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Thread: [Why are visual basic programmers laughed at by other programmers?](#)

ethelooking - October 4, 2020, 1:36 am

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Exalted - October 4, 2020, 1:44 am

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ethelooking - October 4, 2020, 1:49 am

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ethelooking - October 4, 2020, 2:07 am

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sounds simple, but not easy to do. I will try harder. Thanks for your advice

I cry blood - October 4, 2020, 10:23 am

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Washi - October 4, 2020, 1:00 pm

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iaminitforthememes - October 4, 2020, 2:26 pm

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ethellooking - October 4, 2020, 10:06 pm

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People often laugh at what they think is different from what they are doing. just focus on ourselves. good luck

slaughterman64bites - October 5, 2020, 8:36 am

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Funny meme.

Straight from [Wikipedia](#):

Wikipedia Wrote:Visual Basic is a third-generation event-driven programming language from Microsoft known for its Component Object Model (COM) programming model first released in 1991 and declared legacy during 2008. Microsoft intended Visual Basic to be relatively easy to learn and use.[1][2] Visual Basic was derived from BASIC and enables the rapid application development (RAD) of graphical user interface (GUI) applications, access to databases using Data Access

Objects, Remote Data Objects, or ActiveX Data Objects, and creation of ActiveX controls and objects.

ethellooking - October 6, 2020, 1:32 am

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Yes, I can understand that people tend to adore the language they are using because their hearts are simply not wide open.

Starks - October 6, 2020, 5:45 am

I guess it's because of its residue association to Microsoft and the fact that its basic connotes are simple and less. Further, earlier versions of the language had superfluous functions and commands, and it originated as a procedural language.

ethellooking - October 7, 2020, 2:27 am

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If this is the ancestor of programming languages ... I should appreciate it instead of laughing ... thanks for your information

masa - October 7, 2020, 1:01 pm

(Oct 5, 2020 09:33 AM)Washi Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Funny meme.

Straight from [Wikipedia](#):

I believe they said that due to VBScript, it was pretty predominate up until give or take 2014~ if memory serves me correctly, yeah? Typically it was a skiddy thing, even I participated it in with dumb little VBS scripts I found online as a kid haha. Probably some honest confusion on that part.

Scapula™ - October 7, 2020, 11:38 pm

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ethellooking - October 8, 2020, 3:06 am

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The things that are popular are of course that many people like and the number of people who hate is also corresponding ... thanks for your information

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ethellooking - October 9, 2020, 7:17 am

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thanks for leading me into a community that looks big and helpful like github ...

x64-re - October 15, 2020, 12:25 am

The concepts are good, but you should switch to C# as quickly as possible, since there are way more opportunities (unless you plan on going the finance route, in which case VB macros will be helpful for spreadsheets).

This is why. Other than that they're (nearly) identical.

Menalix - October 28, 2020, 5:01 am

Programmers laughing at language choice, isn't real programmers. Because real programmers know your language choice doesn't matter unless you try to force your choice onto others in collaborative works.

Any full-fledged vb developer, should btw be able to code in pretty much any language as the logic remain pretty much the same across all languages.

It really domes down to what your intentions are with the language. When working independent it doesn't really matter, what you choose as long it works for you. In collaborative works, you'll be slapped for committing something to the repository which isn't of the same language.

Switch to c#!!!

Is just an overrated thing to say. It's like an American asking another American: "Hey, I think it could be benefitable if I learned to speak japanese or spanish" and he would get the answer: "no you should learn british english dude!".

You should rather learn languages which differentiate themselves more from each other, if the idea is to get a good job position.

Switching between VB and C# is something you should already be able to do as a .NET developer,

if you just know one of them, it's a given.

NYANxCAT - *October 29, 2020, 4:21 am*

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Hmmm, I don't know, "maybe" because of the word "basic" so it's a basic language for beginners.

SIM-345911 - *October 30, 2020, 9:46 am*

One time when I was 12, I sat down at a table and was openly mocked by a McAfee Executive for not knowing a real language such as C++

They didn't realize at this point of how big .NET was going to be. (This was around time of 2.0 being released.)