

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 environment. Take a look inside the framework yourslef to see what is really*

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> > > *there.*

> > > *Download and use this disassembler: (Reflector)*

> > > *"<http://www.aisto.com/roeder/dotnet>"*

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