

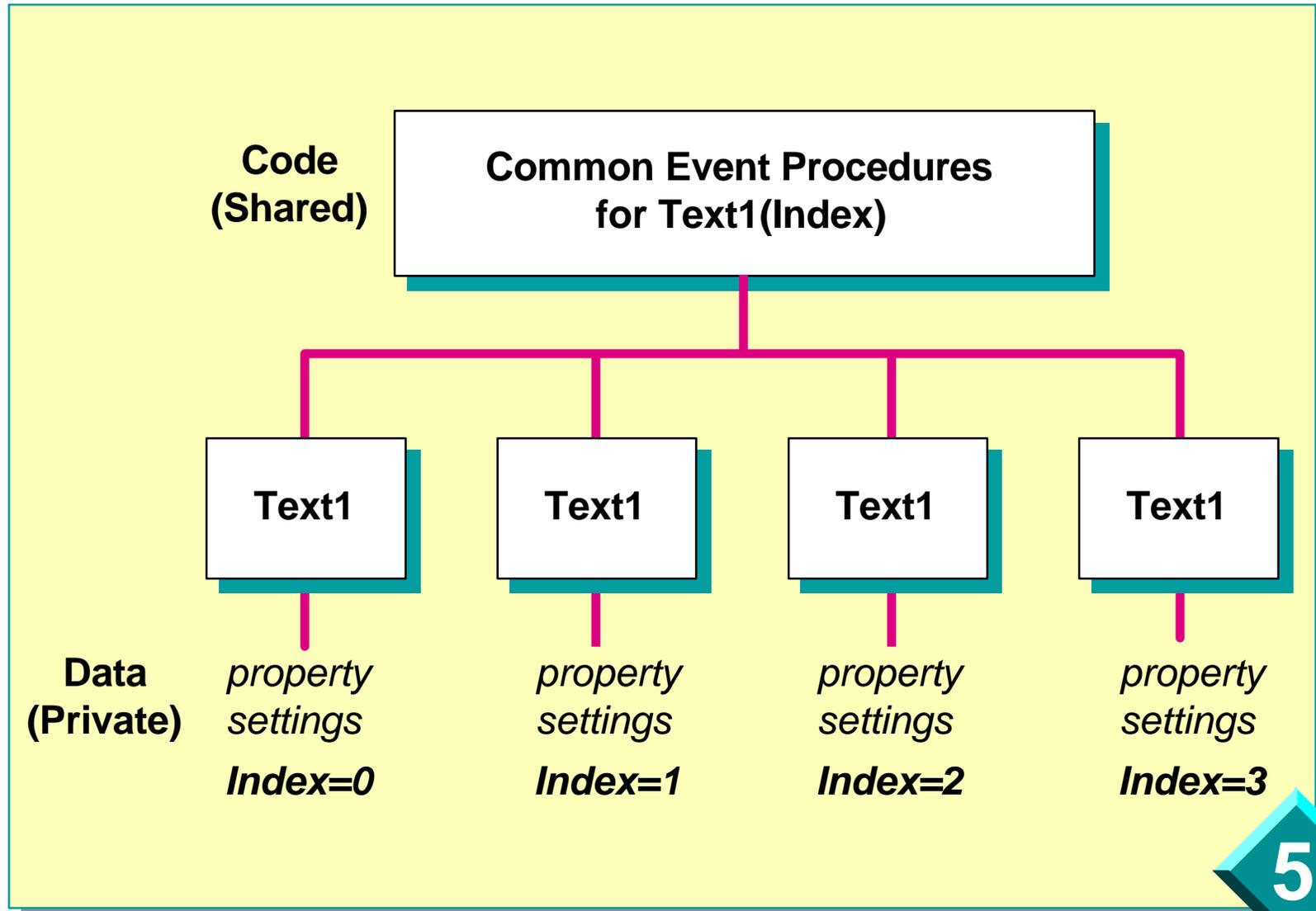
# Dynamic Controls

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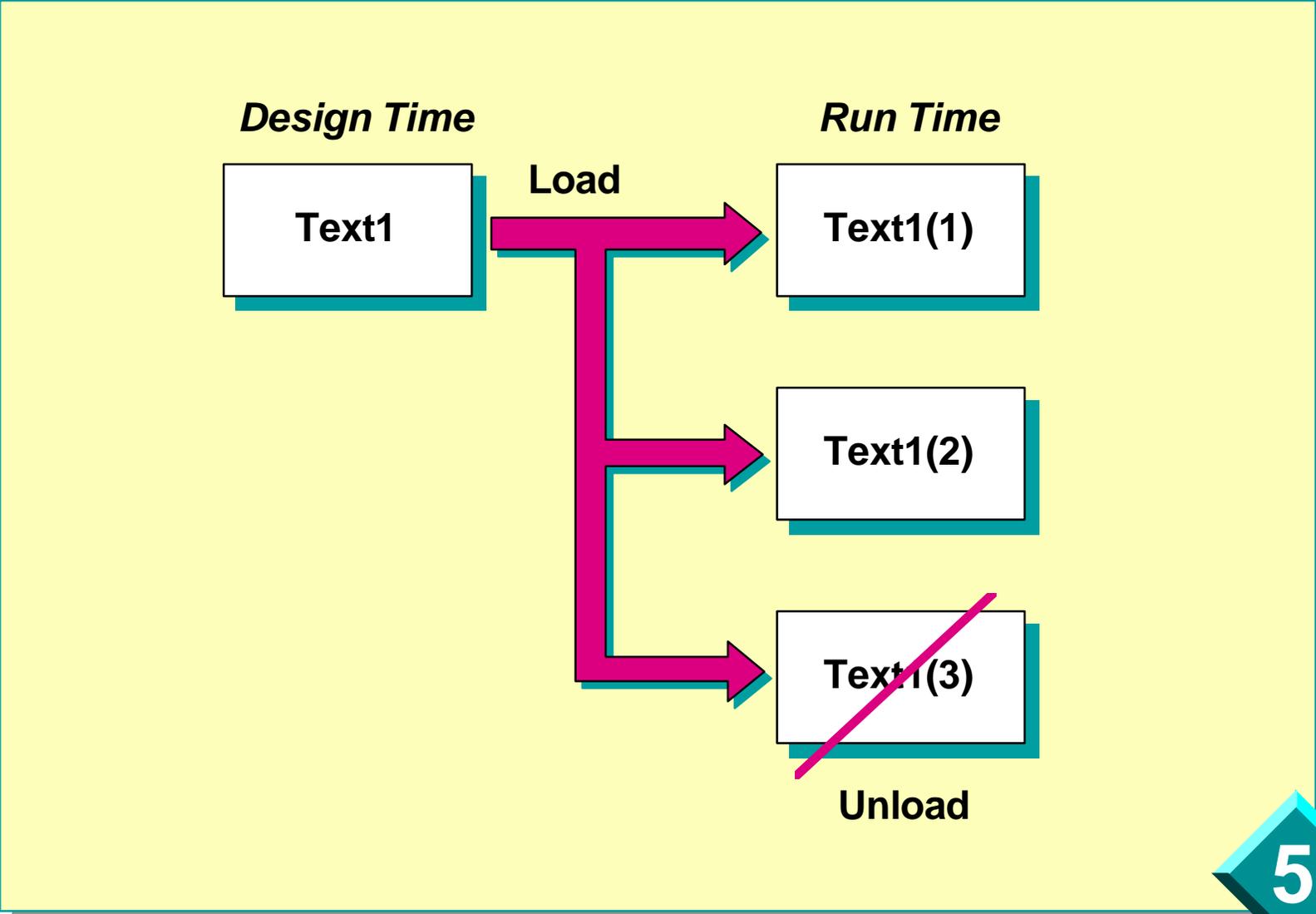
## ◆ Overview

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- How to Add and Delete Controls Dynamically
- How to Use the Visual Basic Controls Collection
- Creating and Using Object Variables
- Arrays of Object Variables
- An Array That Refers to Objects on Multiple Forms

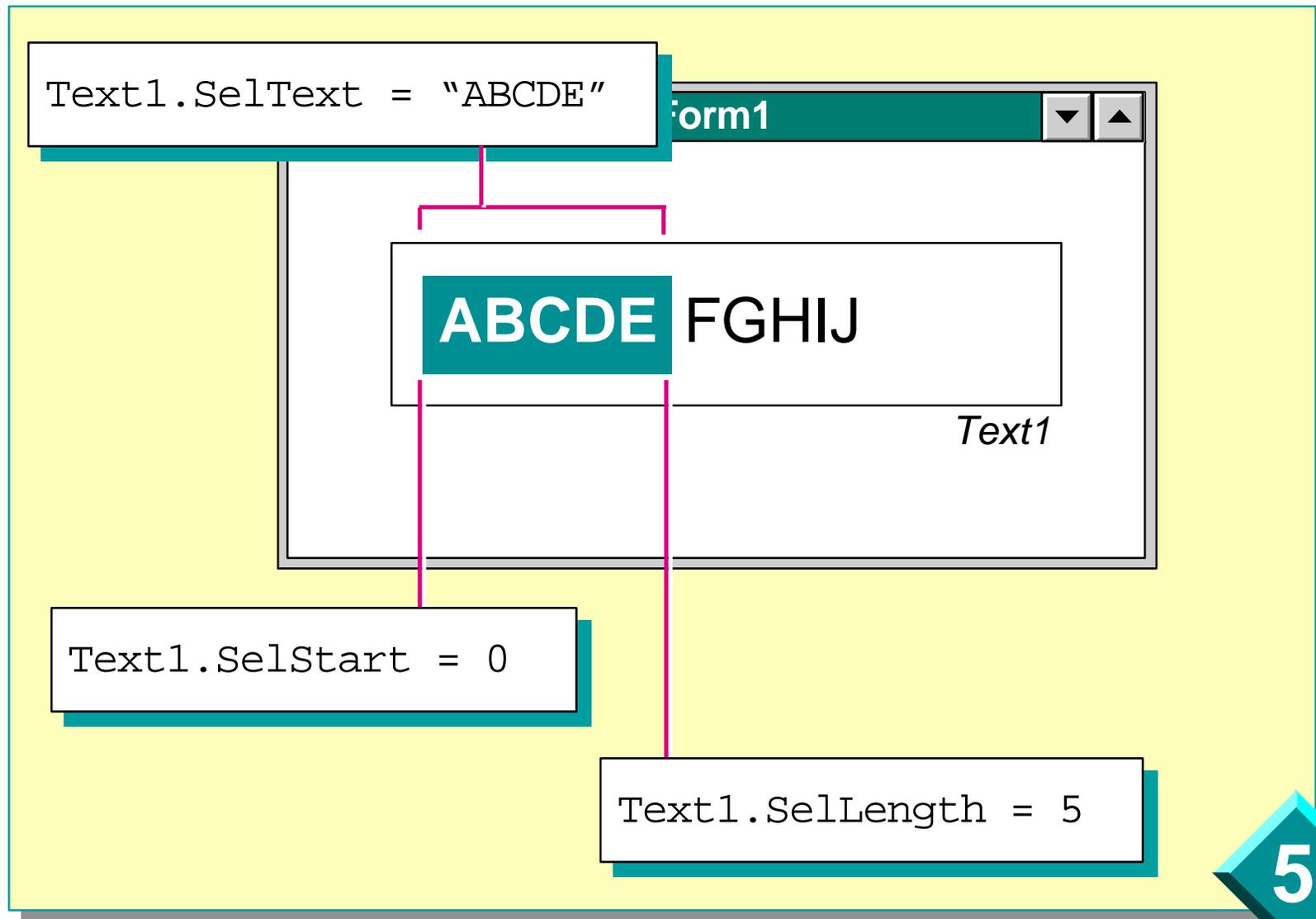
# What Are Control Arrays?



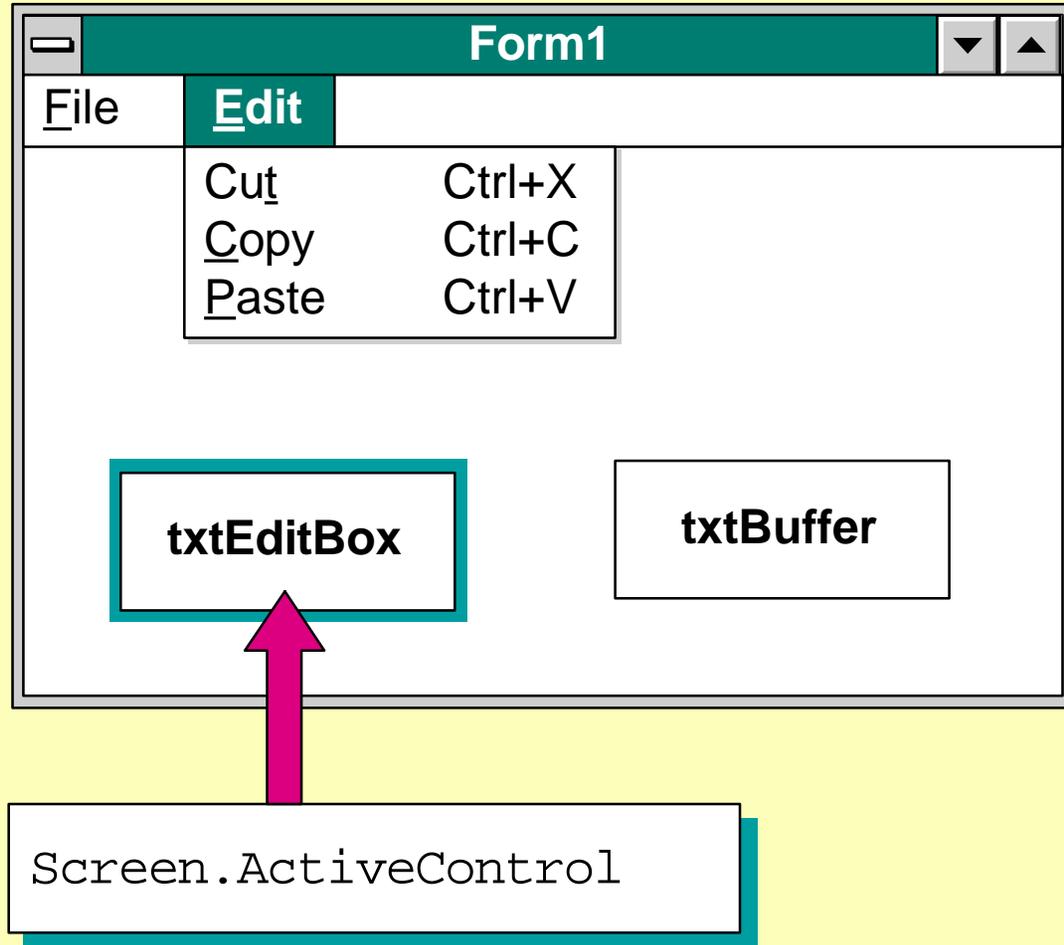
# Creating Controls Dynamically



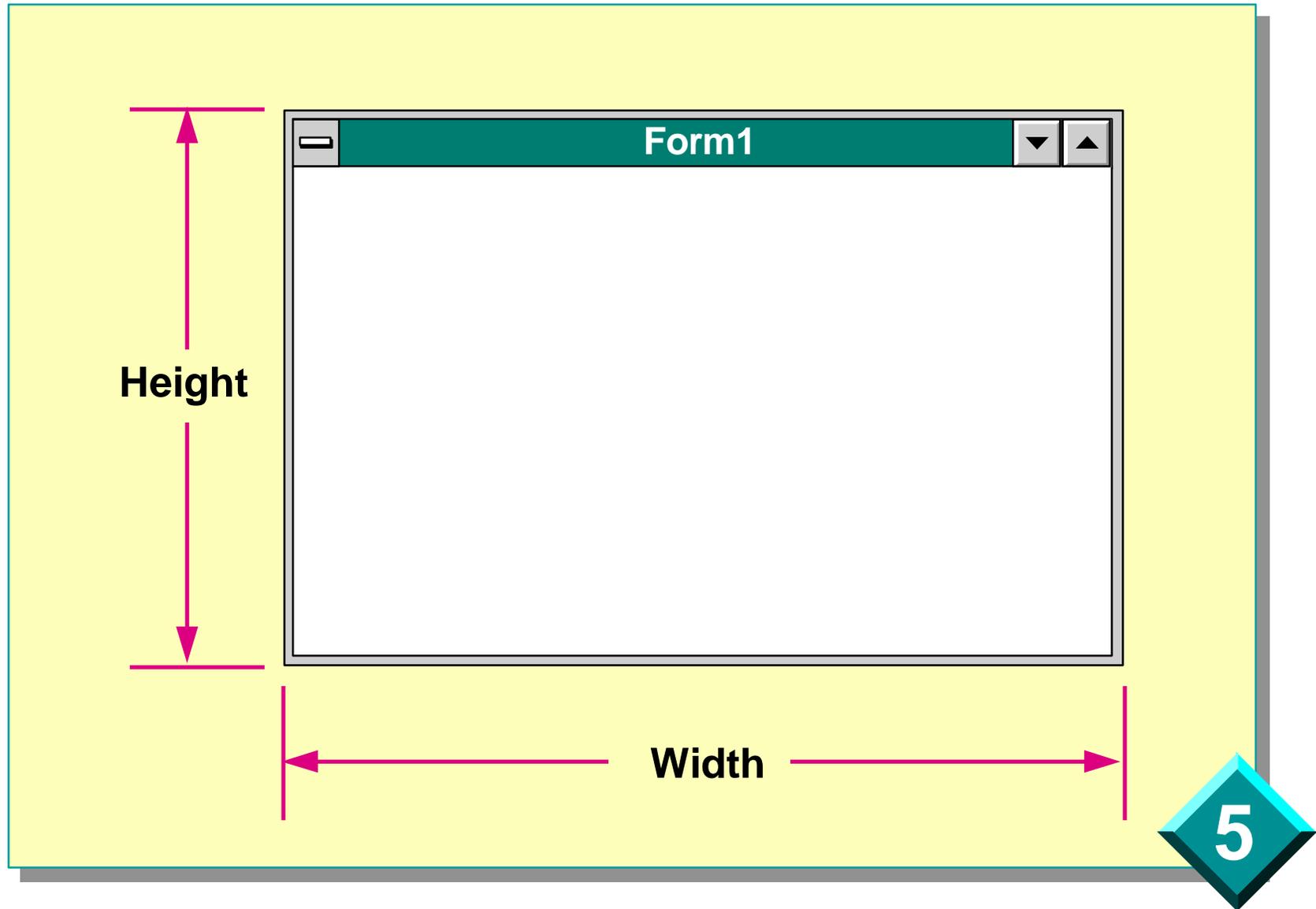
# Working with Selected Text



# Editing the Active Control



# You May Need to Expand a Form to Fit New Controls



# The Controls Collection

## ■ Using the Controls Collection

- **Controls(i)** - Object Variable Array; Element /Control
- **Controls.Count** - Property of Controls Collection
- e.g. `Controls(3).Text = "Hello World"`

## ■ Test Object With: **TypeOf object Is class**

- e.g. `If TypeOf Controls(i) Is TextBox Then`

# Creating and Using Object Variables

- Object Variables are "Alias" Pointers for Objects

```
Dim txt As TextBox  
Set txt = txtLastName
```

```
Dim gen As Control  
Set gen = txtLastName  
Set gen = lblLastName
```

- Release Object Variables when Finished Using

`Set ObjectVar = Nothing`

# Arrays of Object Variables

```
Dim cmd(5) As CommandButton
```

# An Array That Refers to Objects on Multiple Forms

- In a .BAS file

```
Global cmd(15) As CommandButton
```

- In the Startup Form's Form Load Event

```
Set cmd(1) = Form1.cmdLoad  
Set cmd(6) = Form2.cmdLocate  
Set cmd(11) = Form3.cmdFilter
```

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