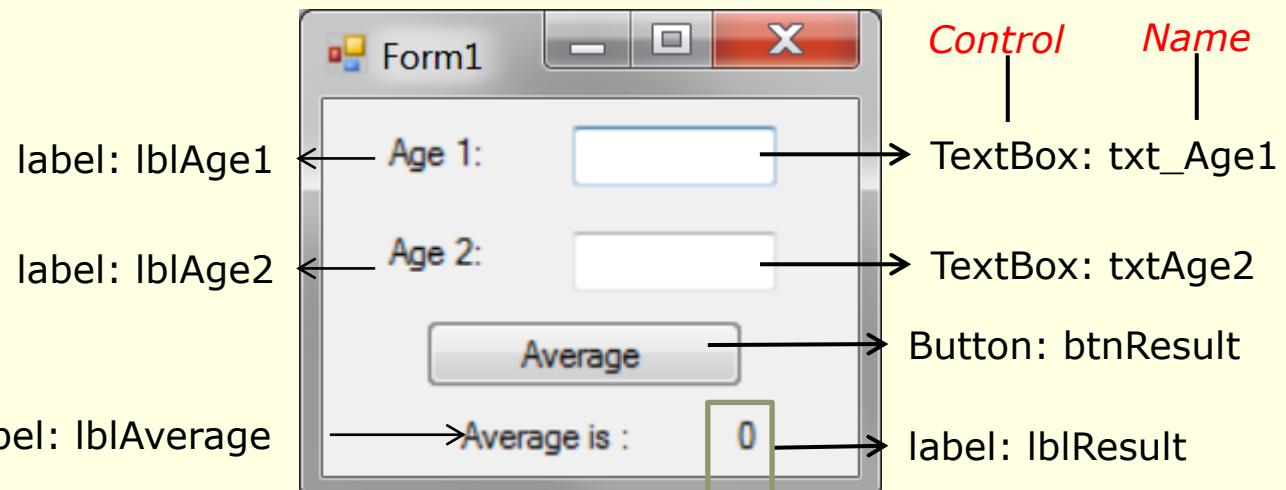


For example:

Q1. Create a new application window project named as Pract2AEx2Q1. Based on the GUI you have designed, **name** your controls and **create** the GUI (using button, label and text box)

Design a program that prompts and reads the age of 2 different people, calculates the average age, and displays it.

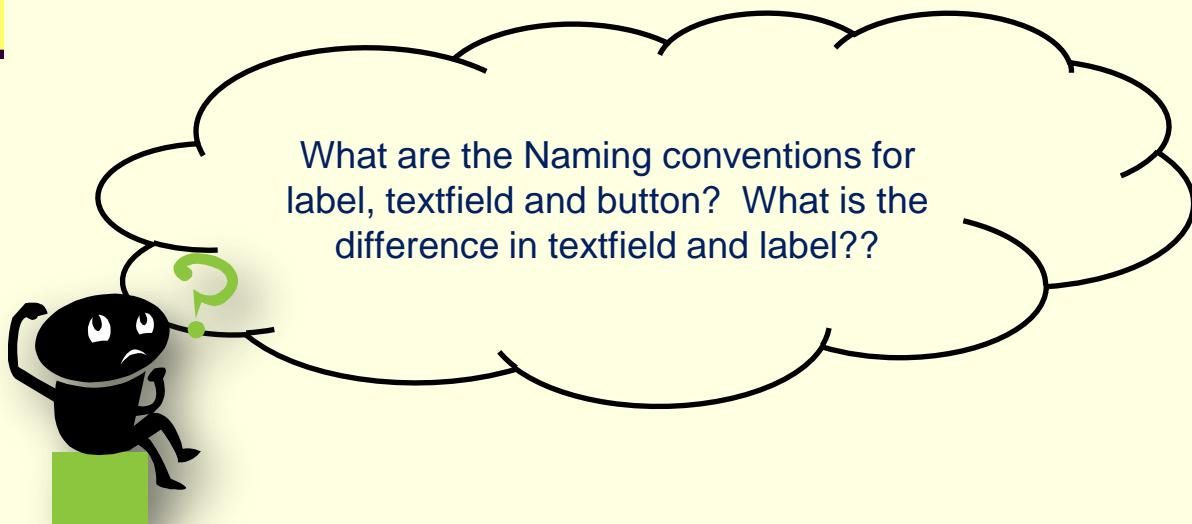
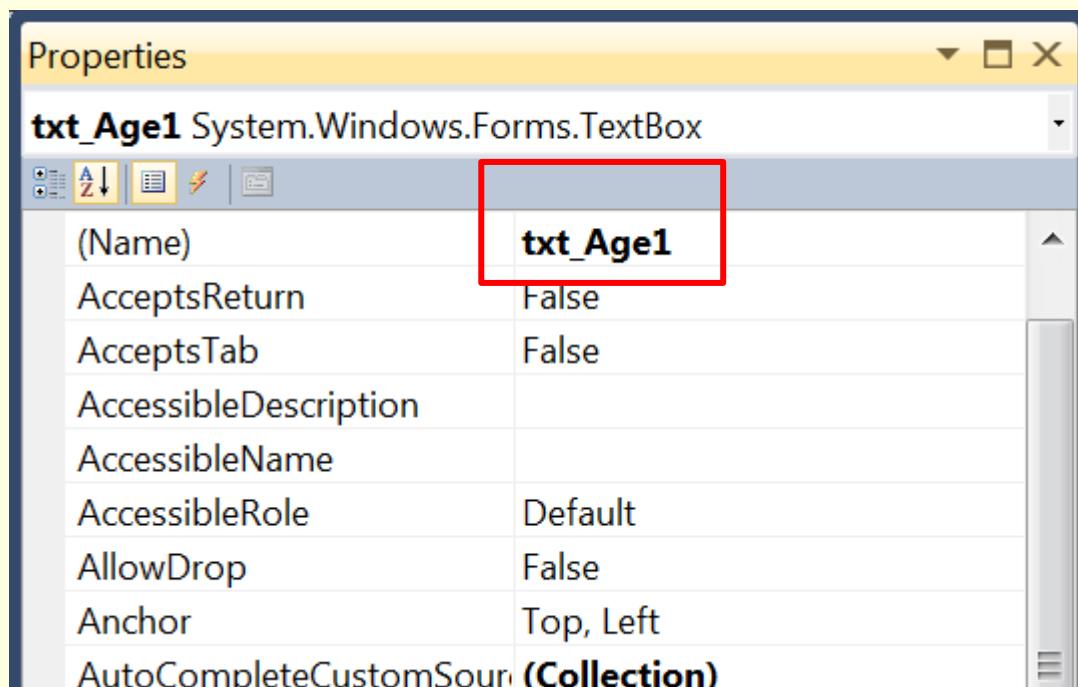
The screenshot shows a Windows application window titled "Form1". It contains two text boxes labeled "Age 1:" and "Age 2:", each containing the number "2" and "4" respectively. Below these is a button labeled "Average". To the right of the button is a label "Average is" followed by a text box containing the number "3".



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Exercise 2 – GUI creation

Here is a screen shot on how to setting up the properties for **txt_Age1** text box control.



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Exercise 2 – GUI creation

- You may test your application. Does it work?
Yes/No – Why?????????



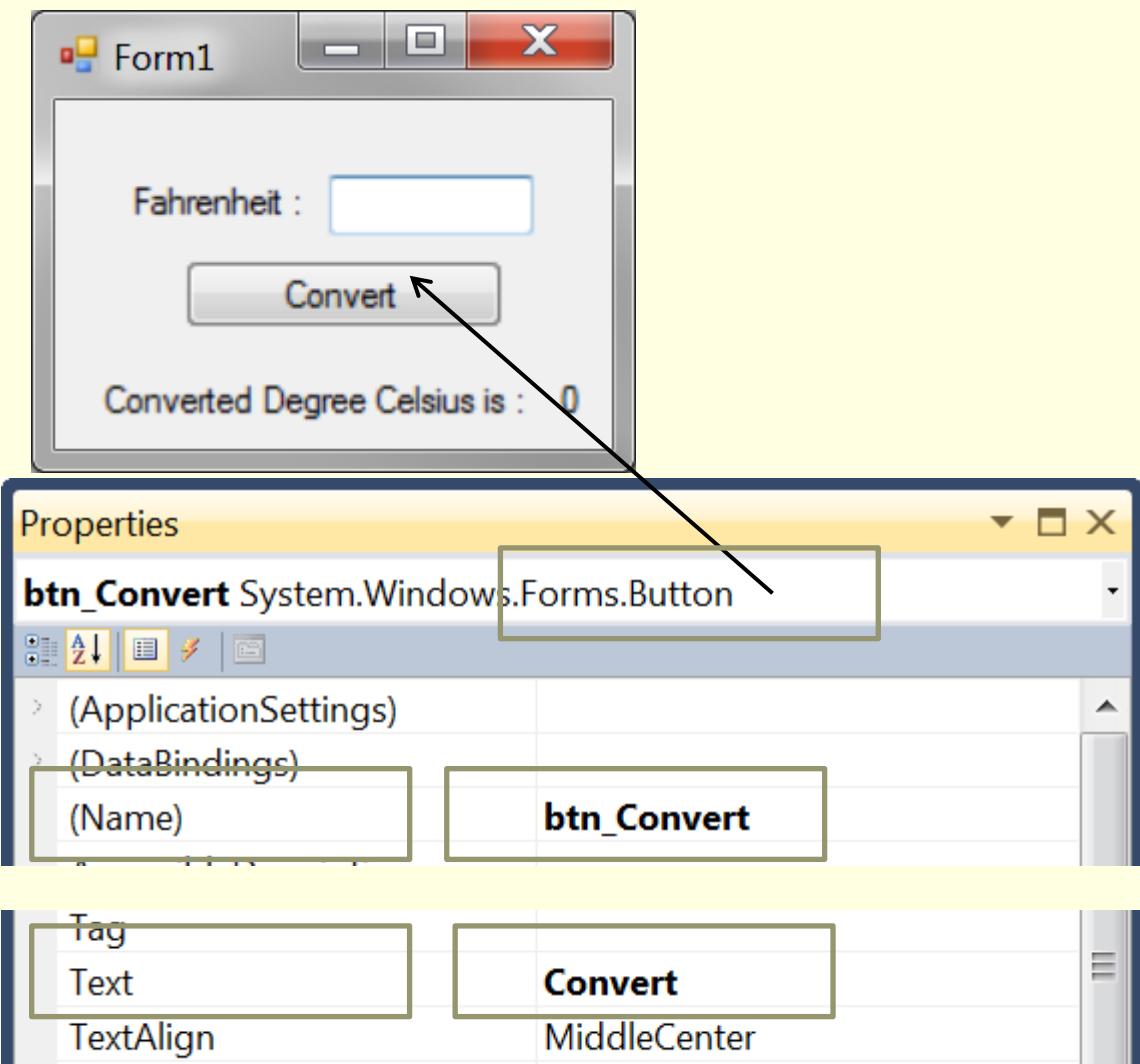
Complete ALL the GUI design in VS for all questions, Q2 to Q5 in Practical 1B

- Name the projects as:
 - Pract2AEx2Q2
 - Pract2AEx2Q3
 - Pract2AEx2Q4
 - Pract2AEx2Q5
- You are free to use your own names for the controls but must follow the naming convention:
 - Label – lbl****
 - Button – btn****
 - TextField – txt****
- Very important → save all your files as you will need them in the next lessons.**
- The C# code will make your application **“ALIVE”**

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Exercise 2 – GUI creation

- ❑ Screen design of Q2 GUI and how to setup control for **Convert button**
 - ❑ It is a **BUTTON**
 - ❑ Name of Control is **btn_Convert**, Text displayed on Control is **Convert**



File Management

- You must be able to do the following:
 - ✓ Create a VS project
 - ✓ Save it.
 - ✓ Close it and open it again.
 - ✓ Compress the project and send it somewhere:
 - Send a copy to yourself or friend and see if you can open it.
 - Submit thru BB (BlackBoard) – refer to your tutor on this.

Note: if you cannot master this, you may spend a lot of time re-doing lost work or your future submissions may fail.

End of Topic 2A



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