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I don't need userdraw functionality in a listbox, so it's never been a concern for me.

That is just one example though. I've used many API for controls over the years.

As for what's better about them, I suppose it depends on what you're trying to do. Certainly data binding's much easier in Access, though that's to be expected. I think the biggest single thing that I find useful in Access listboxes (though there are probably others if I go looking) is that they can handle multi-column data, where a VB6 listbox can't, AFAIK.

You can use a grid or listview in that case in VB. As for the databinding I don't use it in VB so don't miss it. If that's the sort of thing you want to do access is a lot better.

It does? I've never had a database prompt me to upgrade, unless it was v2.0 or before...which is more than a little old at this point.

If you're using Access97 then it will ask to upgrade.

I suspect that comes back to what you're doing with it, and how you're doing it. I've yet to see a VB6 app that I thought felt more professional than an Access app (in fact, most that I've seen come across as dinky little flunky apps...though I blame that entirely on their designers, not VB6 itself).

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Given equally qualified developers access will definately look less professional. The controls and forms don't look like a standard windows app. You can't get the forms to behave quite right in all cases. It's just not a real app.

That said, I've seen a few that have come across as equal, and only rarely one or two that I thought felt more professional, and those few were because they were using snazzy outside controls and the like, that one normally wouldn't think of in Access because their predecessors are available and will get the job done...they just don't look/feel quite as nice.

I'm not talking about the work done by the developer themselves. More the work done by MS on each of the environments.

With a few problems, as I understand it. Certainly since the release of Vista, I've seen a lot of posts here talking about problems getting either VB6 itself or a VB6 app running on Vista.

The only one's i've seen have been due to vista permissions which is really the fault of the developer eg writing to the prog files dir.

Which was sort of the point...migrate your apps to our new structure, or continue to use the old one and just ignore the new one...but you can't use your old stuff in our new stuff. (Or get bogged down in COM interop, but that's a whole 'nother set of problems.)

That's true but both are still available.

Yeah, I can see it adding up in some cases, but I'm surprised that that would really be that big of an issue.

For most VB stuff it wouldn't but that's because that's what we're used to. C developers are used to being able to do stuff like modify video streams with arrays at high speed.

Michael

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