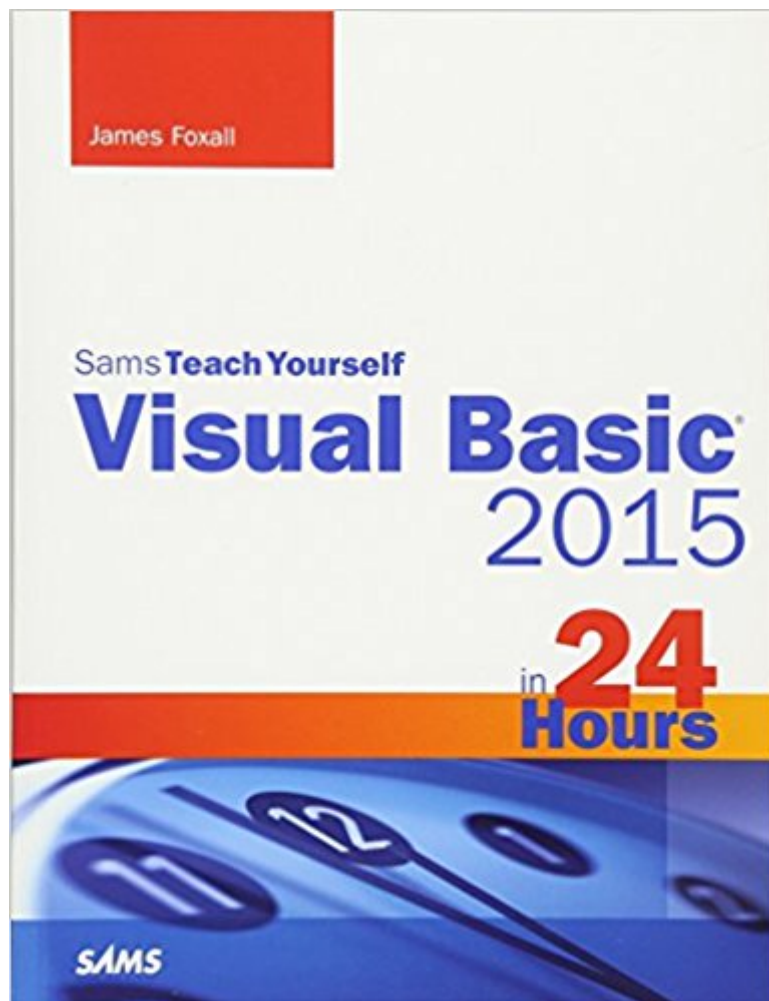




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# Visual Basic 2015 In 24 Hours, Sams Teach Yourself



## Synopsis

Â In just 24 sessions of one hour or less, you'll learn how to build complete, reliable, and modern Windows applications with Microsoft® Visual Basic® 2015. Using a straightforward, step-by-step approach, each lesson builds on what you've already learned, giving you a strong foundation for success with every aspect of VB 2015 development.

Notes present interesting pieces of information. Tips offer advice or teach an easier way to do something. Cautions advise you about potential problems and help you steer clear of disaster.

**Learn How To**

- Master VB 2015 by building a complete feature-rich application
- Navigate VB 2015 and discover its new shortcuts
- Work with objects, collections, and events
- Build attractive, highly-functional user interfaces
- Make the most of forms, controls, modules, and procedures
- Efficiently store data and program databases
- Make decisions in code
- Use powerful object-oriented techniques
- Work with graphics and text files
- Manipulate filesystems and the Registry
- Add email support
- Create efficient modules and reusable procedures
- Interact effectively with users
- Write code to preview and print documents
- Debug with VB 2015's improved breakpoint features
- Distribute your software

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**Who Should Read This Book** Those who have little or no programming experience or who might be picking up Visual Basic as a second language.

**Bug Alert** Description: Changing the startup form's name in a VB WinForms app does not update the "Startup form" #4517 Explanation: In the latest Visual Basic update on GitHub, Microsoft accidentally introduced a significant bug that you should be aware of. In the Visual Basic project properties dialog on one of the tabs (Application), is a drop down box for selecting the "startup object". This can be either a Main method or a System.Windows.Forms instance (or System.Windows.Window for WPF). When you do a rename on a form (say from the code editor in source or from the solution explorer) currently set as the startup form the rename doesn't cascade to the startup object project property cause the project to enter an invalid state where the user must now manually reset this project property from the now nonexistent Form to the new name. This is a huge annoyance. The fix for the bug (until Microsoft addresses) can be found here: <http://www.jamesfoxall.com/teach-visual-basic-2015-errata/>

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I have been programming since 1968. I coded in FORTRAN, COBOL, T-SQL, Access VBA, VB6 and limited Visual Studio VB.NET and I needed a book to teach me the ins and outs of VB2015 because I am targeting all my future code in that environment. This is a basic level book that I recommend everyone to read before diving deeply into Visual Studio VB.NET. The examples are excellent and the explanations assume nothing. I am excited to read the next book on VB2015 (Beginning Visual Basic by Newsome), which dives a little deeper. Then I should finish my training with Visual Basic 2015 Unleashed by Del Sole). I'll review those two when I finish them. Foxall is a great communicator and teacher. Don't pass-up reading this masterpiece. Hour 21 cost me an hour or two trying to figure out why there was a problem. Firstly, he refers to an MDB (which is an Access

extension) when he really meant an MDF (a SqlServer extension). After that, he refers to the table as "Contacts" in his code sample when he meant "tblContacts".. These were the ONLY errors in the book. I also had to convert his Sql2014 MDF to Sql2016. - no great shakes.

I am a career IBM mainframe applications programmer who is ramping up to reenter the IT profession. This was a very good "baby steps" kind of book to break into Visual Studio 2015 and object oriented programming. The combination of screen shots and step by step instructions was very helpful. If anyone cares, I went through the book on a Windows 10 Professional machine using SQL Server 2014 and Visual Studio Community 2015. Make sure to go to James Foxall's web site and read the errata before starting the book. That may save you a bit of time. Sadly, the book breaks down badly in Chapter 21, working with a database. The reader is instructed to download the contacts.mdb database from James Foxall's web site, and you'd think it would be in the downloads for this book, but it isn't. In fact, if you go to Mr. Foxall's site and look at the discussion threads, problems locating sample databases mentioned in his books seems to be a recurring theme. I never did find contacts.mdb, so I downloaded the Adventure Works sample SQL database and adapted the material in chapter 21 to use it. Just recently, a poster at Mr. Foxall's site said he located the contacts.mdb database in the downloads for the 2008 version of this book. Too late for me. This book will get you at least comfortable with the Visual Studio 2015 IDE, but just scratch the surface of it's functionality. And, when you finish the book you likely won't be able to code anything that anyone would actually want to use, but you'll be on your way. After this book I went through Beginning Visual Basic 2015 by Bryan Newsome, that book covers a lot of the same material but in a very different way. This book starts with the IDE and works into the code, and Newsome's book starts with the code and works out into the IDE. Two books are often better than one, and I'm glad I went through them both. Between the two, I gained the confidence to make the leap to C#, which I'm learning now.

Good introduction to VB 2015. Weak at times but overall worth it for an introduction.

There are lots of huge gaps in these 24 hourly lessons. Case in point: printing. He teaches how to print an image, but a multi-page document is another matter and he doesn't cover this at all. You would be hard pressed to try to write a useful desktop program with only this as a guide. The difficulty is that VB 2015 is new enough that there is little text out yet. The days of Microsoft Press producing a Language Reference, Controls Guide and Programmers Guide are well behind us and

to our detriment.

This book is easy to follow. However, there are several errors in the code examples in the book that cause syntax errors in VB 2015. VB 2015 is in the title of the book! For example, at one point, the book instructs you to type "WIndows.Forms.Dialog.Result.Cancel". When you type this, autofill takes over after the "F" following "Windows.", inserts "WindowsFormSection" and won't let you enter the rest of the statement. The author is leaving you stuck with NO WAY to resolve it. This book is for beginners, so this SHOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE. Especially when you cant return the book.

This is a well written and organized book for someone trying to learn Visual Basic. It explains and shows how to program in Visual Basic, and has you doing the programming so it sticks with you longer.

I like the way this book presents the material. I'm working through it, and though I am quite familiar with many of the concepts, the presentation does fill in some missing bits of knowledge that I can use. I do suggest running Visual Studio at the same time, and doing the steps as the author recommends. It is a great way to reinforce what is being presented.

Very understandable

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