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6. Support for generics and partial classes (in the upcoming version which will be released in a few days).
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8. Recognizes @-style javadoc comments which is very important for teams that ported their VB6 code to .NET.
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10. Support.

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