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boris <maillaksh@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

i want to learn a language and hav options between JAVA and DotNet languages.but i am totally confused abt what to do.as this forum is for DotNet only thats y i m askin y shud i preffer DotNet language like C#.net over JAVA.I am intrested in software and somewhat in game development.plz help.

For games development, C# will give you a better start, particularly with XNA.

Otherwise, both are perfectly reasonable languages to learn. I suspect you'll get almost entirely "learn C#" responses here, but I'd say there are advantages and disadvantages to each:

- 1) C# is a generally nicer language than Java, IMO
- 2) Java has wider 3rd party support in terms of open source libraries etc – but MS provides a reasonable option for most of what you want to do to start with; it's just a case of having to be pretty much "one size fits all"
- 3) The IDEs available for Java tend to be somewhat different to Visual Studio – there tends to be better support for actual coding, but fewer designers etc. Personally I prefer Eclipse (a free Java IDE) to Visual Studio, but VS did improve significantly between 2003 and 2005.
- 4) Java will give you better cross-platform support than C#, but C# gives you better interoperability with native code.

Given the little information we've got to work with, I'd recommend C# mainly for the XNA abilities.

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