



From: Paul Maritz
Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 1997 8:23 AM
To: Bill Gates; Steve Ballmer
Subject: RE: Microsoft: Makes Latest Java Technologies Available in SDK 2.0 for Java Beta

We have so far drawn the line in the sand as follows:

OK:

Java Syntax
 Java Bytecodes

Java Beans (way to raise events on a Java component, we map this bidirectionally into COM component via our VM implementation)

NOT OK:

JFC

We have work going on right now which we will review with Billg this month as to whether we want to keep the line in the sand at the Syntax/Bytecode/Bean level and do lots of MS extensions, or whether we want to go back and move it up above the Bytecode level. This analysis is being driven by Davidv with help from AndersH, PeterKu, etc.

-----Original Message-----

From: Bill Gates
Sent: Monday, August 04, 1997 5:17 PM
To: Steve Ballmer; Paul Maritz
Subject: RE: Microsoft: Makes Latest Java Technologies Available in SDK 2.0 for Java Beta

Our failure to draw the line in the sand on what we do and don't do is driving me crazy. People have not given me any reasonable options on this. This announcement is just us screwing ourselves and trying to get people to go do JAVA stuff because we have Not defined why Windows applications which are not 100% pure will be better and used any technical strategy to make that as strong as possible.

Telling people how great our beans support is draws the line the wrong place. Unfortunately none of the engineers are helping to define a sane business strategy. I don't even get go data on how JAVA applications on the web use runtime - the richness of these applications grows every day making it a crisis that we have not drawn the line.

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From: Steve Ballmer
Sent: Monday, August 04, 1997 1:44 PM
To: Paul Maritz; Bill Gates
Subject: FW: Microsoft: Makes Latest Java Technologies Available in SDK 2.0 for Java Beta

Is support for java Beans on strategy I am confused if customers use java beans isn't that bad

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From: Library News Service
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 1997 8:00 AM
To: Daily Newswire Subscribers
Subject: Microsoft: Makes Latest Java Technologies Available in SDK 2.0 for Java Beta

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