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[Visual Studio] : Hey, dude.
Me : *glances around, not sure where the voice is coming from...* Uh- hey.
[Visual Studio] : I see that you're getting a lot of work done, and using me quite a bit...
Me : *pauses, never had a conversation with [Visual Studio] before* ...yeh.
[Visual Studio] : So like, how would you feel about writing up a review of me, [Visual Studio]...?
Me : *still rather confused* I mean...
...it's extremely useful AND cool, and it was developed by (PROFESSIONALS/EXPERTS)...
[Visual Studio] : WHOA, buddy...
That is some REALLY helpful information right there...
Me : Yeah, well... if we're gonna have this random conversation with one another...?
Then, I'm just gonna flat-out, tell ANYBODY who wants to know...
...that when you need the best there is...?
[Visual Studio] : *hands up* Look, I'm gonna stop you right there, man.
Sounds like you're gettin' ahead of yourself, and haphazardly writing up a review about me...
Me : *pauses* Uh- so, are you saying that I oughtta go into DEPTH...
...as to WHY this is one of the BEST utilities out there...?
[Visual Studio] : *hands outstretched* I mean, that's purely optional...
You COULD do that if you like...?
But- nobody's sayin' that you HAVE to do that...
Me : *chuckles* Heh, listen pal...
shaking head I'm gonna tell ya right now...
...if you want me to write up a review about you...?
[Visual Studio] : *nodding excitedly*
Me : Then, I'm not gonna hold any punches...
I'm gonna write up a review about how powerful, flexible, and useful, you truly are.
[Visual Studio] : Wow, jeez~!
I mean, I really appreciate it, pal~!
Me : *chuckles* Heh.... don't mention it.
I mean, if this really cool software's gonna ask me to take some survey...?
Well, I'm gonna tell it like it really is. So... hope you're ready.
[Visual Studio] : *nodding excitedly*
Me : Alright, here we go.

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Please tell us about your experience!

[Question #1]: Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with [Visual Studio]?

Extremely dissatisfied	Moderately dissatisfied	Slightly dissatisfied	Neither, or indifferent	Slightly satisfied	Moderately satisfied	Extremely satisfied
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

[Question #2]: How likely is it, that YOU would RECOMMEND [Visual Studio] to a friend or colleague?

(Not at all likely/Lame)

(Extremely likely/Awesome)

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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[Question #3]: (Optional) If anything, what do you find (frustrating/unappealing) about [Visual Studio]? Also, what new capabilities would YOU like to SEE, for [Visual Studio]?

It could benefit from having a much less complex interface.
However- the tool is quite extensive with its capabilities, so... that may be a tall order.

Having native extensions that allow interoperability with [Visual Studio Code] would be pretty cool, or having a way to (write+test) PowerShell natively, would be pretty nice to see.

[Question #4]: (Optional) What do you like best about [Visual Studio]?

It does seem to be extremely extensible.

[Question #5]: How (satisfied/dissatisfied) are you with [Visual Studio] in the following areas?

	Extremely dissatisfied	Moderately dissatisfied	Slightly dissatisfied	Neither, or indifferent	Slightly satisfied	Moderately satisfied	Extremely satisfied
Ease of use	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Technical reliability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Features & capabilities	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Visual appeal	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Speed	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

[Question #6]: Which of the following tasks do you perform with [Visual Studio]?

- ☒ Edit (formatting, find, Intellisense)
- ☐ Release/Deploy (Publish to Azure)
- ☒ Design (XAML, WinForms)
- ☐ Profile (Memory, CPU usage)
- ☒ Compile and Build
- ☐ Collaborate (LiveShare)
- ☒ Test (Test explorer, Live unit testing)
- ☒ Customize Visual Studio (e.g. Options, Themes)
- ☐ Debug (F5, breakpoints, step, watch)
- ☒ Extend Visual Studio
- ☐ Use Git tools inside Visual Studio
- ☐ Other, please specify:

[Question #7]: How (satisfied/dissatisfied) are you, with using [Visual Studio] to accomplish the following tasks?

	Extremely dissatisfied	Moderately dissatisfied	Slightly dissatisfied	Neither, or indifferent	Slightly satisfied	Moderately satisfied	Extremely satisfied
Edit (format/find/etc.)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Design (XAML/WinForms)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Compile and Build	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Test (Explore/Live unit)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Extend Visual Studio	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

[Question #8]: (Optional) Would you be willing to follow up with us?

Your Email:	<input type="text"/>
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[Question #9]: What best describes your current position?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Professional developer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open Source contributor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student/Teacher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hobbyist	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other
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[Question #10]: How long have you been using [Visual Studio]?

- ☐ (0) to (3) months ☐ (4) to (12) months ☒ (1) to (5) years ☐ (5) or more years

[Question #11]: How many years of experience do you have, in professional software development?

- ☐ (1) or less ☐ (1) to (5) ☒ (5)+

[Question #12]: Which (language/framework) do you use the most, in [Visual Studio]?

- ☐ C++ ☒ .Net (C#/F#/VB.NET) ☐ Python ☐ JavaScript/TypeScript
☒ XAML ☐ Node.js ☐ Other, please specify:

[Question #13]: What type of projects are you primarily developing, with [Visual Studio]?

- ☐ Web ☐ Data and Analytics ☒ Desktop ☐ Office
☐ Mobile ☐ Office ☐ Game ☐ Library
☐ IOT or Embedded ☐ Other, please specify:

[Question #14]: What is the (primary source/version control) system (if any), that you currently use?

- ☐ None ☐ Git ☐ TFVC ☐ Mercurial ☐ Perforce ☐ SVN
☒ Other, please specify:

[Question #15]: Which statement *best* describes how (you/your organization) use(s) the cloud?

- ☐ Currently not using the cloud, and not interested ☒ Some reliance on services hosted in the cloud
☐ Interest or actively researching our options ☐ Mostly rely on services hosted in the cloud

[Question #16]: From the list below, please select (any/all) applicable cloud provider(s) you currently use.

- ☐ Azure ☒ OneDrive/SharePoint/DropBox/Google Drive ☐ AWS ☐ Google Cloud Platform ☐ Other

[Question #17]: How many software developers do you directly work with?

- ☒ 0 ☐ (1) to (4) ☐ (5)+

[Question #18]: How many software developers are in your (company/organization)?

- ☒ (0) to (2) ☐ (3) to (10) ☐ (11) to (99) ☐ (100)+

You've completed the [Visual Studio] survey~!
To read the review for [Visual Studio], feel free to continue.

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In a world, where the *internet* dominates every industry...?
There exists a *slew* of programs...

Many of those programs have been painstakingly hand-crafted by experts, visionaries, and legionaires...
Each coming from nearly every nook, crannie, corner, and crevice of the entire planet...

Not all tools are made alike, however.

When it comes to [Visual Studio]...?
You really cannot ask for much more, from a program that can practically do it *all*.

Hi, I'm Michael Cook. I'm an application developer, design artist, and a system engineer.
In October 2018, I started my company, Secure Digits Plus LLC to focus on network security, as well as business solutions expertise.

Over the course of the last 4 years, I've had to continually (reshape/evolve) the MAIN FOCUS of my company, in order to start building my OWN solutions, and take on some of the toughest challenges that the industry has to offer.

Simply put, [Visual Studio] makes short work out of a lot of potential problems.
It is a very *powerful*, and *incredibly* (flexible/versatile) tool, that gets the job done.
Really, in reference to how high stakes the industry just so happens to be, in this day and age...?

Well, for where ever your perilous journeys take you...?
And, for whatever those journeys happen to throw your way...?
You're really at a disadvantage, by NOT having [Visual Studio] in your back pocket.

While [Visual Studio] isn't exactly my MAIN tool, it is effectively the other half of the main tool that I use, which just so happens to bear an *uncanny*, *eerily*, *conveniently*, and *coincidentally* similar name...
[Visual Studio Code].

Look, in life...?
Some people eat peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.
Others use [Visual Studio] and [Visual Studio Code], to take things to the next level.
Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches aren't going to help, when it comes to problems that are incredibly difficult to *predict*, *classify*, and *see*. That's where [Visual Studio] and [Visual Studio Code] work out nicely.

Being seen as an EXPERT, *really* counts.
Yeah, [Visual Studio] isn't exactly a *physical* tool that you can carry around...?
But- you can actually put it on a thumbdrive, and carry it around that way...
...then it IS a physical tool that you can carry around.

Really, you DON'T wanna be the guy who shows up without it...

Some guy : Wow, dude...
Somebody who calls himself an EXPERT, showed up without [Visual Studio]...?
That's GOTTA be one of the most RIDICULOUS things, I've ever seen...

Look... some guy probably *won't* poke fun at ya, for showin' up without it...?
But, don't put yourself in that position.

If you're looking to *develop applications* that take a long list of *incredibly difficult tasks*, and cram them down into workloads that you can *manage* and *handle*...?

Well... I think I've said about ALL that needs to be said, about [Visual Studio]...
You NEED this tool, simply put...
Showing up without it, is like being caught with your pants down.
Nobody wants to be caught with their pants down, right?
Nah.

Whether it is for *design work*, *testing*, *writing libraries*, *scripts*, *web design*, or (*print/graphics*) to some degree...? Well, for ANY developer out there who absolutely NEEDS to be seen as an expert...?

Gotta have this tool on hand. If you DON'T, then who the hell even are ya...?

I'll tell ya.
You'll be the 'expert' who showed up without their tools... and that's not a good look.

[Visual Studio].
While there COULD be something MORE useful, powerful, and flexible out there, SOMEWHERE...?
I haven't found it yet.

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