

Re: PC Plus magazine (UK) – Delphi 8 review

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Alan Garny wrote:

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> *My view on D8 for .NET is that it wouldn't have made any difference to*

> *release it in a year's time or so*

This has been hashed over many times already, but the simple fact is had Borland waited **even longer** to get a .Net version released, they would've lost customers directly that simply weren't willing to wait any longer, and they would've lost big time in PR. Like it or not these are both real issues that have to be dealt with.

> *Not that many people seem to be willing to embrace the .NET*

> *wagon at this stage.*

I honestly believe you are badly mistaken here. **Even if** most are not ready to go into full production of .net apps, most want the tool in order to learn, research, and experiment as part of forming their plans for actual development later. They cannot do this if the tool is not available. But in addition to this, ASP.NET is (already here* – already being used extensively for new development.

> *Iso, who is going to use D8fN if not people who*

> *have already used Delphi in the past? I would, indeed, be very*

> *surprised if there were going to be lots of D8 users who have never*

> *used Delphi before.*

While it cannot be said they are beating down Borland's doors, there has been a noticeable number of people coming into these newsgroups over the last couple of years who have explicitly identified themselves as disaffected VB users that, faced with rewrites to VB.Net, decided to give Delphi a look-see instead.

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