

Utilizing Visual Basic Collections



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Module Goals



Learn to use...

- Arrays
- ArrayList
- Dictionary
- List(Of T)
- LINQ queries

Build more of the WPF application



.NET Collections

Arrays

Don't use these too much

ArrayList

An simple collection

Dictionary

A key/value pair collection

List(Of T)

Use these most often



Demo



Define and add to an array

Define and initialize in one statement



Demo



Define an ArrayList

- Untyped collection
- Can put anything in you want

Add strings

Add Product objects



Demo



Create a dictionary of product objects



Demo



ContainsKey method

Count, Remove and Clear methods



Demo



LINQ methods

- Sum
- Average
- Min
- Max



Demo



Load products into List(Of T)

Exists method



Demo



Methods/Properties of List(Of T)

- Count
- RemoveAt
- Remove
- Find
- Clear

Demo



LINQ expressions

- Sum
- Average
- Min
- Max



Demo



Changes to WPF application

- Products list
- Customer list
- Step through the code



Demo



Changes to WPF application

- INotifyPropertyChanged
- PropertyChanged event



Summary



Use List(Of T) as much as possible

Use Dictionary when you need a key/value pair

Stepped through some code

Separated data layer logic from view model logic

Read some data from an XML file





Coming up in the next module...

Decision making
If, case, and loops

