# Instantiating and Manipulating Objects



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# Coming Up



#### **Invoking constructors**

#### Working with objects

- Interfaces
- Dynamics

#### Manipulating objects

- Properties and fields
- Methods

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Reflection behind the scenes

Writing a self-configuring network monitor





Introducing the demo applications



**Invoking constructors** 





Invoking a constructor dynamically by name





Working with an object through interfaces



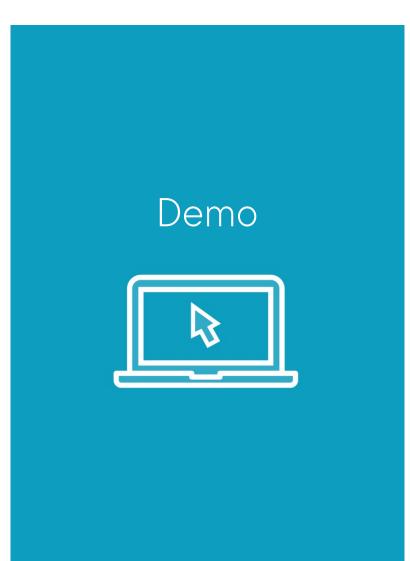


Working with an object through dynamics





Getting and setting properties and fields



**Invoking methods** 

#### Reflection Behind the Scenes



System.Reflection.RuntimeMethodInfo.Invoke, which calls into System.Reflection.RuntimeMethodInfo.UnsafeInvokeInternal



System.RuntimeMethodHandle.PerformSecurityCheck, which calls into System.GC.KeepAlive



System.RuntimeMethodHandle.InvokeMethod

# Reflection Behind the Scenes

#### Getting the info object

- Type metadata parsing

#### **Actual method invocation**

- Argument validity checks
- Error handling

#### **Security checks**

- Restricted methods
- Dynamic code access security permissions

# Dynamic activation and invocation at runtime is reasonably common

- Relationships between the different components are determined at runtime
- Decreases the amount of tight coupling

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# Summary



#### **Creating instances of classes**

- GetContructor(s)
- Invoke (on ConstructorInfo)
- Activator. CreateInstance

#### Working with objects

- Work on the interface
- Work with dynamics

# Summary



# Getting and setting properties, fields, and executing methods follow likewise principles

 Base functionality contained in MemberInfo class

# Summary



#### Reflection can be expensive

- Create the info object (involves parsing)
- Invoke the method (involves argument validation and error handling)
- Perform security checks