

Re: an old geezer running visual studio for the first time

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These 3 suggestions will hopefully help a lot:

1. Consider developing your aspx and ascx files in FrontPage, Dreamweaver, Notepad, or whatever is your favorite HTML and/or CSS editor – and limit your use of VS.NET to (1) all programming work (code-behind logic) and (2) launching you application for testing purposes. VS.NET 2003 most definitely NOT the place to write HTML – so no need for you to think about grid vs flow layouts. Reason being that VS.NET 2003 will rewrite your HTML for you – often with disastrous results. This link from a Microsoft insider explains: <http://blogs.msdn.com/MikhailArhipov/archive/2004/05/16/132886.aspx>
The upshot is that many of us use FrontPage or Dreamweaver for all HTML-specific work (i.e., ASPX and ASCX file development) and use VS.NET only for programming/code-behind work. The way I develop is that I keep a copy of Dreamweaver running at all times along side VS.NET 2003 – and switch between the two. One last point here is that VS.NET 2005 – due out in November or so – is expected to no longer have the HTML rendering and management issues that VS.NET 2003 has.
2. Get this book: Programming ASP.NET – by Dino Esposito – Microsoft Press. It puts everything in context – IMHO ideal for your situation. It's not a step-by-step tutorial, but it is more valuable because tells you how to understand ASP.NET.
3. Familiarize yourself with the starter kits at the following link: <http://www.asp.net/Default.aspx?tabindex=8&tabid=47>. I'd especially recommend that you download and dissect the Commerce starter kit. The starter kits are complete ASP.NET Web applications and include all source code – which is very readable and well-documented. The Commerce starter kit is one of the simpler – so it would be a good starting point as it incorporates many fundamentals.

–HTH

–JT

Re: an old geezer running visual studio for the first time

"TB" <tbpostbox-googlegroups@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:eTCWZ3qbFHA.2212@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

> Hi all:

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> If you think that the following comments are absolute amateurish, then
> please bear with me, or simply skip this thread.

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> A couple of months back I made the decision to initiate a gradual upgrade
> of my web programming skills from Classic ASP / VBS to ASP.NET / VB.NET.

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> While the study of the language differences and all the new features in
> .NET has so far not been a traumatic experience, I am a bit shell-shocked
> after installing and running for the first time Visual Studio .Net (2003
> edition).

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> Until now I have programmed everything in the old-fashioned way, i.e. with
> a bare minimum of tools: a simple editor for coding, a bit of Frontpage
> for page layout, and my browser to see the results when running the page
> against a local instance of IIS.

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> I have done quite a bit web programming, developing anything from yellow
> pages to accounting programs.

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> But when I ran VS.NET for the first time, I simply didn't know where to
> start.

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> The program appears to be a sort of Swiss-knife approach to programming,
> eliminating the need for external apps. During the past couple of years I
> have developed my own little collection of helpers which I use during
> development.

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> VS.NET creates files for "project mangement". My project management
> normally consists notes and diagrams. My reusable code (subs and
> functions) is kept in separate files, which I either reference to or
> cut/paste – depending on the situation.

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> I normally use a GUI tool (Frontpage for example) to generate a page
> layout. In VS.NET I am met with the question whether I want the designed
> to be grid-based or flow-based.

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> Finally, I discovered that VS.NET saves code and html in different files.
> I am used to keeping everything together, grouping functions, subs etc
> above the <head> tag, and then insert code snippets between <% %> tags.
> This approach seems to be frowned upon by VS.NET.

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> Am I an old-fashioned guy? No, because I have made the desicion to move to
> .NET, although a bit late perhaps. But I would like to find a book, a
> tutorial, anything that can teach this old geezer to use a new toy which
> apparently could improve my productivity.

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> Any advice / comments from people who may or may not have been through the

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> same process would be most welcome.

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> Thanks

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