

Re: Clarification about Delphi

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<http://www.microsoft.com/net/images/net-basics5.gif>

You had me worried for a minute, I thought I had gotten .NET confused with a non XML language.

But it is

Just as I thought, .NET is just XML or a larger subset of SGML.

.NET, <http://www.microsoft.com/net/basics/whatis.asp>, is just another version of a very old mark up language called SGML.

So what .NET actually does is try and replace java with fancy html sheets.

You can see them at work in RSS news reader feeds. The xml sheet is a very heavy data package.

So what you end up with is a bandwidth heavy code-and-data-package combined.

You can never reduce the weight of these documents without destroying them.

Ultimately it comes down to binary math at the machine level and .net is no exception.

win32 has to be eliminated to take advantage of the new 64 bit busses in production now. But that is typical of the history of open wintel architecture. Everyone will be jammed into a 64 bit environment just long enough to make some big money until they bring out a 128 bit buss and catch up to Nintendo and a host of graphics cards that have been 128 bits for a while now.

It is a boon-doggle. just like the 8088 was a boon-doggle as they had produced the 8086 before they put the 8088 into production.

I got stung when I bought my first Tandy - a TX which was a 286 on an 8 bit buss.

.Net is nothing more than a hopelessly interpreted language that will piss everyone off as bandwidth use goes through the roof.

here is the code in the rss file that domain direct supplies with my sitebuilder application.

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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1" ?>
- <rss version="2.0">
- <channel>
  <title>Amateur At Large</title>
  <link>http://www.amateuratlarge.com/index.html>
  <description>Amateur At Large</description>
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<lastBuildDate>Sun, 05 Oct 2003 00:42:39 GMT</lastBuildDate>
<language>en-us</language>
<generator>Trellix Web Express 5.0</generator>
<docs>http://backend.userland.com/rss>
</channel>
</rss>

.NET is just an html parser in wolf's clothing.

It can do nothing that java cannot do. At least in Java you can deliver an app without having to deliver all the data as well as the app each and every time you pull them off a web site. Once the app resides on the client then all the client ever needs is data.

But I will never have to make a living using these tools, so as long as what I have does what I need it to do, then I will focus my attention on solving problems using mostly the tools that get me where I need to go.

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"Lauchlan M" <LMackinnon@NOSPAMHotmail.com> wrote in message
news:3f82471e@newsgroups.borland.com...

> I think this is a major mischaracterisation or misunderstanding of .NET.

> Think of it as a framework, like the VCL in Delphi, that is going to
underly

> Windows development for the next 5 or more years and is meant to replace

> using the Windows API. Ie, .NET is mainstream windows application

> development framework, not just for "network or web apps", and it is what
MS

> hopes everyone will move to so that Win32 development today becomes like

> what 16 bit Windows was yesterday - obsolete.

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