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Thread: [VB.NET Console | Update variable w/o clearing screen?](#)

mutate - December 21, 2020, 3:14 pm

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You suggestions worked gentlemen, thanks! For some reason I didn't comprehend that fix ?