

Course Outline | Microsoft LINQ for Visual Basic Developers

2 day(s)

Overview

Microsoft LINQ is the part of the .NET Framework that provides a generic approach to querying data from different data sources. It has quickly become the next must-have skill for .NET developers. LINQ for VB Developers has the detail you need to grasp Microsoft's new querying technology, and concise explanations to help you learn it quickly.

Prerequisites

Experience with developing ADO.NET using VB.

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Language Extensions

- Implicitly typed variables
- Extension methods
- Object initialization syntax
- Anonymous types
- Lambda expressions

Introduction to LINQ

- LINQ expressions
- Using via extension methods
- Filtering
- Sorting
- Aggregation
- Skip and Take operators
- Joins

Deferred Execution

- Benefits and drawbacks
- IEnumerable vs IQueryable
- Using across tiers

Data Projection

- Single result value
- Existing types
- Anonymous types
- Grouping

LINQ to XML

- New XML classes
- Generating XML
- Querying XML
- Using data projection
- Combining with XPath

LINQ to SQL

- Attributes and mapping
- Creating a DataContext
- Deferred loading
- Saving changes
- Inserts and deletes

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- Transactions
- Concurrency
- Handling exceptions

LINQ to Entities

- ADO.NET Entity Framework
- Differences from LINQ to SQL
- Available providers
- Defining an Entity Data Model (EDM)
- Database-first vs. Model-first
- Object Services
- Change tracking
- Using EntityClient
- Using stored procedures
- N-tier and service-based applications