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VB.NET (Visual Basic .NET) is an object-oriented programming language from Microsoft. It is part of the .NET framework and is used for creating Windows, web, and mobile applications. VB.NET provides an Integrated Development Environment (IDE) called Visual Studio, which simplifies development with features like drag-and-drop controls, IntelliSense, and debugging tools.

Getting Started with VB.NET

Starting VB.NET

1. **IDE Overview:** Use Microsoft Visual Studio as the primary development environment for VB.NET.
2. **Creating a Shortcut:** Pin Visual Studio to the taskbar or desktop for quick access.
3. **Toolbar Navigation:**
 - **Auto-hide:** Use the pushpin icon to enable or disable auto-hide for toolbars.
 - **Docking/Undocking:** Drag toolbars to dock them to a specific area or float them by dragging them outside the IDE.

VB.NET Components Overview

1. **Forms:** The base for creating user interfaces. Forms can contain controls like buttons, labels, and text boxes.
2. **Properties Window:** Allows modification of control properties like `Text`, `Size`, `Color`, etc.
3. **Solution Explorer:** Displays the project structure, including forms, classes, and resources.

Basic VB.NET Keywords and Data Types

Keywords

VB.NET keywords include `Dim`, `If`, `For`, `While`, `End`, `Sub`, `Function`, etc.

The `Dim` keyword is used to **declare** variables.

`Dim` is a fundamental keyword in VB.NET used to declare variables.

It helps in defining the type of data the variable will hold and the scope of the variable.

It's a powerful keyword for managing variables within your code.

Data Types

- **Integer:** `Dim age As Integer = 25`
- **String:** `Dim name As String = "John"`
- **Boolean:** `Dim isActive As Boolean = True`
- **Double:** `Dim price As Double = 99.99`

VB.NET Statements and Control Structures

Conditional Statements

1. **If-Else Statement**

<pre> 1 Module Program 2 Sub Main() 3 Dim num As Integer = 10 4 If num > 5 Then 5 Console.WriteLine("Number is greater than 5") 6 Else 7 Console.WriteLine("Number is 5 or less") 8 End If 9 End Sub 10 End Module 11 </pre>	<p>STDIN</p> <p>Input for the program (Optional)</p> <hr/> <p>Output:</p> <p>Number is greater than 5</p>
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1. Select Case Statement:

<pre> 1 Module Program 2 Sub Main() 3 Dim day As Integer = 3 4 Select Case day 5 Case 1 6 Console.WriteLine("Monday") 7 Case 2 8 Console.WriteLine("Tuesday") 9 Case Else 10 Console.WriteLine("Other Day") 11 End Select 12 End Sub 13 End Module 14 </pre>	<p>STDIN</p> <p>Input for the program (Optional)</p> <hr/> <p>Output:</p> <p>Other Day</p>
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2. Switch and Choose (Alternative methods):

<pre> 1 Module Program 2 Sub Main() 3 Dim num As Integer = 2 4 Dim result As String = Switch(num = 1, "One", num = 2, "Two", 5 Console.WriteLine(result) 6 End Sub 7 End Module 8 </pre>	<p>STDIN</p> <p>Input for the program (Optional)</p> <hr/> <p>Output:</p> <p>Two</p>
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More Example programs

If else

<pre> 1 Module Program 2 Sub Main() 3 Console.WriteLine("Enter a number:") 4 Dim num As Integer = Convert.ToInt32(Console.ReadLine()) 5 6 If num > 10 Then 7 Console.WriteLine("Number is greater than 10") 8 Else 9 Console.WriteLine("Number is less than or equal to 10") 10 End If 11 12 Console.ReadLine() 13 End Sub 14 End Module 15 </pre>	<p>STDIN</p> <p>Input for the program (Optional)</p> <hr/> <p>Output:</p> <p>Enter a number:</p> <p>Number is less than or equal to 10</p>
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Select case statement

<pre> 1 Module Program 2 Sub Main() 3 Console.WriteLine("Enter a number between 1 and 3:") 4 Dim num As Integer = Convert.ToInt32(Console.ReadLine()) 5 6 Select Case num 7 Case 1 8 Console.WriteLine("You selected One") 9 Case 2 10 Console.WriteLine("You selected Two") 11 Case 3 12 Console.WriteLine("You selected Three") 13 Case Else 14 Console.WriteLine("Invalid selection") 15 End Select 16 17 Console.ReadLine() 18 End Sub 19 End Module 20 </pre>	<p>STDIN</p> <p>Input for the program (Optional)</p> <hr/> <p>Output:</p> <p>Enter a number between 1 and 3:</p> <p>Invalid selection</p>
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For-next loop

<pre> 1 Module Program 2 Sub Main() 3 Console.WriteLine("For-Next Loop Example:") 4 5 For i As Integer = 1 To 5 6 Console.WriteLine("Iteration " & i) 7 Next 8 9 Console.ReadLine() 10 End Sub 11 End Module </pre>	<p>STDIN</p> <p>Input for the program (Optional)</p> <hr/> <p>Output:</p> <p>For-Next Loop Example: Iteration 1 Iteration 2 Iteration 3 Iteration 4 Iteration 5</p>
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For each next loop

<pre> 1 Module Program 2 Sub Main() 3 Dim fruits As String() = {"Apple", "Banana", "Cherry"} 4 5 Console.WriteLine("For Each-Next Loop Example:") 6 For Each fruit As String In fruits 7 Console.WriteLine(fruit) 8 Next 9 10 Console.ReadLine() 11 End Sub 12 End Module </pre>	<p>STDIN</p> <p>Input for the program (Optional)</p> <hr/> <p>Output:</p> <p>For Each-Next Loop Example: Apple Banana Cherry</p>
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While loop

<pre> 1 Module Program 2 Sub Main() 3 Dim counter As Integer = 1 4 Console.WriteLine("While Loop Example:") 5 6 While counter <= 5 7 Console.WriteLine("Counter: " & counter) 8 counter += 1 9 End While 10 11 Console.ReadLine() 12 End Sub 13 End Module </pre>	<p>STDIN</p> <p>Input for the program (Optional)</p> <hr/> <p>Output:</p> <p>While Loop Example: Counter: 1 Counter: 2 Counter: 3 Counter: 4 Counter: 5</p>
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Do-while loop

<pre> 1 Module Program 2 Sub Main() 3 Dim num As Integer = 1 4 Console.WriteLine("Do-While Loop Example:") 5 6 Do While num <= 5 7 Console.WriteLine("Number: " & num) 8 num += 1 9 Loop 10 11 Console.ReadLine() 12 End Sub 13 End Module 14 </pre>	<p>STDIN</p> <p>Input for the program (Optional)</p> <hr/> <p>Output:</p> <p>Do-While Loop Example:</p> <p>Number: 1</p> <p>Number: 2</p> <p>Number: 3</p> <p>Number: 4</p> <p>Number: 5</p>
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Array Example

<pre> 1 Module Program 2 Sub Main() 3 Dim numbers As Integer() = {10, 20, 30, 40, 50} 4 5 Console.WriteLine("Array Example:") 6 7 For i As Integer = 0 To numbers.Length - 1 8 Console.WriteLine("Element at index " & i & ": " & numbers(i)) 9 Next 10 11 Console.ReadLine() 12 End Sub 13 End Module 14 </pre>	<p>STDIN</p> <p>Input for the program (Optional)</p> <hr/> <p>Output:</p> <p>Array Example:</p> <p>Element at index 0: 10</p> <p>Element at index 1: 20</p> <p>Element at index 2: 30</p> <p>Element at index 3: 40</p> <p>Element at index 4: 50</p>
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Basic calculator program

<pre> 1 Module Program 2 Sub Main() 3 Console.WriteLine("Enter first number:") 4 Dim num1 As Double = Convert.ToDouble(Console.ReadLine()) 5 6 Console.WriteLine("Enter second number:") 7 Dim num2 As Double = Convert.ToDouble(Console.ReadLine()) 8 9 Console.WriteLine("Select operation: (+, -, *, /)") 10 Dim operation As String = Console.ReadLine() 11 12 Dim result As Double 13 14 Select Case operation 15 Case "+" 16 result = num1 + num2 17 Case "-" 18 result = num1 - num2 19 Case "*" 20 result = num1 * num2 21 Case "/" 22 If num2 <> 0 Then 23 result = num1 / num2 24 Else 25 Console.WriteLine("Error: Division by zero") 26 Exit Sub 27 End If 28 Case Else 29 Console.WriteLine("Invalid operation") 30 Exit Sub 31 End Select 32 33 Console.WriteLine("Result: " & result) 34 Console.ReadLine() 35 End Sub 36 End Module </pre>	<p>STDIN</p> <p>Input for the program (Optional)</p> <hr/> <p>Output:</p> <p>Enter first number: Enter second number: Select operation: (+, -, *, /) Invalid operation</p>
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Even odd program

<pre> 1 Module Program 2 Sub Main() 3 Console.WriteLine("Enter a number to check if it's even or odd") 4 Dim num As Integer = Convert.ToInt32(Console.ReadLine()) 5 6 If num Mod 2 = 0 Then 7 Console.WriteLine("The number is even.") 8 Else 9 Console.WriteLine("The number is odd.") 10 End If 11 12 Console.ReadLine() 13 End Sub 14 End Module </pre>	<p>STDIN</p> <p>3</p> <hr/> <p>Output:</p> <p>Enter a number to check if it's even or odd: The number is odd.</p>
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Fibonacci Sequence

<pre>1 Module Program 2 Sub Main() 3 Dim n As Integer 4 Console.WriteLine("Enter a number to generate Fibonacci series") 5 n = Convert.ToInt32(Console.ReadLine()) 6 7 Dim a As Integer = 0 8 Dim b As Integer = 1 9 Dim c As Integer 10 11 Console.WriteLine("Fibonacci Sequence:") 12 13 For i As Integer = 1 To n 14 Console.WriteLine(a) 15 c = a + b 16 a = b 17 b = c 18 Next 19 20 Console.ReadLine() 21 End Sub 22 End Module 23</pre>	<p>STDIN</p> <p>3</p> <hr/> <p>Output:</p> <p>Enter a number to generate Fibonacci series:</p> <p>Fibonacci Sequence:</p> <p>0</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>
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Factorial Program

<pre> 1 Module Program 2 Sub Main() 3 Console.WriteLine("Enter a number to find its factorial:") 4 Dim num As Integer = Convert.ToInt32(Console.ReadLine()) 5 Dim factorial As Integer = 1 6 7 For i As Integer = 1 To num 8 factorial *= i 9 Next 10 11 Console.WriteLine("Factorial of " & num & " is: " & factorial) 12 Console.ReadLine() 13 End Sub 14 End Module 15 </pre>	<p>STDIN</p> <p>3</p> <hr/> <p>Output:</p> <p>Enter a number to find its factorial: Factorial of 3 is: 6</p>
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String reverse

<pre> 1 Module Program 2 Sub Main() 3 Console.WriteLine("Enter a string to reverse:") 4 Dim input As String = Console.ReadLine() 5 Dim reversed As String = "" 6 7 For i As Integer = input.Length - 1 To 0 Step -1 8 reversed &= input(i) 9 Next 10 11 Console.WriteLine("Reversed String: " & reversed) 12 Console.ReadLine() 13 End Sub 14 End Module 15 </pre>	<p>STDIN</p> <p>xbitlabs</p> <hr/> <p>Output:</p> <p>Enter a string to reverse: Reversed String: sbaltibx</p>
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Sum of the digits of a number

<pre> 1 Module Program 2 Sub Main() 3 Console.WriteLine("Enter a number to find the sum of its digits:") 4 Dim num As Integer = Convert.ToInt32(Console.ReadLine()) 5 Dim sum As Integer = 0 6 7 While num > 0 8 sum += num Mod 10 9 num \= 10 10 End While 11 12 Console.WriteLine("Sum of digits: " & sum) 13 Console.ReadLine() 14 End Sub 15 End Module 16 </pre>	<p>STDIN</p> <p>523</p> <hr/> <p>Output:</p> <p>Enter a number to find the sum of its digits: Sum of digits: 10</p>
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String Reverse program

<pre> 1 Module Program 2 Sub Main() 3 Console.WriteLine("Enter a string to check if it's a palindro 4 Dim input As String = Console.ReadLine() 5 Dim reversed As String = "" 6 7 For i As Integer = input.Length - 1 To 0 Step -1 8 reversed &= input(i) 9 Next 10 11 If input = reversed Then 12 Console.WriteLine("The string is a palindrome.") 13 Else 14 Console.WriteLine("The string is not a palindrome.") 15 End If 16 17 Console.ReadLine() 18 End Sub 19 End Module 20 </pre>	<p>STDIN</p> <p>523</p> <hr/> <p>Output:</p> <p>Enter a string to check if it's a palindrome: The string is not a palindrome.</p>
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These console-based programs demonstrate key programming concepts in VB.NET, including basic control flow, loops, arrays, and simple mathematical operations. You can expand these programs with more advanced features as you get comfortable with the syntax and logic.

For GUI based applications when we work in text editor e.g vs code

MessageBox.Show(\$"Number: {num}")

Can be used instead of Console.WriteLine()

END