

## Re: VB6 vs VB .Net

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Ian Bayly wrote:

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> *As a long time user of VB (I actually have manuals which came with VB in*

> *those days), those that know more about these things than I do, tell me I*

> *should upgrade from VB6 to VB .Net.*

> *I have no interest or need to be involved with any web applications.*

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> *Should I upgrade Yes/No?*

Maybe change, but not "upgrade". Certainly not to VB.Net

VB6 has a limited future potential, that's for sure.

But there's just about zero evidence that VB.Net has any future at all outside of scripting Active Server Pages. It's pretty much only *\*this month\**, after 3+ years of yammering on about webservice this and framework that, the dotnet sycophant magazines and forums have finally started publishing articles about "winforms" applications. A dozen or so of us went up to Redmond, at the invitation of the VB and VS teams, and practically BEGGED for the resources to generate those kinds of articles THREE YEARS AGO.

I recommend sticking with VB6 for as long as it serves your needs, then when it doesn't any more, switch to anything else, *\*anything at all\** other than VB.Net. Some VB experts have switched to Java, some to Delphi, some to C#, each of which appears to have much a brighter future than VB.anything. Maybe, just *\*maybe\**, someone up there will come to their senses and realize that the golden-egg-goose of Classic VB isn't necessarily quite dead yet. (hopefully before the dotbet scourge kills MS Office). But a few backward-looking too-little-too-late features in "whidbey" are more of a slap in the face than any real showing of respect. It's about as if some people on the opposite side of a wide raging river built *\*part\** of a bridge *\*from their side\** about 10% (or even 90%) across. How much would that help you cross?

And there's plenty of reason to believe they'll abandon it all over again if the marketoons decide the wind is blowing another way.

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