CE94930—Introduction to Visual BASIC

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Distributing VB programs

- Run VB programs on machine other that development systems
- Various code libraries (DLLs) required
- Automate installation (setup program)
- "SetupWiz"
- Demonstration

Other VB features

- Grid and Timer controls
- "Drag & Drop"
- OLE
- Calling DLL procedures; Windows API
- Run-time error handling

VB Professional features

- Database facilities
- Additional controls
- Documentation & declarations for Windows API

Additional VB resources

- Books
- Windows & API references
- VB Sample programs
- User's group
- Online resources

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Alternatives to VB

- DOS: VB/DOS

- Windows:
  - general-purpose: CA Realizer
  - database: Powerbuilder; SQLWindows (Gupta); ObjectVision (Borland)
  - multimedia: Toolbook (Asymetrix)

Alternatives to VB

- OS/2: VX-REXX ; VisualAge (IBM); SmallTalk (IBM and others); VisPro REXX, VisPro C (Hockware)

- Unix: Tk/Tcl; SmallTalk

- OS-independent: Galaxy; XVT

- Various places: "visual C/C++"

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Future considerations

- VB 4.0
- Borland's Delphi

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