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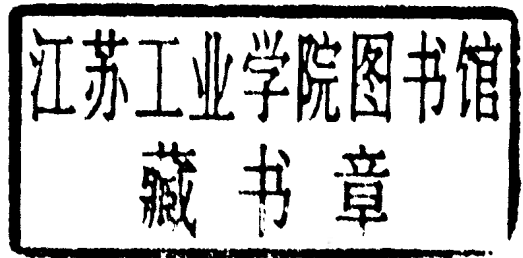
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# Introduction

The Microsoft® Visual Studio® integrated development environment (IDE) is arguably one of the most powerful and complex development tools in the world. In 2002, Craig Skibo, Marc Young, and I decided that a book was needed to show how developers could really extend this IDE and make it their own. That book was called *Inside Microsoft Visual Studio .NET 2003*. This book, *Working with Microsoft Visual Studio 2005*, is an update to that book.

*Working with Microsoft Visual Studio 2005* won't teach you programming. It will however, help you to understand the IDE and the project system, and it will tell you a lot about how you can adopt the IDE to meet your specific needs.

Support information for the book is located at the end of this introduction. If you want to send feedback or suggestions to me directly, feel free to send an e-mail to [brianjo@microsoft.com](mailto:brianjo@microsoft.com).

## Who Is This Book For?

This book is for developers who want to learn a little bit more about the Visual Studio 2005 IDE and who want to extend the capabilities of that IDE with macros and add-ins.

## System Requirements

You'll need the following hardware and software to build and run the code samples for this book:

- Microsoft Windows® XP with Service Pack 2, Microsoft Windows Server™ 2003 with Service Pack 1, or Microsoft Windows 2000 with Service Pack 4
- Microsoft Visual Studio 2005 Standard Edition
- 600 MHz Pentium or compatible processor (1 gigahertz Pentium recommended)
- 192 MB RAM (256 MB or more recommended)
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# Introducing Visual Studio 2005

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In this chapter, we'll provide a brief overview of Microsoft® Visual Studio® 2005. We'll show you some of the features of the integrated development environment (IDE) to provide some context for the extensibility and customization discussion throughout the rest of the book. And finally, we'll discuss the extensibility features that make Visual Studio 2005 an extremely attractive tool for programmers who are looking to customize and extend their development environment.

## What Is Visual Studio 2005?

Visual Studio 2005 is the latest version of Microsoft's Visual Studio line of development tools. Visual Studio 2005 has a long lineage, running from its early roots as the IDE that hundreds of thousands of Microsoft Visual Basic® developers used on Microsoft Windows® starting in the early 1990s. A second ancestor, Microsoft Visual C++® 1.0, was released in 1993 and became the standard platform for C++ developers worldwide. These two IDEs were finally united in Microsoft Visual Studio .NET 2002 and Visual Studio .NET 2003. Visual Studio .NET 2002 was the first IDE for the Microsoft .NET platform and was used to develop applications for the 1.0 version of that product. Visual Studio .NET 2003 was used to build .NET Framework 1.1 applications and added a number of enhancements to the original product.

Visual Studio 2005 uses the .NET Framework 2.0 as the class library and runtime for applications built in the managed languages that ship with the IDE. These languages include Visual Basic 2005, Microsoft Visual C#® 2005, Visual C++ 2005, and Microsoft Visual J#® 2005. In the case of Visual Basic, Visual C#, and Visual J#, all applications built with Visual Studio 2005 require the .NET Framework 2.0 common language runtime (CLR), though it is possible to target an application to a previous version of the CLR. Visual C++ 2005 can be compiled as a managed .NET Framework application, requiring the CLR, or it can be compiled as a native application, meaning that no runtime is required for the application to run in Windows.