## Windows System Programming

**Application Development for Windows** 

**XP and Beyond** 

Instructor: Johnson (John) Hart

jmhart62@gmail.com

www.jmhartsoftware.com

## OBJECTIVES (1 of 2)

Upon completion of this four-day lecture/lab/demo course you will be able to:

- Use the Windows API to develop Windows applications
- Perform file I/O and directory and file management
- Use structured exception handling
- Exploit memory management, shared memory, mapped files, and dynamic link libraries (DLLs)
- Manage Windows processes and interprocess communication
- Develop safe, high performance multithreaded applications that use Windows thread synchronization
- Develop 32 and 64-bit applications (single source)
- Use Windows security features

# OBJECTIVES (2 of 2)

- Use interprocess communication with named pipes
- Develop reliable, networked client/server systems
- Describe performance and design issues
- Be prepared for independent learning of additional topics
- Use Visual Studio (2005, 2008, 2010) to develop, debug, test, and manage applications

## Contents + Some Supplements\*

- Session 1 Getting Started: Win32/64 and Visual Studio
- **Session 2** I/O With File and Directory Processing
- **Session 3 Structured Exception Handling**
- Session 4 Memory Management, Memory-Mapped Files, and DLLs
- **Session 5** Process Management
- **Session 6** Thread Management
- **Session 7** Interprocess and Network Communication \*\*
- **Session 8 Thread Synchronization Part I**
- **Session 9** Thread Synchronization Part II \*
- **Session 10 Securing Windows Objects**

### Nongoals

### This course covers the System Services

- The brains of Windows
- System Services enable everything else

#### **Topics NOT covered (they belong elsewhere)**

- Device Drivers
- OS internals
- Graphical User Interface (GUI) programming
- COM, DCOM, and MFC
- MS Developer Studio, .NET

### Course Methodology

#### Lecture/Lab

- Lecture and discussion followed by lab or demo
  - About 50-50 time mix
- Labs demonstrate lecture material
  - Useful, realistic programs
  - Microsoft Visual C++ Developer's Studio used throughout
  - Exercises require fixing defects, filling small missing code sections, or improving programs
    - Designed to enhance learning, but fit in time provided
    - Complete solutions are always available
    - More (and less) challenging variations are provided
  - Working in pairs or groups

### Course Materials

#### All participants are provided with:

- Text: Windows System Programming Edition 4 by J. M. Hart
- Lab exercises with solutions
- Web site with additional information, discussion, clarifications, and more

### Background Requirements

Required: C programming knowledge

**Useful**, but not required:

- UNIX system programming
  - Or system programming experience with VMS, MVS, MacOS, Windows 3.1, etc.
- Previous Windows programming experience
  - GUI, MFC, COM, .NET, etc.
- Network programming, especially with sockets

Intro to the instructor and the course/book background