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The Microsoft Visual Studio is the most used software development tool around. Almost all developers around the world use this tool to develop applications for their clients. Recently, Microsoft announced in a conference that they will be releasing new version of the tool soon. As of now they have just provided with a beta version preview of the tool. It looks to be promising with new added features which will enhance the development process. But there is always a difference between the features before release and afterwards, so for the time being we are only left with the current ongoing versions to choose from the list.

The past versions which made their mark are in the order as 2005, 2008 and 2010. These versions are used worldwide by the coders for creating the environment for their development process. They are available on the company's site for a paid license, which are in addition to the free express version. Although many say that there is no major difference between the free version and the paid version but there are lots of features which are crucial and missing in the former. Visual Studio provides ease with code development by giving an environment which helps in completing tasks in smaller time with perfection.

If you are still using the Visual Studio 2005 version and have not upgraded yet then it is high time that you should shift to a higher version. I can understand that many times a developer thinks that it is not worthwhile and they have suited themselves to this version. It may lower down their speed adjusting with the newer version but this is just a matter of few days and then you start enjoying the latest features. Although there is not a major change in the features since this version but the two latest features that this version doesn't support are LINQ database and AJAX. There are the most commonly used features with web solutions nowadays.

If you are currently working on the 2008 version of the tool then maybe you should better stick to this one because the higher version is not that much advanced in comparison. It has support for both AJAX and the LINQ database language. In addition to that, the auto complete feature is really awesome and saves you a lot of time. For a coder, the biggest headache is to keep on typing the same damn variable again and again which is even mistaken sometimes. However, in this you will just start typing the letters of the variable and it will start suggesting you. After that you have to just press enter to finish writing the name.

So, now for the serious developers out there you have got this Visual Studio 2010 at your hands. It has the most commendable features to finish the job but if you are a novice then you might want to stick to the earlier version because you wouldn't be using them anyways. An average developer can benefit the most from 2008 version of the tool for providing quality software development services. If you are planning to get it for the first time then it will be advisable to go for the latest version, but if you are already with the 2008 then it is for the better that you stick to it for the time being.

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