

Re: How's dot.net doing nowadays?

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David wrote:

I dont' know if this is what you are asking but here are my 2 cents.

I have been using VB for for the last 10 years or so. I only develop Windows applications not web based apps.

Over the last year I have decided to start using .net (2005) and for me at least did not find the transition to be that great. Most new apps I create are done in .net and existing apps I maintain in VB6.

I like the fact that the language is more object oriented than before. If nothing else just to feel that if I make the switch to other languages some of the concepts are similar. I think it is cool that a variable is now an object with built in properties. Instead of using a function like mid on a string you use stringname.substring(0,3).

I like the idea of reading code samples from other languages (C#,C++) and find there is a closer relationship between us and them.

I work with specialized hardware. The new hardware drivers are written for .net and VB6 support is very limited. The company that makes the hardware were very enthusiastic about moving to the .net framework which they say is more robust. It seems to me that since MS is turning off the lights of VB alot of companies are making the transition to .net (the framework).

In regards to people postings for VB. There are quite a bit of people asking and answering questions on this newsgroup. I asked a question about a week ago and got about 28 good responses.

In regards to Java, I hear alot of people are excited about Ruby on rails.

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Just (still) kinda interested, that's all. Classic VB still seems to be in use, though not as widespread. Maybe folks are turning to Java!

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I'm pretty much the same.... VB6 for the last 11 years.... since it came out... Personally our company can't switch to .NET fast enough for me.... If I had my way, I'd dump it six months ago and go strictly .NET. I'm so tired and fed up with VB6.... don't get me wrong, it's a great language... but it is obsolete for our purposes. I'd be willing to venture that 75% of the problems our app experiences would be solved if we could switch it all .NET overnight. For the last 5 years, I've been mumbling to any one that will hear "If only this were in .NET then we could..." but that's my rock to push up the hill.

As for if there's dwindling VB6 base.... hardly... it's just as strong as ever... worse in some cases, forums I frequent, I'm seeing more and more "dpainc" (didn't pay attention in class) type of questions... Scared me to think that VB6 is being used by "higher" institutions to teach programming... with out a lot (if there even is any) of the fundamentals. Believe me, VB6 is alive and kicking.

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