

Re: Killing VB softly with his song, Killing VB softly...with a song.....

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"Are you familiar with what Microsoft calls the Smart Client?"

No. Here's a bit more background as it appears to help me get a bearing on which way to go.

My career has been mostly in hardware troubleshooting and putting together large and small scale systems. Over the years they kept getting smaller and smaller as you know (desktops). So during the latter period of my career I started self-learning 'C' and wrote just a small number of simple applications. Using Borland C. Also during this time I learned Delphi and may have written a small program or two. Never became an expert in either. Delved into C++ when it was being touted as the 'better C' with OOP and all. Now I'm not sure what the deal is with OOP.

In 1994 I was introduced to VB4 and have been in that camp since then...up to the present with VB6. The prior languages seem now to be a distant memory. I am not able to just pop out a 'C' app quickly like I used to be able to do. Delphi is even more a passing memory.

Since 1996 I retired from the computer field to concentrate full-time in Market Forecasting, having developed some extraordinary forecasting programs that are powerful and unique. So of course I continue to program (in VB) to put my ideas into data producing applications. When I have a theory about the markets I wish to test out, I can QUICKLY put together a VB application to do it. I'd say that VB is certainly a RAD environment without a doubt.

But technology is moving along quickly and I feel I'm losing touch with it. Although my career path is much different now, I still have a passion for computers and mostly on the programming side. Going back to 1973, it remains in your blood as they say.

So I guess all my questions these last few days is trying to find the best route to take that will allow me to stay sharp in the programming realm. Your 3 for 1 post started my thinking along these lines because there just isn't enough time in the day to learn everything the hard way. If I can learn something that will make learning other important concepts or languages much easier, that is what I want. Perhaps I will or will not need

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