

Re: VB.net for schools

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"Cor Lighthert" wrote:

> *John,*
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> *Because it is possible to use in VBNet OOP (while all Net classes are OOP)*
> *has it much more consistency and is in my opinion easier to learn.*
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> *When you know the tricks of OOP you can make everything in that way and in*
> *that style what makes it in my opinion more portable.*
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> *VB classic is in my opinion more a language from what was a connection*
> *between the programmer and the enduser, what went with every version more*
> *and more going to the programmer.*
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> *VNNet has in my opinion brokken with that, although I understand that*
> *Microsoft trys to bring parts from it in the new version again more back to*
> *that old in between situation. You understand it, I find that a pity.*
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> *Just my thought,*
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> *Cor*
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> *"john andrew" <johnandrew@discussions.microsoft.com>*
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>> --
>> *hello*
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>> *I used to teach VB6 at schools, adult colleges a few years ago. Having*
>> *seen*
>> *a bit of VB.net I am a little shocked to say the least. The idea of*
>> *teaching*
>> *VB.net to beginners is way harder than VB6 and VB6 was a challenge.*
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>> *The whole look and feel is more difficult...OK for me but I would go broke*
>> *as a teacher if I had to teach VB.net. As the most popular programming*
>> *language around why has MS made something easy to do now more complicated*

> > *in*
> > *the name of progress? This looks like a university research project being*
> > *let*
> > *out too early. Trying to please everyone in other languages has made VB*
> > *less*
> > *accessible to the public and with faster computers around I cant see how*
> > *this*
> > *is better.*
> > *I tried finding help for a simple textbox on the help index and it was*
> > *absurdly difficult.*
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> > *I am speaking from an education pont of view as I myself can pick this up.*
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I can handle VB.net personally because of my background. From a business perspective VB.net is a hard sell and you can argue that point. The problem with VB.net is that people want to do jobs...no one cares about OO. C++ and Java are OO.....why arent they as popular as VB. I expect to see a streamlining of VB.net in future editions.The university I went to ...which is very credible didnt like VB.net and still teach vb6. Also why is there busy VB6 msgboards....because people like to do tasks not OO. Another school I was at today told me they didnt like VB.net either.

Reading about the .net ambition as I understand was that MS was scared of Linux or any other competing OS. I like Linux but it is so user-unfriendly it isnt worth losing sleep over and I cant see the world buying Mac's either. I was a teacher and I reckon I have a good grasp of peoles tastes in OS. MS tried to please everyone with portable code (like Java.....and that didnt really take off) and incorporate every language. Why so desperate a move? too many young programmers need to prove themselves too quickly?OO has been around a while.

As for someone who used to teach VB6 and found students struggled enough....VB.net is something I cant take seriously as a business proposition and the online help is really Awful, I just want a basic example of how to use some code not a library of OO theory . No way could I feel confident in pointing a student to use it and understand it.

I will get into it and do VB.net over time and I am sure I will enjoy it. Sorry if I offended anyone as this is such a great resource with a load of great replies.