

Visual Basic .NET 2003: Wise?

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Hello,

Is it wise to learn Visual Basic .NET 2003? The reason I ask is because I want to get into programming, but I heard some negative things about getting into VB.Net today as a novice. Maybe some of you can confirm my concerns (below) or clarify things I misunderstood.

First, I heard that modern programming (like VB.Net) will need to change when 64-bit processors come out. Is that true? So anything that is programmed in modern languages will not work on upcoming 64-bit computers?

Secondly, I heard that VB.Net applications will not function properly on the upcoming Windows, "Longhorn."

And finally, I heard that VB.Net is going to be discontinued by Microsoft in the very near future.

Thank you for any info/clarification. :)