Lambdas, Action<T> and Func<T,TResult>

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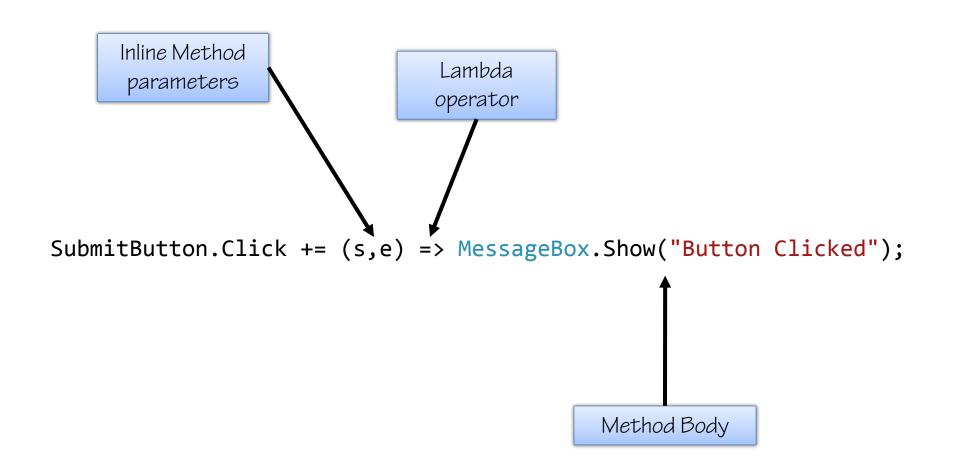
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Anonymous Methods in Action

```
SubmitButton.Click += delegate(object sender, EventArgs e)
{
    MessageBox.Show("Button Clicked");
};
```

Understanding Lambda Expressions



Assigning a Lambda to a Delegate

Lambda expressions can be assigned to any delegate:

```
delegate int AddDelegate(int a, int b);
static void Main(string[] args){
   AddDelegate ad = (a,b) => a + b;
   int result = ad(1,1); //result = 2
}
```

Handling Empty Parameters

 Delegates that don't accept any parameters can be handled using lambdas:

```
delegate bool LogDelegate();
static void Main(string[] args)
{
    LogDelegate ld = () =>
        UpdateDatabase();
        WriteToEventLog();
        return true;
    };
    bool status = ld();
```

Using Action<T>



Delegates in .NET

- The .NET framework provides several different delegates that provide flexible options:
 - Action<T> Accepts a single parameter and returns no value
 - Func<T,TResult> Accepts a single parameter and return a value of type TResult

Using Action<T>

• Action<T> can be used to call a method that accepts a single parameter of type T:

```
public static void Main(string[] args)
   Action<string> messageTarget;
    if (args.Length > 1) messageTarget = ShowWindowsMessage;
    else messageTarget = Console.WriteLine;
   messageTarget("Invoking Action!");
                                              Invoke Action
private static void ShowWindowsMessage(string message)
   MessageBox.Show(message);
```

Using Func<T,TResult>



Using Func<T,TResult>

Func<T,TResult> supports a single parameter (T) and returns a value (TResult):

```
public static void Main(string[] args)
{
    Func<string, bool> logFunc;
    if (args[0] == "EventLog") logFunc = LogToEventLog;
    else logFunc = LogToFile;
    bool status = logFunc("Log Message");
}

private static bool LogToEventLog(string message) { /* log */ }
private static bool LogToFile(string message) { /*log */ }
```

Summary

- Lambdas provide a way to define inline methods using a concise syntax
- The .NET Framework provides several built-in delegate types such as:
 - □ Action<T>
 - Func<T, TResult>