

Sometimes the fault is not in our stars but in ourselves

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An earlier name for Windows Server 2003 was Microsoft Windows .NET Server, and in the final weeks leading up to the product's release, we received the following bug from a beta tester:

When I call the `GetVersionEx` function on build 3773, the OS name is still reported as "Microsoft Windows .NET Enterprise Server". I have attached a sample program illustrating the bug.

I found this kind of confusing, because the `GetVersionEx` function doesn't return a human-readable product name. Intrigued, I took a look at the sample program and it wasn't too hard to see where the bug was. The program contained the lines

```
if ( osvi.dwMajorVersion == 5 && osvi.dwMinorVersion == 2 )
    lstrcpyn(szOS, L"Microsoft Windows .NET", MAX_PATH);
```

In other words, the program had the incorrect string hard-coded into it.

I reported my findings back to the person who submitted the bug, and the response was "Oops, sorry about that."

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