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Tutorials

The IBM® ILOG® Gantt for .NET tutorials provide step-by-step introductions to the fundamental areas of programming for the IBM ILOG Gantt for .NET framework. Each tutorial provides a detailed walkthrough of the steps required to write, build and run small sample applications.

In This Section

Creating a Windows Forms Gantt Application

Walks you through the process of creating a simple Gantt application using Windows® Forms.

Creating a Web Forms Gantt Application

Walks you through the process of creating a simple Gantt application using Web Forms.

Synchronizing a Schedule Chart with a Load Chart (Windows Forms Tutorial)

Walks you through the process of synchronizing a Schedule chart with a Load chart.

Creating a Custom Gantt Representation (Windows Forms Tutorial)

Walks you through the process of creating a custom Gantt chart representation made of an activity table and two scroll activity sheets.

Related Sections

Getting Started

Provides a hands-on introduction and overview to the IBM ILOG Gantt for .NET framework.

Creating a Windows Forms Gantt Application

In this tutorial you will learn how to create a simple Windows® Forms Gantt application.

See Also

Creating the Gantt Chart | Associating the Gantt Data Model With the Gantt Chart | Filling the Gantt Chart With XML Data

Creating the Gantt Chart

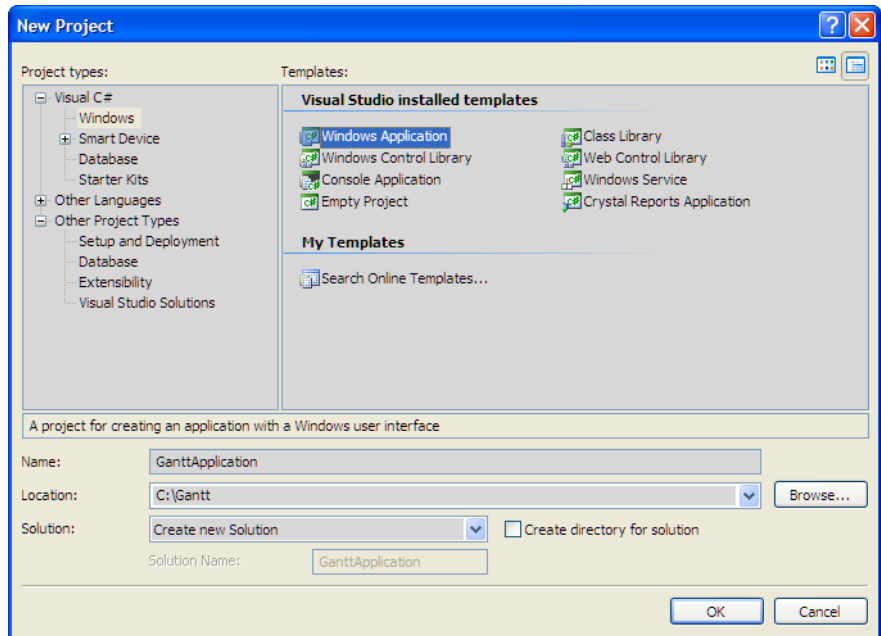
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- ◆ A Gantt Sheet (an instance of the class GanttSheet) which displays how activities are positioned on the time scale.
- ◆ A zoomable time scale, which is an instance of the class TimeScale.

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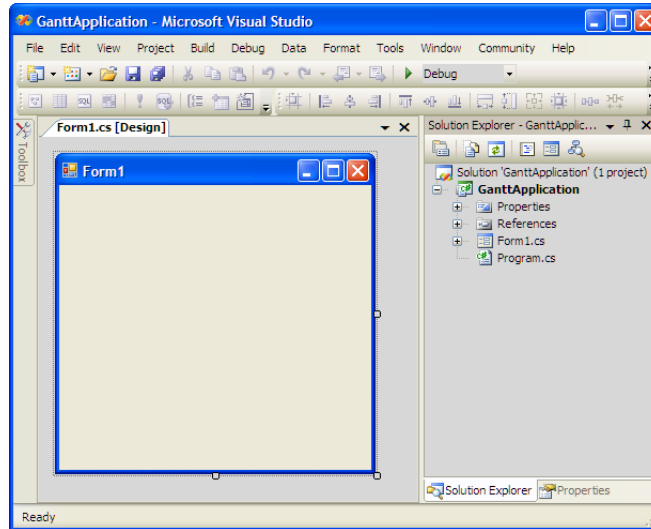
To create the Gantt application, proceed as follows:

1. Create a project of type Windows® Forms.
On the **File** menu, click **New**, and then click **Project**.
The New Project window appears.



2. In the left window, click **Visual C# > Windows**.
3. In the right window, click **Windows Application**.
4. Name the project GanttApplication.
5. Place the project in **C:\Gantt**.

Visual Studio®.NET creates a form named Form1 and stores it by default in the file **Form1.cs**.

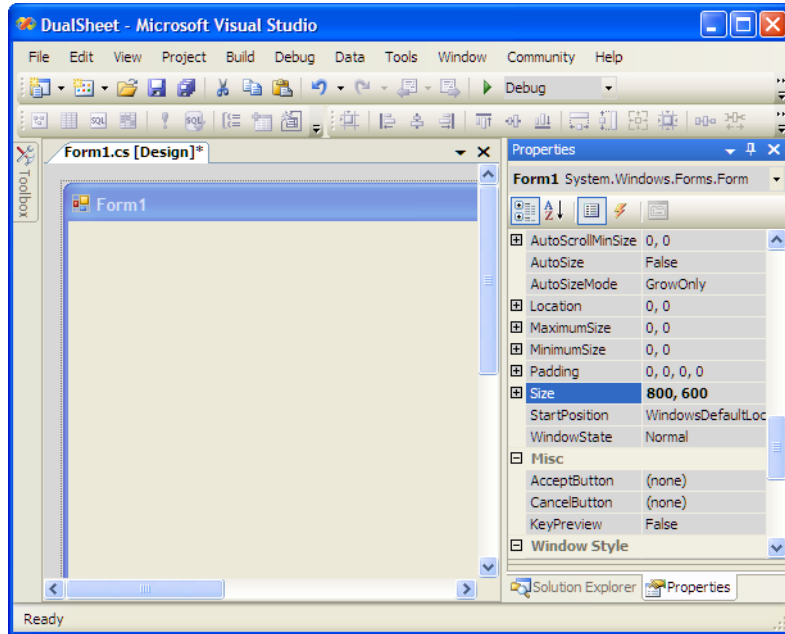


6. Resize the window.

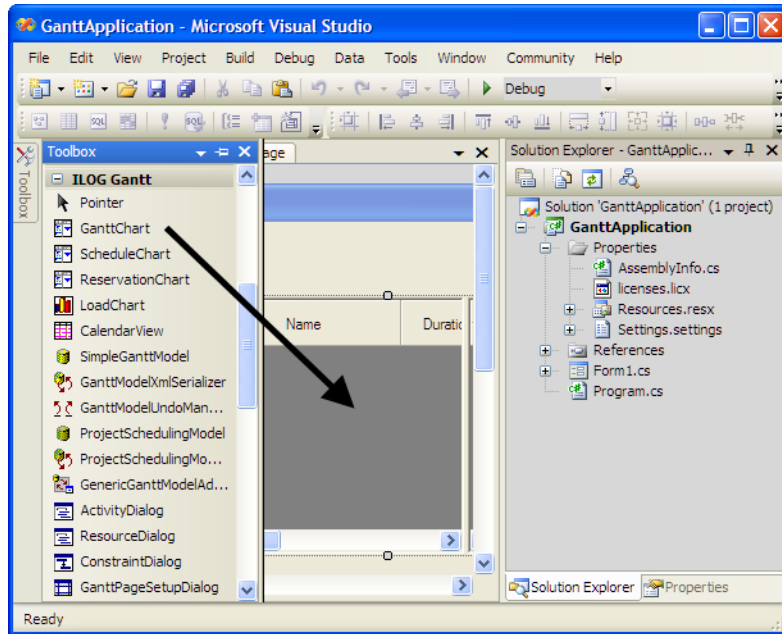
From the menu bar, select View > Properties Window and from the Properties explorer choose **Layout** > **Size**. Expand the property and enter the following values:

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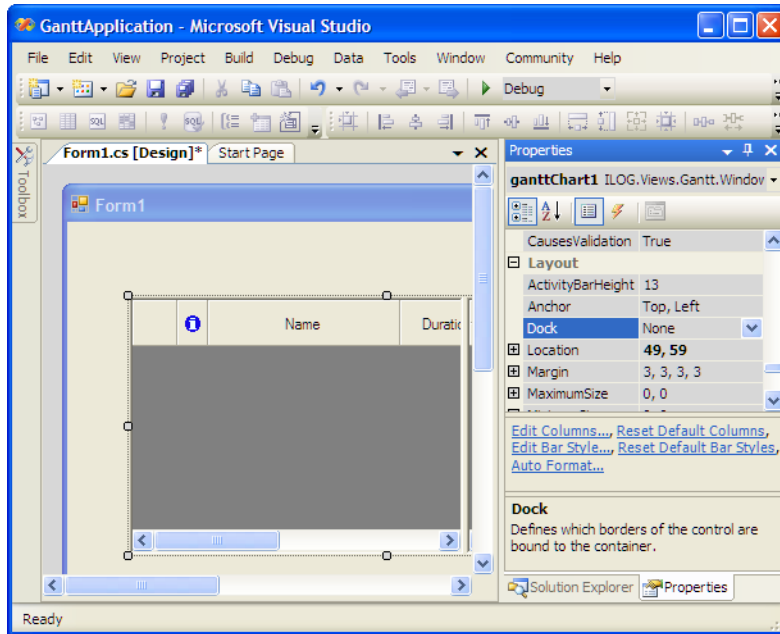
Height: 600



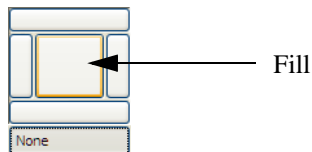
7. From the IBM ILOG Gantt for .NET toolbox select the **GanttChart** object and drag it to Form1.



8. Change the Dock property to make the Gantt chart occupy the entire form.
Click the Gantt chart in Form1 and from the Properties explorer choose **Layout > Dock**.

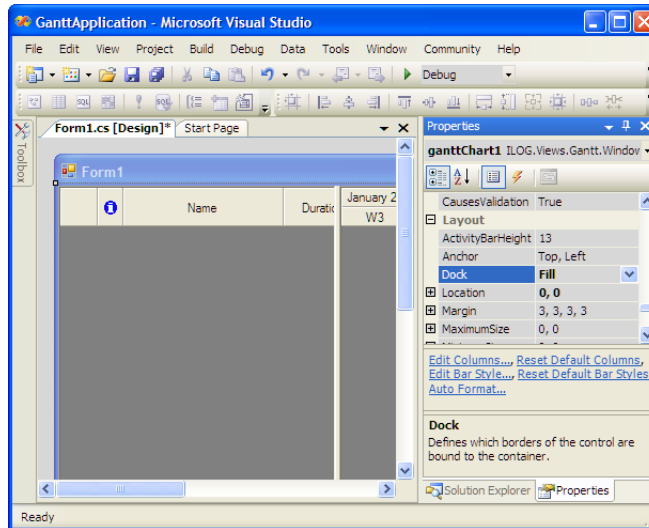


Clicking the arrow next to the Dock property shows the following control:



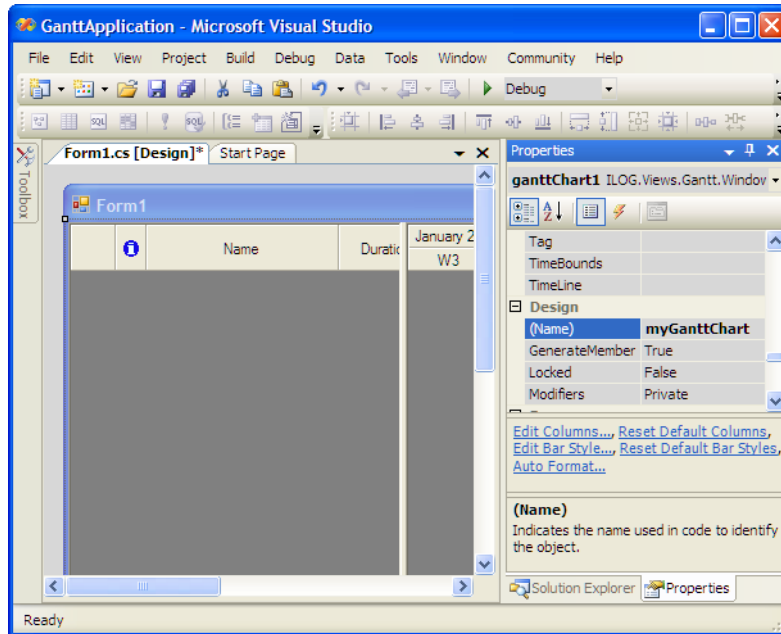
9. Select the area corresponding to the Fill option.

Form1 now looks like this:



10. Rename the Gantt chart.

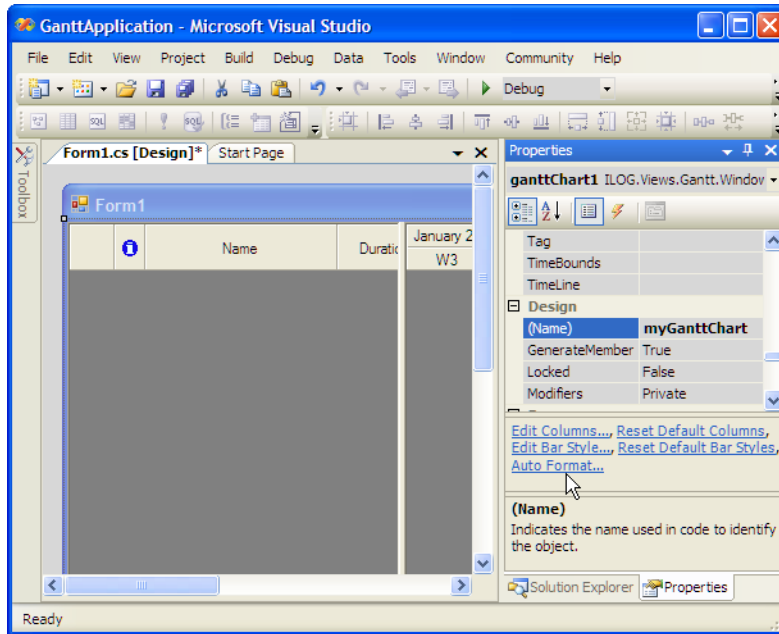
Click the Gantt chart in Form1. From the Properties explorer choose **Design > Name** and enter the new name: **myGanttChart**.



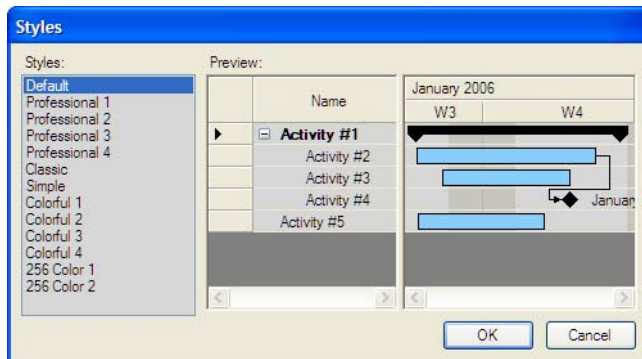
The appearance of the Gantt chart can be completely customized to fit your needs.

11. Define a style for the Gantt chart you have just created.

You can either right-click the Gantt chart in Form1 and select **AutoFormat** in the contextual menu, or click **AutoFormat** at the bottom of the Properties explorer.



The Styles window appears:



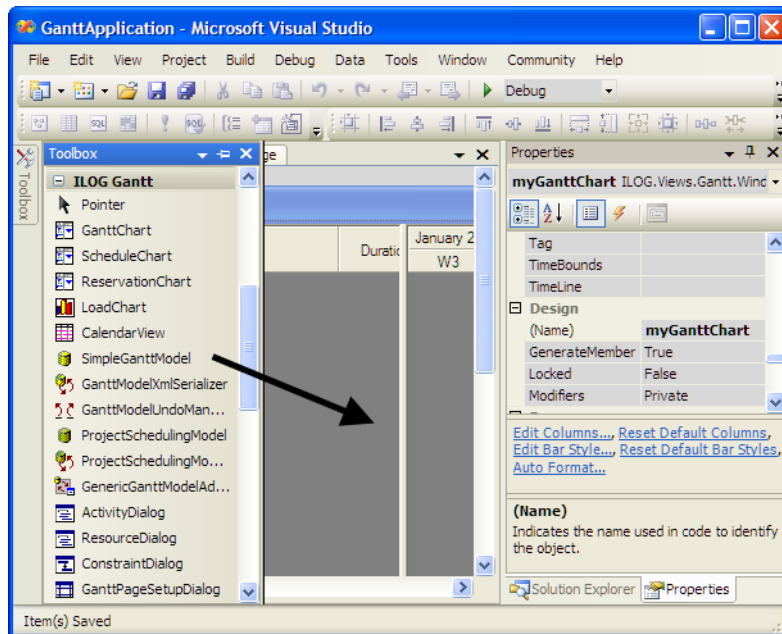
Select a style and click OK. The style that you selected is automatically applied to the Gantt chart.

12. Save the file **Form1.cs**.

Associating the Gantt Data Model With the Gantt Chart

The Gantt data model contains the scheduling information you want to display in the chart. In the following steps, you will learn how to bind a simple Gantt data model to the Gantt chart.

1. From the IBM® ILOG® Gantt for .NET toolbox select the **SimpleGanttModel** object and drag it to Form1.



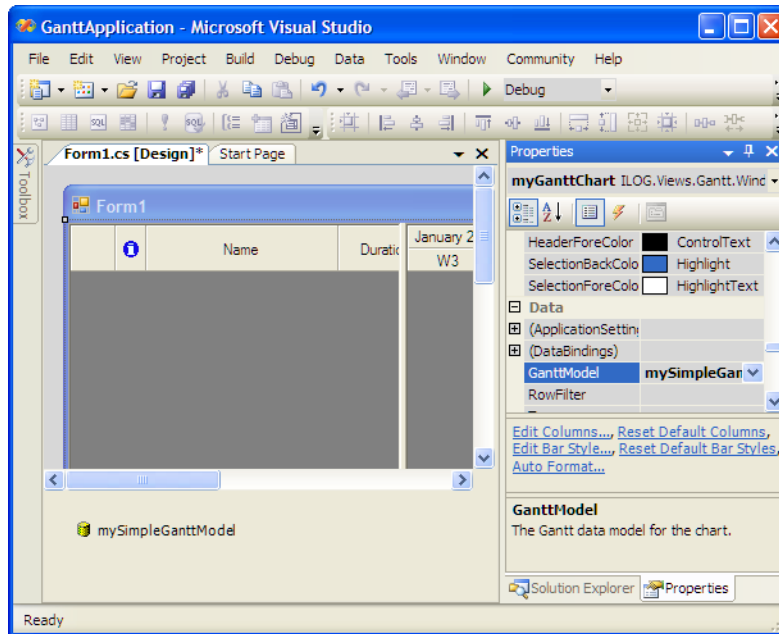
2. Rename the simple Gantt model.

Click the **SimpleGanttModel1** object in Form1. From the Properties explorer choose **Design > Name** and enter the new name: **mySimpleGanttModel**.

3. Associate **mySimpleGanttModel** with **myGanttChart**.

Click the Gantt chart in Form1 and from the Properties explorer select **Data > GanttModel**.

Click the arrow of the drop-down list next to the GanttModel property and choose **mySimpleGanttModel**.

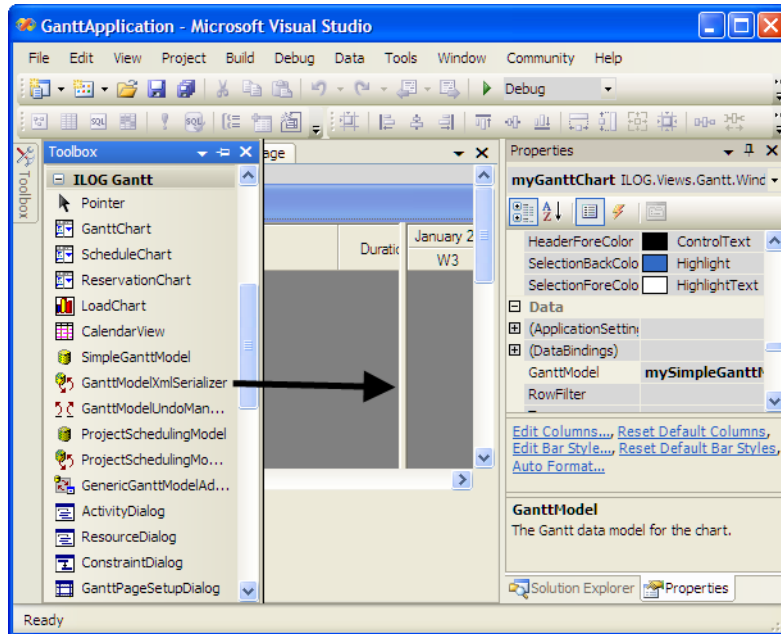


Filling the Gantt Chart With XML Data

IBM® ILOG® Gantt for .NET allows you to serialize and deserialize scheduling data to and from Scheduling Data Exchange Language (SDXL) files. This is accomplished through the **GanttModelXmlSerializer** class.

To deserialize scheduling data from SDXL files and use this information to fill the Gantt chart, perform the following steps.

1. From the IBM ILOG Gantt for .NET toolbox select the **GanttModelXmlSerializer** object and drag it to Form1.

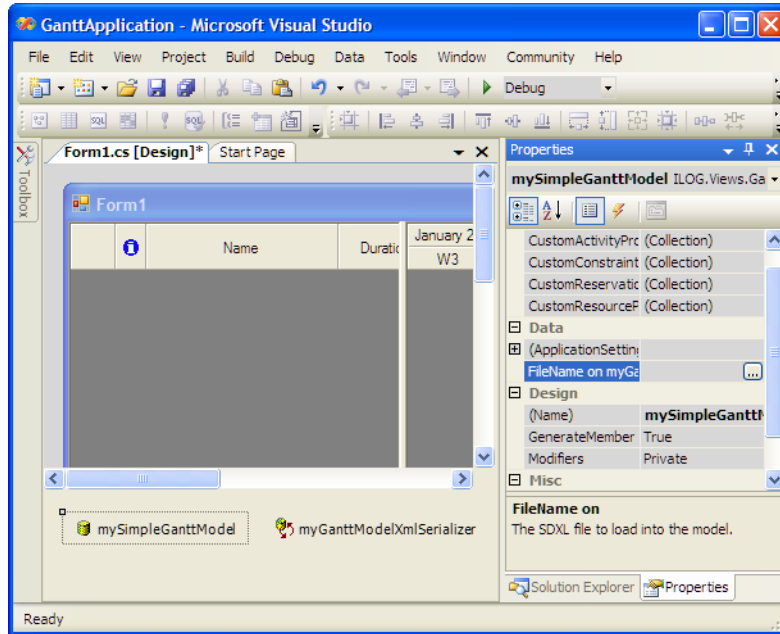


2. Rename the Gantt model XML serializer.

Click the object **ganttModelXmlSerializer1** in Form1. From the Properties explorer choose **Design > Name** and enter the new name: **myGanttModelXmlSerializer**.

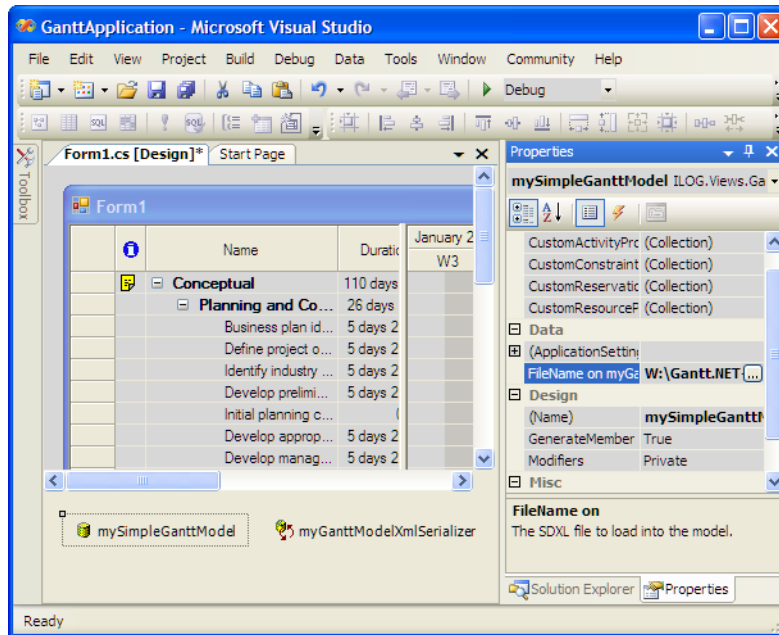
3. Click **mySimpleGanttModel**.

You will notice that a new property named **FileName** on **myGanttModelXmlSerializer** has been created.



4. Select the property **FileName on myGanttModelXmlSerializer** and click the three-dots button next to it. Choose an SDXL file to fill the Gantt chart.

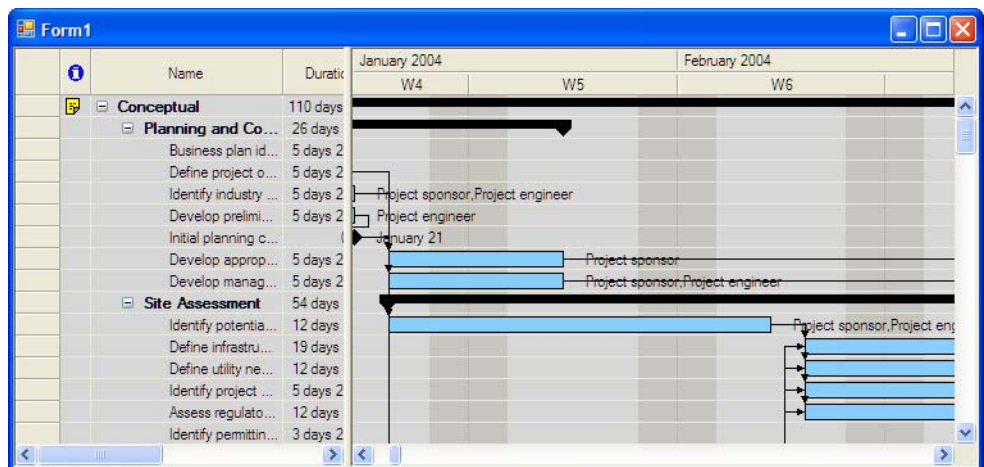
Note: Examples of SDXL files can be found in <install-dir>\Data.



Data contained in the SDXL file are displayed in the Gantt chart.

5. Save the file **Form1.cs**.
6. Run the application using the command **Debug > Start**.

The Gantt application named Form1 should appear as follows:



Creating a Web Forms Gantt Application

In this tutorial you will learn how to create a simple Web Forms Gantt application.

See Also

Creating the Gantt Chart | Associating the Gantt Data Model With the Gantt Chart | Filling the Gantt Chart With XML Data | Adding Controls to Interact with the Gantt Chart | Adding Controls to Modify the Gantt Data Model | Saving Modifications Across Requests

Creating the Gantt Chart

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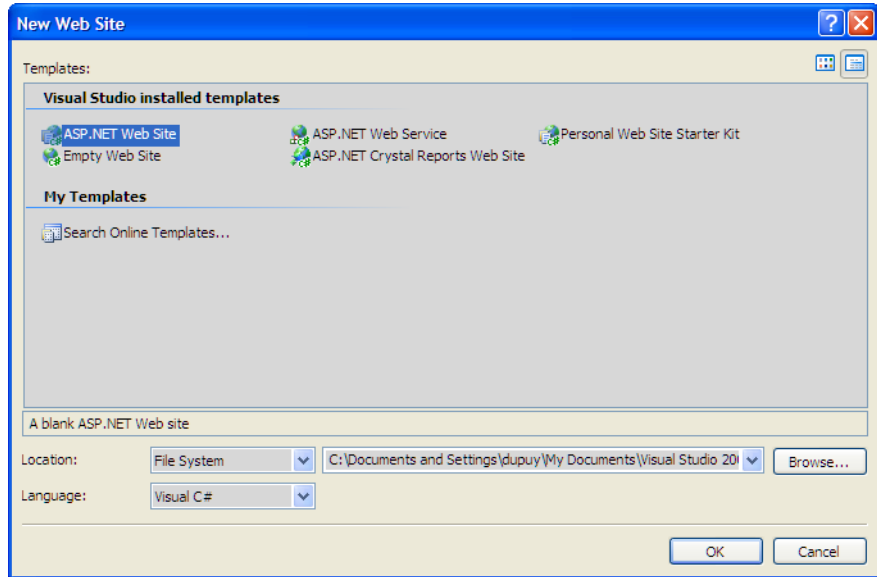
A standard, adjustable splitter separates the left part from the right part.

To create the Gantt application, proceed as follows:

1. Create a project of type ASP.NET Web Application.

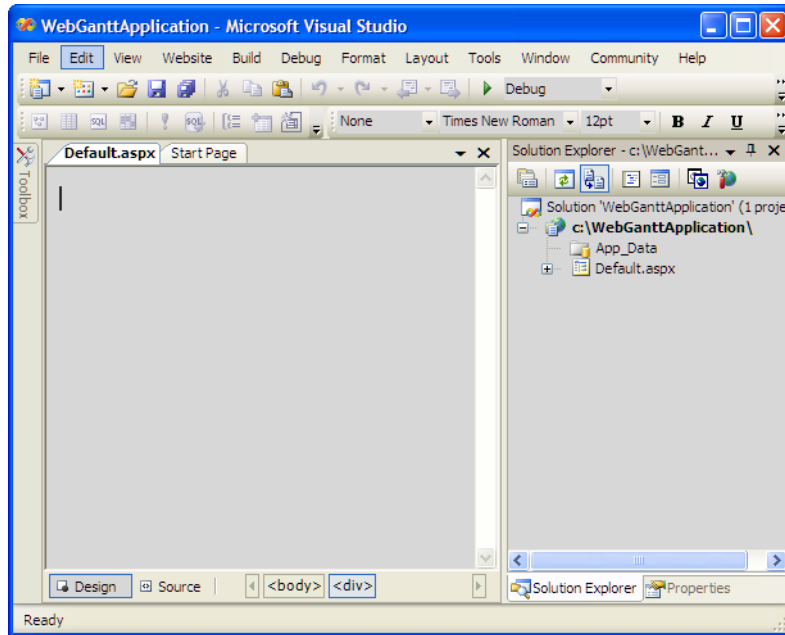
On the **File** menu, click **New**, and then click **WebSite**.

The New Project window appears.

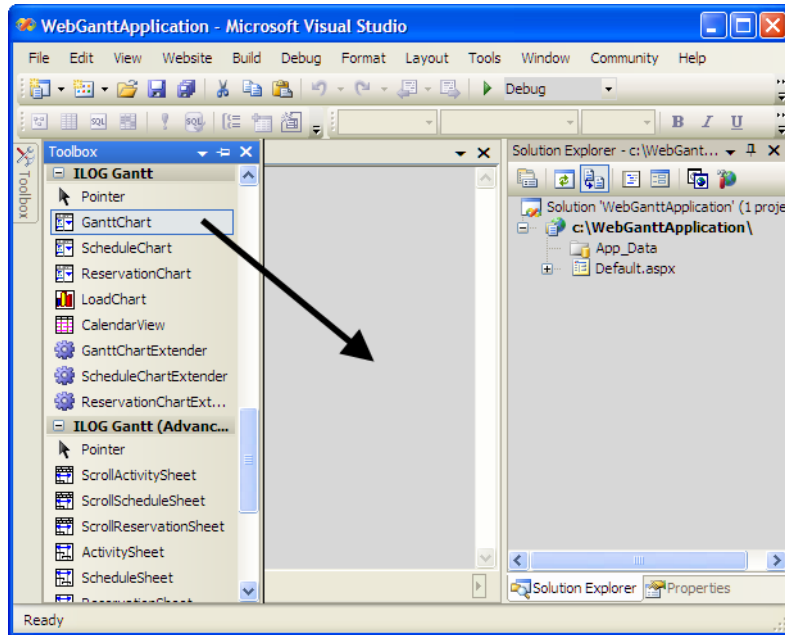


2. Select **ASP.NET Web Site**.
3. Click in the location text box.
4. Name the project **C:\WebGanttApplication**.
5. Click the **OK** button.

Visual Studio®.NET creates a empty form and stores it by default in the file **Default.aspx**.

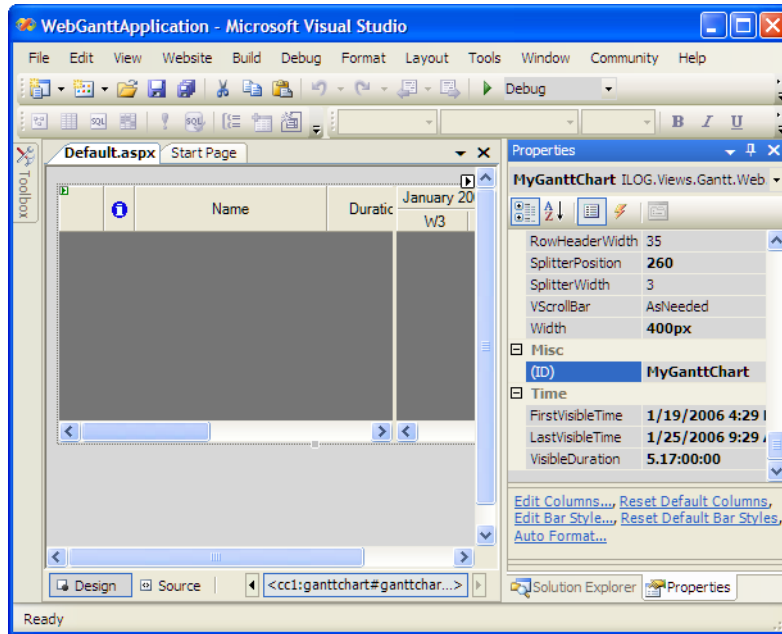


6. From the IBM ILOG Gantt for .NET toolbox tab select the **GanttChart** object and drag it to the web form.



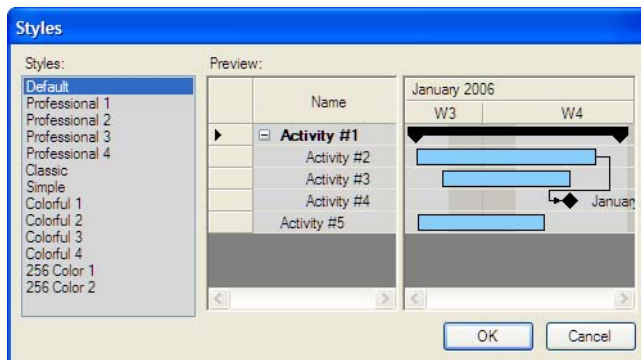
7. Rename the Gantt chart.

Select the Gantt chart in the web form. From the Properties explorer choose **Misc > ID** and enter the new name: **MyGanttChart**.



8. Resize the Gantt chart to make it larger.
9. Define a style for the Gantt chart you have just created.

You can either right-click the Gantt chart in **Default** and select **AutoFormat** in the contextual menu, or click **AutoFormat** at the bottom of the Properties explorer. The Styles window appears:



Select a style and click **OK**. The style that you selected is automatically applied to the Gantt chart.

10. Save the file **Default.aspx**.

Associating the Gantt Data Model With the Gantt Chart

The Gantt data model contains the scheduling data you want to display in the chart. In the following steps, you will learn how to bind a simple Gantt data model to the Gantt chart.

1. Open the **Default.aspx.cs** file and adds the following variable declarations:

```
private ILOG.Views.Gantt.Data.SimpleGanttModel ganttModel;
```

2. Override the **OnInit** method to create the Gantt model:

```
protected override void OnInit(EventArgs e)
{
    ganttModel = new ILOG.Views.Gantt.Data.SimpleGanttModel();
    base.OnInit(e);
}
```

3. Override the **OnLoad** method to set the Gantt model of the Gantt chart:

```
protected override void OnLoad(EventArgs e)
{
    MyGanttChart.GanttModel = ganttModel;
    base.OnLoad(e);
}
```

Filling the Gantt Chart With XML Data

IBM® ILOG® Gantt for .NET allows you to serialize and deserialize scheduling data to and from Scheduling Data Exchange Language (SDXL) files. This is accomplished through the **GanttModelXmlSerializer** class.

To deserialize scheduling data from SDXL files and use this information to fill the Gantt chart, perform the following steps.

1. Open the **Default.aspx.cs** file and adds the following variable declaration:

```
private ILOG.Views.Gantt.Data.GanttModelXmlSerializer ganttSerializer;
```

2. Modify the **OnInit** method to create the serializer:

```
protected override void OnInit(EventArgs e)
{
    ganttModel = new ILOG.Views.Gantt.Data.SimpleGanttModel;
    ganttSerializer = new ILOG.Views.Gantt.Data.GanttModelXmlSerializer();
    base.OnInit(e);
}
```

3. Modify the **OnLoad** method to load a SDXL file into the Gantt model:

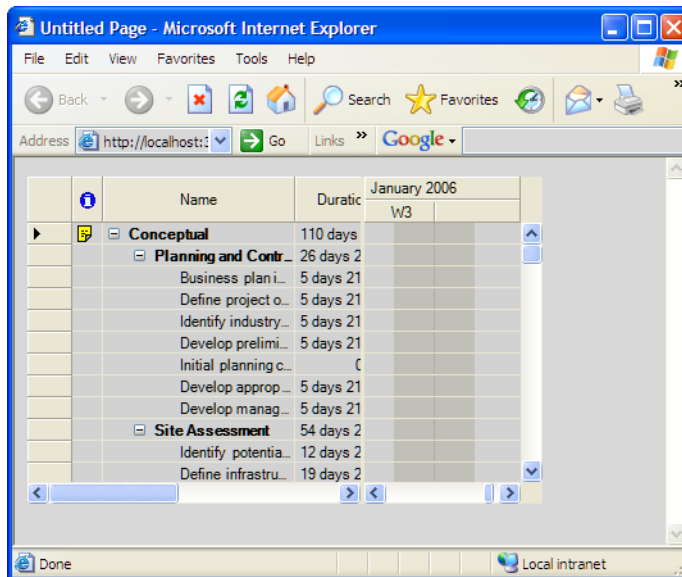
```
protected override void OnLoad(EventArgs e)
{
    MyGanttChart.GanttModel = ganttModel;
    ganttSerializer.SetFileName(ganttModel, filename);
    base.OnLoad(e);
}
```

filename should be replaced by the location of a SDXL file.

Note: Examples of SDXL files can be found in <install-dir>\Data.

4. Save all the files.
5. Run the application using the command **Debug > Start**.

The Gantt application named **WebGanttApplication** should appear as follows:



Use the scroll bars of the Gantt to navigate in the time line. You can also select rows, or collapse and expand rows by clicking the expand/collapse button of parent rows.

Adding Controls to Interact with the Gantt Chart

This section describes how to add some standard Web Forms controls to interact with the Gantt Chart.

In particular, we'll see how to change the zoom level of the Gantt Chart using buttons.

1. Select a button from the Web Form toolbox tab and drag it onto the web form.
2. From the Properties explorer choose **Appearance > Text** and enter the new text: **Zoom In**.
3. Double-click the button to add an event handler. This opens the source code editor. Add a call to the **ZoomIn** method of the **GanttChart** into the button event handler:

```
private void Button1_Click(object sender, System.EventArgs e)
{
    MyGanttChart.ZoomIn();
}
```

Select the **Default.aspx** tab to switch back to design view.

1. Select another button from the Web Form toolbox tab and drag it onto the web form.
2. From the Properties explorer choose **Appearance > Text** and enter the new text: **Zoom Out**.
3. Double-click the button to add an event handler. This opens the source code editor. Add a call to the **ZoomOut** method of the **GanttChart** into the button event handler:

```
private void Button2_Click(object sender, System.EventArgs e)
{
    MyGanttChart.ZoomOut();
}
```

Select the **Default.aspx** tab to switch back to design view.

4. Save the file **Default.aspx**.
5. Run the application using the command **Debug > Start**.

Use the scroll bars of the Gantt Chart and the **Zoom In** and **Zoom Out** buttons to navigate in the time line.

Adding Controls to Modify the Gantt Data Model

This section describes how to add some standard Web Forms controls to modify the Gantt Data Model loaded by the Gantt Chart.

In particular, we'll see how to add an activity to the Gantt Data Model.

1. Select a button from the Web Form toolbox tab and drag it onto the web form.
2. From the Properties explorer choose **Appearance > Text** and enter the new text: **New Activity**.
3. Double-click the button to add an event handler. This opens the source code editor. Add the following code into the button event handler:

```
private void Button3_Click(object sender, System.EventArgs e)
{
    int index = MyGanttChart.NewActivity(
        null,
        "New Activity",
        MyGanttChart.VisibleTimeInterval);
    if (index != -1)
        MyGanttChart.EnsureRowVisible(index);
}
```

Select the **Default.aspx** tab to switch back to design view.

4. Run the application using the command **Debug > Start**.

Click the **New Activity** button and notice the new added activity.

Click one more time the **New Activity** button and notice that only one activity has been added. This is because the model is reloaded from the SDXL file at each round-trip. The next step of this tutorial shows how to keep the modifications made to a model between round-trips.

Saving Modifications Across Requests

Each time a client requests the page, a new instance of the page is created to handle the request. This means that everything in the page is re-created including the controls and the data. The ability of ASP.NET to give the illusion that its pages and controls are maintaining some kind of state between different requests relies on the phases the page is put through upon each request. Let's focus onto two phases of the page life cycle: The **LoadViewState** phase, and the **SaveViewState** phase.

The **LoadViewState** phase of a control life cycle initializes the control with data present in the request. This data is called the **ViewState**.

The **SaveViewState** phase of a control life cycle saves the state of the control into the **ViewState**, making it available for the next request.

This section describes how to store the Gantt Data Model into the **ViewState**. Of course, a real application would have used a database instead of storing the model in the **ViewState**, but this goes away from the scope of this tutorial.

1. Change the code of the load event handler to load the SDXL file only the first time the page is requested.

To do this, double-click in an empty area of the web form. The source code editor opens. Replace the existing code with the following code:

```
protected override void OnLoad(EventArgs e)
{
    MyGanttChart.GanttModel = ganttModel;
    if (!IsPostBack)
        ganttSerializer.SetFileName(ganttModel, filename);
    base.OnLoad(e);
}
```

filename should be replaced by the location of a SDXL file.

Note: *Examples of SDXL files can be found in <install-dir>\Data.*

2. Run the application using the command **Debug > Start**.

Click the **New Activity** button and notice that the model now contains only the added activity. This is because the SDXL file is now loaded only during the first page request, and not during postback requests.

3. Switch to code view by right-clicking in the web form and choose **View Code**.
4. Override the **SaveViewState** method by adding the following code:

```
protected override object SaveViewState() {
    System.IO.StringWriter writer = new System.IO.StringWriter();
    ganttSerializer.Serialize(writer, ganttModel);
    ViewState["GanttModelDescription"] = writer.ToString();
    writer.Close();
    return base.SaveViewState();
}
```

The code above serializes the Gantt Data Model to an XML string, and stores it into the page **ViewState**.

5. Override the **LoadViewState** method by adding the following code:

```
protected override void LoadViewState(object savedState) {
    base.LoadViewState(savedState);
    string xml = ViewState["GanttModelDescription"] as string;
    if (xml != null) {
        System.IO.StringReader reader = new System.IO.StringReader(xml);
        ganttSerializer.Deserialize(reader, ganttModel);
    }
}
```

```
        reader.Close();  
    }  
}
```

The code above retrieves the XML description of the scheduling data from the ViewState, and populates the Gantt Data Model.

6. Run the application using the command **Debug > Start**.

Click the **New Activity** button several times, and notice that now the modifications made between several requests are saved.

Synchronizing a Schedule Chart with a Load Chart (Windows Forms Tutorial)

This tutorial walks you through the process of synchronizing a Schedule chart with a Load chart. You will start with the creation of the two charts and then work on the synchronization of their components.

See Also

Creating a Schedule Chart / Associating a Gantt Data Model With the Schedule Chart / Filling the Schedule Chart With XML Data / Adding a Load Chart / Synchronizing the Charts / Making Reservations Visible at Launch Time

Creating a Schedule Chart

The Schedule chart is one of the controls that IBM® ILOG® Gantt for .NET provides to display scheduling information. The Schedule chart is divided in three parts:

- ◆ The left part is a resource table (an instance of the class GanttTable) which displays resource information from the data model.
- ◆ The right part is a Gantt Sheet (an instance of the class GanttSheet) which displays the resource reservations.
- ◆ Just above the Gantt sheet appears a zoomable time scale (an instance of the class TimeScale).

Synchronizing a Schedule Chart with a Load Chart (Windows Forms Tutorial)

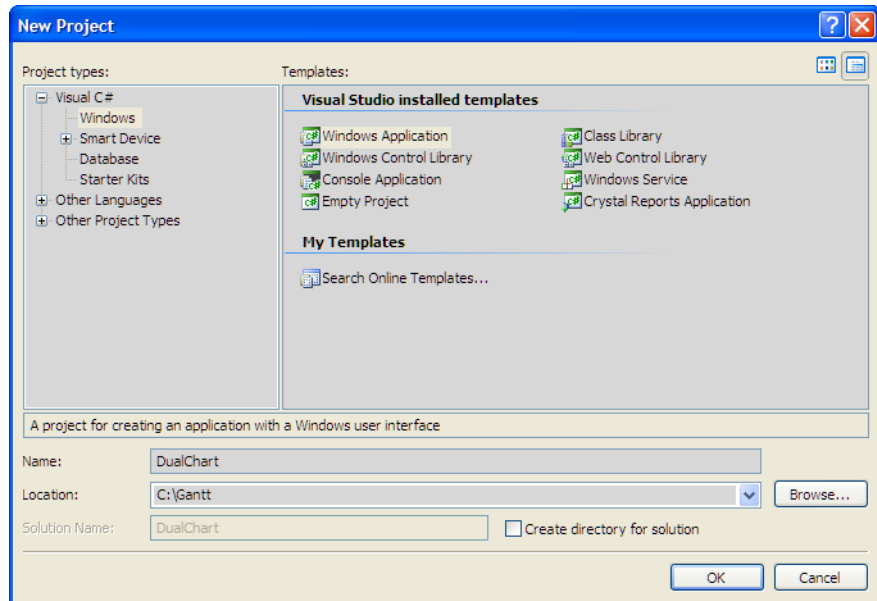
A standard, adjustable splitter separates the left part from the right part.

To create a Schedule chart, perform the following steps:

1. Create a project of type Windows® Forms.

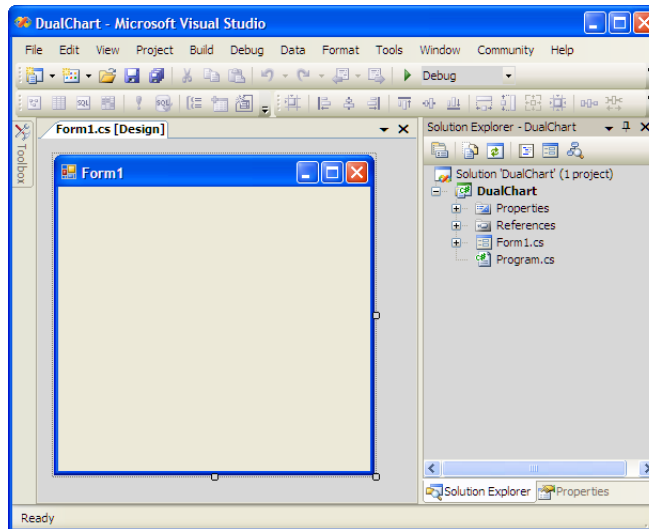
On the **File** menu, click **New**, and then click **Project**.

The New Project window appears.



2. In the left window, click **Visual C# > Windows**.
3. In the right window, click **Windows Application**.
4. Name the project DualChart.
5. Place the project in **C:\Gantt**.

Visual Studio®.NET creates a Form1 and stores it by default in a file named **Form1.cs**.



6. Resize the window.

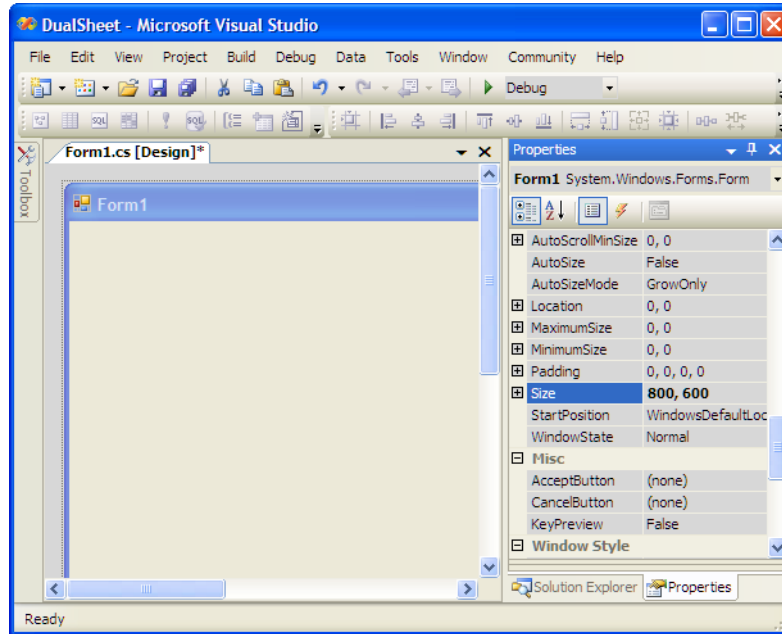
Click Form1 and select the Properties tab at the bottom right of the window.

From the Properties explorer choose **Layout > Size**. Expand the property and enter the following values:

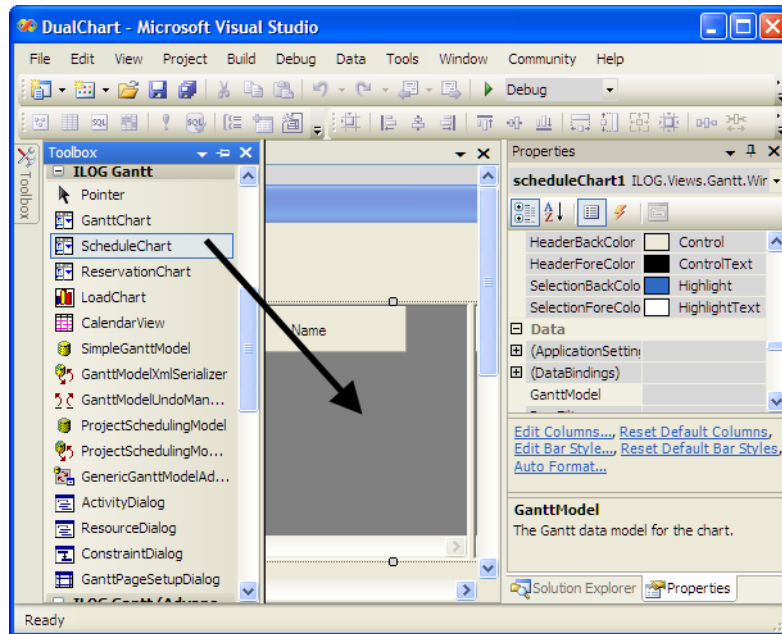
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Height: 600

Synchronizing a Schedule Chart with a Load Chart (Windows Forms Tutorial)



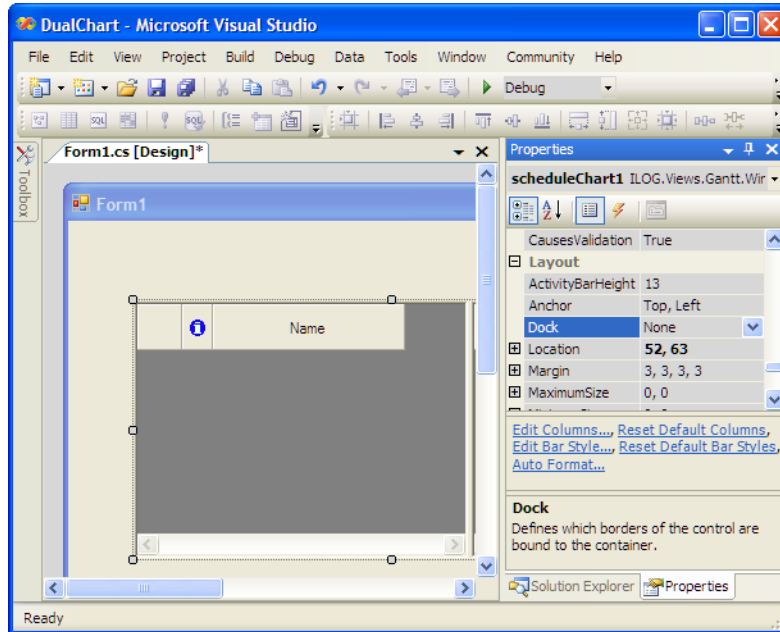
7. From the IBM ILOG Gantt for .NET toolbox select a **ScheduleChart** object and drag it to Form1.



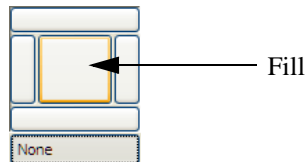
8. Change the Dock property to make the schedule chart occupy the entire form.

Click the schedule chart in Form1 and from the Properties explorer choose **Layout > Dock**.

Synchronizing a Schedule Chart with a Load Chart (Windows Forms Tutorial)

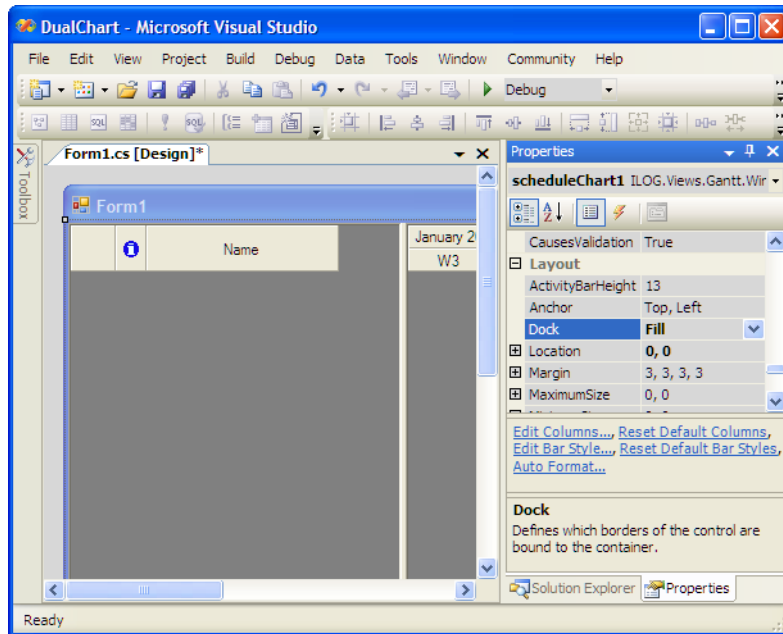


9. Clicking the arrow next to the Dock property opens the following box:



10. Select the area corresponding to the Fill option.

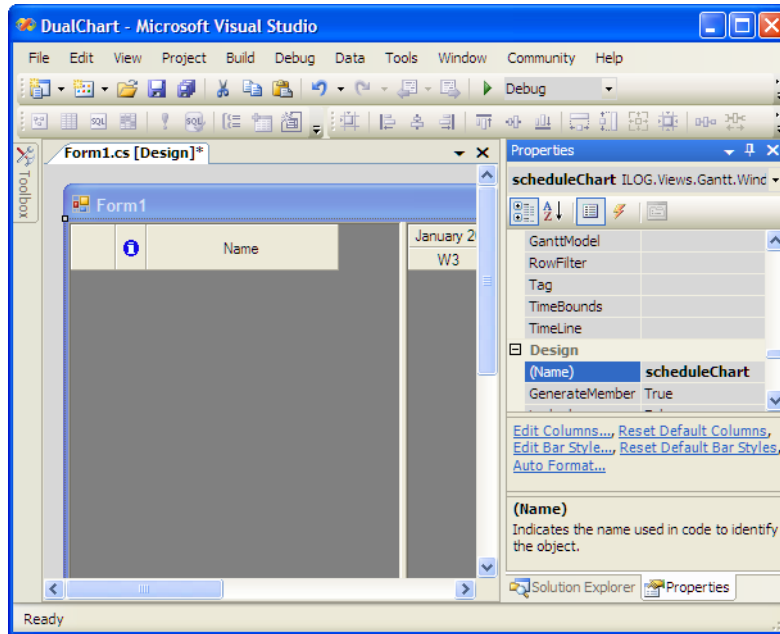
The schedule chart now occupies the entire form and appears as illustrated below:



11. Rename the schedule chart.

Click the schedule chart in Form1. From the Properties explorer choose **Design > Name** and enter the new name: **scheduleChart**.

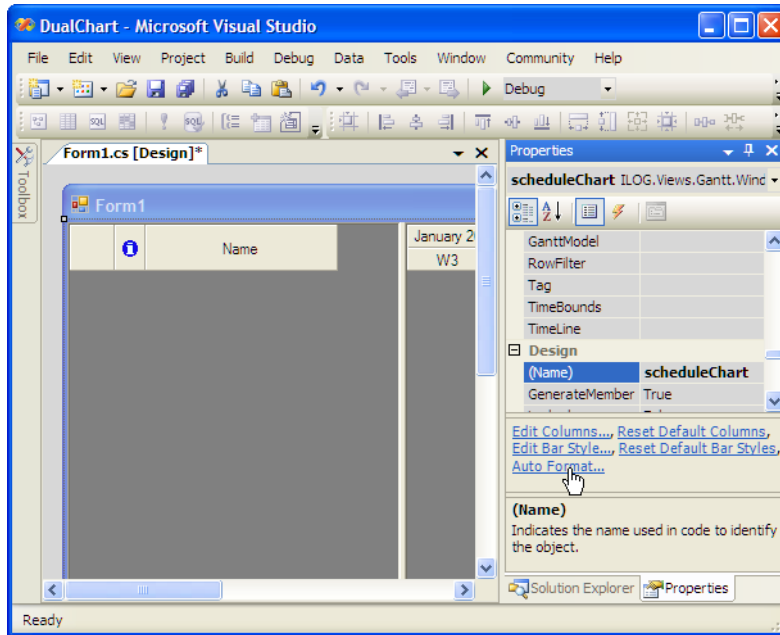
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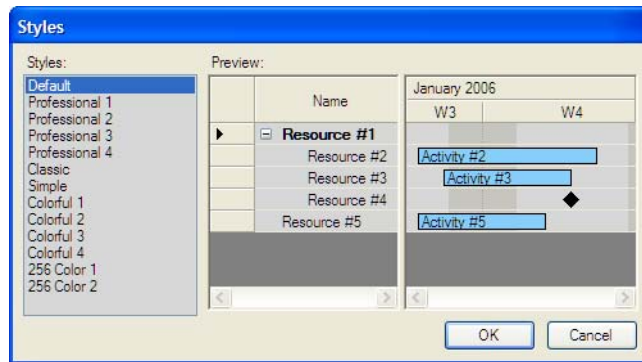
The appearance of the schedule chart can be completely customized to fit your needs.

12. Define a style for the schedule chart you have just created.

You can either right-click the schedule chart and select AutoFormat in the contextual menu, or click AutoFormat at the bottom of the Properties explorer.



The Styles window appears:



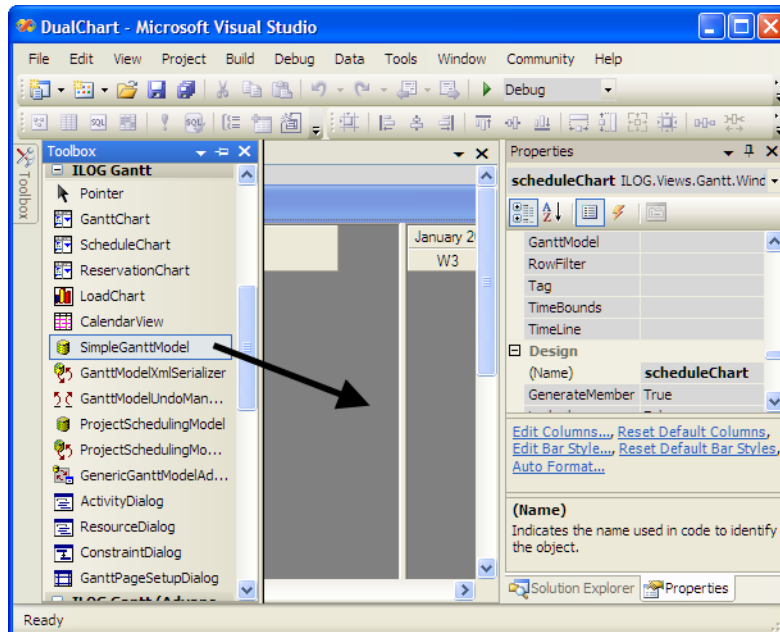
Select a style and click OK. The style that you selected is automatically applied to the schedule chart.

13. Save the file **Form1.cs**.

Associating a Gantt Data Model With the Schedule Chart

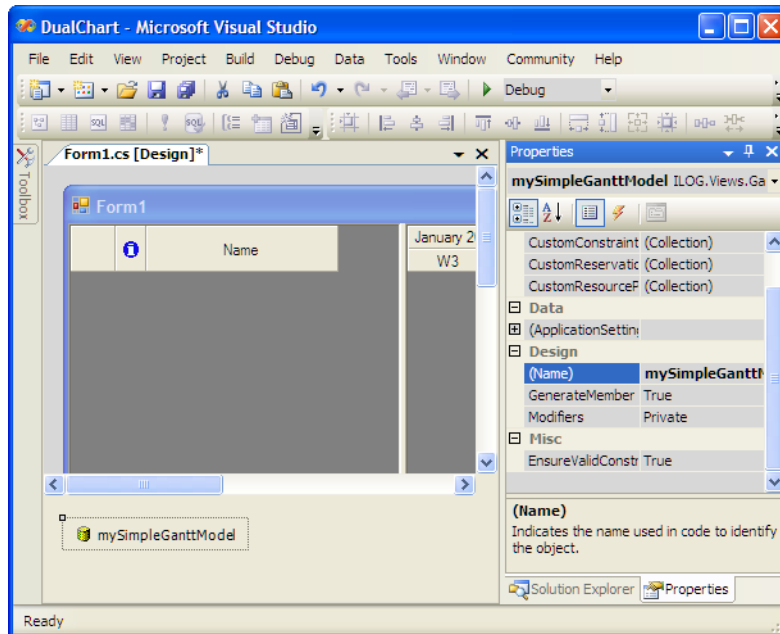
The data model contains the scheduling information you want to display in the schedule chart. In the following steps, you will learn how to bind a simple Gantt data model to the schedule chart.

1. From the IBM® ILOG® Gantt for .NET toolbox select the **SimpleGanttModel** object and drag it to Form1.



2. Rename the **simpleGanttModel** object.

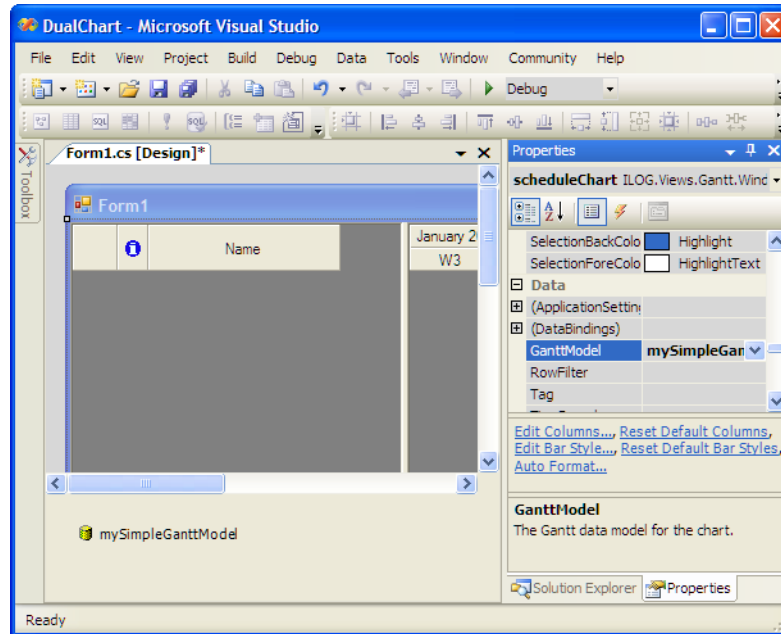
Click the **SimpleGanttModel1** object in Form1. From the Properties explorer choose **Design > Name** and enter the following name: **mySimpleGanttModel**.



3. Associate **mySimpleGanttModel** with **scheduleChart**.

Click the schedule chart in Form1 and from the Properties explorer select **Data > GanttModel**.

Click the arrow of the drop-down list next to the GanttModel property and choose **mySimpleGanttModel**.

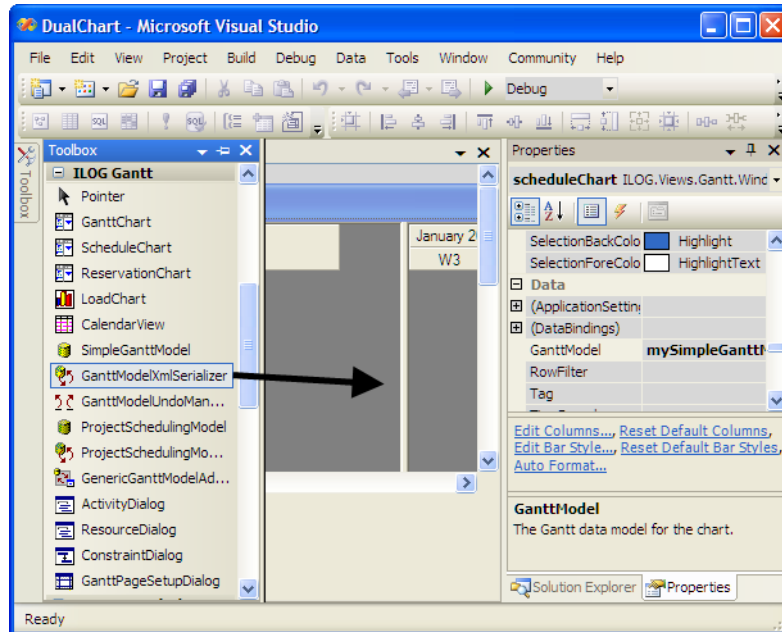


Filling the Schedule Chart With XML Data

IBM® ILOG® Gantt for .NET allows you to serialize and deserialize scheduling data to and from Scheduling Data Exchange Language (SDXL) files. This is accomplished through the **GanttModelXmlSerializer** class.

To deserialize scheduling data from SDXL files and use this information to fill the schedule chart, perform the following steps.

1. From the IBM ILOG Gantt for .NET toolbox select the **GanttModelXmlSerializer** object and drag it to Form1.

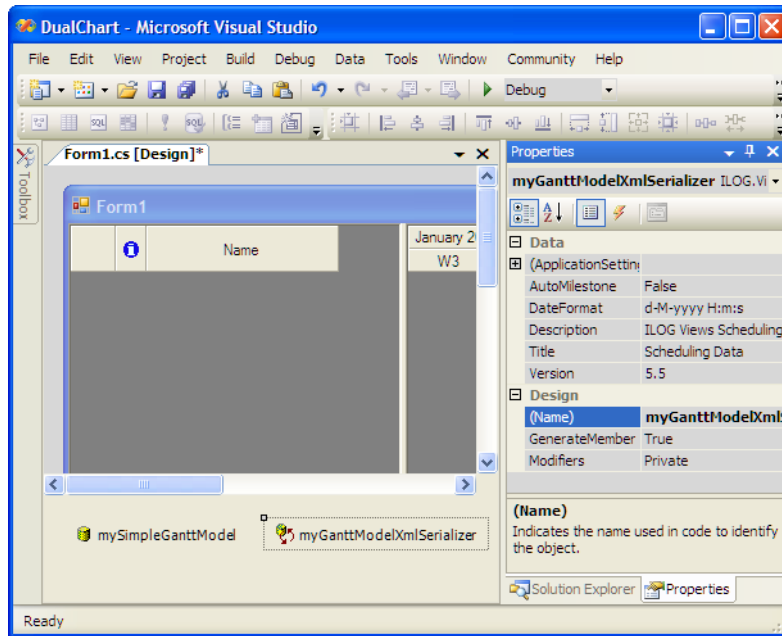


2. Rename the Gantt model XML serializer.

Click the **ganttModelXmlSerializer1** object in Form1. From the Properties explorer choose **Design > Name** and enter the new name: **myGanttModelXmlSerializer**.

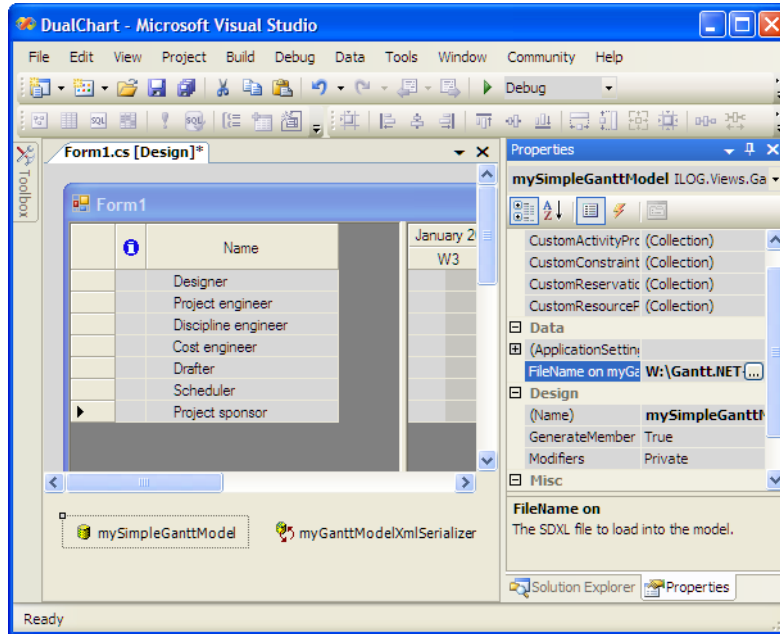
3. Click **mySimpleGanttModel**. You will notice that a new property named **FileName** on **myGanttModelXmlSerializer** has been created.

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4. Select the property **FileName** on **ganttModelXmlSerializer** and click the three-dots button next to it. Choose an SDXL file to fill the schedule chart.

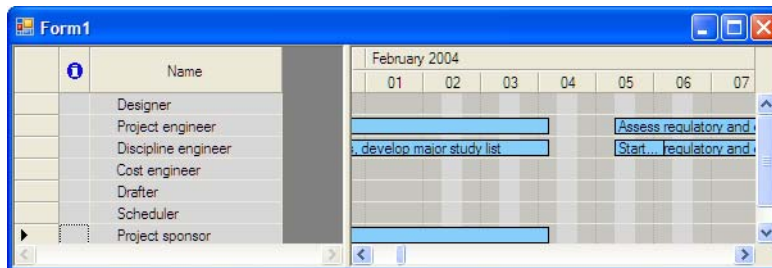
Note: Examples of SDXL files can be found in <install-dir>\Data.



Data contained in the **Engineering.sdxl** file are displayed in the schedule chart.

5. Save the file **Form1.cs**.
6. Run the application using the command **Debug > Start**.

The application will appear as follows:



7. Close the application you have just executed and go back to Form1.cs.

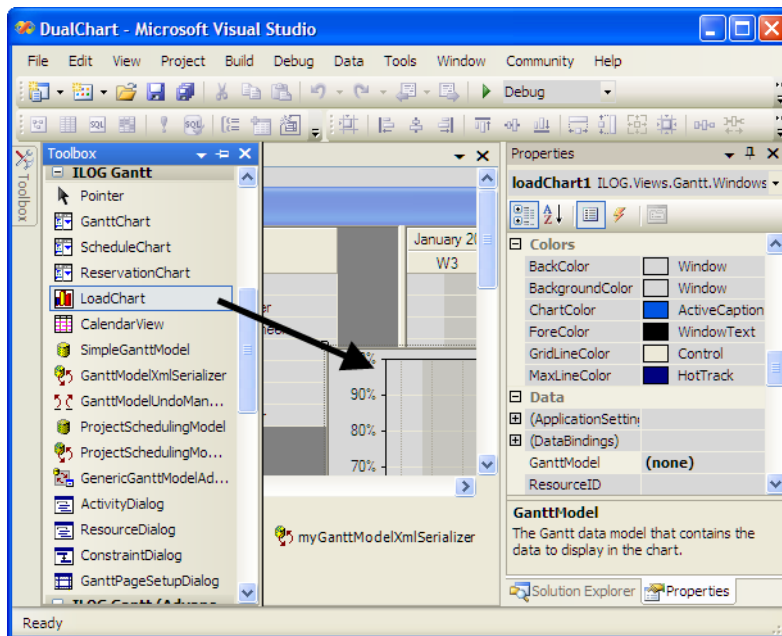
Adding a Load Chart

Now you will learn how to create a Load chart and associate it with the Schedule chart.

The Load chart is the graphical representation of the load of a resource over the time. It is composed of a chart area where the x-axis represents the time and the y-axis represents the load of the resource.

To create the Load chart, perform the following steps:

1. From the IBM® ILOG® Gantt for .NET toolbox select the **LoadChart** object and drag it to Form1.

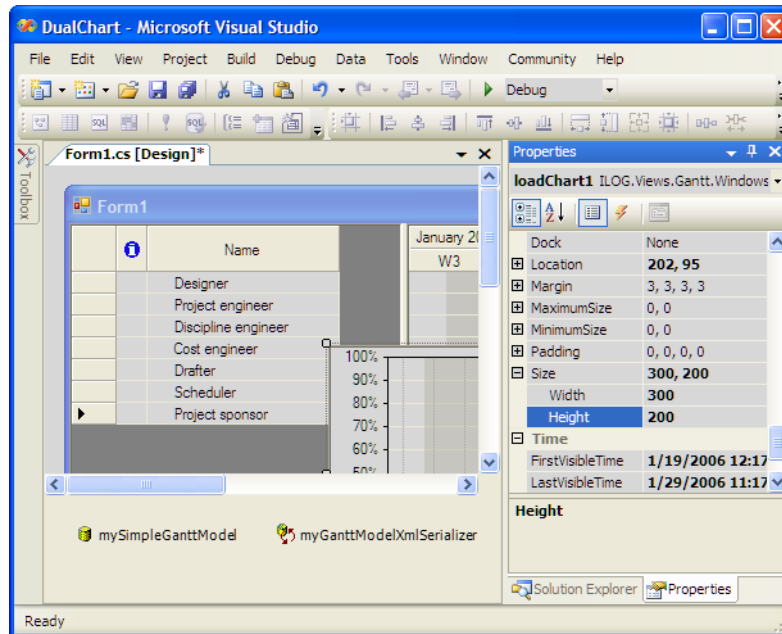


2. Rename the Load chart.

Click the Load chart in Form1. From the Properties explorer choose **Design > Name** and enter the new name: **loadChart**.

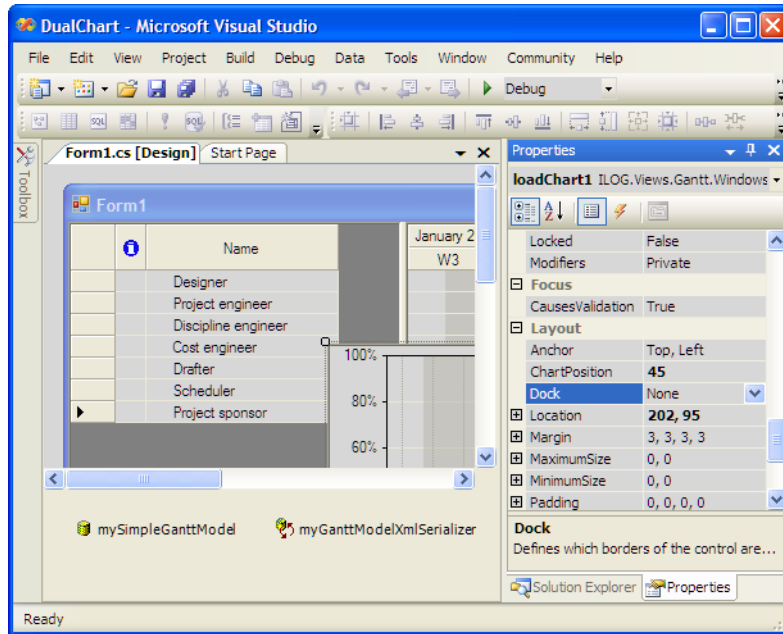
3. Change the height of the Load chart.

From the Properties explorer choose **Layout > Size > Height** and enter **200**.

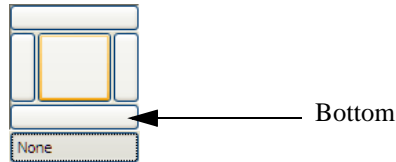


- Change the Dock property to make the Load chart occupy the bottom of the Form. Click the Load chart and from the Properties explorer choose **Layout > Dock**.

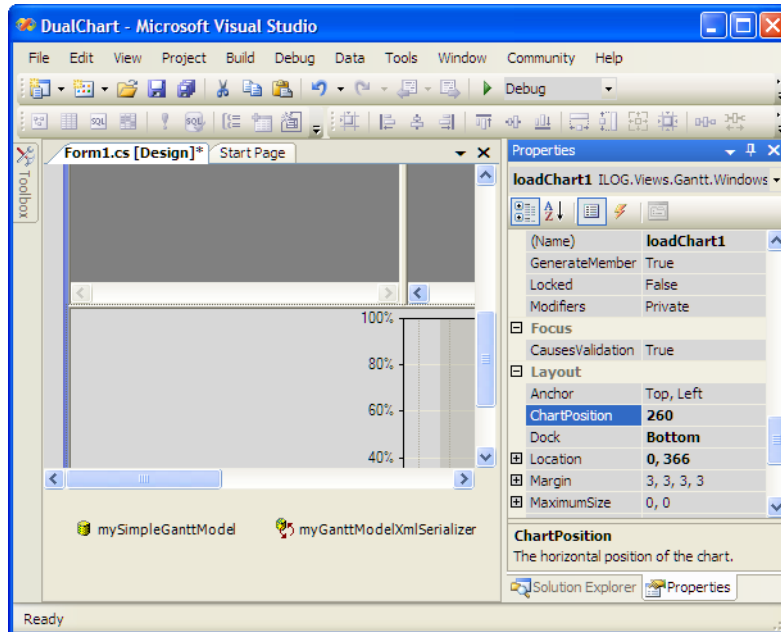
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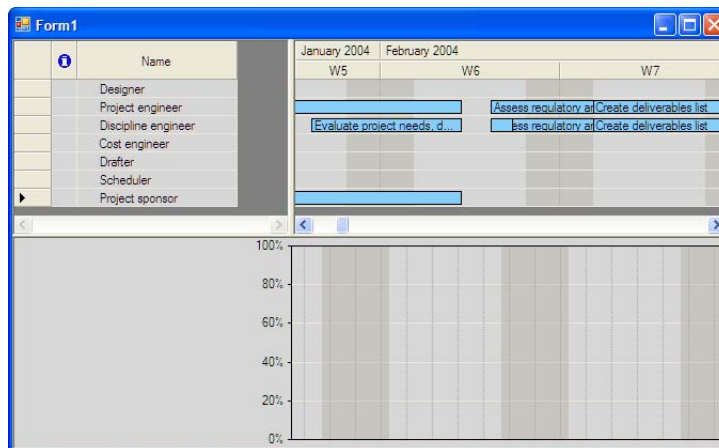
Clicking the arrow next to the Dock property shows the following control:



5. Select the area corresponding to the Bottom option.
6. Right-click the schedule chart and select Bring to Front.
7. Align the Load chart with the splitter of the Schedule chart. Click the Load chart in Form1. From the Properties explorer choose **Layout > ChartPosition** and enter **260**.



Now that you have added the Load chart, the application appears as follows:



8. Close the application you have just executed and go back to Form1.cs.

Synchronizing the Charts

Now that you have created the Schedule chart and the Load chart, you will learn how to synchronize them.

See Also

Synchronizing the Visible Time Range / *Synchronizing the Grids* / *Synchronizing the Charts Splitter* / *Synchronizing the Resource Selection*

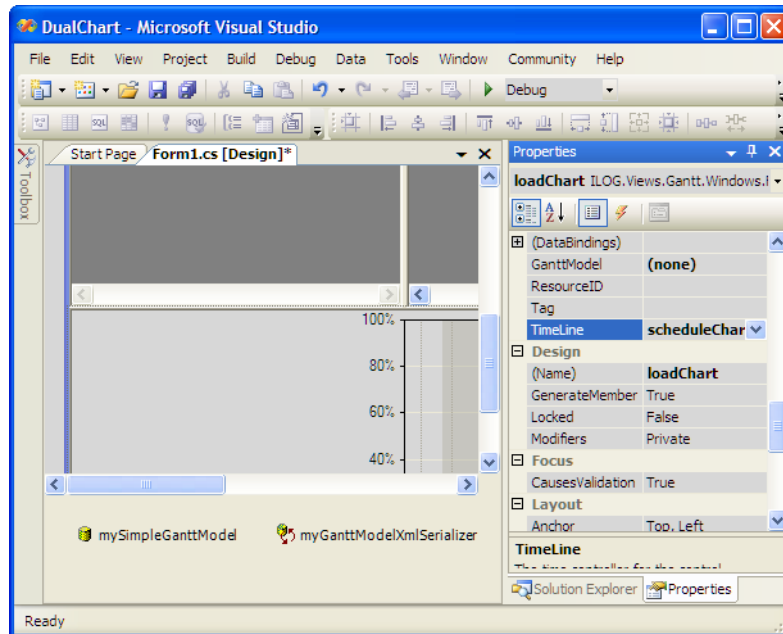
Synchronizing the Visible Time Range

The display of the time information is controlled by an object called *time line* of the **TimeControl**. This object defines the first visible time of the **TimeControl** instance as well as the way to convert time information to pixels on the screen.

The Schedule chart and Load chart are synchronized when they share the same *time line*, so that any modification of the visible time of the Schedule chart applies simultaneously to the Load chart.

To synchronize the visible time range, perform the following steps:


1. Select the Load chart.
2. From the Properties explorer choose **TimeLine** and from the drop-down list select **scheduleChart**.

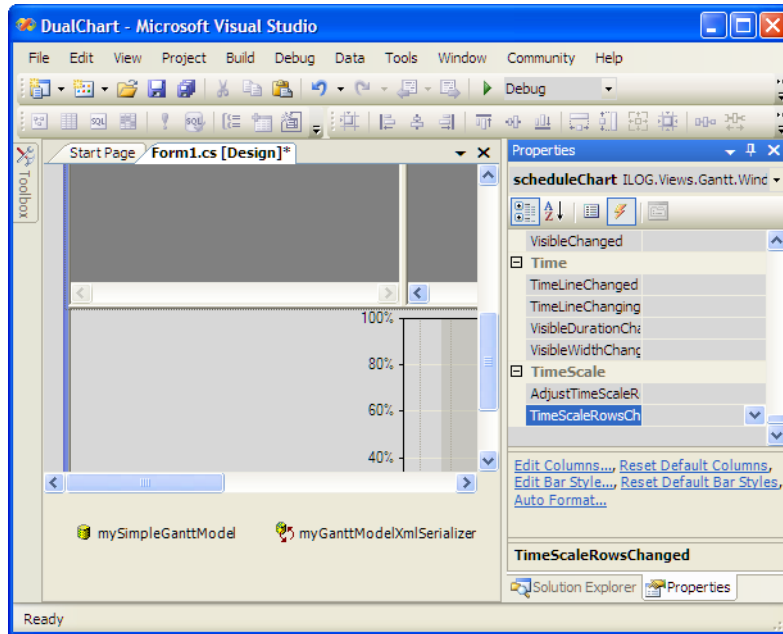


Synchronizing the Grids

When the Schedule chart is used in sync with another control displaying time information, for example the Load chart, it is interesting to synchronize the vertical grid lines of the control (the Time grid) with the ticks of the Time Scale.

To synchronize the grids, perform the following steps:

1. Select the Schedule chart.
2. From the Properties explorer select the Events page by clicking the  icon.
3. Double-click the **TimeScale > TimeScaleRowsChanged** event.



The code editor opens with the cursor placed automatically at the appropriate location.

4. Insert the following code:


```
loadChart.TimeGrids.Synchronize(scheduleChart.TimeGrids);
```

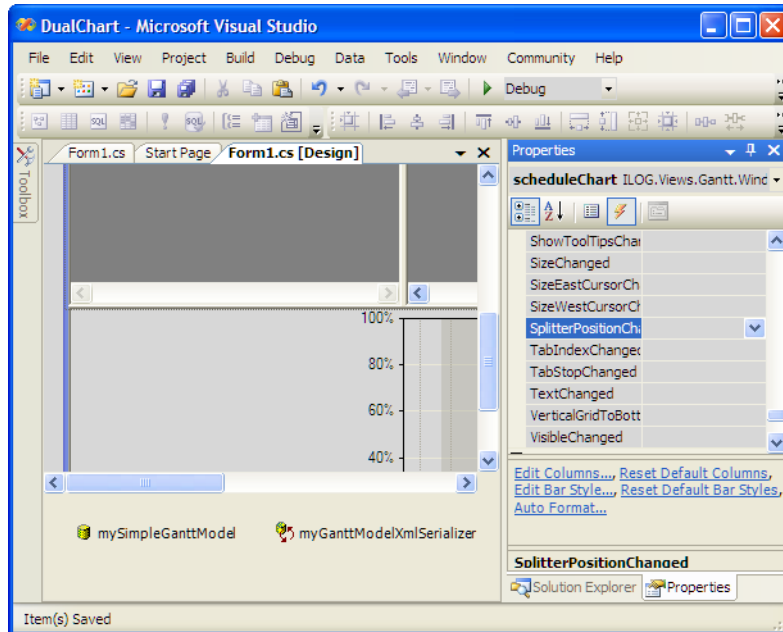
5. Save the file **Form1.cs** and go back to Design mode by selecting **View > Designer** on the menu bar.

Synchronizing the Charts Splitter

The Schedule chart contains a splitter that separates the Gantt table from the Gantt sheet. A double click on the splitter will make the table fully visible. The splitter can be controlled by means of the following properties: **SplitterPosition** and **SplitterWidth**.

To synchronize the position of the splitter between the Schedule chart and Load chart, perform the following steps:

1. Select the Schedule chart.
2. Got to the Properties explorer and select the Events page by clicking the  icon.
3. Double-click the **SplitterPositionChanged** event.



The code editor opens with the cursor automatically placed at the appropriate location.

4. Insert the following code:

```
loadChart.ChartPosition = scheduleChart.SplitterPosition +
scheduleChart.SplitterWidth;
```


5. Save the file **Form1.cs** and go back to Design mode by selecting **View > Designer** on the menu bar.

Synchronizing the Resource Selection

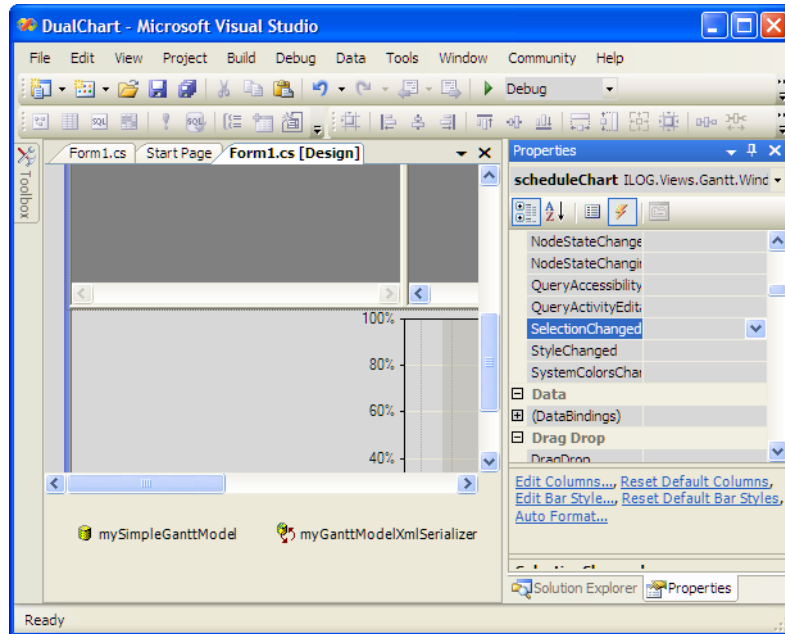
The resource selection is synchronized between the Schedule chart and Load chart when the resource, once selected, is displayed in both charts.

To obtain this, the Load chart must be connected to a resource using its Resource property. Once connected to a resource, the Load chart listens to events in the Gantt data model and updates himself when the resource changes or when the reservation changes.

To synchronize the resource selection, perform the following steps:

1. Select the Schedule chart.
2. From the Properties explorer select the Events page by clicking the  icon.

3. Double-click the **Behavior** > **SelectionChanged** event.



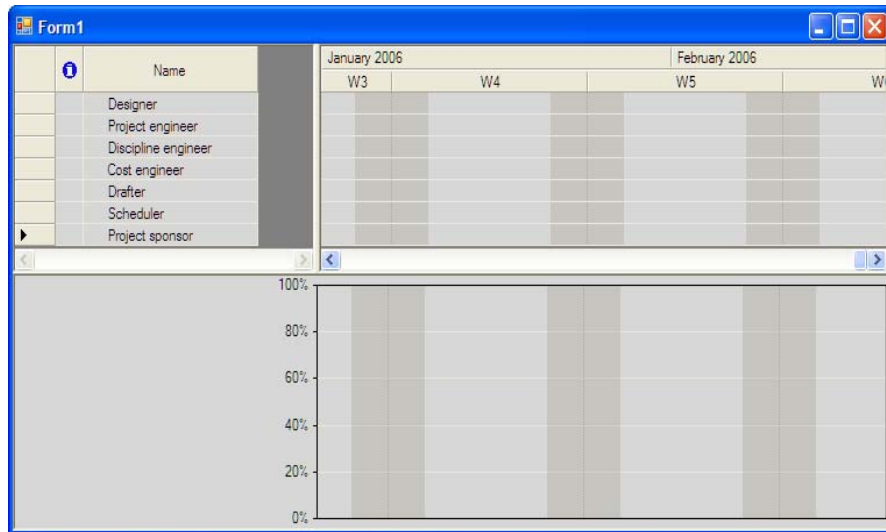
The code editor opens with the cursor placed automatically at the appropriate location.

4. Insert the following code:

```
ILOG.Views.Gantt.Data.IResource[] resources =  
scheduleChart.GetSelectedResources();  
if (resources.Length == 1)  
    loadChart.Resource = resources[0];  
else  
    loadChart.Resource = null;
```

5. Save the file **Form1.cs**.
6. Run the application using the command **Debug** > **Start**.

The application should appear as follows:




7. Close the application you have just executed.

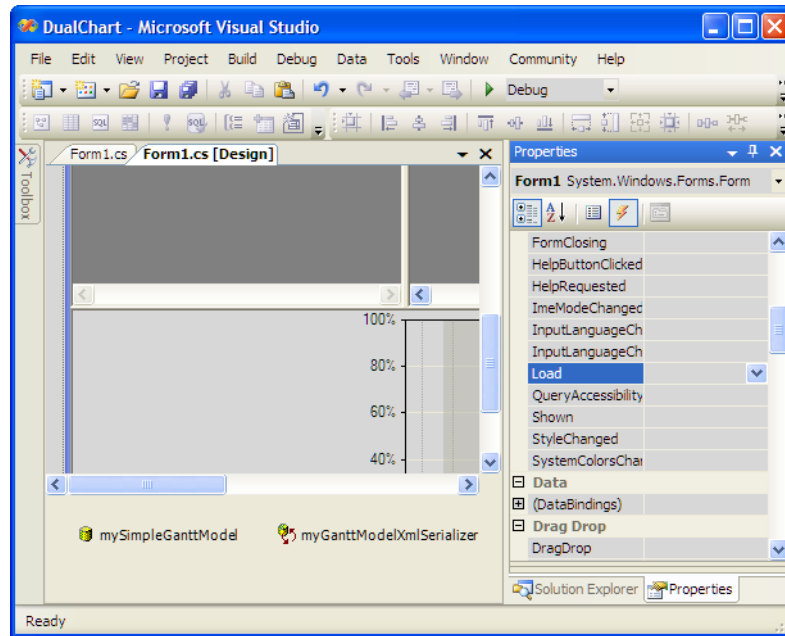
Making Reservations Visible at Launch Time

When the application is launched, rows and columns appear empty. The scheduling information is there but you have to scroll to view it.

In the following steps you will learn how to make the reservations immediately visible in the chart when the application is launched.

1. Select Form1.
2. From the Properties explorer select the Events page by clicking the  icon.
3. Double-click the **Behavior > Load** event.

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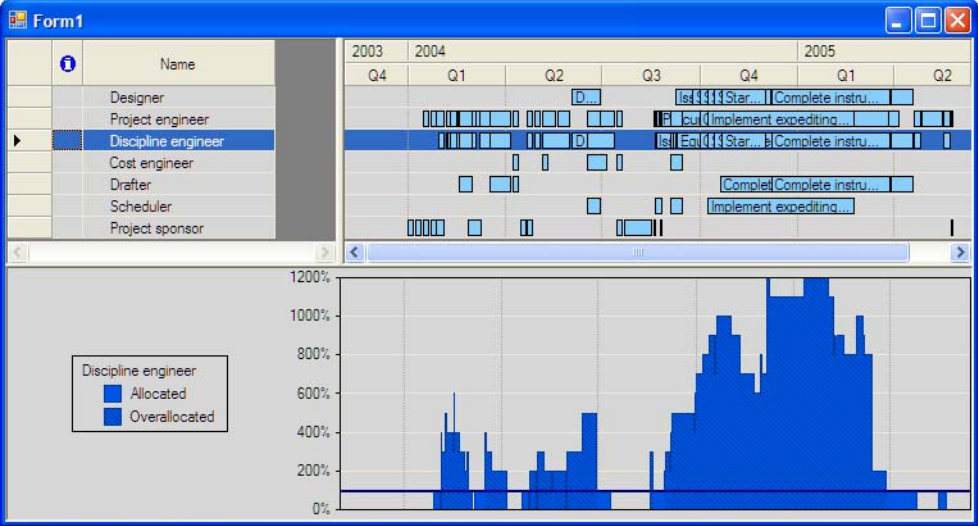
The code editor opens with the cursor placed automatically at the appropriate location.

4. Insert the following code:

```
scheduleChart.GanttSheet.ZoomToFit(false);
```

5. Save the file **Form1.cs**.
6. Run the application using the command **Debug > Start**.

The application should appear as follows:



Creating a Custom Gantt Representation (Windows Forms Tutorial)

This tutorial will walk you through the process of creating a custom Gantt chart representation made of an activity table and two scroll activity sheets. You will start with the creation of the table and then add one by one the scroll activity sheets.

See Also

Creating the Activity Table / Associating a Gantt Model With the Activity Table / Filling the Activity Table With XML Data / Adding the Scroll Activity Sheets / Making Reservation Visible at Launch Time

Creating the Activity Table

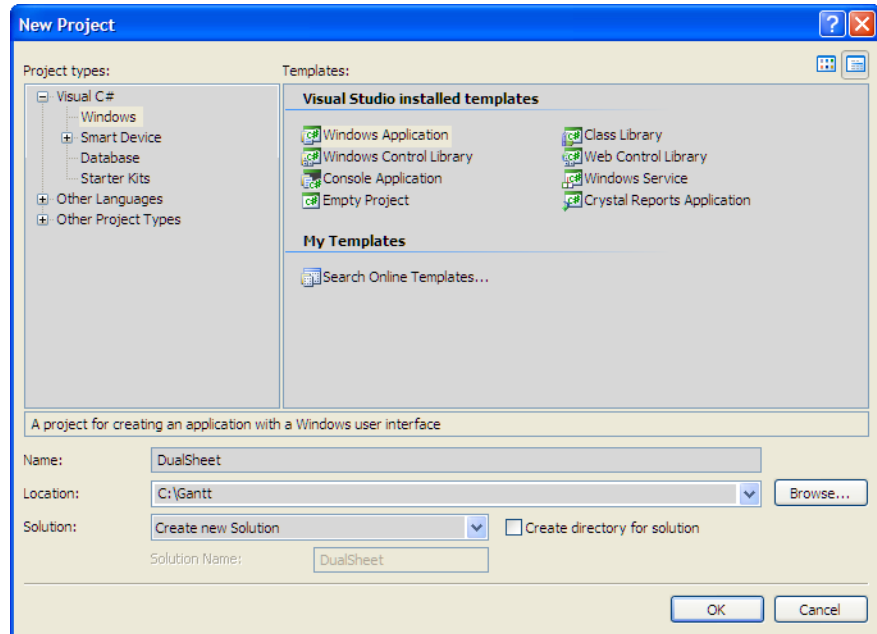
The Activity table is one of the controls that IBM® ILOG® Gantt for .NET provides to display scheduling information. The custom representation you are going to create is composed of three main parts: an activity table (instance of the class GanttTable) on the left part displays information from the data model; two scroll activity sheets (instances of the class GanttSheet) on the right part display the activity reservations.

To create an Activity table, perform the following steps:

1. Create a project of type Windows® Forms.

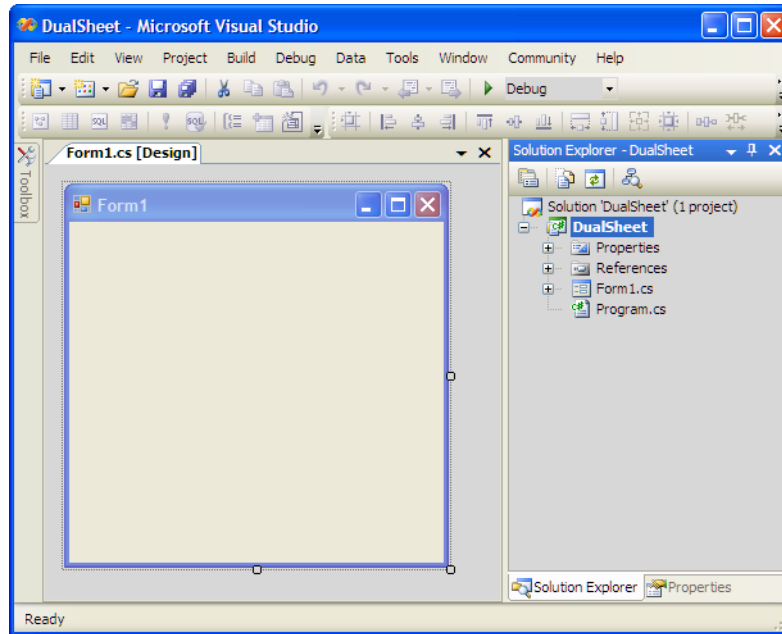
On the **File** menu, click **New**, and then click **Project**.

The New Project window appears.



2. In the left window, click **Visual C# > Windows**.
3. In the right window, click **Windows Application**.
4. Name the project DualSheet.
5. Place the project in **C:\Gantt**.

Visual Studio®.NET creates a form named Form1 and stores it by default in the file Form1.cs.



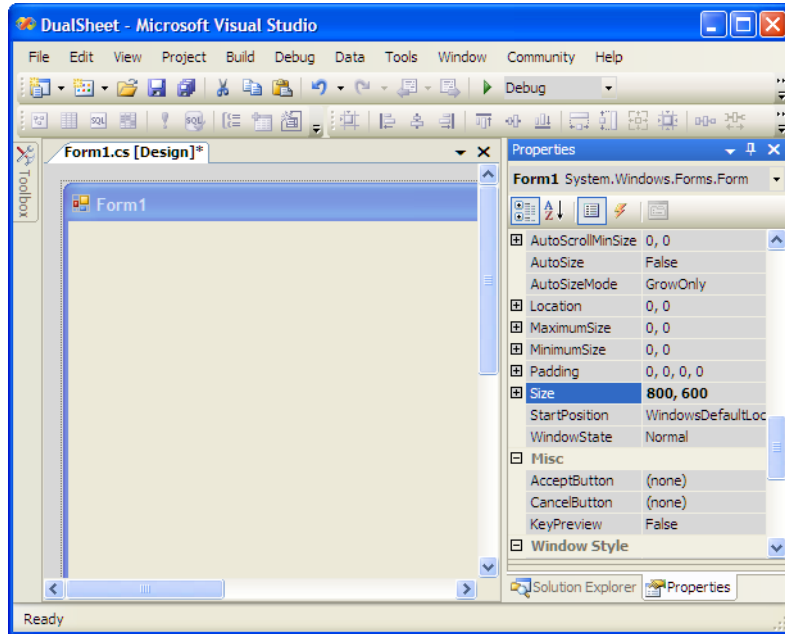
6. Resize the window.

Click Form1 and select the Properties tab at the bottom right of the window.

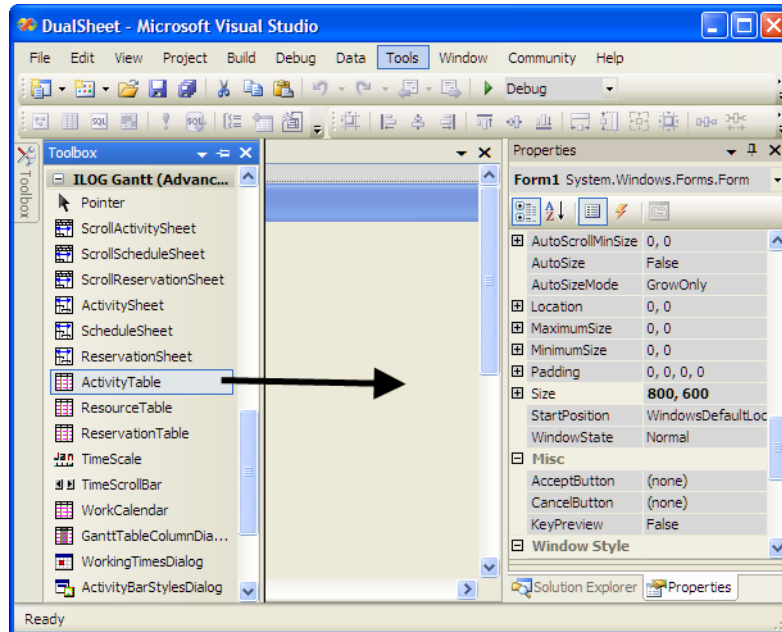
From the Properties explorer choose **Layout > Size**. Expand the property and enter the following values:

Width: 800

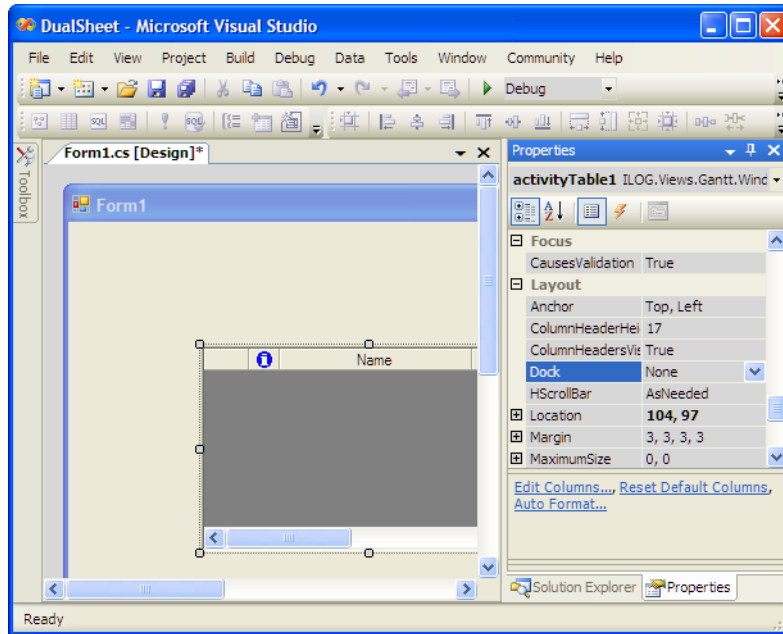
Height: 600



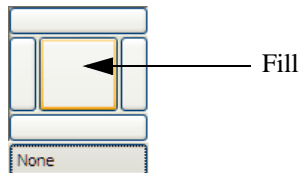
7. From the IBM ILOG Gantt for .NET toolbox select the **ActivityTable** object and drag it to Form1.



8. Change the Dock property to make the Activity Table occupy the entire form.
Click the Activity Table and from the Properties explorer choose **Layout > Dock**.

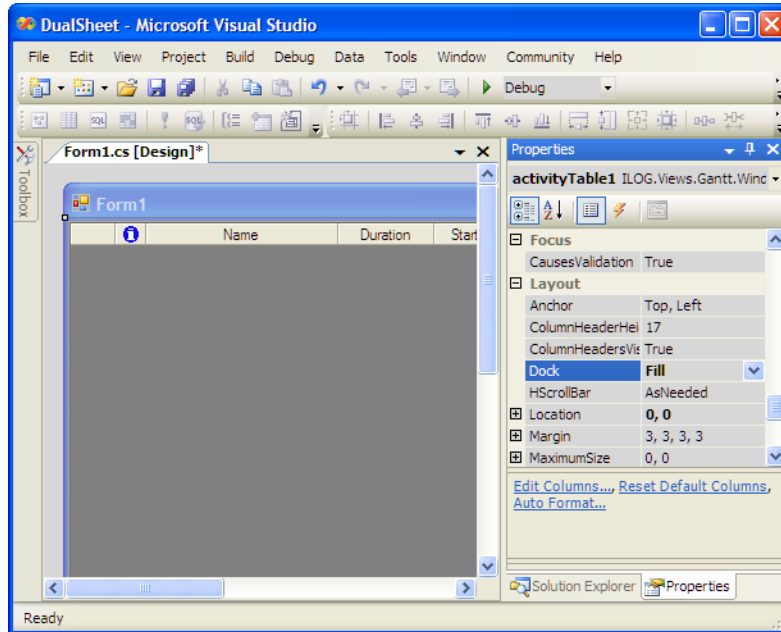


Clicking the arrow next to the Dock property shows the following control:



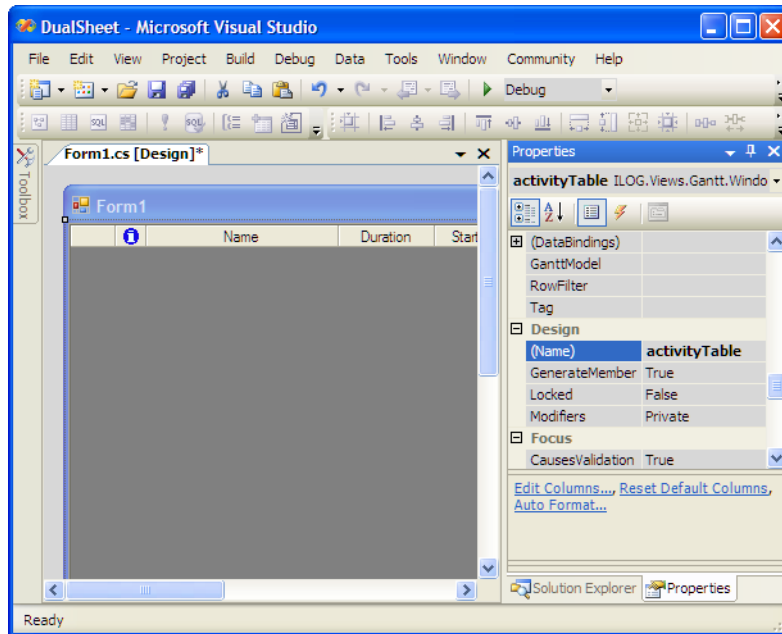
9. Select the area corresponding to the Fill option.

Form1 now looks like this:



10. Rename the Activity Table.

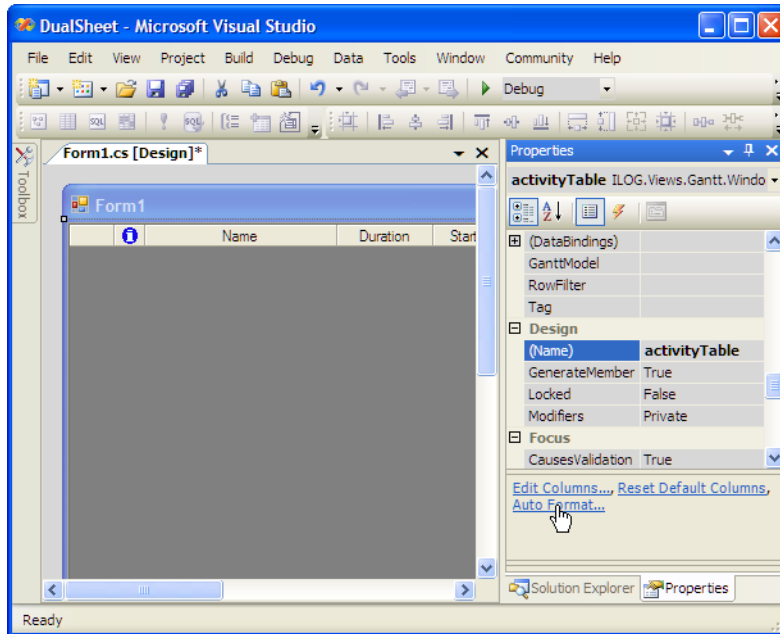
Click the activity table in Form1. From the Properties explorer choose **Design > Name** and enter the new name: **activityTable**.



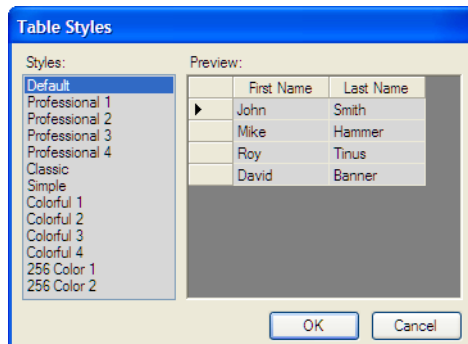
The appearance of the Activity Table can be completely customized to fit your needs.

11. Define a style for the Activity Table you have just created.

You can either right-click the activity table in Form1 and select AutoFormat in the contextual menu, or click AutoFormat at the bottom of the Properties explorer.



The Table Styles window appears:



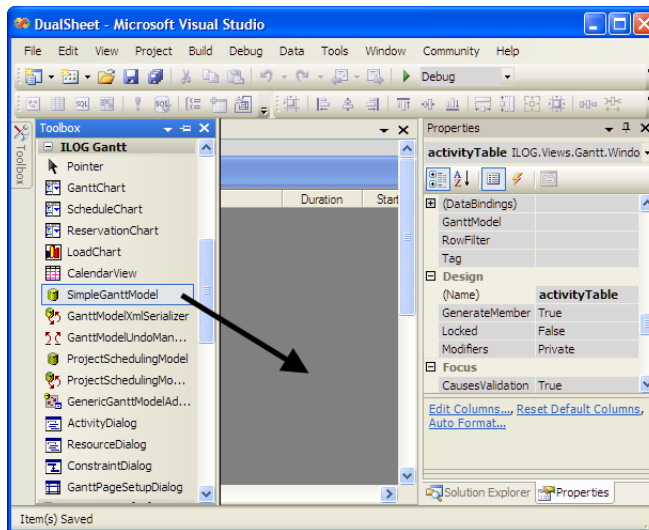
Select a style and click OK. The style that you selected is automatically applied to the Activity Table.

12. Save the file **Form1.cs**.

Associating a Gantt Model With the Activity Table

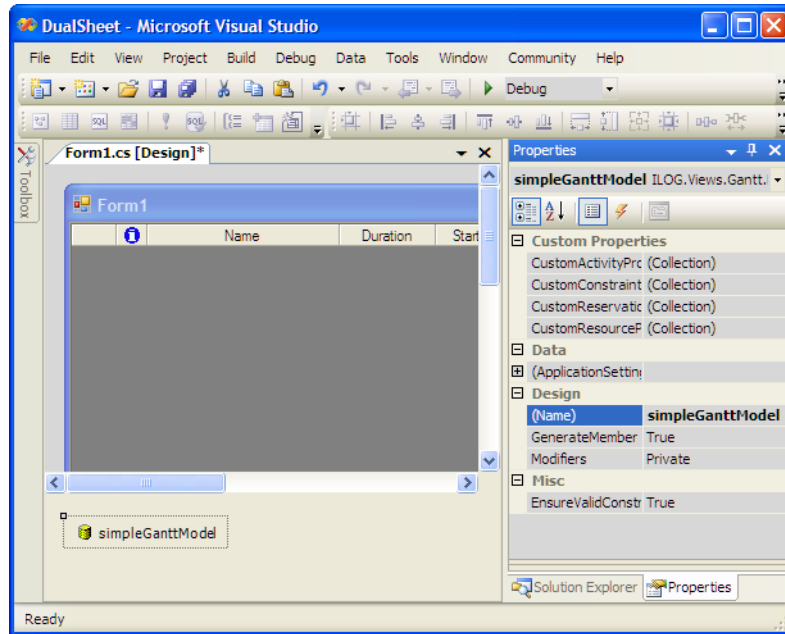
The Gantt data model contains the scheduling information you want to display in the activity table. In the following steps, you will learn how to bind a simple Gantt data model to the activity table.

1. From the IBM® ILOG® Gantt for .NET toolbox select the **SimpleGanttModel** object and drag it to Form1.



2. Rename the simple Gantt model.

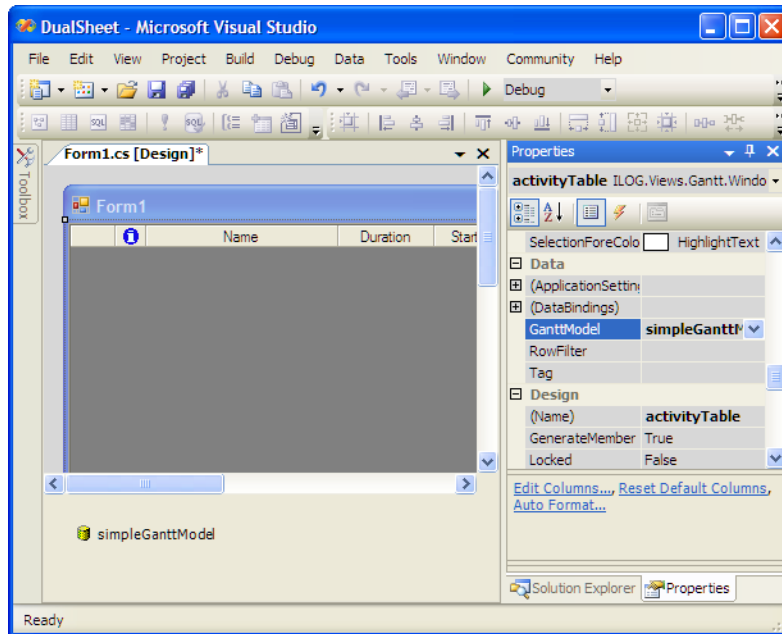
Click the **SimpleGanttModel1** object in Form1. From the Properties explorer choose **Design > Name** and enter the new name: **simpleGanttModel**.



3. Associate the Gantt model with the Activity Table.

Click the activity table in Form1 and from the Properties explorer select **Data > GanttModel**.

Click the arrow of the drop-down list next to the GanttModel property and choose **simpleGanttModel**.



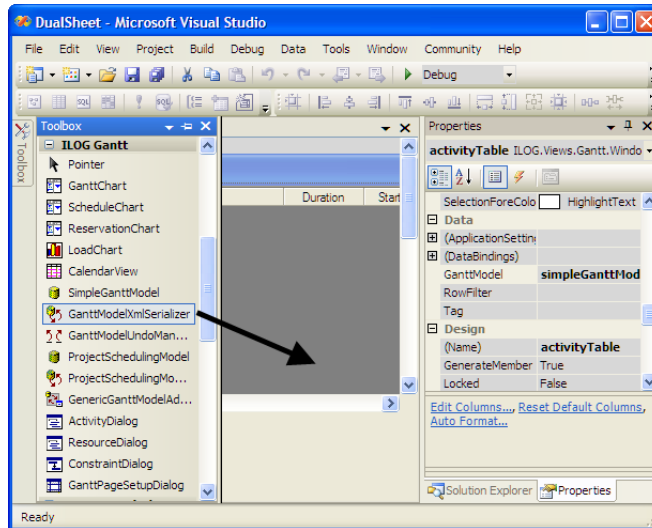
Now the simple Gantt model is associated with the activity table displayed in Form1.

Filling the Activity Table With XML Data

IBM® ILOG® Gantt for .NET allows you to serialize and deserialize scheduling data to and from Scheduling Data Exchange Language (SDXL) files. This is accomplished through the **GanttModelXmlSerializer** class.

To deserialize scheduling data from SDXL files and use this information to fill the Activity table, perform the following steps.

1. From the IBM ILOG Gantt for .NET toolbox select the **GanttModelXmlSerializer** object and drag it to Form1.

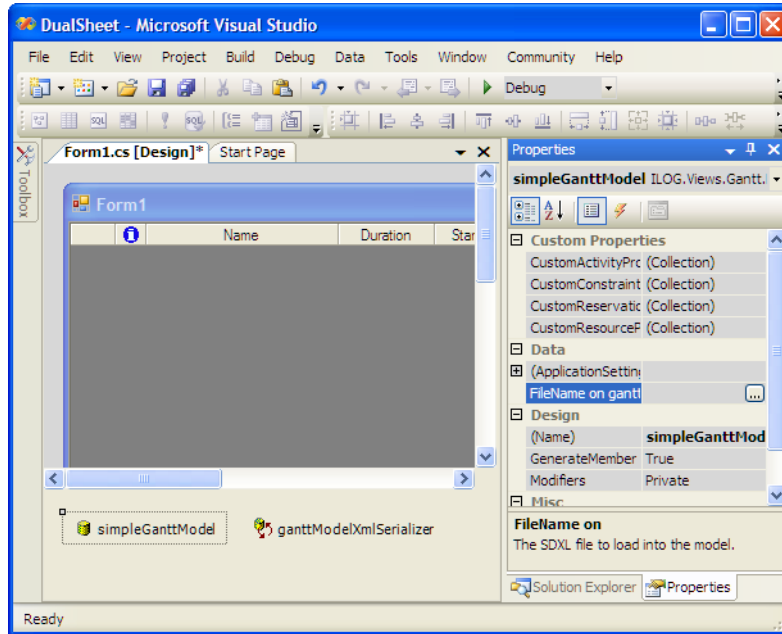


2. Rename the Gantt model XML serializer.

Click the object **ganttModelXmlSerializer1** in Form1. From the Properties explorer choose **Design > Name** and enter the new name: **ganttModelXmlSerializer**.

3. Go back to **simpleGanttModel** and select it.

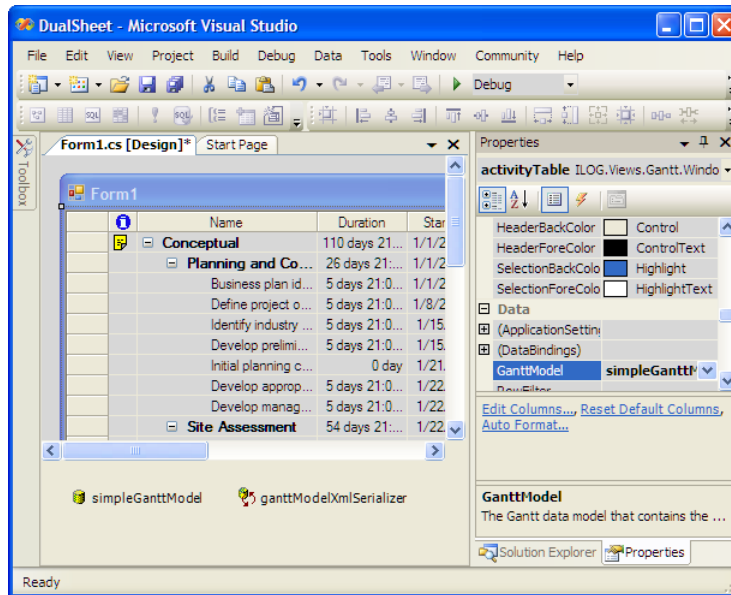
You will notice that a new property named **FileName** on **ganttModelXmlSerializer** has been created.



4. Select the property **FileName on gantModelXmlSerializer** and click the three-dots button next to it. Choose an SDXL file to fill the activity table.

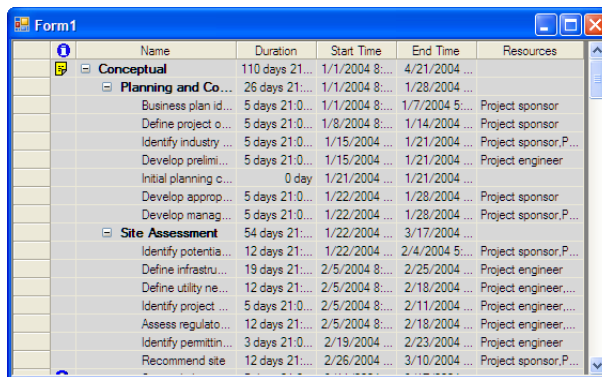
Note: *Examples of SDXL files can be found in <install-dir>\Data.*

Data contained in the SDXL file are displayed in the Activity Table.



5. Save the file **Form1.cs**.
6. Run the application using the command **Debug > Start**.

At this stage, the Activity Table contains only a table and appears as follows:



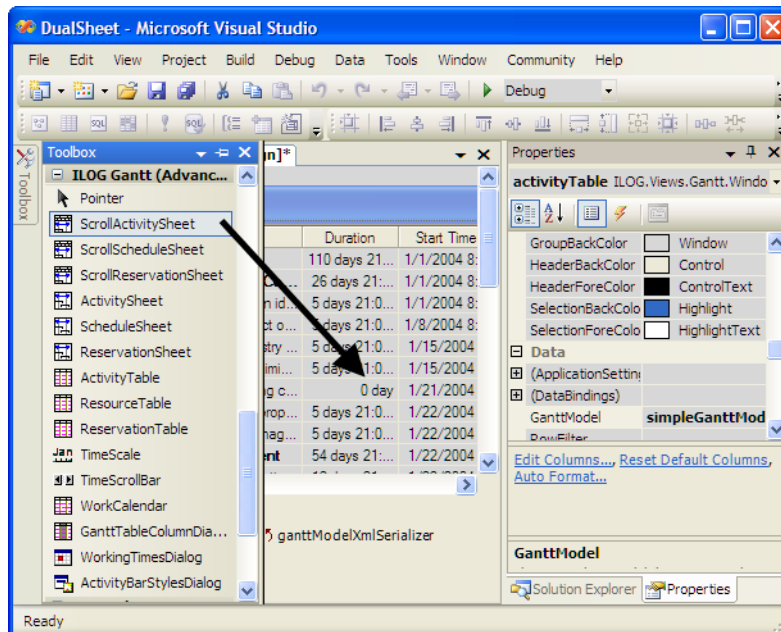
7. Close the application you have just executed.

Adding the Scroll Activity Sheets

Now you will learn how to associate and synchronize the scroll activity sheets with the table you have just created.

Adding the First Scroll Activity Sheet

1. From the IBM® ILOG® Gantt for .NET toolbox select the **ScrollActivitySheet** object and drag it to Form1.



2. Resize the scroll activity sheet.

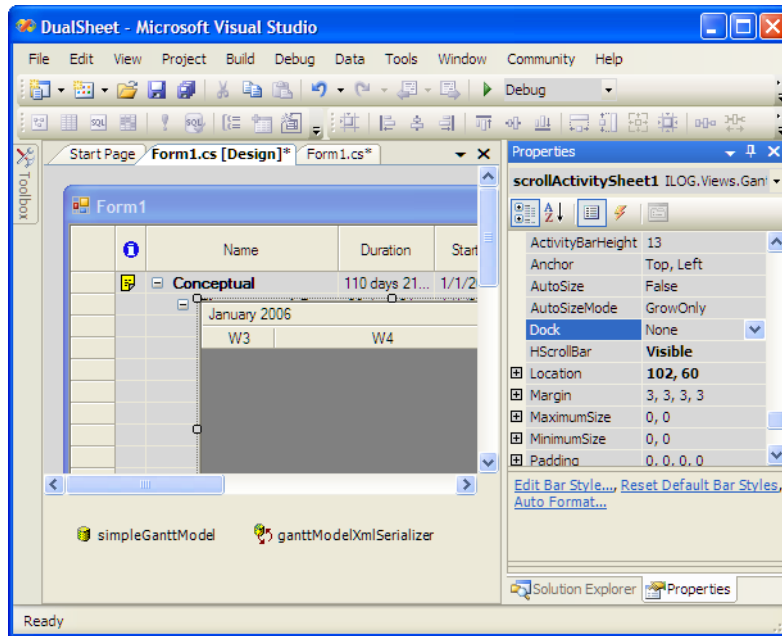
Click the scroll activity sheet in Form1. From the Properties explorer choose **Layout > Size**. Expand the property and enter the following value:

Width: 300

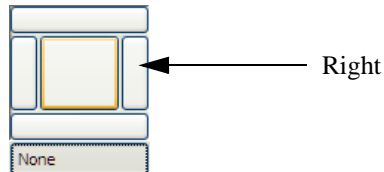
Height: leave the default value.

3. Change the Dock property to align the scroll activity sheet to the right of the Activity Table.

Click the **scrollActivitySheet1** object in Form1 and from the Properties explorer choose **Layout > Dock**.

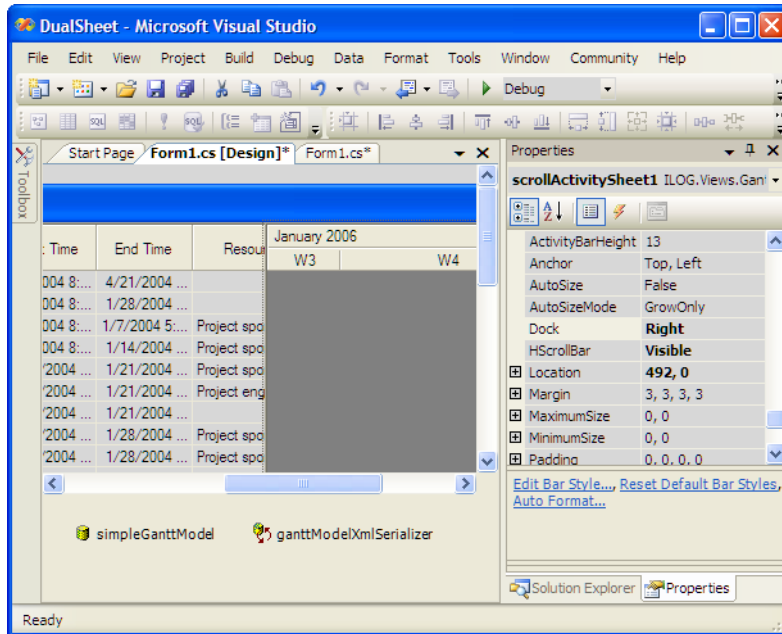


Clicking the arrow next to the Dock property shows the following control:



4. Select the area corresponding to the Right option.

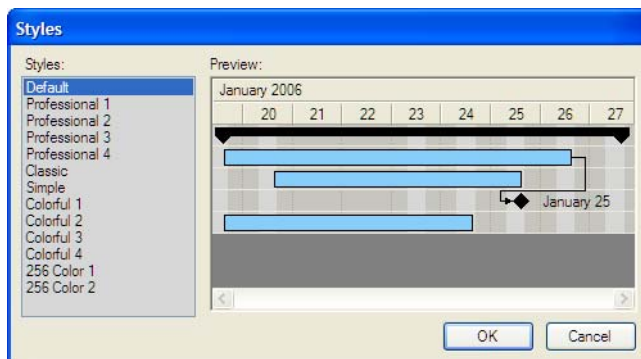
The scroll activity sheet is now aligned to the right of the Activity Table. If necessary, scroll horizontally to view it.



5. Define a style for the scroll activity sheet you have just created.

You can either right-click the scroll activity sheet in Form1 and select AutoFormat in the contextual menu, or click AutoFormat at the bottom of the Properties explorer.

The Styles window appears:

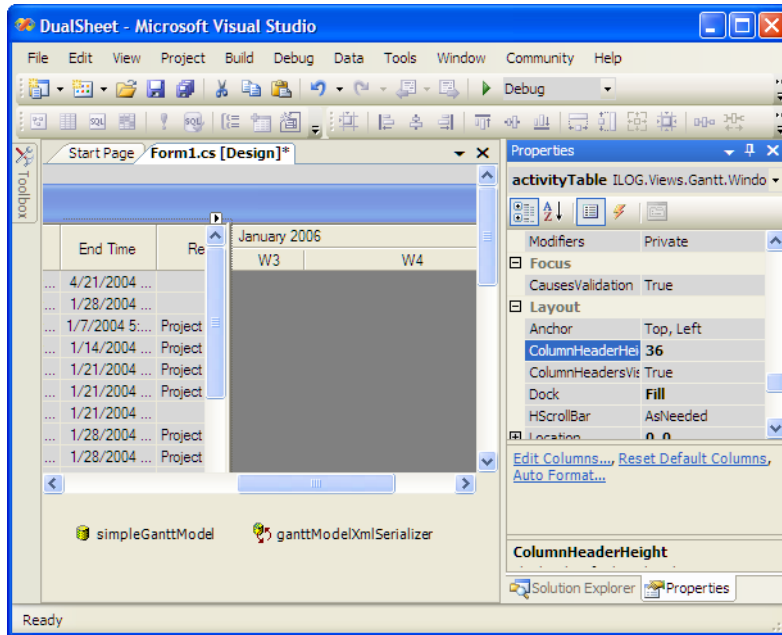


Select a style and click OK. The style that you selected is automatically applied to the scroll activity sheet.

6. Go back to the activity table. Right-click it and choose Bring to Front.

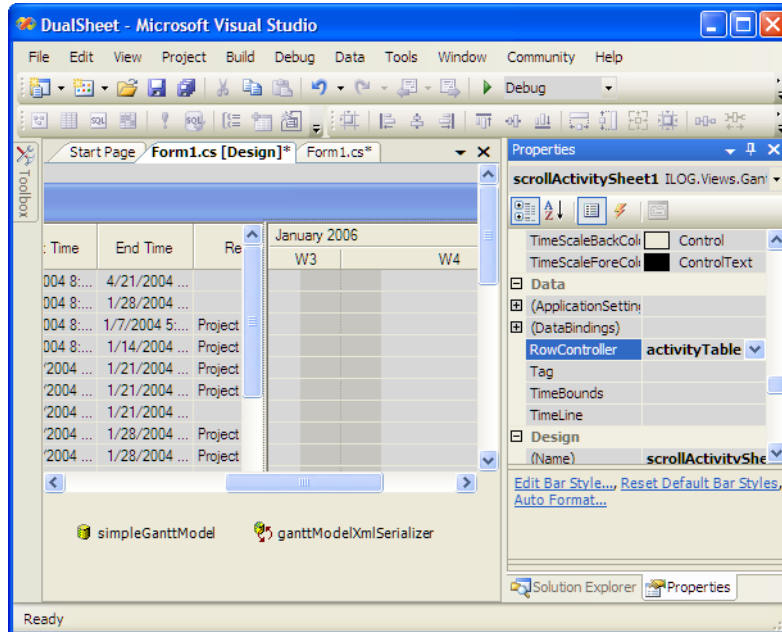
7. Synchronize the table header with the time scale.

With the activity table selected, from the Properties explorer choose **Layout > ColumnHeaderHeight** and enter 36.



8. Synchronize vertically the activity table with the scroll activity sheet.

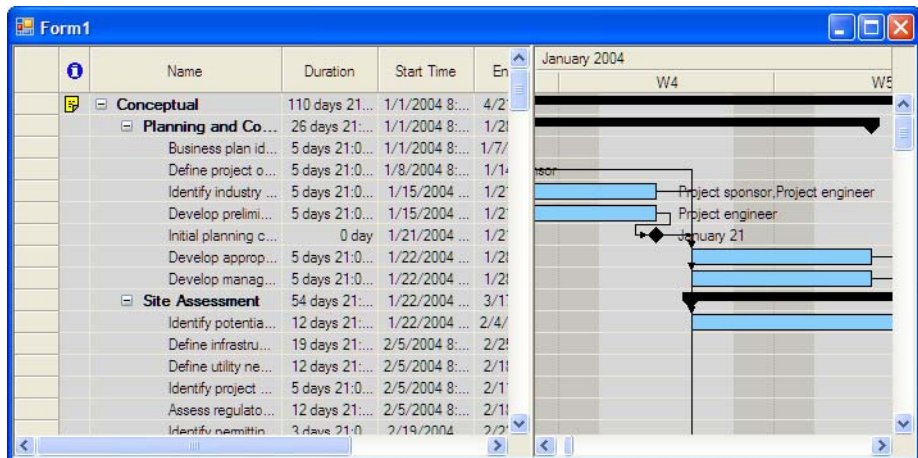
With the scroll activity sheet selected, from the Properties explorer choose **Data > RowController**. Click the arrow of the drop-down list next to the RowController property and choose **activityTable**.



9. Save the file Form1.cs.

10. Run the application using the command **Debug > Start**.

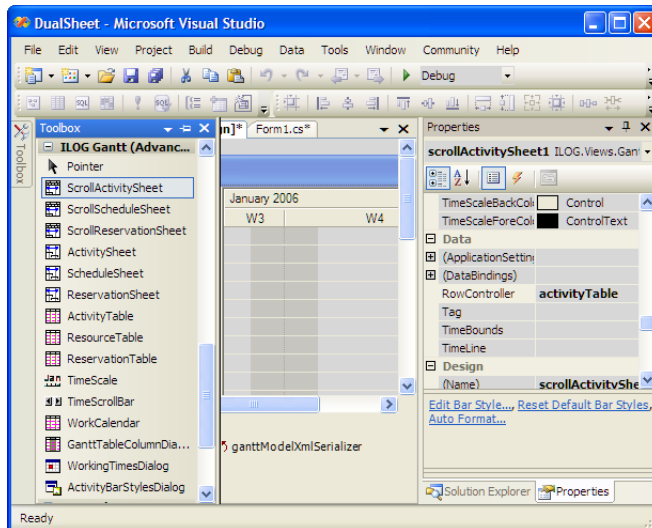
At this stage, the Gantt chart application contains a table and a sheet, and appears as follows:



11. Close the application you have just executed.

Adding the Second Scroll Activity Sheet

1. From the IBM ILOG Gantt for .NET toolbox select the **ScrollActivitySheet** object and drag it to Form1.



2. Resize the second scroll activity sheet.

Click the scroll activity sheet in Form1. From the Properties explorer choose **Layout > Size**, expand the property and enter the following value:

Width: 300

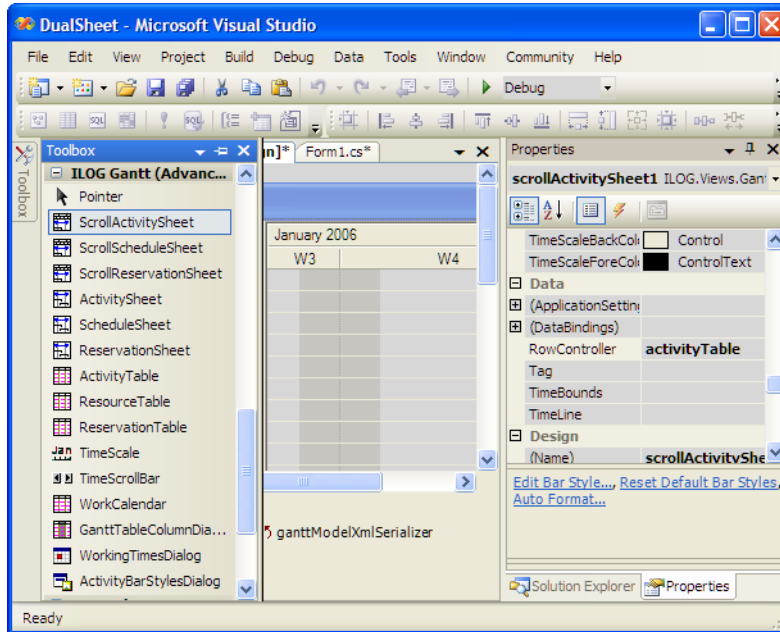
Height: leave the default value.

3. Change the Dock property to align the scroll activity sheet to the right of the activity table.

Click the second scroll activity sheet in Form1 and from the Properties explorer choose **Layout > Dock**.

4. Select the area corresponding to the Right option.

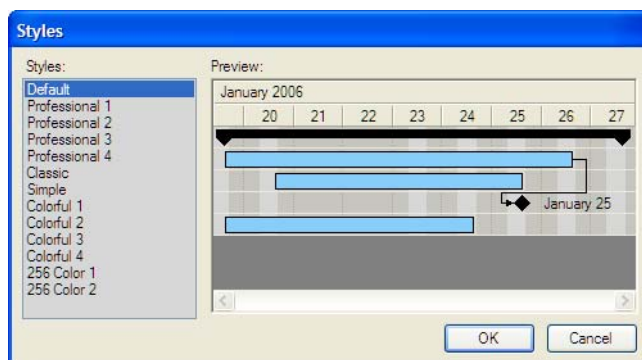
The second scroll activity sheet is now aligned to the right of the activity table.



5. Define a style for the scroll activity sheet you have just created.

You can either right-click the scroll activity sheet in Form1 and select AutoFormat in the contextual menu, or click AutoFormat at the bottom of the Properties explorer.

The Styles window appears:



Select a style and click OK. The style that you selected is automatically applied to the scroll activity sheet.

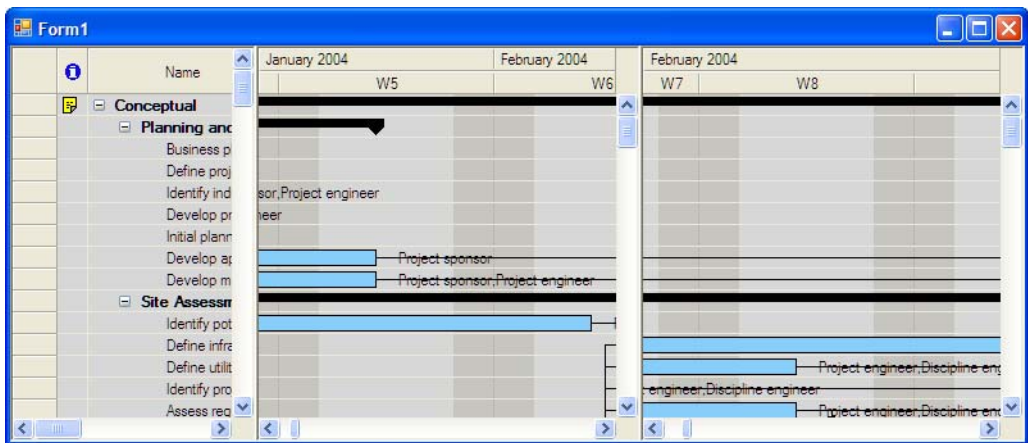
6. Go back to the activity table. Right-click it and choose Bring to Front.

7. Synchronize vertically the Activity Table with the second scroll activity sheet.

With the second scroll activity sheet selected, from the Properties explorer choose **Data > RowController**. Click the arrow of the drop-down list next to the RowController property and choose **activityTable**.

8. Save the file **Form1.cs**.
9. Run the application using the command **Debug > Start**.

Now that you have added the second scroll activity sheet, the application appears as follows:



10. Close the application you have just executed.

Making Reservation Visible at Launch Time

When the application is launched, the scroll activity sheets appear empty because their default visible time interval may not contain data, depending on the SDXL file you want to load. The scheduling information is there but you have to scroll to view it. The following steps illustrate how to make the reservations immediately visible in the sheets when the application is launched. The first scroll activity sheet will display the first half of the scheduling information, and the second scroll activity sheet will display the second half.

1. In Design mode, double-click the header of Form1.

The code editor opens with the cursor placed automatically at the appropriate location.

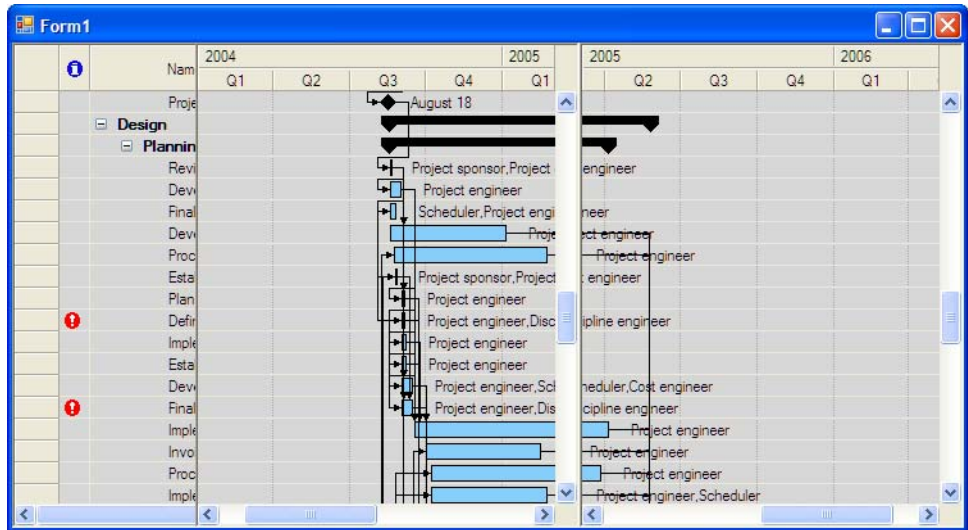
2. Insert the following code:

```
ILOG.Views.Gantt.DateTimeInterval interval =
scrollActivitySheet1.TimeBounds.TimeInterval;
scrollActivitySheet2.VisibleTimeInterval = new
ILOG.Views.Gantt.DateTimeInterval(interval.Start,
TimeSpan.FromTicks((long)(interval.Duration.Ticks / 2)));
scrollActivitySheet1.VisibleTimeInterval = new
ILOG.Views.Gantt.DateTimeInterval(scrollActivitySheet2.LastVisibleTime,
TimeSpan.FromTicks((long)(interval.Duration.Ticks / 2)));
```

3. Save the file **Form1.cs**.

4. Run the application using the command **Debug > Start**.

Now the reservations are immediately visible in the table when the application is launched, as illustrated below:



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