

## Re: Visual Studio 2005 Express in now permanently free...

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Thanks for the clarification.

"Pete Goodwin" <bdn.REMOVE@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message [news:4448f9de@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:4448f9de@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Nathaniel Walker wrote:

That's some strange idea of what "bash" means. Is that second statement meant to be constructive in some way? If so, please explain how, otherwise its just "bash"ing.

I call it constructive criticism. Do you disagree that Borland has a history of botching (maybe rushing, or imaturely releasing; for clarity) releases?

And yes they've been doing it since they started releasing Windows IDEs/Development tools.

And by botch I don't mean things like "OMG the cursor is flickering" or "The title bar has the wrong text in it". I'm speaking incorrect implementation of Operator new (C++), memory leaks, unstable IDEs, etc. You know, things that really affect your work [directly].

I'd agree Borland has a history of botching releases – C++ Builder, Kylix and finally Delphi (BDS 2005).

If I have to choose C++ Builder compared to VS Express, I'd choose VS Express even though I don't get any components let alone MFC... why? Because third party free C++ libraries support VC Express but ignore C++ Builder.

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C++ Builder became almost usable at V6. That took a while. I've tried using it with VCL but it just doesn't feel right. I stick to Delphi instead of C++ Builder for VCL.

BDS 2006 with C++ is just a paint job. Nothing has changed. It STILL generates code 50% slower than the competition!

Kylix became usable around V3. Then Borland stopped working on it. Gee thanks!

Delphi started showing the rot in BDS 2005. I skipped V8 as I didn't need .NET. BDS 2005 never worked properly. BDS 2006 update 2 is better but still doesn't feel as good as Delphi 7 in some areas. Oh sure it has some nicer features but the IDE still feels a bit sluggish.

I want a Delphi without all the bloat. I want a Personal version again (\$99). No databases. Some internet stuff (XMLDocument!). Not a bloated monster with weaker help and support for .NET that I'm still not convinced about.

But it's just a dream.

Finally VS C# is .NET V2.0 whereas BDS 2006 is .NET V1.1

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Pete Goodwin