Universal Windows Platform – Drag and Drop

Drag and Drop shows how to use a ListBox to create a simple drag-and-drop example

Step 1

Follow Setup and Start on how to Install and/or Get Started with Visual Studio 2019 if Create a new project not already or in Windows 10 choose Start, Choose a project template with code scaffolding find and select Visual Studio 2019 then from to get started the Get started screen select Create a new project Then choose Blank App (Universal Blank App (Universal Windows) Windows) and select Next and then in A project for a single-page Universal Windows Platform (UWP) app that has no **Configure your new project** enter the predefined controls or layout Windows Xbox UWP Desktop Project name as DragAndDrop and select Create New Universal Windows Platform Project × Finally, in New Universal Windows Platform Select the target and minimum platform versions that your UWP application will support Project pick the Target version and Minimum version to be at least Windows Windows 10, version 1903 (10.0; Build 18362) Target version: Minimum version: Windows 10, version 1903 (10.0; Build 18362) 10, version 1903 (10.0; Build 18362) and then select **OK** Which version should I choose? OK Cancel

Target Version will control the most recent features of Windows 10 your application can use. To make sure you always have the most recent version, check for any Notifications or Updates in Visual Studio 2019

Step 2



Choose **Project** then **Add New Item...** from the **Menu** in **Visual Studio 2019**

Step 3

Code File Visual C#

Then choose **Code File** from **Add New Item** in **Visual Studio 2019**, enter the **Name** as **Library.cs** and select **Add**





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Step 4

In the **Code** View of **Library.cs** will be displayed and in this the following should be entered:

```
using System;
using System.Collections.ObjectModel;
using System.Linq;
public class Item
{
    public Guid Id { get; set; }
    public string Value { get; set; }
}
public class Library
{
    public ObservableCollection<Item> Items { get; set; }
        = new ObservableCollection<Item>();
    public void Add(string value)
    {
        Items.Add(new Item
        {
            Id = Guid.NewGuid(),
            Value = value
        });
    }
    public void Remove(Guid id)
    {
        Item result = Items.FirstOrDefault(item => item.Id == id);
        if (result != null)
        {
            Items.Remove(result);
        }
    }
```

There is a **using** statement to include functionality needed for the application. There is a class for **Item** and then there is an **ObservableCollection** of **Item**. Add(...) method will Add a new **Item** to the **ObservableCollection** of **Item**. Remove(...) method will use LINQ to get an **Item** with **FirstOrDefault** by **Id** and if this is not null will Remove it





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In the Solution Explorer of Visual Studio 2019 select MainPage.xaml

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Choose View then **Designer** from the **Menu** in **Visual Studio 2019**

Step 7

In the **Design** View and **XAML** View of **Visual Studio 2019** will be displayed, and in this between the **Grid** and **/Grid** elements enter the following **XAML**:

```
<Grid>
    <Grid.RowDefinitions>
        <RowDefinition Height="Auto"/>
        <RowDefinition Height="*"/>
    </Grid.RowDefinitions>
    <TextBox Grid.Row="0" Margin="20" Name="Value"/>
    <ListView Grid.Row="1" VerticalAlignment="Stretch" AllowDrop="True"</pre>
        CanReorderItems="True" SelectionMode="Single" Name="Display">
        <ListView.ItemTemplate>
            <DataTemplate>
                <TextBlock FontFamily="Segoe UI" FontSize="16"
                Text="{Binding Value}"/>
            </DataTemplate>
        </ListView.ItemTemplate>
    </ListView>
</Grid>
<CommandBar VerticalAlignment="Bottom">
    <AppBarButton Icon="Add" Label="Add" Click="Add_Click"/>
    <AppBarButton Icon="Remove" Label="Remove" Click="Remove Click"/>
</CommandBar>
```

The first block of XAML is the main user interface with a Grid with two rows – the first contains a TextBox for the value to add and the second row is a ListBox to show added items with AllowDrop and CanReorderItems properties set enabling the Control to support drag-and-drop. The second block of XAML is the CommandBar which contains the Add – to add to the ListBox and Remove - to remove items from the ListBox





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Choose View then Code from the Menu in Visual Studio 2019

Step 9

Once in the **Code** View, below the end of **public MainPage() { ... }** the following Code should be entered:

```
Library library = new Library();
protected override void OnNavigatedTo(NavigationEventArgs e)
{
    Display.ItemsSource = library.Items;
}
private void Add_Click(object sender, RoutedEventArgs e)
{
    library.Add(Value.Text);
}
private void Remove_Click(object sender, RoutedEventArgs e)
{
    library.Remove(((Item)Display.SelectedItem).Id);
}
```

Below the MainPage(...) method an instance of the Library Class is created. In the OnNavigatedTo event handler the ListBox has its ItemsSource set to the ObservableCollection in the Library class. Add_Click(...) will use Add from the Library class with the Text from the TextBox and Remove_Click(...) will use Remove from the Library class





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That completes the **Universal Windows Platform** Application, in **Visual Studio 2019** select **Local Machine** to run the Application

Step 11

Once the Application is running you can then type in some text then click **Add**, you can then add multiple items. Then tap and hold or select with a mouse on any of the items to move them up and down the list

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