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Introduction to Programming

Creating and Running Your First C# Program

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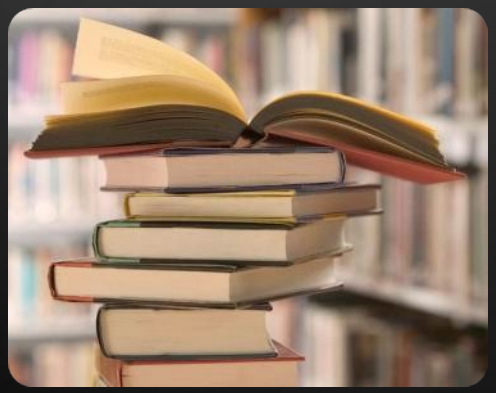

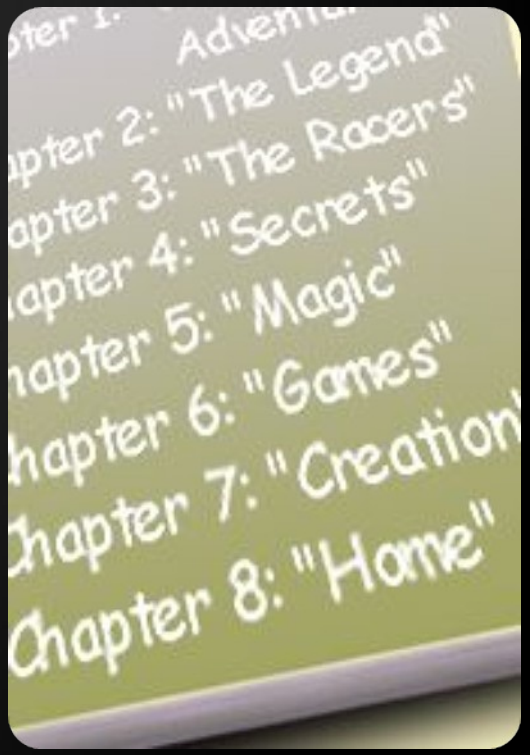

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What is Computer Programming?

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Define: Computer Programming

Computer programming: creating a sequence of instructions to enable the computer to do something

Definition by Google

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Programming Phases

- Define a task/problem = Specification
- Plan your solution = Design
  - Find suitable algorithm to solve it
  - Find suitable data structures to use
- Write code = Implementation
- Fix program error (bugs) = Testing & Debugging
- Make your customer happy = Deployment

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Your First C# Program

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First Look at C#

Sample C# program:

```
using System;

class HelloCSharp
{
    static void Main()
    {
        Console.WriteLine("Hello, C#");
    }
}
```

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C# Code – How It Works?

Include the standard namespace "System"

Define a class called "HelloCSharp"

```
using System;

class HelloCSharp
{
    static void Main()
    {
        Console.WriteLine("Hello, C#");
    }
}
```

Define the Main() method – the program entry point

Print a text on the console by calling the method "WriteLine" of the class "Console"

C# Code Should Be Well Formatted

Class names should use PascalCase and start with a CAPITAL letter.

```
using System;

class HelloCSharp
{
    static void Main()
    {
        Console.WriteLine("Hello, C#");
    }
}
```

The { symbol should be alone on a new line.

The } symbol should be under the corresponding {.

The block after the { symbol should be indented by a TAB.

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Example of Bad Formatting

Such formatting makes the source code unreadable.

```
          using
System
                                                    ;


    class          HelloCSharp                     {
            static
void        Main(                   )   {   Console
  .       WriteLine    ("Hello, C#"     )
;Console.
   WriteLine         (                "Hello again"
                     )                          ;}}
```

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What is "C#"?

- Programming language
  - A syntax that allow to give instructions to the computer
- C# features:
  - New cutting edge language
  - Extremely powerful
  - Easy to learn
  - Easy to read and understand
  - Object-oriented

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What You Need to Program?

- Knowledge of a programming language
  - C#
- Task to solve
- Development environment, compilers, SDK
  - Visual Studio, .NET Framework SDK
- Set of useful standard classes
  - Microsoft .NET Framework FCL
- Help documentation
  - MSDN Library

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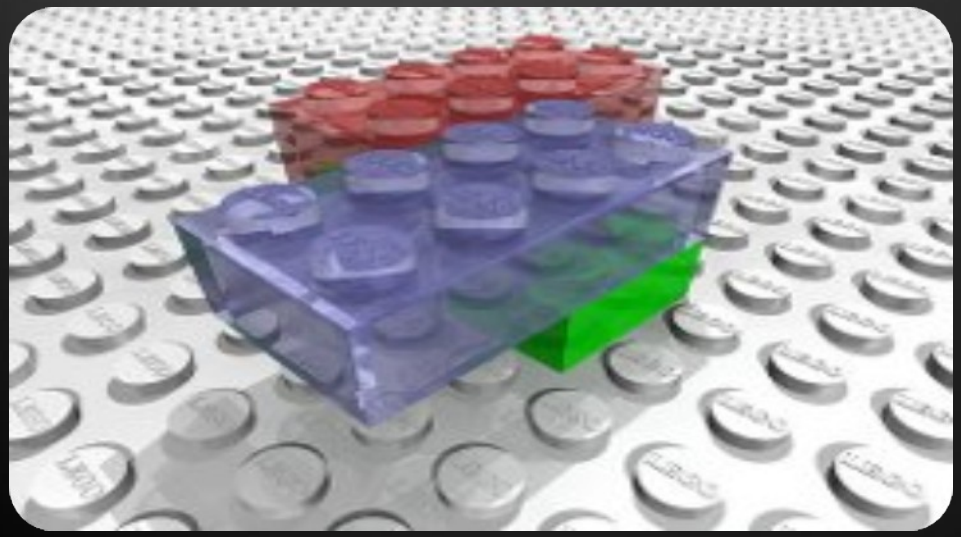
Your First C# Program

Live Demo



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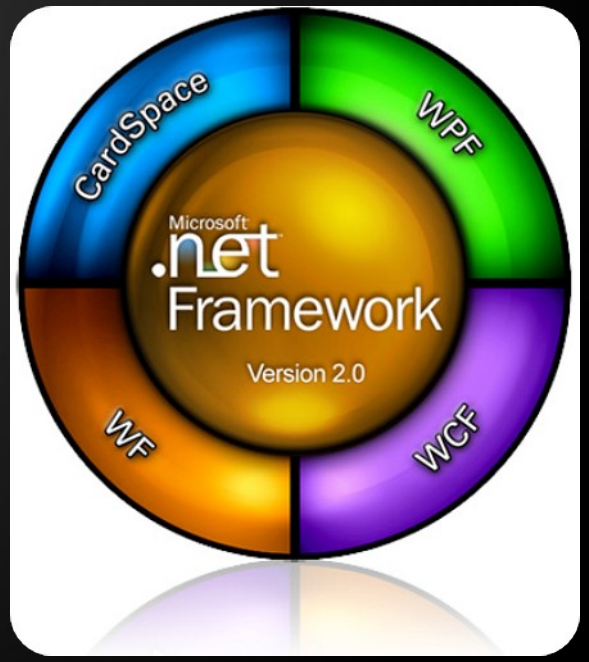
What is .NET Framework?



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What is .NET Framework?

- Environment for execution of .NET programs
- Powerful library of classes
- Programming model
- Common execution engine for many programming languages
  - C#
  - Visual Basic .NET
  - Managed C++
  - … and many others

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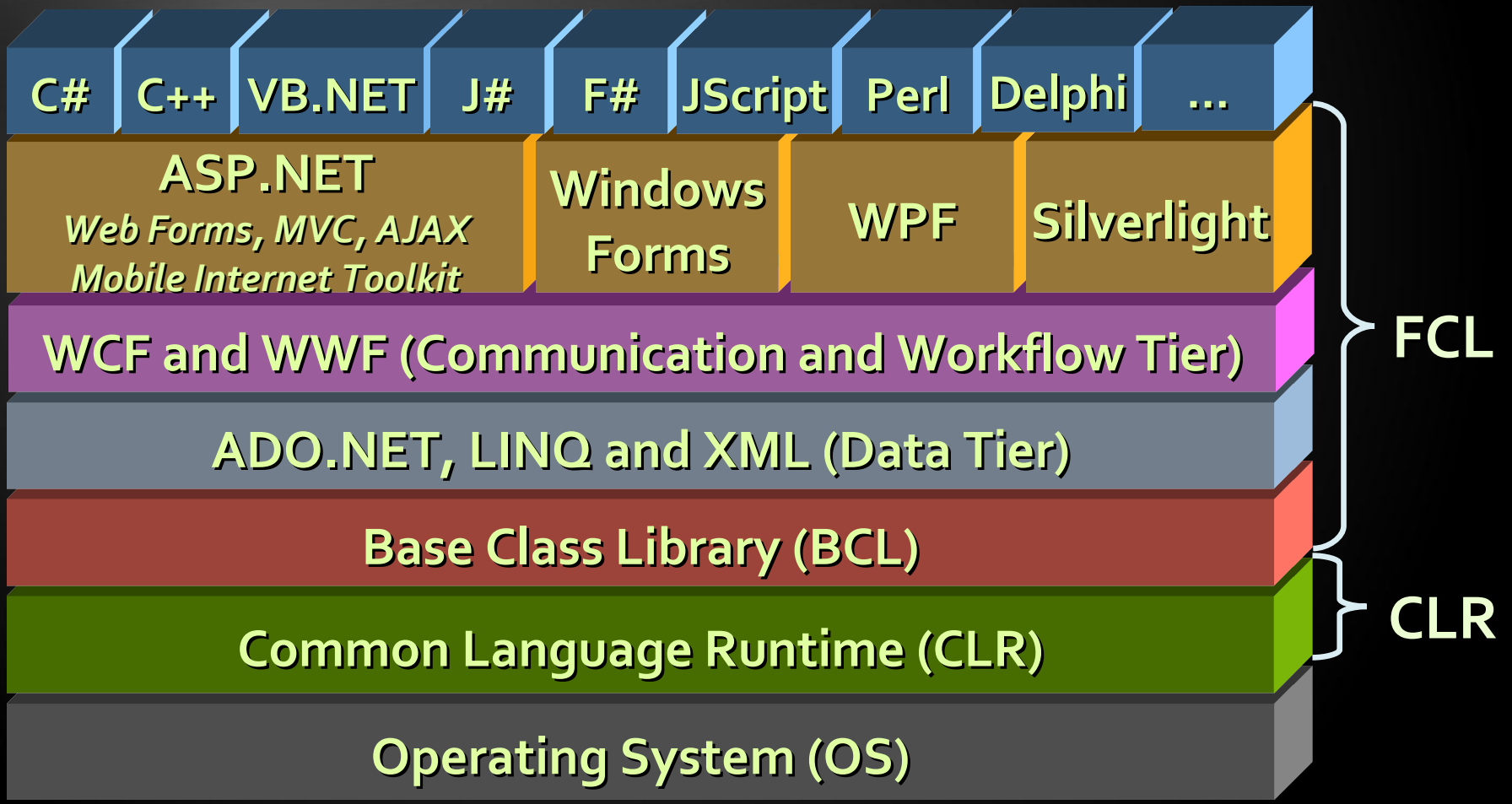
Inside .NET Framework

- Building blocks of .NET Framework



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CLR – The Heart of .NET Framework

- Common Language Runtime (CLR)
  - Managed execution environment
    - Executes .NET applications
    - Controls the execution process
  - Automatic memory management (garbage collection)
  - Programming languages integration
  - Multiple versions support for assemblies
  - Integrated type safety and security

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Framework Class Library

- Framework Class Library (FCL)
  - Provides basic functionality to developers:
    - Console applications
    - WPF and Silverlight rich-media applications
    - Windows Forms GUI applications
    - Web applications (dynamic Web sites)
    - Web services, communication and workflow
    - Server & desktop applications
    - Applications for mobile devices

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What is Visual Studio?

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Visual Studio

- Visual Studio – Integrated Development Environment (IDE)
- Development tool that helps us to:
  - Write code
  - Design user interface
  - Compile code
  - Execute / test / debug applications
  - Browse the help
  - Manage project's files

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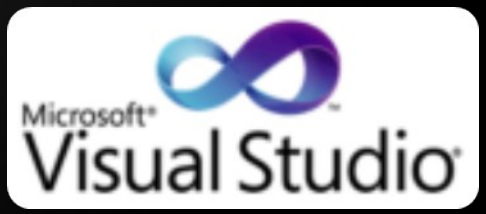
Benefits of Visual Studio

- Single tool for:
  - Writing code in many languages (C#, VB, …)
  - Using different technologies (Web, WPF, …)
  - For different platforms (.NET CF, Silverlight, …)
- Full integration of most development activities (coding, compiling, testing, debugging, deployment, version control, …)
- Very easy to use!



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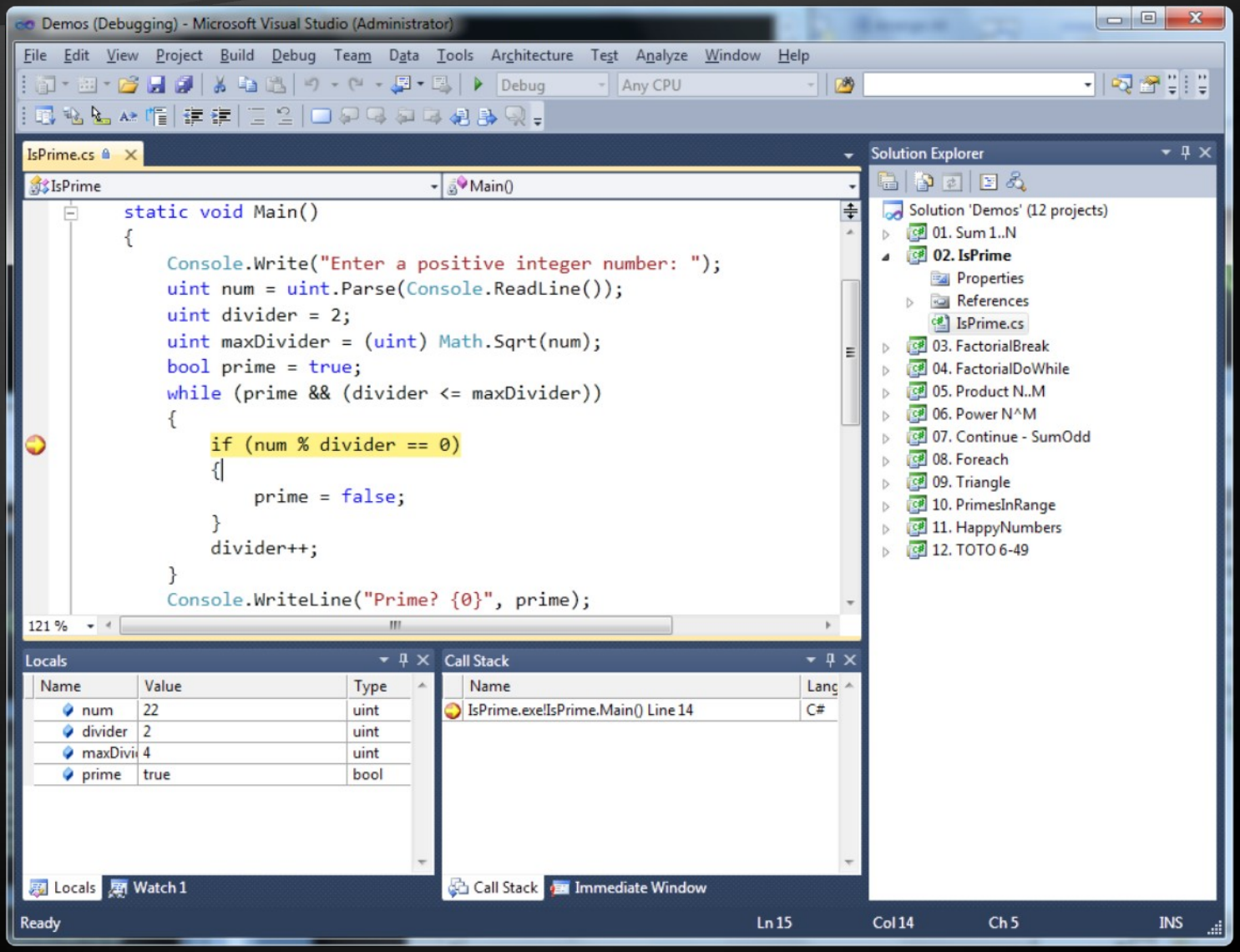
Visual Studio – Example



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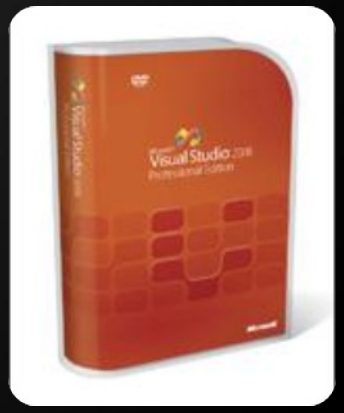
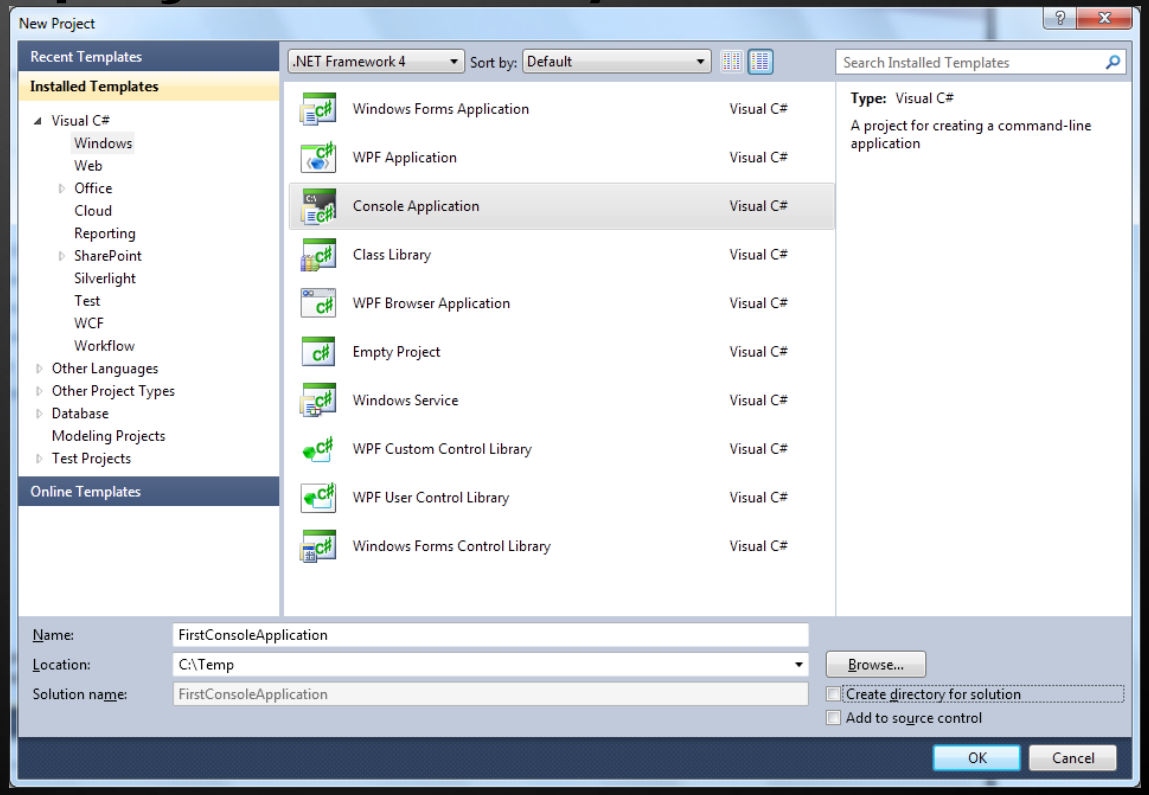
Compiling, Running and Debugging C# Programs



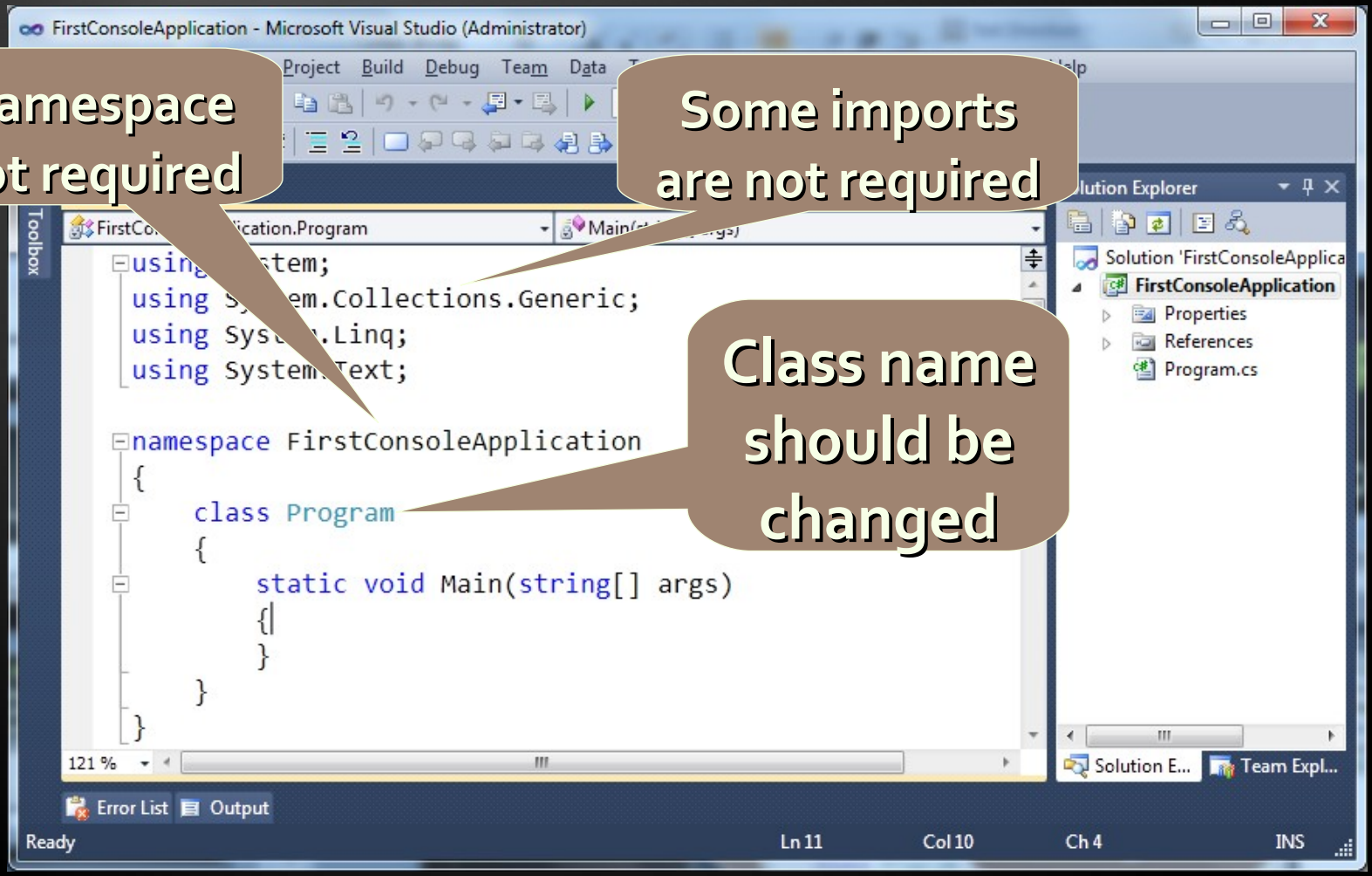
Creating New Console Application

- File → New → Project …
- Choose C# console application
- Choose project directory and name



Creating New Console Application (2)

1. Visual Studio creates some source code for you



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Compiling Source Code

- The process of compiling includes:
  - Syntactic checks
  - Type safety checks
  - Translation of the source code to lower level language (MSIL)
  - Creating of executable files (assemblies)
- You can start compilation by
  - Using Build->Build Solution/Project
  - Pressing [F6] or [Shift+Ctrl+B]

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Running Programs

- The process of running application includes:
  - Compiling (if project not compiled)
  - Starting the application
- You can run application by:
  - Using Debug->Start menu
  - By pressing [F5] or [Ctrl+F5]

* NOTE: Not all types of projects are able to be started!

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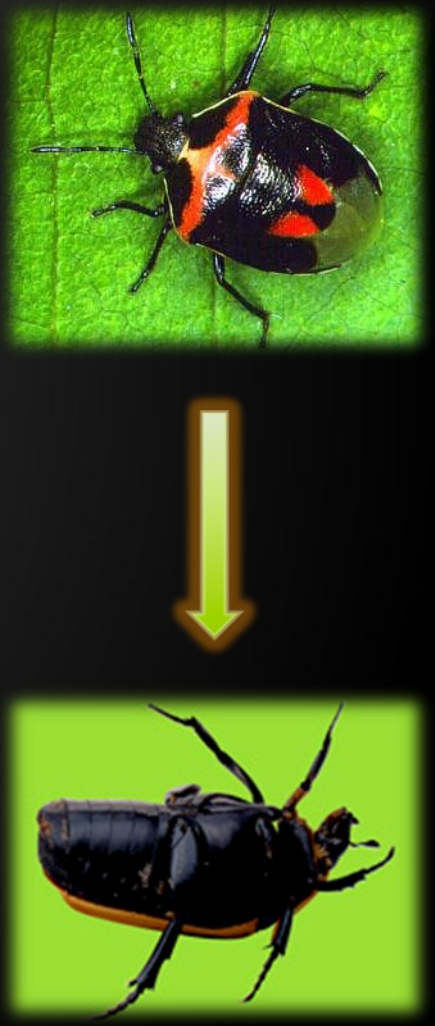
Debugging The Code

- The process of debugging application includes:
  - Spotting an error
  - Finding the lines of code that cause the error
  - Fixing the code
  - Testing to check if the error is gone and no errors are introduced
- Iterative and continuous process



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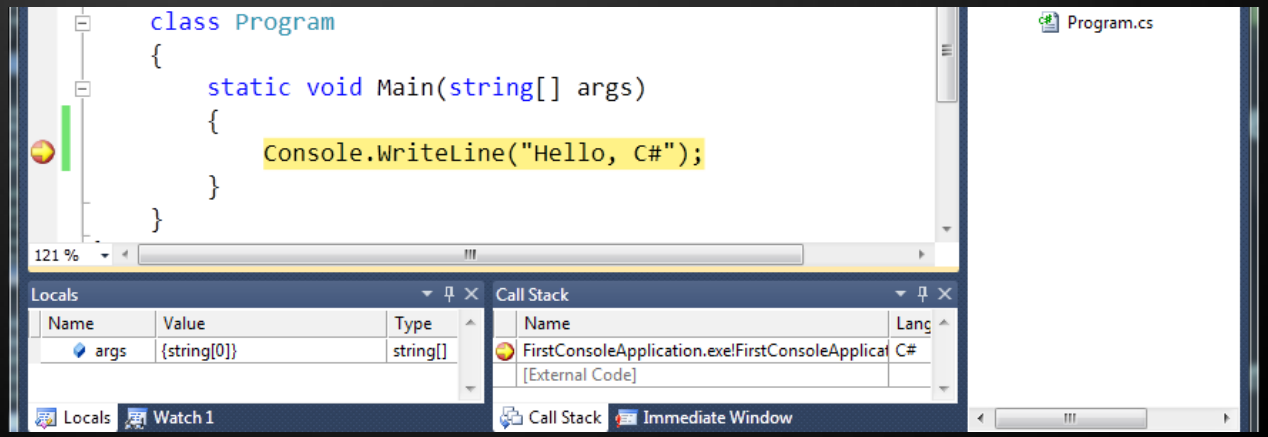
Debugging in Visual Studio

- Visual Studio has built-in debugger
- It provides:
  - Breakpoints
  - Ability to trace the code execution
  - Ability to inspect variables at runtime



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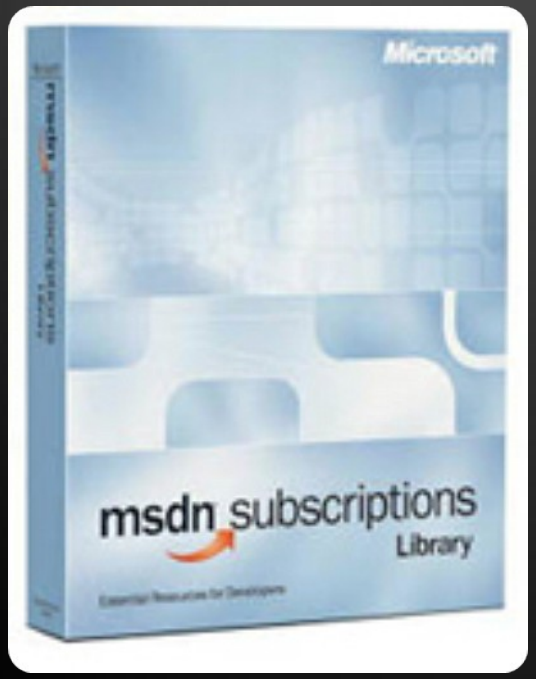
What is MSDN Library?



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What is MSDN Library?

- Complete documentation of all classes and their functionality
  - With descriptions of all methods, properties, events, etc.
  - With code examples
- Related articles
- Library of samples
- Use local copy or the Web version at http://msdn.microsoft.com/

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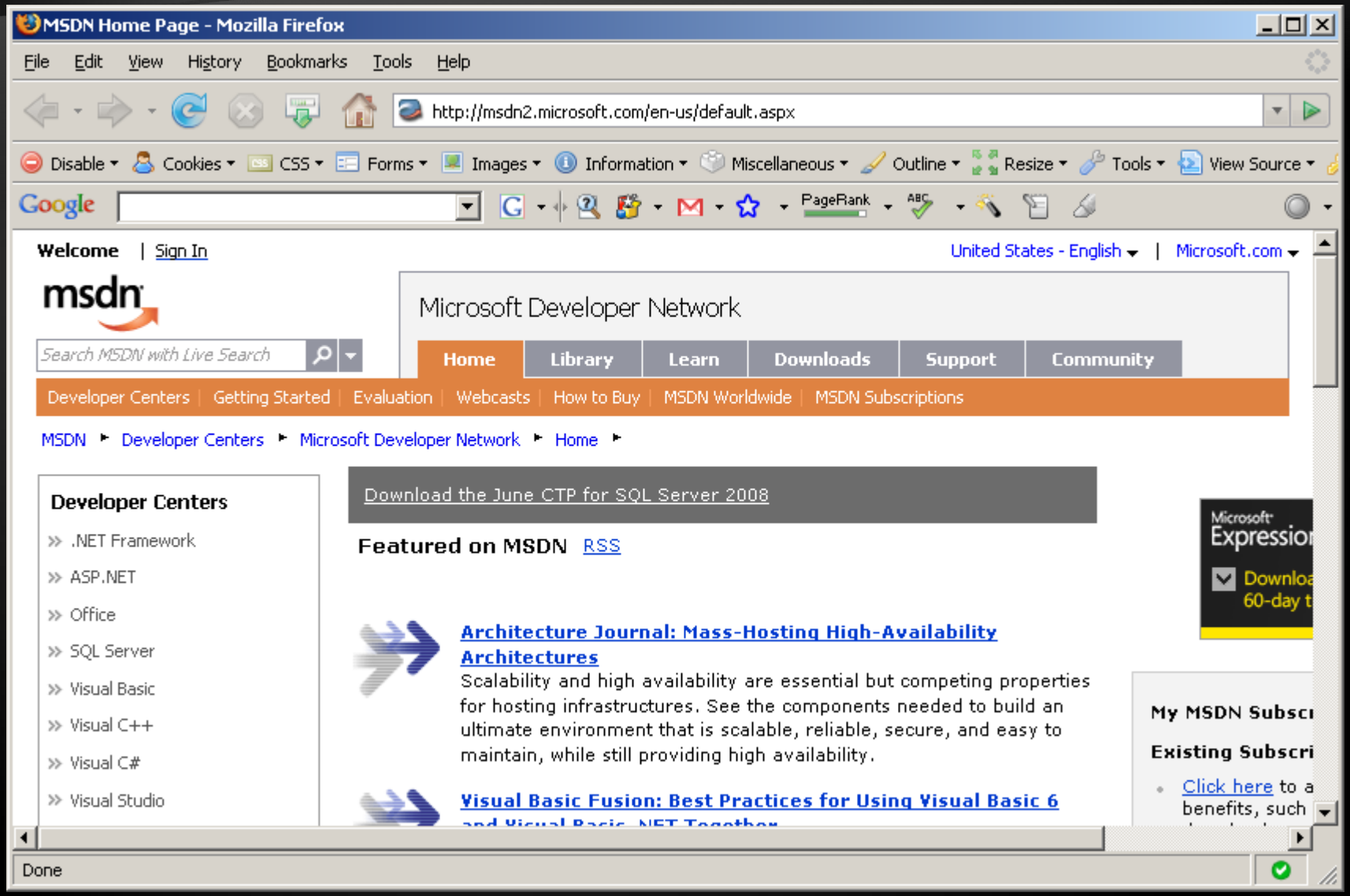
MSDN Library



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How to Use MSDN Library?

- Offline version
  - Use the table of contents
  - Use the alphabetical index
  - Search for phrase or keyword
  - Filter by technology
  - Browse your favorite articles
- Online version
  - Use the built-in search

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MSDN Library

Browsing and Searching Documentation

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Questions?

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Exercises

1. Familiarize yourself with:
   - Microsoft Visual Studio
   - Microsoft Developer Network (MSDN) Library Documentation
     - Find information about `Console.WriteLine()` method.
2. Create, compile and run a "Hello C#" console application.
3. Modify the application to print your name.
4. Write a program to print the numbers 1, 101 and 1001.

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Exercises (2)

1. Install at home:
   1. Microsoft .NET Framework
   2. Microsoft Visual Studio (or Visual C# Express)
   3. Microsoft Developer Network (MSDN)
2. Create console application that prints your first and last name.
3. Create a console application that prints the current date and time.
4. Create a console application that calculates and prints the square of the number 12345.

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Exercises (3)

1. Write a program that prints the first 10 members of the sequence: 2, -3, 4, -5, 6, -7, …
2. Provide a short list with information about the most popular programming languages. How do they differ from C#?
3. Describe the difference between C# and .NET Framework.
4. * Write a program to read your age from the console and print how old you will be after 10 years.

*NOTE: If you have any difficulties, search in Google.