

Re: (not entirely...) OT: OPINION... chicken entrails, runic stones, and crystal balls... WAS CoBOL moved to OO

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On 1-Jan-2004, "Peter E.C. Dashwood" <dashwood@enternet.co.nz> wrote:

> 1. *SOME businesses will continue to use COBOL (I believe it will be mainly for Batch processing.). I also believe that there will not ALWAYS be a need for Batch processing. (I know it's hard to believe in the current "state-of-the-art"). As online transaction rates increase and online systems become ever more efficient, there is no conceivable need for overnight updates. Distributed systems through Client Server and the Corporate Intranet will remove the need for Report runs off a central mainframe.*

Is that what batch processing is used for?

I guess when we run a batch program to write bills, it does update the database to indicated that a customer has been billed, but I wouldn't categorize this as "overnight update".

Will payroll be replaced by individual on-line transactions?