

Re: XML Comment Screwed – Possibly a bug in VB??

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Hi,

Ok "Warning" I must be more precise. However, I think when I am entering a comment in my code and it "warns" me that "whitespace is not allowed at this location .." when in fact it should say "Ampersand not allowed in VB comment" it's more like a bug in VB as it is not telling me the true reason for the error.

Your response assumes I understand XML which I never use, and have never really understood why everyone raves about it? It just seems a bit insecure as a method of holding or transmitting data as it's just plain text that can be intercepted and read as such. I get the interactivity between systems as a common data language, but you can achieve the same thing with a flat file??

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"Stephany Young" <noone@localhost> wrote in message
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1. It's NOT an error – It is a warning!
They are totally different things.
2. & is the escape character in XML.
If you wish to include an & in XML then you need to specify it as &

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Hi,

Just busily coding away and removed a procedure from my code and all of a sudden an error came up miles away from the location of the piece of code I removed and it relates to the XML comment inserted at the top of the procedure.

I had this happen once before and I couldn't fathom why it was complaining, the XML comment is like this:

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" <summary>  
" If the Bonds flag is set in the security record we have at least one Bond &  
Floating Charge  
" This routine locates the bonds that are linked to the Security Record and  
adds them as sub nodes to  
" the main Bonds node.  
" </summary>  
" <param name="ParentNode"></param>  
" <remarks></remarks>
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This gives an error:

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"Warning 1 XML documentation parse error: Whitespace is not allowed at  
this location. XML comment will be ignored. "
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I then discovered if I remove the "&" ampersand symbol the error message goes away???

Is this a "by design" thing or is this a bug in the XML comments??

Siv