

## Re: Why no delayed trigger on newer DSOs?

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However, I am not an expert (yet) in VBA so I can't do any processing on-the-fly. But I'll learn it. Was hoping it was C and not Basic but, oh well, I guess that was Bill Gates' decision.

If you really want to get ambitious, note that VBA (as provided in Word/Excel/etc.) will let you access COM objects which -- for the purpose of this discussion -- boils down to nothing more than a function call interface with a prescribed set of data types and calling conventions. COM objects can be programmed (implemented) using C++ (and plenty of them are), although it's much easier to write them using one of the ".Net" languages such as C#.

..NET is IMHO a pain. Before the Instek SW would run at all I had to install that and it turned out that backward compatibility within .NET files from the MS-server (with the same file name!) is not always given. Bottomline I had to keep installing until one of them stuck. I'd rather stay with what's there so my clients wouldn't have to install anything if they needed it.

Realistically I think Gates' choice of VBA rather than C for Office makes sense... I know office workers who have absolutely zero formal programming background, and they can manage to modify and write various little utilities and macros in VBA, whereas I think they'd find the initial learning curve a lot steeper with C and wouldn't even bother with it.

Quite frankly I haven't met any office workers so far that have used VBA. Heck, they didn't even know it existed or what it is. For a long time I didn't either.

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Regards, Joerg

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