

## Re: VB.net vs VB 6.0

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> Just got back from an MSDN event. VS2005 will probably make you want to move  
> to .Net. The next version of Web Services and "ClickOnce" features make  
> seamless deployment and online updating a breeze. The new IDE also adds some  
> nice touches to development. While I blast Microsoft for something about  
> once a week, in the case of the IDE, they seem to be on the right track,  
> motivated to get the developer tools right.  
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> You may however wish to move directly to C# instead of VB.Net. Functionally,  
> they are nearly identical, but the woefully misguided naming of "VB.Net"  
> (which has very little to do with "Classic VB") will almost undoubtedly  
> spell its eventual demise.

See, I find that quite disheartening to hear. I agree with you about the probable end result for VB.NET... the vast majority of the current VB-Classical users do not want VB.NET and, more than likely, won't move up to it. But the real disheartening part of this scenario is all of the time and money and manpower that Microsoft has thrown at it... money and manpower and time that could have been spent doing what they did so well for the past 10 years... finding out what those who push the then current VB to its limits want next and INTEGRATING that into the current product so that the existing, ordinary users can still function while the wizards get some new "toys" to play with. Had they done that, they wouldn't now be facing their apparent killing off of the most popular programming language ever created. They can still save the day, but I'm afraid management-ego (we're management, we know what's best) will prevent that from happening. Whenever I think about all of this, I'm reminded of the movie Dr. Strangelove and the character Slim Pickings played. All I can envision is the various top management folks at Microsoft riding the "atomic bomb" of VB.NET downward to its eventual detonation and destruction while waving their hats and yelling Yahoo!.

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(If you never saw the movie, the analogy will unfortunately be lost on you.)

Rick

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