

Re: VB.net for schools

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"=?Utf-8?B?am9obiBhbmRyZXc=?=" <johnandrew@discussions.microsoft.com>
wrote in news:00397A82-B6D1-469C-9C0C-5E56960FD974@microsoft.com:

> *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.*

Grasshopper... C/C++ is probably by far the most popular language out there. Just about every major windows application is written in C++, from games to windows to microsoft office.

> *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.*

I bet the university is teaching concepts rather than the language. However, I am a bit surprised your univeristy has not upgraded to an object oriented language... like java of .net.

> *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.*

It's not that people don't like OO – it's that people don't understand OO.

> *OO has been around a while.*

And VB6 isn't an OO language. Microsoft could have create OO-VB, but instead Microsoft took the drastic route of creating .NET.

> *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 .*

Your thinking of wanting only examples is why soooooo much code out there is spaghetti. Sure it works, but it's a NIGHTMARE to maintain.

> *No way*

> *could I feel confident in pointing a student to use it and understand*

> *it.*

Students need to learn programming paradigms first, then OO, then they can programing in VB.NET. Without the basics... how can you expect anyone to succeed?

> *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.*

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