

# Preface

VB.NET was designed from the ground up for development on Microsoft's .NET framework. As such, it's a high-performance language that's simple, safe, object-oriented, and Internet-centric. This book teaches this new language in a way that all programmers will appreciate--by grounding its applications firmly in the context of Microsoft's .NET platform and the development of desktop and Internet applications. This book introduces .NET fundamentals, then goes on to explain:

- Language Enhancements
- Building Datacentric Application
- Creating User Intereface
- Making Web Applications
- Deploying Applications
- Using XML Data

This book also introduces the virtual studio .NET Integrated Development Environment (IDE), a tool designed to help you write .NET applications.

Once you've mastered the subjects in VB.NET Programming, You'll be ready to move on to more advanced books in VB.NET and .NET Programming, with an aim to developing Windows and web applications. This book includes pointers to many print resources that can help you in pursuit. In the meantime, you should enjoy this lively and approachable introduction to Visaul Basic.NET.

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