Micro Focus and Microsoft Partner to Expand Enterprise Application Development Capability

Launch Visual COBOL 2.0 beta with Visual Studio 2012 RC to improve application development experience, productivity and accelerate time to market

Micro Focus (LSE:MCRO.L), the leading providerof enterpriseapplication modernisation, testing and management solutions, in partnership withMicrosoft, has announced it will jointly launch Micro Focus Visual COBOL 2.0beta with Microsoft Visual Studio 2012 RC. MicroFocus Visual COBOL enables application developers to re-use, enhance, andextend enterprise COBOL applications, alongside other Microsoft languageplatforms, such as C#, Visual Basic, and ASP.NET all from within the leadingindustry standard Integrated Development Environment - Visual Studio.
Millions of organisations around the world continue to relyon COBOL-based applications to run their business. Micro Focus Visual COBOLtechnology already provides a unique, integrated, and industry standardenvironment to develop these critical applications. COBOL developers and thosealready familiar with general Visual Studio development techniques will now beable to take advantage of Visual Studio 2012 RC to take those applicationsforward. Visual Studio levels the playing field for programming languages andMicro Focus is committed to ensuring that modern COBOL programming remains onpar with any comparative technology.
Key benefits of Visual COBOL 2.0 beta include:
Ensuring longevity byfuture-proofing business-critical applications deployed on the Windows platform
Increasing developer productivity, wideningresource pools, and accelerating delivery cycles through its highly integrateddevelopment environment
Protecting existing investment andintellectual property by modernizing and enabling business applications for.NET and Azure platforms
Visual Studio 2012 RC is asignificant delivery by Microsoft to improve the application developmentexperience. Visual Studio 2012 RC is focused on improving developerproductivity through fasterperformance, streamlined responsiveness and improvedtoolset capability. Visual Studio 2012 RC beta accelerates developmenttime, improves team collaboration, and delivers the latest in UI enhancementthrough Metro-style interface development.
With this announcement, Microsoft and Micro Focus are teamingup to provide the best value to all of our customers, said Bruce Craig,country manager, Australia and New Zealand, at Micro Focus. Visual COBOLalready delivers enterprise innovation for core business applications and now VisualCOBOL 2.0 for Visual Studio 2012 RC provides the next generation of COBOLdevelopment products, designed for todays Visual Studio developer.
Visual COBOL 2.0 integrates within the Visual Studio 2012IDE offering COBOL application developers the latest innovations for softwaredevelopment and also supports the latest .NET Framework, version 4.5, toleverage the new development capabilities of the .NET platform. Combiningleadership in COBOL application development with the power of Microsoft VisualStudio we have delivered real innovation to the enterprise applicationdeveloper. Were honoured to have partners like Micro Focus workingclosely with us to build on the benefits Visual Studio 2012 RC offers theenterprise development community, said Tom Lindeman, Director of the VisualStudio Industry Partner Program. Core to Visual Studio 2012 RC is its focus onintegrating teams, streamlining development and providing developers a completetoolbox to build leading applications efficiently. Having Micro Focus VisualCOBOL 2.0 in that toolbox further ensures developers have exactly what theyneed to quickly build fast, stable, advanced applications.
The partnership between Microsoft and Micro Focus demonstratesthe companies ongoing commitment to lead technology innovation within theapplication development and modernisation market. The joint beta launchof Microsoft Visual Studio 2012 RC and Micro Focus Visual COBOL 2.0 delivers asignificant advantage for todays enterprise application developer improvingdevelopment experience, productivity and accelerating time to market.
For more information, visit: http://www.microfocus.com/visual-cobol2-for-visual-studio-2012rc.
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