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Scott

You emphasize that this was 10 years ago and that is my entire point! 10 years ago it was simple to work with databases, tables and stored procedures in Visual Interdev, (regardless of what programming language you were using).

I think if you investigate VS more, you'll find it extremely easy to do everything you used to do and more.

Now, this task is harder.

Perhaps I am over familiar with VI,

This is my point. You've been using VI for so long, of course you are experienced and proficient with it and, of course, using anything else will not be as productive for you until you are as proficient with it as you are VI. I happen to find working in Notepad still a very proficient way of working on certain applications, but I recognize that this is not the general view and the reasons I like it for certain things are not shared by the mainstream.

but requiring a user to use the mouse to do things that could previously be performed by the keyboard seems totally backward in my view. It is the "Data Environment" I am referring to.

You are entitled to your opinion, of course, but I think if you ask most

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people, they'll say that using the mouse instead of laborious typing is easier.

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I'd accept that as a generality. You can't compare WinForms and WebForms designers at all since they really have no commonalities between them other than they both serve to help build UI's, but UI's of completely different types. We'll see if WPF and XAML can help resolve this issue.

You also can't compare VI and VS since they were/are designed to build completely different types of web applications. Not, to mention that VI was buggy and difficult to work with on its best day and that day was 10 years ago.

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I'm not saying that you're wrong (VS.NET does many many things right), but I understand the OP's gripes. Sometimes it behooves us to remember some of the things that were done RIGHT in the past, to understand how to improve them today. This is especially true in VS.NET's "Webforms" designers... which lag incredibly compared to their Winforms counterparts.

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Three thoughts come to mind as I read this?

VI sucked 10 years ago when it was new.
Why in the world would you still be using this non-supported product today?

It sounds to me like you are just extremely used to the way VI works (using that term loosely) and just perhaps if you acknowledged that this is the basis for most of your gripes, you could embrace what VS does

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infinately better than VI.

You are comparing apples and watermelons. These two products aid in the development of applications that run on entirely different platforms.

-Scott

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Hello

I have recently moved from Visual Interdev 6 to Visual Studio 2005.

What a complete load of garbage the Query Builder IDE is. Why have they made a wholly useful environment tool into a clumsy, awkward and less intuitive beast?

Perhaps you guys could help me understand the following:

1) Why when I choose "Stop Outlining" in a Stored Procedure text window, from the context menu, does it do nothing?

2) Why were the keyboard shortcuts/access keys removed from the context menu in the same stored procedure design window? (e.g. in VI 6 I could bring up a new query builder via the keyboard by doing Shift F10 and then I. Now I have to use the mouse.

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3) Why does the query builder IDE not dock into the main workspace? Why did they make it a modal dialog?

4) When working with SQL Server – why the heck did they remove the columns Identity and Default value from the query builder/table designer IDE? This is my biggest gripe to be honest. Having to locate these fields in the revolting properties pane is a nightmare, and of course, requires mouse action in place of key strokes.

Everyone I have spoken to thus far says that the new environments are far more awkward to use and things take more time to perform.

I have found this to be true of SQL Server Management Studio also, a huge backwards step in terms of usability for anyone who uses the product on a daily basis. There was nothing wrong with the way things worked in SQL 2000 Enterprise Manager coupled with Query Analyser.

Has anyone managed to get VI6 to function properly with SQL 2005, in terms of designing and saving stuff? I am contemplating downgrading our development environment back to SQL 2000.

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Thanks

David