Guest Editorial

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In June 22, 2000 .NET was announced by Bill Gates, Microsoft Chairman and Chief Software Architect, in “Remarks” to Forum 2000, the kick-off of this far-reaching new software strategy – see http://www.microsoft.com/billgates/speeches/2000/06-22f2k.asp.


“Remarks” that were/are intended to change the IT world with challenging statements like:

- “... an opportunity to take this vision of a digital world and apply the magic of software to make this a reality” (2000)
- “... this idea that we need a new platform, a platform that takes at its center the Internet and the user ..., that idea’s being emerging for a long time. And the question is what can be done to get enough of those pieces together to really get that to critical mass” (2000)
- “... a very clear message that the direction we announced two years ago is 100 percent the direction that we’re driving towards with all of our increased R&D in the years ahead” (2002)
- “It’s going to have to really put the user back in control” (2002)
- “And to be clear, this is 100 percent a software challenge. Whether it’s the elements of security, the breakthrough development tools, the automatic data exchange, the designing of the schemas, the end user tools that are involved here, this is a software problem, one of the toughest software problems ever tackled, easily greater than tough engineering problems like getting to the moon or designing the 747, but it’s one that we and our partners have enough energy behind and there’s enough importance for solving this, we have no doubt that the pieces come together” (2002)

Big words!

In a workshop of ECOOP 2003 .NET was considered from a programmer’s perspective. You find some views about it in the special JOT issue at hand.

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