



## Introduction

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### About the Videos

- 1 Use the pause and re-wind buttons on the Windows Media Player controls to review information you may have missed. Alternately, you can use the following keyboard combinations to navigate through the videos using Windows Media Player:

Pause	<i>Ctrl+P</i>
Rewind	<i>Ctrl+Shift+B</i>
Fast Forward	<i>Ctrl+Shift+F</i>
Stop	<i>Ctrl+S</i>
Volume Up	<i>F10</i>
Volume Down	<i>F9</i>
Mute	<i>F8</i>

- 2 Our minds often work faster than an instructor can speak. If this is the case, you can adjust the playback speed, increasing it by as much as 25 to 30 percent. Select the following menu options: Play > Play Speed > Fast.

Alternately:

Fast	<i>Ctrl+Shift+G</i>
Normal	<i>Ctrl+Shift+N</i>
Slow	<i>Ctrl+Shift+S</i>

- 3 If you are having playback issues — for example, if the video looks fuzzy — there are a couple of things that you can do to improve performance:

<http://www.learnvisualstudio.net/VideoProblems.aspx>

**Note:** Members of LearnVisualStudio.NET have access to this series encoded in different formats which can eliminate most playback issues.

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## About the Study Guides

The study guides have one or two sections meant to help guide you as you watch the lessons.

**Important:** There are no guide “chapters” for the last four lessons ... in these lessons we are creating an entire application from start to finish. Please follow along by opening the source code for these lessons provided on Microsoft’s site.

### Active Participant

One study habit we’ve found effective with the videos is to formulate questions about the content BEFORE you begin watching it. Use the “Active Participant” section as a check list that you keep close while viewing the videos, checking off (or even writing in answers in the white space) for each of the questions. This keeps your mind attuned to what you are viewing, how it fits into the context of the video as a whole, and what significant information you should be focusing on during the course of the lesson.

### Exercises

The exercises are intended to be “homework” for you to stretch up to and beyond what you learned in the video lesson. Attempt these exercises on your own after you’ve watched the video.

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## Working with stylesheets and Master Pages

### Active Participant

- 1 Understand the purpose of Cascading Style Sheets, how to easily modify your web page by change the definition of the CSS classes, how to create/define CSS classes, how to reference an external .css file, how to include CSS definitions in a web page. How to use Visual Basic 2005 Express Edition's CSS tools.
- 2 Understand what the purpose of MasterPages are, what is a ContentPlaceHolder, how to create a MasterPage and apply it to new pages you add to your website.
- 3 What is the purpose of a Sitemap? Make sure you know how to create a SiteMap, how to create a hierarchy of web pages, etc. How does the Web.SiteMap file work with the TreeView control? The SiteMapPath control? The Menu control? What is the purpose of the SiteMapDataSource?

### Exercises

The solutions to these exercises can be viewed in the following video file:

[06 - Solution to Exercise in Study Guide for Lesson 06 \(VWD VB\).wmv](#)

available from the same place you downloaded this Study Guide.

- 1 Borrowing from a previous lesson, use the CSS features of Visual Web Developer to style the previous pages you created.
- 2 Create navigation for a simple website, including a TreeView, SiteMapPath and Menu controls. Also, use MasterPages to create a consistent look/feel.