

## Re: After a few days with VS.NET 2005

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"Clinton R. Johnson" <spam@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <4462670d@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Atmapuri wrote:

- 1.) I was looking for SyncEdit in VS.NET, not there.

It's called "RENAME" under refactoring. Instead of changing everything live, it provides a summary that allows you to authorize the change. Code refactoring is a new field, not surprising there are differences between products.

No, you are confused. The rename refactoring and the syncedit feature are two different things that serve two different purposes. SyncEdit is not a refactoring. It can't tell the difference between different types of objects with the same name and it doesn't work outside the selected text. It is very useful during a number of editing processes, such as cut and paste processes where you need to rename a variable in the copied block to match a local variable in the new context. The rename refactoring is not an option for many of these types of things, because it renames only legitimate variables, and a variable that was named differently in a copied block of code is not available for renaming with refactoring. On the other hand, you would never want to use syncedit to rename a variable in a class, unit or project, because it acts like grep in matching all instances of a string no matter if it represents different objects or not. Rename and SyncEdit are complimentary technologies, not identical and not substitutes for each other. SyncEdit is a new feature that is quite useful, and is not found in any form in VS.NET. Your confusion may have come from a desire to want Delphi to be just like VS.NET. To quote you, "If you want to use a drill, you don't bitch that that your hammer doesn't need a chuck key, you learn to use it, so learn."

- 5.) Is it just me or C# code with interface and implementation interleaved is confusing. I felt lost multiple times. In C# that job (knowing where you are) is left to the IDE.

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To be able to see the interface, I had to collapse all nodes.  
The different visibilities can be scattered all over the class.  
You don't get to see where is what.

Just you. Again, your failures to adapt do not constitute a failure of the product. It is different, and you want it to be the same. As mentioned by others, code folding helps with this.

Actually it helps to partially offset the inconvenience of not being able to see a class in a concise manner like you could in C++, Delphi, etc. The class view is what helps the most with this. I personally find D2006 better for navigating through code though, and not because the Delphi language requires declarations at the top. I particularly wish VS.NET had a structure pane like Delphi has.

How can 10 years old Pascal be more advanced in the absolute sense than many concepts in C#?

Pascal is actually 35 years old now, C# is about 3.

You are technically wrong. Pascal is not the language used in Delphi, it is a language from which Delphi derived its current language, much the way C# was derived from C++, which was derived from C, which is also as old as the hills.

Visual studio used  
to be the worst product on the market, now it has dramatically improved, while the latest version of Delphi is less productive in many areas than D7, particularly if you are just doing Win32 development.

I find D2006 to be VASTLY superior to D7 for Win32 development. D7 is not even close in my opinion.

How can Delphi be so much ahead of its time?  
(and how much exactly ?)

None, Delphi, as mentioned is falling behind itself. Anyone that uses D7 and D2006 for Win32 development will tell you that except for some code refactoring, Delphi needs to catch up to itself,

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Then I must be nobody, because I will tell you flat out that D2006 is FAR better than prior Delphi's. See my review here:  
<http://blogs.slcdug.org/jjacobson/archive/2005/12/25/3787.aspx>

and since I can

get code refactoring for D7 by way of CodeRush, I don't even really need to upgrade to get that, now do I?

CodeRush for Delphi never did get refactoring. You are probably confusing current versions of CodeRush for VS.NET with the earlier Delphi versions.

Honestly, did you just install VS and expect it to be Delphi, because that is what it looks like you did here. If you want to use a drill, you don't bitch that that your hammer doesn't need a chuck key, you learn to use it, so learn.

It is delightfully ironic that if one switches the strings "VS" and "Delphi" in the above quote it becomes quite interesting as a possible explanation for the errors in your argument.

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