

Developing A Name List

In this lesson we will develop a list of names in a list box and then display every 2nd name in another list box. We will use a **While Loop** to input the names and then a **For Loop** to display them.

RGB (red, green, blue)

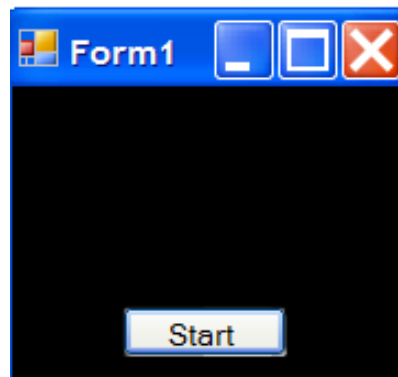
Virtually any shade can be reproduced using a combination of the colours red, green and blue. Artist mix paint to produce varied shades.

Televisions (pre-digital) use red green and blue tubes in combination to create the various colours and pictures on screen.

In Visual Basic the 3 colours are given a brightness value between 0-255. An rgb setting of (0,0,0,) displays an absence of colour which is black.

```
Private Sub btnStart_Click(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal  
    Me.BackColor = System.Drawing.Color.FromArgb(0, 0, 0)  
End Sub
```

Me refers to the Form

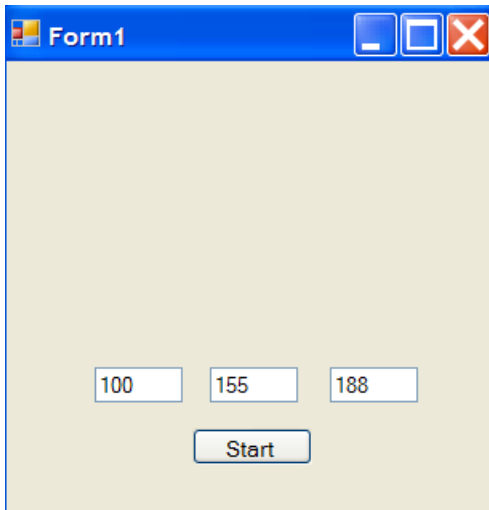


red value

green value

blue value

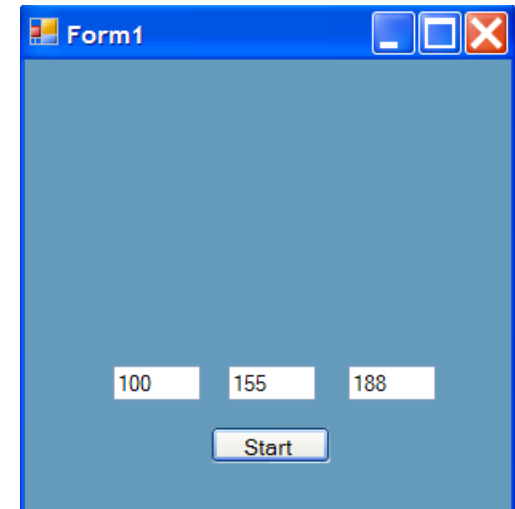
User Control Over Colours



A screenshot of a Windows form titled "Form1". The form has a light beige background. At the bottom, there are three text input fields containing the values "100", "155", and "188". Below these fields is a button labeled "Start".

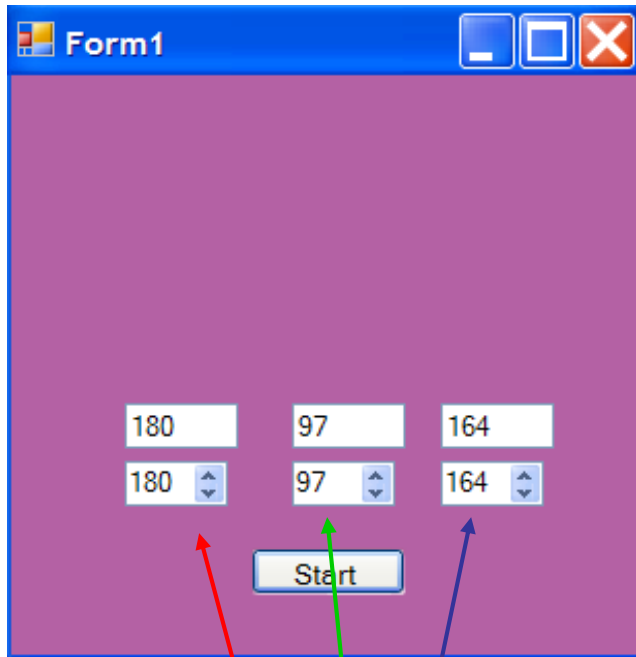
In this modification we will allow the user to enter values between 0 and 255 for each rgb value.

```
Private Sub btnStart_Click(ByVal sender As System.Object,  
    Dim r As Integer  
    Dim g As Integer  
    Dim b As Integer  
    r = Val(txtRed.Text)  
    g = Val(txtGreen.Text)  
    b = Val(txtBlue.Text)  
    Me.BackColor = System.Drawing.Color.FromArgb(r, g, b)  
End Sub
```



A screenshot of the same Windows form titled "Form1". The background is now a solid blue color. The three text input fields still contain the values "100", "155", and "188", and the "Start" button is still present below them.

Numeric Up Down Counter



```
r = Val(numRed.Value)  
g = Val(numGreen.Value)  
b = Val(numBlue.Value)
```

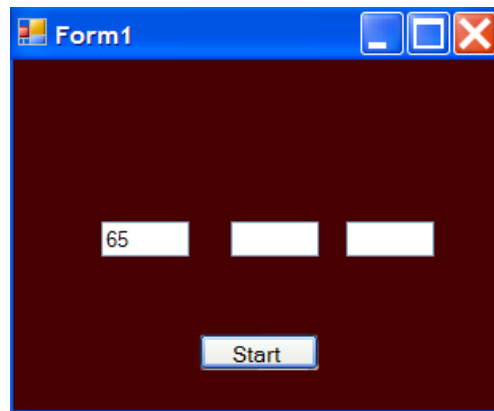
Increment	1
InterceptArrowKeys	True
Location	208, 187
Locked	False
Margin	3, 3, 3, 3
Maximum	255
MaximumSize	0, 0
Minimum	0
MinimumSize	0, 0
Modifiers	Friend
ReadOnly	False
RightToLeft	No
Size	50, 22
TabIndex	6
TabStop	True
Tag	
TextAlign	Left

Set minimum and maximum values of the counters in properties.

Increment RGB Value with Button Click

In this example, each time that the button is clicked the red value is incremented by five.

```
Private Sub btnStart_Click(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal  
    txtRed.Text = r  
    r = r + 5  
    Me.BackColor = System.Drawing.Color.FromArgb(r, g, b)  
End Sub
```



Don't Go Over 255!

```
Private Sub btnStart_Click(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e As System.EventArgs) Ha
    txtRed.Text = r
    r = r + 5
    Me.BackColor = System.Drawing.Color.FromArgb(r, g, b)
End Sub
Class
```

ArgumentException was unhandled

Value of '260' is not valid for 'red'. 'red' should be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to 255.

Troubleshooting tips:

The screenshot shows a Windows application window titled 'Form1'. The background of the form is a solid red color. At the top, there are three white text boxes. The first text box on the left contains the number '255'. Below these text boxes is a single white button with the text 'Start' centered on it.

Visual Basic will complain if you try and use a number greater than a 255 rgb value.

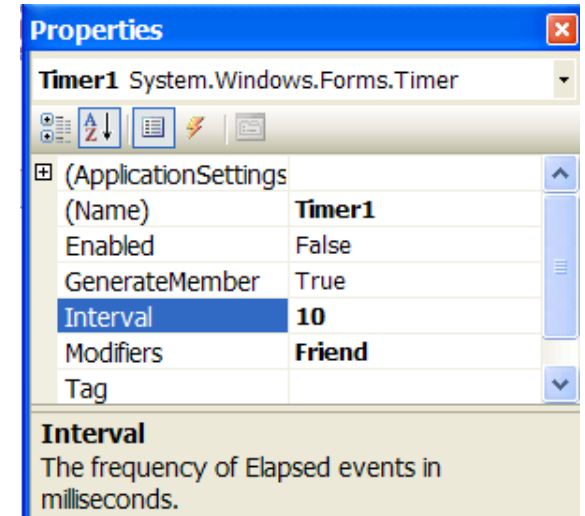
Add Timer to Fire A Sub()

Button click causes timer to start.

```
Private Sub btnStart_Click(ByVal sender As System.Object, By  
    Timer1.Start()  
End Sub
```

```
Sub ColourChange()  
    txtRed.Text = r  
    txtGreen.Text = g  
    txtBlue.Text = b  
    r = r + 1  
    g = g + 1  
    b = b + 1  
    Me.BackColor = System.Drawing.Color.FromArgb(r, g, b)  
End Sub
```

```
Private Sub Timer1_Tick(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal  
    ColourChange()  
End Sub
```



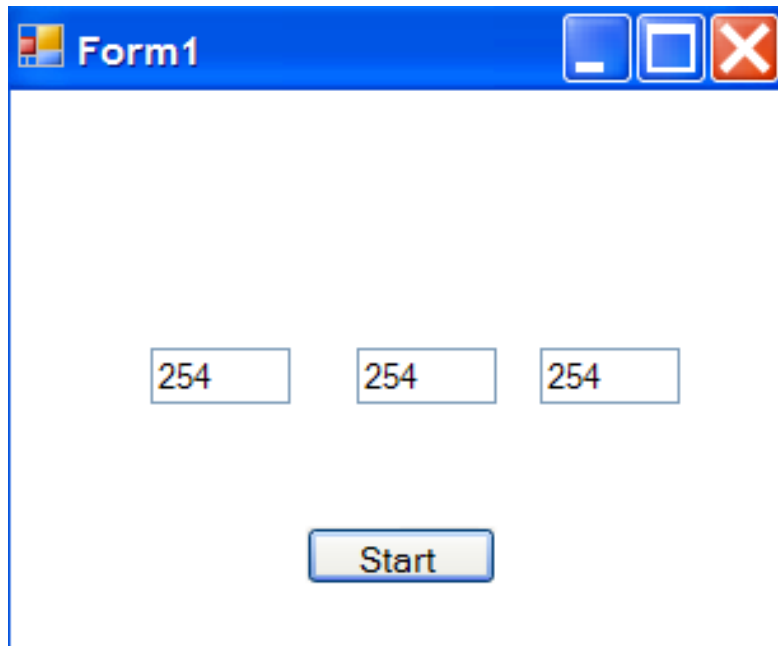
ColourChange() gradually changes rgb values.

Timer fires every 10 milliseconds calling ColourChange().

Program will run until rgb values reach 255 at which point it crashes. Use while statements to constrain values.

Stop Timer

```
Private Sub Timer1_Tick(ByVal sender  
    If (r < 255) Then  
        ColourChange()  
    Else  
        Timer1.Stop()  
    End If  
End Sub
```



Add A 2nd Timer and Reverse Values

```
Private Sub Timer1_Tick(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal  
    If (r < 255) Then  
        ColourChange()  
    Else  
        Timer1.Stop()  
        Timer2.Start()  
    End If  
End Sub
```

```
Sub ColourChangeBack()  
    txtRed.Text = r  
    txtGreen.Text = g  
    txtBlue.Text = b  
    r = r - 1  
    g = g - 1  
    b = b - 1  
    Me.BackColor = System.Drawing.Color.FromArgb(r, g, b)  
End Sub
```

```
Private Sub Timer2_Tick(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal  
    If (r > 0) Then  
        ColourChangeBack()  
    Else  
        Timer2.Stop()  
        Timer1.Start()  
    End If  
End Sub
```

Psychedelic Programming

