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Adam,

Actually, I find Textpad to be my runner-up; it came with a book I bought 3 years ago, and I've been using it ever since!

David, you can use, and program in, the .NET framework without buying VS.NET—like Adam said, all you need is a text editor. You could evaluate the .NET framework first, then buy VS.NET later. Look for the .NET SDK from Microsoft's downloads.

—Thomas

"Adam Smith" <none> wrote in message  
news:%23ohdIHxcEHA.3728@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl...

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> *However, no-one has managed to improve upon the sheer power of Notepad.*

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> *Adam Smith*

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> "David Younger" <davidyounger1@hotmail.com> wrote in message

> news:eyFqTZwcEHA.3016@tk2msftngp13.phx.gbl...

>> *I am a veteran FoxPro developer who loved BFP but has decided that our*

> *large*

>> *commercial project that is extremely rich and complex in many ways and*

*is*

>> *running like a charm and selling well in its vertical space. We have*

> *decided*

>> *that the product needs to be completely rewritten for the next*

*generation*

> *of*

>> *our product, essentially providing similar functionality but on a much*

> *more*

>> *modern platform, capable of letting us provide not only for the SMB*

*market*

>> *but also easily upscale for the mid market.*

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> > *I am pretty convinced that Visual Studio is the way to go but I am not  
> that  
> knowledgeable on its capabilities and have a wish list of items I am  
> looking  
> for.*  
> >  
> > *Ideally, much of this will either be provided by Visual Studio or by 3rd  
> party addon products.*  
> >  
> > *Our application is multi windows, with complex multi tabbed forms with  
> many  
> (sometimes hundreds of controls) on some of the more complex forms.*  
> >  
> > *I am not sure how realistic some of these requirements are and obviously  
> will be willing to drop some of them if they are unrealistic.*  
> >  
> > *Assuming money was no object, some of the things I would like to have  
> include:*  
> >  
> > - *Complex Data dictionary controlling all aspects of a control*  
> > - *Business rules library*  
> > - *Resizable forms*  
> > - *Multi-lingual*  
> > - *Easily transported to PDA / web application*  
> > - *Database independant (SQL Server, Access etc, MYSQL etc).*  
> > - *User enabled Form designer (so that end users can customise the layout  
> of  
> the forms on the finished product) (not sure how that would work with  
our  
> complex tabbed interface forms but I am willing to relook at the entire  
> user  
> interface experience*  
> > - *Modularised deployment with easy deployment of small patches*  
> > - *Real time web lookup of our registrations database for expiry /  
> reregistration*  
> > - *Source code security*  
> > - *Easily extensible to other packages (Accounting/CRM)*  
> > - *Able to be developed in no time flat (rapid development environment)*  
> > - *Self error checking or at least, easy to error check / test for new  
> releases*  
> > - *Fast performance with large data sets*  
> >  
> > *Gosh – probably a million more but you get the idea.*  
> >  
> > *Basically, does such a platform exist to let me do all the above or do I  
> have to write the entire underlying framework / infrastructure from  
> scratch?*  
> >  
> > *I would appreciate honest answers, possibly leading to a coloboration  
with  
> someone knowledgebale in this area to help us get the project off the*

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> > *ground.*

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> > *Cheers*

> > *David Younger*

> > *The Service Manager*

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