

ASP.Net Cheatsheet

Bits and Bobs

-Format something as money -> Eval("price", "{0:c}");
-Get current date -> <%=DateTime.Now %>
-If it isn't working -> AutoPostBack = "True"

Things to Put In the web.config file:

```
<!--Prevents validators from breaking the webpage-->
<appSettings>
  <add key="ValidationSettings:UnobtrusiveValidationMode" value="none"/>
</appSettings>

<!--Provides the means to access a database-->
<connectionStrings>
  <add name="cnn" connectionString="Data Source=localhost;Initial
Catalog=artgallery;Integrated Security=SSPI;"
  providerName="System.Data.SqlClient" />
</connectionStrings>

<!--Mailing seemed to work fine in a project omitting this, but it should probably be
included anyway-->
<system.net>
  <mailSettings>
    <smtp from="admin@artGallery.com" deliveryMethod="Network">
      <network host="localhost" port="25" defaultCredentials="true"/>
    </smtp>
  </mailSettings>
</system.net>
```

Skins/Themes

Create a Theme

1. Add a folder to your project called app_themes. It should get a different icon
2. Create a subfolder named whatever you want (we'll call it TurdFerguson)
3. In this subfolder add your .css and .skin files. .skin files contain pre-sets for asp.net elements.

Apply a Theme

to the whole site – add this to the web.config file:

```
<system.web>
<pages theme="TurdFerguson">
</system.web>
```

To one particular page – add this attribute to the <% %> at the very top:

Theme = "TurdFerguson"

To the page in code:

Page.Theme = "TurdFerguson";

Target a specific element with an id from a skin file:

In the skin file:

```
<asp:Label runat='server' ForeColor="red" SkinID="justRed"/>
```

In the element you want to target:

```
<asp:Label runat='server' SkinID="justRed"/>
```

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!You can grant a control immunity from a theme with EnableTheming="False".

Bind a Dropdown List (With a DataTable)

```
ddlBindMe.DataSource = datatable;  
ddlBindMe.DataTextField = "thething";  
ddlBindMe.DataValueField = "id";  
ddlBindMe.DataBind();
```

Add Derived Column to a Dropdown List

```
datatable.Columns.Add("fullname",typeof(string),"LASTNAME + ' ' + FIRSTNAME");
```

Add an Instruction list Item to a Dropdown List

```
ddlBindme.Items.Insert(0,new ListItem("--Choose something!--",null));
```

Snippets

.skin Sample

```
<asp:TextBox runat="server"           BackColor="#FFFFFF"  
            BorderStyle="Solid"       Font-Names="Verdana"  
            ForeColor="#585880"       BorderColor="#585880"  
            BorderWidth="1pt" />
```

Simple Repeater Example:

Default.aspx

```
<ul>  
    <asp:Repeater ID="rptArtists" runat="server">  
        <HeaderTemplate><h2>Artist List</h2></HeaderTemplate>  
        <ItemTemplate>  
            <li>  
                <a href = 'ArtByArtist.aspx?artistID=<%# Eval("artistId")%>'>  
                    <%# Eval("fullName") %>  
                </a>  
            </li>  
        </ItemTemplate>  
    </asp:Repeater>  
</ul>
```

Default.aspx.cs

```
rptArtists.DataSource = dr;  
rptArtists.DataBind();
```

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User Controls Example:

```
<form id="form1" runat="server">
  <asp:Label ID="lblMessage" runat="server" Text=""></asp:Label>
  <ul>
    <li>
      <a href="/UserControlsDemo.aspx?colorID=Blue"
        runat="server">Blue</a>
    </li>
    <li>
      <a href="/UserControlsDemo.aspx?colorID=Red"
        runat="server">Red</a>
    </li>
  </ul>
```

UserControlsDemo.aspx

```
<%@ Control Language="C#" AutoEventWireup="true" CodeBehind="ucBlue.ascx.cs" Inherits="SimpleDemos.ucBlue" %>
<asp:Label ID="lblBlue" runat="server" Font-Bold="True"
  Height="100px" Width="300px" BackColor="Blue" Forecolor="White" Font-Size="40" Text="BLUE"></asp:Label>
```

ucBlue.ascx

User Controls Example:

```
string strAnimal = Server.UrlDecode(Request.QueryString["animal"]);

if (string.IsNullOrEmpty(strAnimal))
{
    imgAnimal.Visible = false;
    lblInfo.Visible = true;
    this.Title = "Select a Pet";
    lblInfo.Text = "<h3>Select a Pet</h3>";
}
else if (strAnimal == "cat")
{
    imgAnimal.Visible = true;
    lblInfo.Visible = true;
    lblAnimal.Text = "Cat";
}
```

Default.aspx.cs (PetQSDemo)

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Validation Controls Example:

```
<asp:Label ID="lblPostalCode" runat="server" Text="Postal/Zip Code: "></asp:Label>
<asp:TextBox ID="txtPostalCode" runat="server"></asp:TextBox>
<asp:RequiredFieldValidator ID="rfvPostalCode" runat="server"
    ErrorMessage="RequiredFieldValidator" ControlToValidate="txtPostalCode">
    *</asp:RequiredFieldValidator>
<asp:RegularExpressionValidator ID="revPostalCode" runat="server"
    ErrorMessage="Please enter a valid Postal/Zip code" ControlToValidate="txtPostalCode"
    ValidationExpression="^[0-9]{5}([- /]?[0-9]{4})?^[a-zA-Z]{1}[0-9]{1}[a-zA-Z]{1}(\-| |){1}[0-9]{1}</asp:RegularExpressionValidator>
```

Cookies Example:

```
protected void btnSaveCookie_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
{
    Response.Cookies["FavColor"].Value = txtFavColor.Text;
    Response.Cookies["FavColor"].Expires = DateTime.Now.AddDays(365);
}

protected void btnReadCookie_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
{
    if (Request.Cookies["FavColor"] != null)
    {
        lblMsg.Text = Request.Cookies["FavColor"].Value;
    }
    else
    {
        lblMsg.Text = "<h2>No cookie to read</h2>";
    }
}

protected void btnClearCookie_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
{
    Response.Cookies["FavColor"].Value = string.Empty;
    Response.Cookies["FavColor"].Expires = DateTime.Now.AddDays(-1);
}
```

How to fill a repeater:

```
SqlDataReader dr = default(SqlDataReader);
SqlCommand cmd = default(SqlCommand);
try
{
    using (connection)
    {
        cmd = new SqlCommand("getArtists", connection);
        connection.Open();

        dr = cmd.ExecuteReader(System.Data.CommandBehavior.CloseConnection);

        if (dr.HasRows)
        {
            rptArtists.DataSource = dr;
            rptArtists.DataBind();
        }
    }
}
```

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```
    }  
    else  
    {  
        lblMessage.Text = "No Rows Found";  
    }  
}  
catch (Exception ex)  
{  
    lblMessage.Text = ex.Message;  
}  
finally  
{  
    dr.Close();  
}
```

Access master page controls from child page

```
MyMasterPage myMasterPage = (MyMasterPage)Page.Master;
```

MVC

Linking Example

```
<h3><a href=@Url.Action("Index","Temp")>Temperature Converter</a></h3>
```

Nuget Commands to set up DB Use:

enable-migrations

add-migration initial

update-database

Make updates:

add-migration horsefungus

update-database