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- Build exceptionally powerful user and custom controls
- Master reliable and efficient ways to mix XAML with procedural code
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- Use data binding to link and synchronize controls with in-memory representations of data
- Leverage XAML's support for binary and logical resources
- Use styles, templates, and visual states to radically redesign controls without sacrificing their built-in functionality
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