

- Basic Hardware Concepts
 - memory RAM/ROM, processor, CPU, ALC, CU, BUS, Input devices, output devices, storage devices
 - Binary (0, 1), ASCII code
- Programming Paradigms
 - Procedural
 - ~~Object Oriented~~
 - Event Driven
- What is VB.Net?
 - Windows Applications (Object Oriented, Event Driven)
 - Console Applications (Procedural or Object Oriented)
- Steps in Writing a Typical VB project.
 - Planning: (GUI, properties, pseudocoding)
 - Coding: (Convert the GUI to Forms and Controls, Set the properties, Convert the Pseudocode to VB code, Test and Debug.)
- The Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC)
 - Planning
 - Analysis
 - Design
 - Implementation
 - Testing
 - Maintenance
- Errors (syntax vs. run-time vs. logical errors)
- Variables (represents memory/RAM, has a type and size)
 - DIM strName as string
 - integer, double, decimal, boolean, char, byte, string, etc.
 - ~~Global vs. Local~~
 - Why initialize variables?
- Constants
 - CONST TAX_RATE as Decimal = 0.08
- ~~Variable and Constant Scope~~
- What is a compiler?
- Compiler Directives
 - Option Explicit ON (variables cannot be used without being declared first.)
 - Option Strict ON (Makes VB a strongly typed language, No automatic type conversion. Must use the type conversion functions)
- Type Conversion functions
 - Cint(x)
 - Cstr(x)
 - Cdec(x)
 - Clng(x)
 - Cdbl()
- GUI Components: (Forms, Label, Textbox, Checkbox, Button, RadioButton, ListBox, Combobox, PictureBox, GroupBox)
 - Events and event handlers
- Random number generation: Randomize(), Rnd()
- ~~Concatenation and Continuation: (& and _)~~
- Arithmetic operators (+, -, /, \, *, MOD, ^)
- Relational operators (=, <=, >=, <>)
- Input and output
 - Console Mode: Console.ReadLine(), Console.WriteLine()
 - Windows Applications: MessageBox.Show(), InputBox()
- Branching:
 - Using the IF Statement:
 - (If, If-then-else, nested if statements)
- Loops
 - (For.. Next, Do While ...Loop, ~~do Until ... Loop~~)
 - Necessary conditions for a loop (how to get in, and how to get out)
- Truth Table (AND, OR, NOT)
 - Evaluating Boolean expressions
- Writing algorithms, writing pseudocode, drawing flow chart
- Identifying Syntax errors
- Code walk through (given an algorithm or code segment, how do we check the code.)