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Scenario Prompt: Magic Potion Lab GUI Application Challenge

You've been hired as the lead developer for the Magic Potion Lab application, where you'll design and implement a graphical program to manage a collection of magical potions. Your goal is to create a user-friendly, Windows Forms (WinForms) application that allows users to add, remove, update, and search for potions, as well as generate a random "mystery mix" potion. You'll use specific naming conventions and follow all requirements listed below.

This prompt will guide you step-by-step through the challenge, detailing the components and features needed to build this application successfully.

Project Overview

Create a WinForms C# application named **MagicPotions**. The program will have a single form (called **MainForm**), and it will display potion details and allow users to interact with a collection of potions through various controls (buttons, text fields, and lists). All user interactions will be handled on this single form.

Step 1: Setting Up Data Structure

Potion Storage: Store each potion as a dictionary within a list of dictionaries. Each dictionary will represent a potion with the following keys:

- **PotionName:** A string that stores the name of the potion (e.g., "Potion of Strength").
- **Ingredients:** A List<string> that stores each ingredient of the potion (e.g., ["Unicorn Hair", "Goblin Dust"]).
- **Effect:** A string that describes the magical effect of the potion (e.g., "Increases speed by 50%").
- **Potency:** An int between 1 and 10 that describes the potency level of the potion.

Step 2: Designing the User Interface (UI)

TextBox Controls (for entering details of a new or existing potion):

- **txtPotionNameInput:** A TextBox to enter the potions name.
- **txtIngredientsInput:** A TextBox to enter the potions ingredients, separated by commas.
- **txtEffectInput:** A TextBox to enter a description of the potions effect.
- **txtPotencyInput:** A TextBox to enter the potency level (as an integer between 1 and 10).

Button Controls:

- **btnAddPotion:** Adds a new potion to the potion list using the details entered in the input fields.
- **btnRemovePotion:** Removes a potion from the list by its name, using the value entered in txtPotionNameInput.
- **btnExperimentPotion:** Updates an existing potions details, including ingredients and potency.
- **btnSearchPotion:** Searches the potion list for potions by name or by ingredients, using txtPotionNameInput for the search term.

- `btnDisplayPotions`: Displays all potions in the list, showing their names, ingredients, effects, and potency.
- `btnMysteryMix`: Generates a random potion with a name, ingredients, effect, and potency, then adds it to the potion list.

Display Control:

- `lstPotionDisplayList`: A `ListBox` that shows details of each potion currently stored in the list. When `btnDisplayPotions` is clicked, all potions in the list should appear here, formatted as:
 - Name: [PotionName], Ingredients: [Ingredients], Effect: [Effect], Potency: [Potency]

Status Label:

- `lblStatusMessage`: A `Label` at the bottom of the form that displays success messages, errors, and other status updates to guide the user.

Step 3: Implementing Core Functions

Adding a Potion

- When `btnAddPotion` is clicked:
 - Retrieve values from `txtPotionNameInput`, `txtIngredientsInput`, `txtEffectInput`, and `txtPotencyInput`.
 - Validate that `txtPotionNameInput` is non-empty, `txtIngredientsInput` contains at least one ingredient, `txtEffectInput` is non-empty, and `txtPotencyInput` contains an integer between 1 and 10.
 - If validation passes, create a new potion dictionary with "PotionName", "Ingredients", "Effect", and "Potency".
 - Add the new potion to the potions list.
 - Display a success message in `lblStatusMessage` and clear the input fields.

Removing a Potion

- When `btnRemovePotion` is clicked:
 - Use the value from `txtPotionNameInput` to search the potions list.
 - If a potion with the matching "PotionName" exists, remove it from the list, display a success message in `lblStatusMessage`, and refresh `lstPotionDisplayList`.
 - If the potion doesn't exist, display an error message in `lblStatusMessage`.

Updating a Potion (Experimenting)

- When `btnExperimentPotion` is clicked:
 - Search for a potion in potions by "PotionName" using `txtPotionNameInput`.
 - If found, update the potions "Ingredients" with values from `txtIngredientsInput` and "Potency" from `txtPotencyInput` (validate potency between 1 and 10).
 - Display a success message in `lblStatusMessage` and refresh `lstPotionDisplayList`.

Searching for Potions

- When `btnSearchPotion` is clicked:

- Search the potions list by name or ingredient using the value from txtPotionNameInput.
- If matches are found, display them in lstPotionDisplayList with full details.
- If no matches are found, display an error message in lblStatusMessage.

Displaying All Potions

- When btnDisplayPotions is clicked, display all potions in lstPotionDisplayList with each potions name, ingredients, effect, and potency level.

Creating a Mystery Mix

- When btnMysteryMix is clicked:
 - Generate a random potion with randomized values for "PotionName", "Ingredients", "Effect", and "Potency" and add it to the potions list.
 - Display the new potion in lstPotionDisplayList and show a message in lblStatusMessage.

Additional Requirements and Naming Conventions

Naming Conventions:

- All UI components must use the specified names (txtPotionNameInput, txtIngredientsInput, etc.) to ensure clarity and organization.
- Each method should be named logically based on its function (btnAddPotion_Click, btnRemovePotion_Click, etc.).

Error Handling:

- Ensure that invalid inputs (like non-integer potency levels or empty potion names) result in an error message in lblStatusMessage.
- Prevent duplicate potion names from being added to the list.

Helper Methods:

- Create a ClearInputs() method to clear txtPotionNameInput, txtIngredientsInput, txtEffectInput, and txtPotencyInput after a successful action.
- Use a DisplayPotionDetails method to format potion details for easy display in lstPotionDisplayList.

Step 5: Testing

- Test each button to confirm it performs the expected actions.
- Verify that invalid inputs (empty fields, invalid potency) result in clear error messages.
- Confirm that adding, updating, and removing potions update lstPotionDisplayList and lblStatusMessage correctly.
- Test the btnMysteryMix to ensure it generates random potions with valid attributes.

Sample Data for Potion TextBox Inputs

Potion 1: Speed Elixir

- txtPotionNameInput: Speed Elixir
- txtIngredientsInput: Phoenix Feather, Ginseng Root, Lightning Leaf
- txtEffectInput: Increases movement speed by 50%
- txtPotencyInput: 8

Potion 2: Elixir of Fire Resistance

- txtPotionNameInput: Elixir of Fire Resistance
- txtIngredientsInput: Fireweed, Salamander Scale, Ash Bark
- txtEffectInput: Protects the user from fire damage for 10 minutes
- txtPotencyInput: 7

Potion 3: Invisibility Potion

- txtPotionNameInput: Invisibility Potion
- txtIngredientsInput: Ghost Mushroom, Shadow Dust, Cloak Flower
- txtEffectInput: Grants invisibility for 5 minutes
- txtPotencyInput: 9

Potion 4: Elixir of Eternal Youth

- txtPotionNameInput: Elixir of Eternal Youth
- txtIngredientsInput: Phoenix Feather, Mermaid Tears, Pearl Powder
- txtEffectInput: Slows aging for 24 hours
- txtPotencyInput: 10

Potion 5: Night Vision Potion

- txtPotionNameInput: Night Vision Potion
- txtIngredientsInput: Owl Eye, Moonflower Petal, Bat Wing
- txtEffectInput: Grants night vision for 1 hour
- txtPotencyInput: 6

The screenshot shows a Windows application window titled "MagicPotions". The window has a standard title bar with minimize, maximize, and close buttons. The main interface is divided into several sections:

- Input Section:** On the left, there are four text input fields labeled "Potion Name Input", "Ingredients Input (comma separated)", "Effect Input", and "Potency Input".
- Action Buttons:** To the right of the input fields are six buttons arranged in a 3x2 grid:
 - Top row: "Add Potion" and "Remove Potion"
 - Middle row: "Display Potions" and "Mystery Mix"
 - Bottom row: "Search Potion" and "Experiment Potion"
- Output Section:** Below the input fields is a label "Potion Display List" followed by a large, empty rectangular box for displaying the results.
- Status Bar:** At the bottom of the window, there is a status bar with the labels "Status" and "Message".

Figure 1: Application Image

Category	Criteria	Points Possible	Points Received
Data Structure (50 Points)	Potion List & Dictionaries: Properly stores potions as dictionaries within a list, with correct keys ("PotionName", "Ingredients", "Effect", "Potency") and data types for each key.	30	
	Randomization Setup: Initializes a Random object correctly to generate random values for mystery potions.	10	
	Potency Validation: Ensures txtPotencyInput only accepts integers between 1 and 10, rejecting other inputs.	10	
User Interface (120 Points)	TextBox Components: Correctly includes TextBox controls for txtPotionNameInput, txtIngredientsInput, txtEffectInput, and txtPotencyInput.	20	
	Button Components: Includes buttons with correct functionality and names (btnAddPotion, btnRemovePotion, btnExperimentPotion, btnSearchPotion, btnDisplayPotions, btnMysteryBrew).	20	
	PotionDisplayList Component: Utilizes a ListBox for potion display, displaying full potion details named lstPotionDisplayList	20	
	Status Label Component: Uses Label effectively to communicate success and error messages to the user named lblStatusMessage	20	
	Naming Conventions: Follows specified naming conventions for all controls, methods, and variables.	20	
	Clear Inputs: Correctly implements and utilizes a ClearInputs() method after each action.	20	
	Add Potion Functionality: Adds a new potion using input values, validates all fields (ensuring no empty or invalid entries), and adds the potion to potions.	40	
Core Functions (250 Points)	Add Potion Success Message: Updates lblStatusMessage with a success message upon adding a potion.	10	
	Remove Potion Functionality: Searches for and removes a potion by name; if the potion is not found, displays an error message in lblStatusMessage.	40	
	Remove Potion Success Message: Updates lblStatusMessage with a success message upon removing a potion.	10	

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Helper Methods & Code Quality (80 Points)	Experiment Potion Functionality: Updates an existing potion's ingredients and potency (validates 1–10 range), then refreshes the display list.	40	
	Experiment Potion Success Message: Updates lblStatusMessage with a success message when a potion is updated.	10	
	Search Potion Functionality: Searches by potion name or ingredients, displaying matching potions in lstPotionDisplayList and updating lblStatusMessage.	40	
	Display All Potions: Displays all potions in lstPotionDisplayList in the correct format with all potion details.	20	
	Mystery Brew Functionality: Generates a random potion with randomized values for "PotionName", "Ingredients", "Effect", and "Potency" and adds it to the potion list.	30	
	Mystery Brew Success Message: Displays a message in lblStatusMessage when a mystery potion is created.	10	
	DisplayPotionDetails: Correctly formats potion details into a single string for display in lstPotionDisplayList.	20	
	ClearInputs Method: Clears input fields (txtPotionNameInput, txtIngredientsInput, txtEffectInput, txtPotencyInput) after an action is completed.	20	
	Error Handling: Implements error messages for invalid inputs, such as empty fields, invalid potency, or non-existent potion names for removal or update.	20	
	Code Readability: Code is well-organized, with comments that clarify the purpose of each function and major code sections.	20	
Testing & Functionality (50 Points)	Function Testing: All core functions (btnAddPotion, btnRemovePotion, btnExperimentPotion, btnSearchPotion, btnDisplayPotions, btnMysteryBrew) perform as expected without errors.	20	
	User Feedback: Provides clear and correct messages in lblStatusMessage for both successful actions and errors.	10	

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	Form Resetting: After each action, the form resets properly (fields clear, display list updates, status label updates).	10	
	Overall User Experience: Application is intuitive and user-friendly, with smooth navigation, feedback, and performance.	10	

Total Points Possible 550