

# Characteristics of the prototype

- \* Based on .NET Framework
- Enables dynamic exchange of the contents
- \* Maintainable
- \* Extendable
- Interactive and user-friendly
- \* Flexible for the whole curriculum
- Developing language is irrelevant

### Required software

- \* .NET Framework
  - Developing technologies:
    - ASP.NET
    - WinForms
  - Class libraries:
    - · ADO.NET
  - Basic class libraries
  - Common Language Runtime
- \* IIS (Internet Information Services)
- \* SQL Server 2000

## Three kinds of users

- Application administrator
  - Adds and deletes courses, lecturers and students
- Course administrator (lecturer)
  - Completely administers the course(s):
  - Uses the mail as an ordinary user (inhereted)
- \* Student
  - Uses the mail, reads and downloads all materials, participates in a forum, gets and sends assignments

#### Administration of the course

- Sets up and deletes lectures from a zip file
  - Weak point of the prototype!
- Sends and deletes different materials
- Composes, sends and marks assignments
- Generates the final grade

## Application development

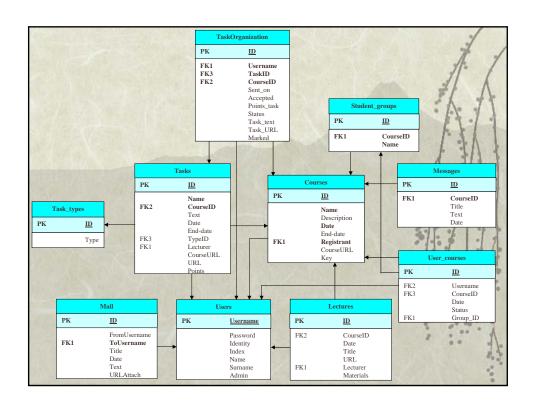
- Creation of the database
- Creation of the project and setting of project properties
- Creation of user classes
- Creation of main forms for interaction.
- Validation of all input forms

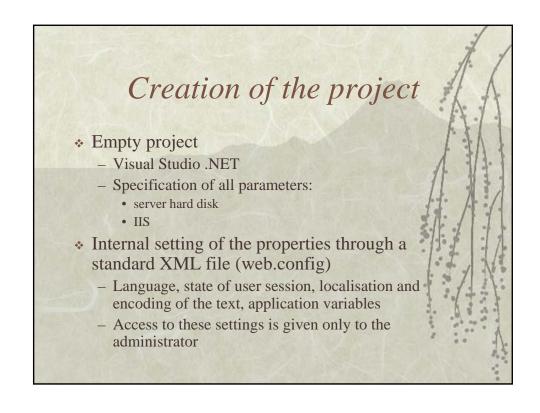
#### Current database

- \* SQL Server 2000
  - Compatible with the .NET Framework
  - Powerful
  - Offers wide range of possibilities
  - Flexible

## Advantages and disadvantages

- Complete manipulation is done through stored procedures
  - "Clean" code: SQL statements are at one place, so their transfer in the code is not needed.
  - Very fast
- \* Database is intuitive
  - It needs restructuring, but it works even now





#### User classes

- Additional classes (inherited of extended ASP.NET controls)
- Connection with the database
- Table manipulation (grid)
- \* Form controls
- \* Global variables
- Performing independent functions

# Main forms for interaction

- \* Different part of development environment
- Main window to position the components and present the code
- \* Tool bar
- Window with the file list, class hierarchy and dynamic support

# Validation of all input forms

- Predicts and disables errors during data input
- Validation is made before inputs are processed
- Problem: script languages could potentially disturb validation
- ♦ Actual solution → double validation:
  - At client side (optional)
  - At server side (compulsory)

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