

Re: VB.NET 2002 question from complete and utter newbie to programming

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I'm not sure how to answer the question, as I'm not sure what I want to program, specifically. I guess my thought process is that I would try a couple of different languages, and see which one I liked the most. Using that mindset, I've started leaning towards Java. My main reason for that is because, as someone suggested on either this group or another, Visual Studio Express is available for free. However, there are next to no instructional books for them. Java books are readily available.

I realize there are online tools I could use, but it's easier for me to open a book on my desk, and follow along. Even if I am typing "Hello World" apps.

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Fairly significant which is why you shouldn't bother with VB 6.0 if you plan on moving to 2005.<<<

That's kind of what I thought, but I wanted to ask to see if it was just me.

Thanks for the response.

If I were you I'd also be researching the issue in terms of what you might want to work on and also in terms of where things might be headed in the future, both in

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terms of programming and in terms of operating systems.
You haven't said anything about *what* you want to program.

For compiled, distributable software there's VB, C++, Delphi, etc. Then there's Java, Mono and .Net – a whole different approach that's geared toward in-house web-based software and poorly suited for "desktop" software. (They're easily decompiled and the dependencies are gigantic.)
....And of course, increasingly there's Linux.

I'm not an expert on different languages, but I know enough to know that there are very different strengths and weaknesses, apart from various programming fashions.

In this group we've got a lot of VB6 programmers, most of whom are not using .Net and many of whom are angry at Microsoft's tactics (specifically with MS trying to break VB). We've also got a handful of .Net fetishist trolls who have no business being here, but who chime in with their sales pitches with such regularity that it's reasonable to assume they're being paid by Microsoft to hang around here marketing .Net.

That's the scenario you walked into, with a VB.Net CD and a question. :)