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"Public" therefore has 2 different meanings
depending on where it
is used so
it makes sense to use Global when that's
what you mean and Public
only for the new meaning that Global doesn't
already cover.

"new hotness" is not always better as we
have so painfully seen

Normally I would say this is a bad idea but I guess if you're
using
an eol language there's no point avoiding the eol keywords
:-)

Michael

That's fairly humorous considering that the .NET languages/platform

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may portend the EOL of the vendor itself.

At least as far as development tools go. The fact that MS is leading in a given direction is no reason to follow. Deprecating Global in favor of Public was a mistake IMO and after careful consideration I decided to continue using Global where appropriate until I no longer had a choice in the hope that it might get restored when cooler heads prevailed. Little

did

I know that they'd go ahead and discard the whole language in favor of

that

C# wanna-be.

The 'deprecating' actually made little sense, as you mentioned Public demonstrates different behavior in Forms and Classes. Anything declared as Public in these objects becomes part of the 'Public Interface'. There was no reason to also change Global in bas modules to Public. In fact it would have made the whole issue of scope a lot less confusing to beginners if they wouldn't have allowed 'Public' in bas modules.

I seem to remember some MS apologist at the time saying they did that because allowing 'Global' in bas modules in ActiveX Dlls was "confusing". Yet it seems they would have only to publish a one line explanation – "Global means global to the project".

Anyway, IMHO, it never did make any sense. And like Bob, little did I know how much more sense was about to be thrown out the door.

–ralph

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