

Re: Is VB Caca??

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"Herfried K. Wagner [MVP]" <hurf-spam-me-here@xxxxxx> wrote...

It seems that you misinterpreted my post (maybe because I was unclear...)
I'll try to explain my thoughts in more detail below.

Well I appreciate (honestly) your reasoned response. I just wish we could all "talk" instead of trying to (to use the modern term) "Kempf" all the time. :-)

Consider that C# isn't "like VB" or borrowed from VB but rather that the developers borrowed parts from "all existing languages". Their intent wasn't to improve on VB but rather to improve on C/C++ and to offer competition to Sun's Java.

That said, it is beyond any doubt syntactically much more like C/C++ than it is like VB. It is case sensitive, uses a line terminator (even down to the same termination character), uses C++ style comments and doesn't support procedures.

Identical syntax in For loops, a Switch statement with the same "break;" requirement of C/C++ (not VB), the basic data types are named the same, the same logical and bitwise operators (common to C, C++, Java and CSharp) along with support for pointers. Assignment statements are expressions that return a value (unlike VB) so the following works: `v1 = v2 = v3 = 100` as does: `v1 = ((v2 = MyFunction()) > 100)`

Of all the documents I have seen and read on C# almost all start with something similar to this one:

http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/C_Sharp_Programming

which (while technically an opinion) says "derived from the C programming language" and then goes on to mention Java. None that I've encountered have ever started off with "just like VB with different syntax."

It isn't that I don't want to believe it I just don't see the similarities

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to VB and the similarities to C/C++ and Java are plain as day, not to mention it isn't called VB-Sharp.

I've had my say on the topic and I'm willing to drop it.

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