

Programming 3 Advanced

Attributes, Tuples, Anonymous Classes Events Workshop

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Attributes

```
1 [Description(""  
2     Attributes add metadata to your program.  
3     Metadata is information about the types defined  
4         in a program.  
5     You can apply one or more attributes to entire  
6         assemblies, modules, or smaller program  
7         elements such as classes and properties.  
8     Attributes can accept arguments in the same way  
9         as methods and properties.  
10    Your program can examine its own metadata or the  
11        metadata in other programs by using reflection.  
12    """)]  
13 public static void AttributesIntroduction() {}
```

Documentation

<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/dotnet/csharp/advanced-topics/reflection-and-attributes/>

Attributes Targets

```
1 [assembly: AssemblyDescription("Attributes demonstration")]
2
3 [field: NonSerialized]
4 private static bool Property { get; } = false;
5
6 [Description("By default it applies to a method")]
7 private static int Method1() { return 0; }
8
9 [method: Description("Explicitely applied to a method")]
10 private static int Method2() { return 0; }
11
12 private static int Method3(
13     [Description("Applied to a parameter")] string parameter)
14 { return 0; }
15
16 [return: Description("Applied to a return value")]
17 private static int Method4() { return 0; }
```



Multiple Attributes

```
1 [Description("Multiple attributes applied to a method"),  
2   Conditional("DEBUG")]  
3 private static void Method5() { }  
4  
5 [Description("Multiple attributes applied to a method")]  
6 [Conditional("DEBUG")]  
7 private static void Method6() { }
```



Caller Attributes

Caller Info

```
1 public static void CallerInfo()
2 {
3     Logger.Log("Hello, World!");
4     // [CallerInfo] /some/path/Program.cs:3: Hello, World!
5 }
6
7 public static void Log(string message,
8     [CallerMemberName] string memberName = "",
9     [CallerFilePath] string sourceFilePath = "",
10    [CallerLineNumber] int sourceLineNo = 0)
11 {
12    Console.WriteLine(
13        $"[{memberName}] {sourceFilePath}:{sourceLineNo}: {message}"
14    );
15 }
```



Caller Attributes

Caller Argument Expression

```
1 public static void CallerArgument()
2 {
3     Assertion.Assert("Hello, World!" is { Length: < 5 });
4     // Assertion failed: "Hello, World!" is { Length: < 5 }
5 }
6
7 public static void Assert(bool condition,
8     [CallerArgumentExpression(nameof(condition))]
9     string? message = null)
10 {
11     if (!condition)
12     {
13         Console.Error.WriteLine($"Assertion failed: {message}");
14     }
15 }
```



Anonymous Types

An anonymous type is a simple class created by the compiler

```
1 var bob = new { Name = "Bob", Age = 23 };
2 Console.WriteLine(
3     $"{bob.GetType()} is {bob.Name} and {bob.Age} years old.");
```

Documentation

<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/dotnet/csharp/fundamentals/types/anonymous-types>



The property name can be inferred from an identifier

```
1  int age = 23;
2  var bob = new { Name = "Bob", age, age.ToString().Length };
3  Console.WriteLine($"His {nameof(bob.Name)} is {bob.Name}");
4  Console.WriteLine($"His {nameof(bob.age)} is {bob.age}");
5  Console.WriteLine(
6      $"His {nameof(bob.Length)} is {bob.Length}");
```



Tuple

Backing type

Equals is overridden to perform structural equality comparison

While == operator performs referential comparison

```
1 var a = new { X = 1, Y = 2, Z = 3 };
2 var b = new { X = 1, Y = 2, Z = 3 };
3 Console.WriteLine(a.Equals(b)); // True
4 Console.WriteLine(a == b); // False
```

GetHashCode and ToString

Anonymous types also override the GetHashCode and ToString methods.



Non-destructive Mutation

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with keyword allows to create a copy of another anonymous type.

```
1 var a = new { X = 1, Y = 2, Z = 3 };
2 var b = a with { X = 10, Y = 20 };
3 Console.WriteLine($"a = (X = {a.X}, Y = {a.Y}, Z = {a.Z})");
4 Console.WriteLine($"b = (X = {b.X}, Y = {b.Y}, Z = {b.Z})");
```



Tuples are value types, with mutable (read/write) elements

```
1 (double, int) t1 = (4.5, 3);
2 Console.WriteLine(
3     $"Tuple with elements {t1.Item1} and {t1.Item2}.");
4 // Output:
5 // Tuple with elements 4.5 and 3.
6
7 (double Sum, int Count) t2 = (4.5, 3);
8 Console.WriteLine(
9     $"Sum of {t2.Count} elements is {t2.Sum}.");
10 // Output:
11 // Sum of 3 elements is 4.5.
```

Documentation

<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/dotnet/csharp/language-reference/builtin-types/value-tuples>

Tuple Field Names

```
1 var t = (Sum: 4.5, Count: 3);
2 Console.WriteLine($"Sum of {t.Count} elements is {t.Sum}.");
3 (double Sum, int Count) d = (4.5, 3);
4 Console.WriteLine($"Sum of {d.Count} elements is {d.Sum}.");
```

It may be inferred from the name of the corresponding variable

```
1 var sum = 4.5;
2 var count = 3;
3 var t = (sum, count);
4 Console.WriteLine($"Sum of {t.count} elements is {t.sum}.");
```

The default names of tuple fields are Item1, Item2, Item3...

```
1 var a = 1;
2 var t = (a, b: 2, 3);
3 Console.WriteLine($"The 1st element is {t.Item1} ({t.a}).");
4 Console.WriteLine($"The 2nd element is {t.Item2} ({t.b}).");
5 Console.WriteLine($"The 3rd element is {t.Item3}.");
```

Tuple

Backing type

C# tuples are backed by System.ValueTuple type

```
1 ValueTuple<string, int> bob = ("Bob", 23);  
2 (string, int) alice = ("Alice", 42);  
3 (string name, int age) chad = ValueTuple.Create("Chad", 19);  
4 alice = bob = chad;
```

Non default field names

At compile time, the compiler replaces non-default field names with the corresponding default names. As a result, explicitly specified or inferred field names aren't available at run time.

With methods/properties that return named tuple types, the compiler emits the element names by applying a custom attribute called `TupleElementNamesAttribute` to the member's return type.

Tuple equality

Tuple types support the == and != operators.

```
1 (int a, byte b) left = (5, 10);
2 (long a, int b) right = (5, 10);
3 Console.WriteLine(left == right); // output: True
4 Console.WriteLine(left != right); // output: False
5
6 var t1 = (A: 5, B: 10);
7 var t2 = (B: 5, A: 10);
8 Console.WriteLine(t1 == t2); // output: True
9 Console.WriteLine(t1 != t2); // output: False
```

Equals and GetHashCode

Tuples also override the Equals and GetHashCode method, making it practical to use tuples as keys in dictionaries.

Tuple Deconstruction

```
1 var bob = ("Bob", 23);
2 { // Deconstructs tuple fields into separate variables
3   (string name, int age) = bob;
4 }
5 { // Might use existing variables
6   string name; int age;
7   (name, age) = bob;
8 }
9 { // Might use var to deduct types
10  var (name, age) = bob;
11 }
```

