

## What is a Binding Source?

A Binding Source is what encloses a data source for binding to controls in Visual Studio. It serves two main purposes: to be an intermediary by binding itself to the data source and also binding to the controls on our Windows form. The Binding Source component is what let's us be able to use a Binding navigator to sort, navigate, and filter through our records.

For our purposes, the Binding Source and Binding Navigator go hand in hand. Through means of our Binding Source, the Binding Navigator lets us “travel” from one record to another in the DataSet.

To create a Binding Source, we'd use the following code at the top of our form (beneath the Public Class and where our other Public variables are stored).

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Dim BindingSourceName as BindingSource.
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The above code declares a new variable as a binding source—which, for our purposes, would inform our Binding Navigator how to navigate and sort through records.

For practice with a Binding Source, see the **Binding Navigator Example**.

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