

# **Topics**

- Understand how VBA functions inside of iFIX from GE Digital.
- Create VBA procedures (functions and subprocedures).
- Understand and create (declare) variables of various data types (including arrays) and use them to make expressions.
- Use simple VBA code structures including decisions, loops, and collections.
- Use the VBA MessageBox and InputBox commands and create VBA Forms.
- Access iFIX data and use iFIX Subroutines and Methods
- Create and use Error Handlers in VBA and use VBA debugging tools.
- Access Relational Databases using ADO (ActiveX Data Object).
- Use functions within 3rd Party DLLs.
- Use VBA Automation to make References to other applications.

# **Course Description**

The Using VBA with HMI-SCADA iFIX course is designed for those who wish to acquire a basic knowledge of Visual Basic for Applications (VBA) within iFIX from GE Digital. This knowledge will allow the student to generate VBA based solutions for their special system requirements. The course begins with an introduction to VBA and why VBA is so important in today's applications. Lectures, coding examples, and labs are included in this course on the important aspects of VBA, as well as reference to Visual Basic syntax. This course will demonstrate to the student how to enhance runtime operation to solve special problems.

## Who should attend?

This course is principally designed for process, automation, or instrumentation engineers and system integrators who will be developing, configuring, and using applications created with Proficy iFIX

# Are there any pre-requisites?

Completion of the HMI-SCADA iFIX Fundamentals course is a must! Participants should have a working knowledge of Windows operating systems. Familiarity with some programming language would be helpful, but is not required.

## **Time Commitment**

32 hours

# Delivery

Instructor-led (distance learning or classroom)

# Part #

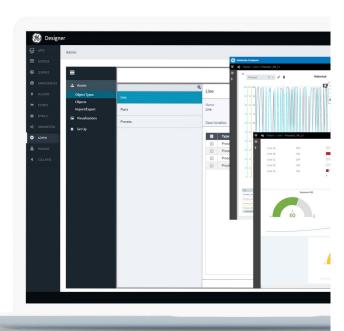
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## Level

Advanced

#### Course Schedule

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## Session 1

#### **VBA Overview**

VBA terminology and an introduction to the VBE (Visual Basic Editor).

#### **VBA** and iFIX

Details on how VBA functions within iFIX and how to use VBA Help.

#### **Procedures and Code Locations**

Create procedures and use procedure arguments.

#### iFIX procedures and methods

Using iFIX subroutines and methods and invoking code in iFIX applications.

## Session 2

#### Variables

Understand and create (declare) variables of various data types.

#### **VBA Debugging Tools**

Using VBA tools, like Watch Window and Locals Window, to debug code.

#### **Decision Code**

Use If Then Else and other decision code.

## Session 3

## **Expressions**

Use functions and variable to make complex expressions.

#### Function

Use pre-built functions (Message Box and Input Box) and create new functions.

#### **Forms**

Create and use Forms, including unloading and hiding Forms.

## VBA and iFIX

Accessing the iFIX Process Database.

# Session 4

# **Looping Code and Arrays**

Use for loops and Do loops. Create and populate array variables.

#### **Error Handlers**

Use error handlers to create better code.

## **Accessing Relational Databases**

Access Relational Databases using ADO (ActiveX Data Object).

#### Collection Object

Create and use collections to enhance an application.

# Session 5

#### ActiveX

Using ActiveX with iFIX.

#### APIs and DLLs

Accessing the Windows Applications Programming Interface and 3rd Party DLLs from within iFIX VBA

#### VBA Automation

Use VBA Automation to make References to other applications.

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