

Considering .NET, a few questions

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Hi all,

My company is looking to convert our current Delphi (Win32) application to a web based app. I'm looking into either ASP .NET via C# or PHP. Our current app would best be described as a membership and pos system. We access printers, scanners, barcode readers, cameras, etc.

I've already read the multitude of articles regarding ASP vs PHP, so I'm not questioning that so much. I'm more interested in finding out what I need to know before starting this project.

1. I'm looking for a good class in ASP .NET / C#. I'm located in South Florida and have only been able to find classes by a company name HOTT (Hands On Technology Training). Can't really find much info on them, so I don't think it's a good idea to start there. Any recommendations would be greatly appreciated. I don't have a problem traveling, and wouldn't mind an online course, as long as I have the ability to communicate with an instructor and other participants. I feel I learn more from talking to other developers than just following a course outline.

2. Can anyone recommend any links with articles about moving to a web based app? IE. security considerations, server requirements, etc.

3. Any database recommendations? We're currently using Interbase.

I'd really like to make sure that this move is executed with the broadest knowledge possible. I'm very concerned about security issues since we store banking & personal information. I'm looking to launch the app in it's 'own' browser outside of the regular tabbed browsing environment. I'd much rather get it right the first time, as opposed to realizing too late that I'm headed down the wrong path.

So, any suggestions on where I should start? Areas I need to put more focus on? I know this is kind of a general question, but this is new territory for me. Seems like there are a lot of things to consider.

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TIA!

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