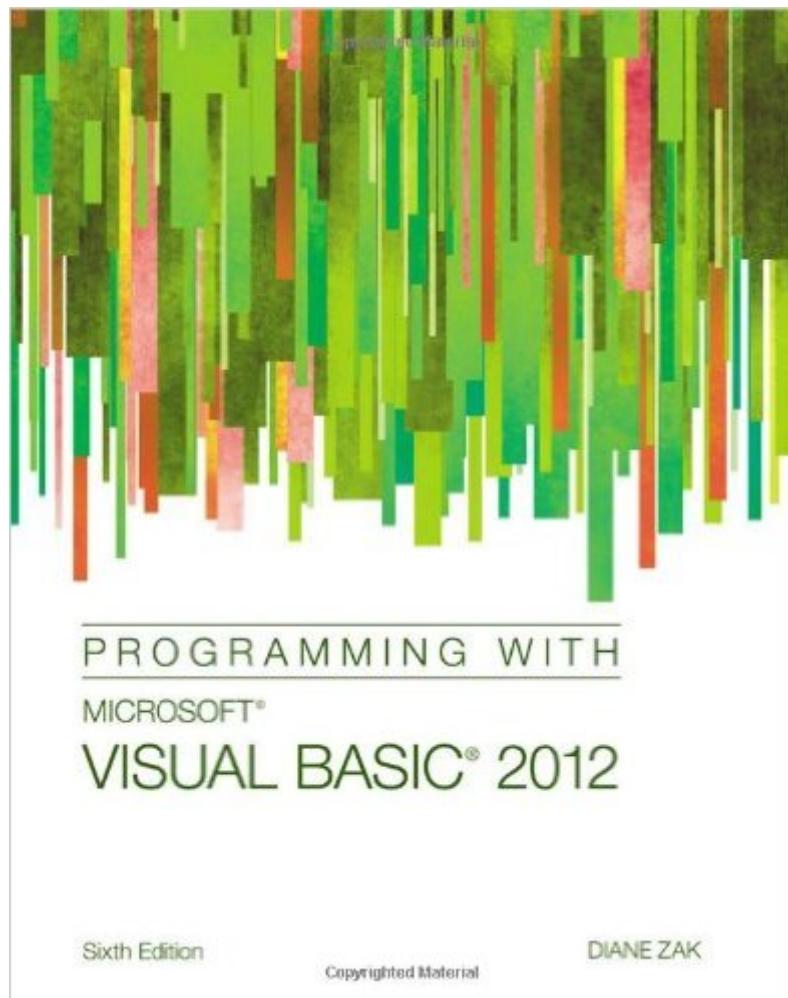


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# Programming With Microsoft Visual Basic 2012



## **Synopsis**

PROGRAMMING WITH MICROSOFT VISUAL BASIC 2012, 6E by best-selling author Diane Zak is the ideal choice for your introduction to programming. Readers learn to master the basics of effective programming as they work through a wealth of hands-on applications in this book's engaging real-world setting. Numerous learning features address today's varied learning styles with an approachable visual presentation, helpful step-by-step tutorials, and engaging "You Do It" activity boxes. Even students with no prior programming experience learn how to effectively plan and create interactive Windows applications. This edition emphasizes GUI design skills and object-oriented programming concepts throughout.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Better than just a good textbook for students learning Visual Basic .NET, but not my number one recommendation. I have my reservations recommending this book to a new student. For one, I am not a fan (nor recommend) the old Hungarian naming convention. The author needs to update this to align it toward Microsoft's current standards as outline at MSDN and in the book, "Framework Design Guidelines: Conventions, Idioms, and Patterns for Reusable .NET Libraries (2nd Edition)" by Krzysztof Cwalina and Brad Abrams. Secondly, the author sometimes leaves information that should be covered in a Lesson/Exercise at the end of the chapter. Thus, you might miss valuable information if you are doing only some of the exercises. (Here's where an instructor needs to watch out for and include the correct exercise from a chapter in the student's learning.) Third, while I

learned flowcharting in my earlier days of programming and still use it sometimes, the Unified Modeling Language (UML) standard might be better taught to new students to programming. Finally, the book contains very little or no information regarding some commonly used Windows Form controls, LINQ, DBContext/Entity Framework development or new features of .NET Framework 4.5. This textbook clearly needs the assistance of a competent Visual Basic .NET instructor or I fear the student and instructor will be challenged. I confess that I am still leaning toward "Simply Visual Basic 2010 (4th Edition)" by Paul Deitel for a first textbook to read at the college level or advanced hobbyist.

The price is ridiculous. I guess it caters to a captive audience: students using it for class. I also moves slowly. I wouldn't mind a faster pace so it could get a little more meat in. There are some very odd comments too. In the beginning of the book it advises the reader to print all code from finished solutions to place in a filing cabinet or somewhere safe. I've never met someone who still prints code, nor do I have any desire to use so much paper to put something in a format that can't really be used easily. That set me off on a suspicious foot, but as I got into the book, it wasn't bad. I don't use VB.net professionally (I use PHP, SQL, and a little python and C++), but I found the book good enough to keep me engaged in the class I'm taking on my own time. If you have zero programming experience, the pace might be about right. If you have experience, it might be slow and not terribly deep, but part of that is just related to how easy many of the surface concepts are in Visual Studio.

As someone who struggles to understand programming concepts, I found Diane Zak's books to be absolutely amazing because she goes into GREAT detail on how everything works (sounds overwhelming, but it's not - if she didn't go into detail, you could be left scratching your head thinking "what the heck is going on with this code!") Her books are so good that you can use them to self-teach yourself how to program, which is what I did (I didn't pay any attention to the class lectures because I don't like learning at the teacher's pace.) I would be shocked to find better intro-level programming books than the ones Diane produces.

Very useful and easy to read! I would recommend this book for Visual Basic 2012 beginners. Fast delivery. Great condition. The only con is that the book only mentions at the very beginning that you have to download a few files at a secure sight. I didn't realize that until halfway through chapter 1 since it's mentioned before chapter 1, which I usually don't read.

I needed this book for school and although it was pricey it was even more pricey in the store here on campus - I also have the software with the slides so it follows along well. - one thing was when the mail man put it in the mail box it almost ruined the book -

Being relatively new into programming, I didn't have any expectations. This book at times is very hard to follow, must admit I learn programming visually much better than reading from the textbook. The first few chapters learning to declare variables and constants was fairly easy concepts. But towards the tail end of the book, like the Classes and Objects chapter I honestly couldn't understand the context or instructions. Just seemed way over my head. The author should demonstrate more simplified examples of instituting programming then what's given. I really have no VB book for comparison, but sense that this book could direct readers clearer in signifying what's important for beginners from that which is very advanced.

The author consistently messes up core tenets of object oriented programming, encourages Hungarian notation, and recommends disabling type inference without even telling you why. They just give you the boilerplate and tell you to use it. This is a textbook which will either make you hate the author (if you're already experienced as a programmer) or produce a completely incompetent programmer with no idea how to properly in the real world (if you're a newbie). Professors: if you are thinking of using this book, don't. Students: if a professor assigns this book, drop the class. I'm not even joking. It's that bad. Examples: "Create a Triangle class which inherits from Parallelogram" This is a huge no-no: these are two entirely different polygons with different attributes. Inheritance implies a parent-child hierarchical relationship.

compared to my college bookstore, I saved about 60% on this book. Still overpriced though, like most text books. but what the heck, we live and america and this is freedom.

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