

Re: Console.WriteLine(s) Is Missing Line Terminator?

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Let me step in and support Mattias here.

According to Francesco Balena: "The + operator is supported as a string concatenation operator only for historical reasons. Using the & operator to concatenate strings instead of the + operator makes your code more readable and less ambiguous."

I completely agree. When I see this:

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myData = firstData + secondData
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If I don't know if those are strings or numerics,
I won't know if it's concatenating or adding.

And when Microsoft says something is included "for historical reasons", to me it's like saying "Say Hasta La Vista to this feature in the next version, baby."

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"Gadget" <gadget@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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On Sat, 18 Nov 2006 00:07:40 +0100, Mattias Sjögren wrote:

Also as a rule of thumb, avoid using '&' to concatenate strings, as it has a tendency to hide casting errors.

Huh? Can you give an example of that? And what do you suggest we use instead? Hopefully not the + operator.

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It's only in there for VB6 style compatibility,

No it certainly isn't.

Mattias

I'm still fascinated to hear your reasoning, Mattias. Don't let this thread die... :)

Cheers,
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