

Re: Dim + the sign &

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On 14 Feb, 10:09, "Jan Hyde (VB MVP)"
<StellaDrin...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

"Mike Williams" <mi...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>'s wild thoughts were released on Wed, 13 Feb 2008 22:06:16 -0000 bearing the following fruit:

"Larry Serflaten" <serfla...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
[news:eU9G\\$shobIHA.5712@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:eU9G$shobIHA.5712@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

I never did understand why that was considered bad practise. To say using a symbolic shortcut for more verbose wording is bad just doesn't make too much sense to me. It would be like saying using \$3.95 is bad and it should always be written as 3 Dollars and 95 Cents. Who is at fault if a code reviewer does not comprehend the purpose of a For/Next, or If/Then block of code? Similarly so for the type declaration

I would tend to agree with you were it not for the fact the type declaration characters are not as widely understood as the \$ sign for currency (even by programmers), as is evidenced by the number of questions which appear on this and other groups from time to time. In fact, much as I hate to admit it after having used Basic (and Visual Basic) for as long as I have, I do not immediately recognise them myself. I know they are type declaration characters, but I often get confused as to which character goes with which type. Personally I much prefer to see Dim z as Long, etc.

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Well, I can put it any better than that. I agree completely.

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Jan Hyde

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hmm, in declaring a iValue as a integer and a sValue as a string I think value% and value\$ is nicer (not shure about the % it was almost 20 years ago) but the +value is that I can miss renaming my string (s) to an int (i) if doing so in the dim iValue as String

and back then only 1 char in variables so

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10 FOR I%=1 TO 10 STEP 1
20 PRINT "WHAT IS YOUR NAME NR:";I%;" ?"
30 INPUT S$
40 PRINT "HELLO ";S$
50 NEXT I%
60 END
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Ahhh.... that wore the days,,,

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