

# Course Outline SOLIDWORKS Add-Ins Training

# SOLIDWORKS API Fundamentals – 2 days (14h)

\*The "Introduction to Visual Basic.net" training is required for this class

# 1. Using the Macro Recorder

- Macro Recording
- Macro Toolbar
- Understanding How Macro Code Works
- Understanding How to Call Members on API interfaces
- · Passing Parameters
- Cleaning Up Code
- · Adding Forms to a Macro

#### 2. The API Object Model

- · SOLIDWORKS API Object Model
- Application Objects
- · Connecting to New Documents
- · Connecting to Existing Documents

# 3. Setting System Options and Document Properties

- · User Preferences System Option
- User Preferences Document Properties
- Locating the Correct APIs and Enumeration Values
- User Preferences Tables for System Option, Document
- · Properties and Menu Items

# 4. Automating Part Design

· Automation Tool for Parts

## 5. Assembly Automation

· Automation Tool for Assemblies

#### 6. Drawing Automation

Automating Drawing Creation

### 7. Selection and Traversal Techniques

- · Programming with a Selected Object
- · The SOLIDWORKS BREP Model
- · Body and Face Traversal
- Feature Manager Traversal

## 8. Adding Custom Properties and Attributes

- Custom Properties
- · Configurations with Custom Properties
- File Summary Information
- · Document Attributes
- · The Attribute Objects
- Face Attributes

#### 9. The SOLIDWORKS API SDK

- The API SDK
- · Creating a VB.NET Add-In
- Creating a C# Add-in
- C++ Add-Ins
- · Choosing a Programming Language

# 10. Customizing the SOLIDWORKS User Interface

- Customizing the UI With VB.NET
- Understanding The Add-in Code
- Property Pages
- Property Page Groups and Controls
- · Removing Menus and Toolbars
- · Other Areas of Customization

#### 11. Notification

- Notification
- Notification in VBA
- Simple Notification
- Using Notifications in .NET

Course Objectives: At the end of each course, students will know the capabilities of the software and will be able to use the learned features.

Training Course: Training is given in class at SolidXperts or online where each student has access to a workstation or online product version.

Methodology: Training is based on case studies demonstrated by the instructor. At the end of each lesson, time will be given for exercises.

Competences Evaluation: During the classwork, the instructor will correct the exercises on-demand and explain the solutions to the entire class if needed.

Instructor: SolidXperts trainers are Certified SolidWorks Instructors (CSWI) and authorized by Emploi-Québec.

Course Materials: One or more training manuals are included with the training course.

Attestation: A certificate will be given to each student at the end of the course to attest to the successful completion of the requirements for the course.