

Introducing More Controls

In Chapter 1 you learned to use labels and buttons. In this chapter you will learn to use several more control types: text boxes, group boxes, check boxes, radio buttons, picture boxes, and line and shape controls. Figure 2.1 shows the toolbox with the *Common Controls*, *Containers*, and *Visual Basic PowerPacks* tabs open, to show the tools for these new controls. Figure 2.2 shows some of these controls on a form.

Each class of controls has its own set of properties. To see a complete list of the properties for any class of control, you can (1) place a control on a form and examine the properties list in the Properties window, or (2) click on a tool or a control and press F1 for context-sensitive Help. Visual Studio will display the Help page for that control, and you can view a list of the properties and an explanation of their use.

Figure 2.1

The toolbox with three tabs open, showing the new controls that are covered in this chapter. Click the triangles on the tabs to open and close each section.

