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A Practical Guide to Automating PowerPoint Presentation Creation Using Visual Studio Tools for Office

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Synopsis

This text will walk you through all that you need to know to create PowerPoint presentations programmatically. You can create them to be as fancy or as mundane as you wish them to be. We cover charts, tables, text, fonts, video, master slides, reporting, and more; everything that you need to create any presentation. Many companies are making the move to use PowerPoint as a form of visual reporting, rather than only for developing presentations. Examples might include preparing a proposal, providing status reports, and high-content, detailed presentations. In these cases, the text on one slide might flow onto another, the fonts are generally smaller, there may be less white space, and it much more resembles a structured report than it does a presentation. Automating this might greatly improve the process of producing that report. This book provides step-by-step guidance for creating these presentations.

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This book is *packed* with detailed walk-throughs of real code, written for real purposes. If you know how to program in C# or Visual Basic, this book will be invaluable to you to automatically generate reports and presentations from databases and other sources. I used the cut-and-paste code and was up and running almost immediately. Amazing! The book is really well written and very

easy to understand. I went to the author's website and ran some of his sample programs and thought they showed exactly the type of thing that everyone would want to be able to do, if only they knew they could!

I really can't add too much to the remarks by Navin and RealityCheck as I agree with everything they said. However, I have purchased several thousand dollar's worth of .NET programming books since .NET was first released in 2002 and this is the first one I am unequivocally happy with. It's short (~160 pages), to the point and contains lots of code samples. I even emailed the author and asked if he was planning on writing similar books. He replied that he was doing one on MS Project. I'm already in line.

David Pollock has done an outstanding job of writing a practical book for technically inclined people about how to use C# to make effective presentations. The author explains what features and functionality are possible with this tool. This book is extremely well written and easy to understand. It is filled with specific examples and gives you step by step instructions on how to implement the advice being given. There are plenty of tools and sources that will help you in making your presentations effective(or offline business for that matter) more profitable

This book has helped me tremendously. It was written well, easy to understand, with great real-world coding examples. I believe that anyone with any level of programming skill and experience would find this book useful for the development of PowerPoint. It's an affordable book that's worth the small investment. While developing my own PowerPoint presentation, I was challenged with a particular, more specific coding issue. I searched and search the internet for hours and could not find a clear answer on how to resolve the issue. So, I emailed the author. He so kindly and promptly answered my email and helped me to code and resolve the challenging issue that I was having in the development of a busy, complicated slide. Thank you David for all of your help! & Happy coding to all you developers!

Having no experience in VSTO development but have in C# desktop application development, was able to proto-type a working PPT generator from Win Form application in including text object editor with slide layout viewer within 3 days. Presented to staff and was a win for future complete development of the application which I can have users access via web application already created. It will be complemented with auto test scheduling and reporting structure.

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