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TO: Aled Miles at SYM-UK, Romny Gray at SYM-UK, Derek Witte at SYMUSA-CU-CORPSERV, RICHARD SAUNDERS at SYM-CU
Subject: Re[4]: Comment on J++6.0 for UK Java newsfeed.

Hi All

After discussion with the product group (and your comments) I have decided that it's better to say nothing than risk the blast from MS.

Paul

Reply Separator

Subject: Re[3]: Comment on J++6.0 for UK Java newsfeed.
Author: RICHARD SAUNDERS at SYM-CU
Date: 16/03/98 08:48

I think I can only echo the comments made already. Comment only on undeniable fact. I share Romny reservations about being anti-MS and would suggest leaving out personal opinion and stick to fact based points.

Hope this helps.

Richard

Reply Separator

Subject: Re[2]: Comment on J++6.0 for UK Java newsfeed.
Author: Derek Witte at SYMUSA-CU-CORPSERV
Date: 3/16/98 7:17 AM

Romny,

This is an area where we have been assured that statements were true only to discover (after a Microsoft cease and desist letter) that they were not. I don't think there is much else you can do but I would ask that Paul make sure that he has personal knowledge of the truth of these statements and is not just relying on the product group.

--Derek

Paul,

I've had a look over your statement and made a few small changes. You've confirmed that everything you have said in this statement is true and can be proved. So my comment is simply a business one. Obviously, the statement is critical of Microsoft, and generally we would not want to put their noses out of joint. However, I understand from you that this is one area where you are convinced that it is in our interest to be seen to be clearly in the pure Java camp, rather than aligned with Microsoft.

Derek and Richard,

Do you have any comments by 5pm GMT today?

Romny

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Reply Separator

ubject: Comment on J++6.0 for UK Java newsfeed.
Author: Paul White at SYM-UK
Date: 16/03/98 10:06

Hi Romny

I have to send this to a journalist by 5pm today, can I have your comments.

It's a comment on the release of MS J++ 6.0 which is a competitive product to Visual Cafe.

Sorry for the short notice but I only got the request late on Friday.

Paul

Forward Header

Subject: Comment on J++6.0 for UK Java newsfeed.
Author: Paul White at SYM-UK
Date: 15/03/98 22:08

HI Allen

I have to get this to a journalist by 5.0pm MOnday GMT (11am your time) can you check for any errors.

Regards

Paul

How does the release of Visual J-- 6/0 affect Java developers

From the comments of the various discussion groups, the release of J--6.0 would seem to be another sign of Microsoft's ambivalence towards Java: it's as if they can't decide whether to kill it or embrace it (some might say this is not mutually exclusive for MS). It also seems to show distinct ambivalence towards the developer community.

First , they announced they were "fully supporting" Java, but then they failed to support JDK 1.1, JFC and RMI. Second, they used to promote AFC, but now they're promoting WFC. I feel sorry for all those loyal MS developers who are trying to make a decision on which technology to use.

In Europe we have to contend with a greater installed base of multiple OS - especially in large organisations - and there is much greater interest in Java for its cross-platform portability (see survey at http://www.cc.gatech.edu/gvu/). Admittedly we're now at the stage where it's "write once, debug everywhere". However, that's still far more productive than "write once, re-write everywhere" for the C++ and VB/VJ-- developers.

By breaking away from pure Java, there is a perception that MS is seeking to cloud the issue; throwing up new whiz-bang technologies which have little practical use in 90% of applications. On the positive side they are at least catching up with the rest of the market by including some features already seen in the leading tools.

One thing seems clear to me - the sooner Sun get Java adopted by the

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OSI committee, the better it will be for those that want to keep the terrific concept of Java on track. For the millions of developers who are developing real-world Java applications already, you just have to hope that MS doesn't trip it up in the meantime.

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283 words

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From: Tony Larks on 03/13/98 11:14 AM

To: Info@TRG
cc: (bcc: JF)
Subject: <PRIORITY> JavaVision Newsfeed -|- Issue 13

Dear sponsor

In view of the controversy it has aroused, We intend to devote the entire contents of the next JavaVision NewsFeed to Microsoft's launch of Visual J++ 6.0.

We would also like to give you an opportunity to comment, as a sponsor of the Java Forum, and to give you time to respond, I am postponing the closing time for this week's NewsFeed only (normally, late PM on Friday) to late PM on Monday next, March 16.

Please keep your comments as short as possible, and in any case no longer than 300 words. If you wish to comment at greater length, please include a link to fuller text, for instance on your company Web site.

ents should be mailed to the editor, Karl Dallas, at
editor@researchgroup.co.uk, to arrive no later than 5pm on Monday.

Thank you for your co-operation and interest, which is making JavaVision NewsFeed widely read throughout the world.

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