Silent Kane wrote on Sat, 11 November 2006 08:47Dave Anderson wrote on Thu, 09 November 2006 20:48You're right. It has horrible syntax and is an unstable language. However, a lot of people are attracted to it because of its "English like" syntax.
And C++ and such don't have ""English like" syntax"?
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Not like Visual Basic does. For example, the simple if-then-else statement.

Visual Basic:

If condition Then
    action
Else
    action
End If

C#, C++, J#..

if (condition)
{
    action
}
else
{
    action
}

The difference is that beginner programmers do not like the syntax of having brackets and other interesting characters in their code. A poll was taken on the Microsoft Forums a while back and some 70% or more of the beginner programmers who voted had voted for Visual Basic for that reason.

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Visual Basic is a good language to start with despite it being slow and unstable. A lot of the syntax for things such as creating arrays are more simple in VB. The language being limited has no bearing on whether it is a good language to start with or not. When you first learn a language, you're not going to care whether you have the fine tuned control like you do in C++ or C#, you want to learn the basics and learn the logic.