

## Re: Why no serious MS Application in .NET yet ??

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If DDE and its peripheral technology posed a constant security hole and very few developers use it and MS has been warning to abandon it for 10+ years, then it should be removed.

"palang" wrote:

> *Anf that is why there is not a wrapper API for DDE. What is the harm of*  
> *supporting existing APIs and moving forward?*  
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> *"CMM" wrote:*  
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> > *I think that was the poster's point.*  
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> > *Back in 1996 MS was toying around with the idea of completely rewriting the*  
> > *Win32 API and create a true object oriented OS (remember Cairo?). The .NET*  
> > *Framework IS what Cairo was supposed to be... minus the Win32 underlying*  
> > *layer doing all the work though.*  
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> > *I strongly believe that for MS to remain competitive in the long run they have*  
> > *to strip out Win32 (and make it run as an on-the-side virtual machine for*  
> > *compatibility) exactly the same way Apple did with MacOS. MS can keep the*  
> > *Kernel (removing deprecated API's from it) but completely ditch Shell32 and*  
> > *many of the other adjunct components completely. Unfortunately, MS has always*  
> > *been hellbent on 110% backwards compatibility... which is why Windows suffers*  
> > *from so many problems today. I mean, DDE is still there!!! (and some apps*  
> > *including Windows Explorer still use it!!!!).*  
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> > *"Herr Lucifer" <"n" wrote:*  
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> > > *"alejandro lapeyre" <alejandrolapeyre@jotmail.com> wrote*  
> > > > *The .NET is great, but it needs a lot of work to replace the windows api.*  
> > > > *Before asking that Office is written in .NET, the ListBox should be*  
> > > > *written in .NET!*  
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> > > *Replace the API? You're kidding! Dot Net doesn't really do anything on its*  
> > > *own. It only calls the unmanegd APIs (built in Win32) from a managed*

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> > > *environment. Take a look inside the framework yourslef to see what is really*  
> > > *there.*  
> > > *Download and use this disassembler: (Reflector)*  
> > > *"<http://www.aisto.com/roeder/dotnet>"*  
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