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Drebin <[thedrebin@hotmail.com](mailto:thedrebin@hotmail.com)> wrote:

> *I've seen it in countless MS docs and on countless MS blogs and  
> newsgroups... Why isn't it proper?*

Because it depends on whether you *actually* want it to be dependent on your environment. For instance, many protocols specify that the newline in the protocol *must* be "\r\n" – which isn't necessarily the value of Environment.NewLine. (It is on the MS CLR, but it may not be on Mono, for instance.)

Environment.NewLine does precisely what it says in the docs: "Gets the newline string defined for this environment." In many situations you want the newline string defined for a particular protocol. Even if that happens to be the same on the environment you're running in, it's better to make it explicit so that when you're running in an environment where Environment.NewLine may return something different, your code doesn't break.

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