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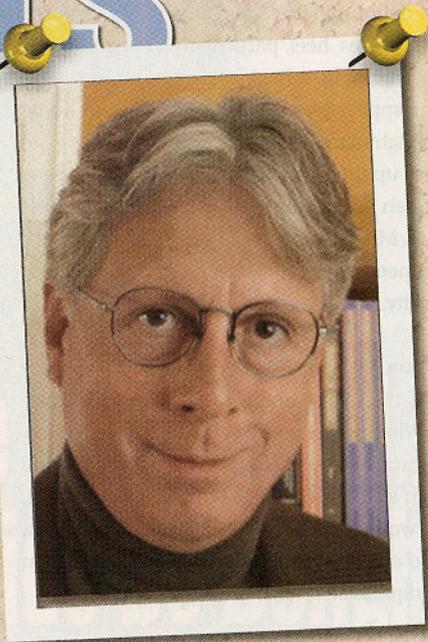# Readers Review
HOT PRODUCTS

Manage and Track Code Changes
SourceAnywhere Standalone

I'm a developer, and I've been writing code since 1979. I've never been a project manager (I usually hire one) and prefer to write code myself. I had been using Microsoft Visual Source Safe (VSS) for some time, but VSS began driving me crazy. At one point, we were a team of eight using VSS all day, every day, to help us convert between Microsoft Visual FoxPro and VB.NET. VSS was corrupting its "database" weekly—and I truly object to calling files in a directory structure a database—and I was spending too much time rebuilding it. I had to spend hours every week fighting with VSS, and often had to rebuild it from scratch. I began looking for a better solution and did an Internet search for "source code control." **SourceAnywhere Standalone** (SAS) came up, so I gave it a try. That was sometime in January 2005, and I've been using SAS every since.

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Installation was straightforward: I followed the installation instructions, and it worked the first time. I've always felt that a source code manager needs to be unobtrusive and practically transparent, to the point that the user doesn't even know it's there, and I feel that way about SAS. It doesn't get between me and the primary job, which is making code work. SAS is faster than a bandit, the interface is intuitive and easy to understand, and it doesn't break. I also like the idea of using SQL Server to store repository data—it's what a database is for. This is the source code management tool I was looking for.

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