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












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Objects Inherited Through a CreateProcess Call

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The objects inherited by a process started by a call to CreateProcess() are those objects that you can get a handle to and on which you can use the CloseHandle() function. These objects include the following:

- Processes
- Events
- Semaphores
- Mutexes
- Files (including file mappings)
- Standard input, output, or error devices

However, the new process will only inherit objects that were marked inheritable by the old process.

These are duplicate handles. Each process maintains memory for its own handle table. If one of the processes modifies its handle (for example, closes it or changes the mode for the console handle), other processes will not be affected.

Processes will also inherit environment variables, the current directory, and priority class.

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Correct Use of Try/Finally

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SUMMARY

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Try/finally, used correctly, helps to provide a robust application. However, if used incorrectly it can cause unnecessary overhead. any flow of control out of the try body of try/finally is an abnormal termination that can cause hundreds of instructions to be executed on an x86 system, and thousands on a MIPS machine, even if control leaves the try body via a control statement on the very last statement of the try body. The language definition states that control must leave the try body sequentially for normal termination to occur (that is, execution falls through the bottom of the try body).

The following sample demonstrates an incorrect use of try/finally:

```
/* Incorrect use of try/finally */
```

```
VOID  
function (  
    DWORD ... P1,  
    .  
    DWORD ... Pn  
)  
{  
  
    try {  
        if (...) {  
            .  
            .  
            return;  
        }  
        .  
        .  
    } finally {  
        .  
        .  
    }  
    return;  
}
```

The overhead can be avoided in the above example by moving the return AFTER the end of the finally clause. The following provides more detail on the correct use of try/finally.

MORE INFORMATION

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Execution of a termination handler due to abnormal termination of a try body is expensive. Abnormal termination occurs when control leaves a try body in any way other than by falling through the bottom. Intentionally branching out of a try body is still an abnormal termination.

In the above example, abnormal termination of the try body occurs if the return in the middle of the try body is executed. If the predicate of the if is false, then extremely efficient execution of the finally clause occurs because this is not abnormal termination and the finally clause is called directly by inline code.

When abnormal termination occurs hundreds to thousands of instructions are executed because an unwind must be executed, which must search backward through frames to determine if any termination handlers should be called. On an x86 system, this executes the C run-time handler and examines the handler list. On a MIPS machine, this also causes the function table to be searched and the prologue of each intervening function to be executed backwards interpretively.

You should always avoid the execution of a termination handler as a result of the abnormal termination of a try body by a return, or other direct flow of control out of the try body. Abnormal termination occurs whenever control leaves the try body other than by falling through the bottom. This can occur because of a return, goto, continue, or break. It can also occur because of an exception, which presumably cannot be avoided.

In the above example, abnormal termination in the nonexception case can be eliminated easily as follows:

```
/* Correct use of try/finally */
```

```
VOID
function (
    DWORD ... P1,
    .
    .
    DWORD ... Pn
)
{
    try {
        if (...) {
            .
            .
        } else {
            .
            .
        }
    } finally {
        .
        .
    }
    return;
}
```

```
}
```

Now both clauses of the if fall through to the termination handler in all but exceptional cases and execute the termination handler in the most efficient way. This also has the same logical execution as the previous sample.

In summary, the correct use of try/finally is a powerful method to help you write robust applications. Care should be taken to ensure the correct use of try/finally.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseExcept

Exporting Callback Functions

Article ID: Q83706

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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It is not necessary for Win32-based applications to export callback functions. Windows versions 3.1 and earlier (Win16) need callback functions primarily for fixing references to global data and ensuring that EMS memory is not paged out. Neither of these situations applies to the Windows NT operating system.

MORE INFORMATION

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Exports are necessary for any function that must be located at either

- Run time via GetProcAddress() (dynamic linking)
- or-
- Load time via an import library (static linking)

Both of these linking methods require that the name or ordinal number of the export be known and that their names (or ordinal numbers) be present in the executable's exported entry table. This enables Windows to determine the addresses at run time.

Static linking is done by the loader, which performs this lookup for all of the imported entry points that an executable needs (normally by ordinal number). In dynamic linking, the system scans by ordinal number or by name through the DLL (Dynamic Link Library) exports table.

In Win16, exported entries are automatically fixed by the linker to adjust to the appropriate data segment. Exporting entries on Win32 just adds them to the module's exported names and ordinal numbers table; the linker does not need to "fix" them. For code compatibility with Win16, you may want to continue to use MakeProcInstance() and export all callbacks. This macro does nothing on Windows NT.

In short,

	On Windows -----	Win32 -----
Callbacks	Export or use MakeProcInstance	Use address of fn
GetProcAddress	Must export	Must export
Static linking	Must export	Must export

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: BseD11

Consoles Do Not Support ANSI Escape Sequences

Article ID: Q84240

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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Windows NT does not support ANSI escape sequences. There is some functionality that this affects (for example, changing the color of the prompt). This also affects a very limited number TTY-type programs that rely on the console for escape support to be provided.

This feature is is under review and is being considered for future releases.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseCon

Processes Maintain Only One Current Directory

Article ID: Q84244

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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Processes under Windows NT maintain only one current directory. Under MS-DOS or OS/2, a process will maintain a current directory for each drive.

MORE INFORMATION

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For example, if you do the following

1. Set the current drive to be drive C and set the current directory to be \MAINC\MAINSUBC.
2. Change the current drive to be drive D and set the current directory to be \MAIND\MAINSUBD.

when you reset the current drive to drive C, the current directory will be the original directory: \MAINC\MAINSUBC.

MS-DOS and OS/2 use a current directory structure (CDS) to maintain this information. The memory for this structure is allocated at boot time, and is set by the LASTDRIVE= line in the CONFIG.SYS file. For example, if you set LASTDRIVE=Z, you will have 26 entries in the CDS and will be able to track 26 current directories.

Windows NT by default allows a process to track only one current directory--the one for the current drive--because the underlying operating system does not use drive letters; it always uses fully-qualified names such as:

```
\Device\HardDisk0\Partition1\autoexec.bat
```

The Win32 subsystem maintains drive letters by setting up symbolic links such as:

```
\DosDevices\C: == \Device\HardDisk0\Paritition1  
\DosDevices\D: == \Device\HardDisk0\Paritition2  
\DosDevices\E: == \Device\HardDisk1\Paritition1
```

(Partitions are 1-based while hard disks are 0-based because Partition0 refers to the entire physical device, which is the "file" that FDISK opens to do its work.) Therefore, when you do SetCurrentDirectory("c:\tmp\sub"), the Win32 subsystem translates that to "\DosDevices\c:\tmp\sub", "...".

As far as Windows NT is concerned, there are no "drives," there is one object namespace.

CMD.EXE maintains a private current directory for each drive it has touched and uses environment variables to associate a current directory with each drive. These environment variables have the form "`=<drive>:`".

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseFileio

How HEAPSIZE/STACKSIZE Commit > Reserve Affects Execution

Article ID: Q89296

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The syntax for the module-definition statements HEAPSIZE and STACKSIZE is as follows

```
HEAPSIZE [reserve] [,commit]
STACKSIZE [reserve] [,commit]
```

The remarks for HEAPSIZE and STACKSIZE on page 62 of the "Tools User's Guide" manual that comes with the Win32 SDK state the following:

When commit is less than reserve, memory demands are reduced but execution time is slower.

By default, commit is less than reserve.

The reason that execution time is slower (and it is actually only fractionally slower), is that the system sets up guard pages and could have to process guard page faults.

MORE INFORMATION

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If the committed memory is less than the reserved memory, the system sets up guard page(s) around the heap or stack. When the heap or stack grows big enough, the guard pages start accessing outside the committed area. This causes a guard page fault, which tells the system to map in another page. The application continues to run as if you had originally had the new page committed.

If the committed memory is greater than the reserve, no guard pages are created and the program faults if it goes outside the committed memory area.

Experimenting with the commit versus reserve numbers may result in a combination that would produce noticeable results, but for most applications, this difference is probably not noticeable. The potential benefits do not warrant significant experimentation.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMisc

Replacing the Windows NT Task Manager

Article ID: Q89373

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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Under Windows 3.1, the Task Manager is an easily replaceable program. However, under the Win32 subsystem of Windows NT, it is very difficult to replace the Task Manager, due to special programming considerations. In general, it is not recommended that users attempt this.

MORE INFORMATION

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Special requirements for the Task Manager make it very different from the Windows 3.1 Task Manager. The EndTask button handling is done through internal application programming interface (API) functions. These API functions are not documented. The situation is the same for handling foreground management, hung applications, and priority issues (to make sure that the Task Manager will come up as fast as possible). In addition, the Windows NT Task Manager uses shortcut ("hot") keys.

In Windows NT 3.1, the Task List has been incorporated into the Program Manager. To remove the Task List, you must also remove the Program Manager. The full functionality of the Task List (as found in TASKMAN.EXE) is now folded into the Program Manager (PROGMAN.EXE). If you completely delete the TASKMAN.EXE file from your system and from the registry location

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\  
SOFTWARE\  
Microsoft\  
Windows NT\  
CurrentVersion\  
WinLogon\  
Shell
```

you will still be able to invoke the Task List because it is built into the Program Manager.

In Windows NT 3.5, Program Manager checks the registry for a Taskman entry. If the Taskman entry is found, Program Manager will launch the application, instead of using its built-in Taskman. The registry entry is:

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\  
SOFTWARE\  
Microsoft\  
Windows NT\  
CurrentVersion\  
Winlogon\  
Taskman
```

This entry does not exist by default. You will have to create this value, with type REG_SZ.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMisc

AllocConsole() Necessary to Get Valid Handles

Article ID: Q89750

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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If a graphical user interface (GUI) application redirects a standard handle, such as stderr or stdout, and then spawns a child process, the output of the child process will not be seen unless the AllocConsole() application programming interface (API) is called before the standard handle is redirected.

If an application spawns a child process without calling AllocConsole() first, the child's console window will appear on the screen and the GUI application will not be able to control this window (for example, it cannot minimize the child window). In addition, users can terminate the child process by choosing Close from the console window's Control (system) menu. This causes users to think that only the window is closed, when in actuality, the entire application is terminated. This can cause the user to lose data in the console window.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseCon

How to Specify Shared and Nonshared Data in a DLL

Article ID: Q89817

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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To have both shared and nonshared data in a dynamic-link library (DLL) which is built with a 32-bit Microsoft C compiler, you need to use the `#pragma data_seg` directive to set up a new named section. You then must specify the correct sharing attributes for this new named data section in your `.DEF` file.

The system will try to load the shared memory block created by `#pragma data_seg` at the same address in each process. However, if the block cannot be loaded into the same memory address, the system allocates a new block of memory for that process and the memory is not shared. No run time warnings are given when this happens. Using memory-mapped files backed by pagefile (named shared memory) is a safer option than using `#pragma data_seg`, because the APIs will return an error when the mapping fails.

MORE INFORMATION

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Below is a sample of how to define a named data section in your DLL. The first line directs the compiler to include all the data declared in this section in the `.MYSEC` data segment. This means that the `iSharedVar` variable would be considered part of the `.MYSEC` data segment. By default, data will be nonshared.

Note that you must initialize all data in your named section. The `data_seg pragma` only applies to initialized data.

The third line, `"#pragma data_seg()"`, directs the compiler to reset allocation to the default data section.

```
#pragma data_seg(".MYSEC")
int iSharedVar = 0;
#pragma data_seg()
```

Below is a sample of the `.DEF` file that supports the shared and nonshared segments. This definition will set the default section `.MYSEC` to be shared. The default data section is by default non-shared, so any data not in section `.MYSEC` will be non-shared.

```
LIBRARY MyDll
SECTIONS
    .MYSEC READ WRITE SHARED
EXPORTS
    ...
```

NOTE: All section names must begin with a period character ('.') and must not be longer than 8 characters, including the period character.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseD11

Windows NT Servers in Locked Closets

Article ID: Q90083

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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Some installations are required to restrict access to a server such that access to the server's keyboard/mouse is unavailable to most personnel. Such a server is referred to as a server in a locked closet.

The server administrators may provide an emergency reset button to end users (for example, factory floor workers) in case the system locks up and no administrators are present. In the case where an emergency reset button cannot be provided, an administrator must come and physically unlock the closet in order to get the system up again.

Windows NT requires that the user press CTRL+ALT+DEL to log on. This requirement implies that Windows NT doesn't lend itself well to the server in a locked closet situation. Indeed, someone must press CTRL+ALT+DEL and enter a user ID and a password in order to log on and use the keyboard or mouse to interact locally with a Windows NT machine. However, it is possible to configure the machine as a server in a locked closet such that an administrator is not required to unlock the door to reset the system. The administrator can configure the system so that services are started automatically during boot. Once all the services are started, then the system is fully functional and the administrator need not intervene. If certain services fail to come up, but network service does come up, then the system can be remotely administered.

MORE INFORMATION

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Remote administration is possible, assuming that the required basic system services are running. The machine must be on the network. The process requires only the Windows NT product. In other words, Windows NT Advanced Server is not an additional requirement.

Make sure that the following steps have been taken to start system services automatically at system boot and to enable remote administration in case of failure:

1. Use the Service Control Manager to install any application code that must be started as soon as the Windows NT machine reboots.

Write an application that installs the services and specifies that they should be started automatically. To find more information on the Win32 APIs that support Services, search on "Services Overview" in the Win32 API help text.

Once this is done, the necessary application code can be made to start

automatically upon system reboot, without anyone needing to press CTRL+ALT+DEL to log on or to take any other action using the server's local mouse/keyboard.

2. Make sure that the Workstation and Server services start automatically upon reboot.

Use the Services application in Control Panel to ensure that both the Workstation and Server services start automatically upon reboot. Choose the Help button for instructions on how to install a service and how to configure it to start automatically.

This will permit an authorized person to remotely administer the system from another machine on the network. Thus, if something from step 1 goes wrong, the administrator still does not need to physically unlock the closet and log on. The administrator can log on to any machine on the network and use the tools on that machine to interact with the server.

Remote administration via dial-up telephone lines is available, but requires RAS (Microsoft Remote Access Service). RAS permits a machine to dial over telephone lines into a network, and to become a full participant on the network. In this way, a system dialing in over RAS can be used to remotely administer the system in the locked closet.

Note that while these steps allow servers locked in closets to be restored without an administrator, it is still preferable to install a UPS (uninterruptable power supply). Servers in locked closets usually need to provide uninterrupted service to their clients, so a UPS is a better solution. The capability to do remote administration serves as a backup in case of failure.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMisc

CreateFile() Using CONOUT\$ or CONIN\$

Article ID: Q90088

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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If you attempt to open a console input or output handle by calling the CreateFile() function with the special CONIN\$ or CONOUT\$ filenames, this call will return INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE if you do not use the proper sharing attributes for the fdwShareMode parameter in your CreateFile() call. Be sure to use FILE_SHARE_READ when opening "CONIN\$" and FILE_SHARE_WRITE when opening "CONOUT\$".

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseFileio

Cancelling Overlapped I/O

Article ID: Q90368

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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There is no routine in the Win32 API to cancel an asynchronous request once it has been issued. When a thread does an overlapped I/O (that is, a write), the system starts up another thread to do the I/O and leaves your thread free to do other work. Once it is started, there is no way to stop it.

If it necessary to interrupt the I/O, you can either

- Split the writes into batches and check for interruptions. For example, you could break a 20 megabyte (MB) write into 20, 1 MB writes.

-or-

- Create another thread yourself to handle the I/O. Terminating the thread will cancel the I/O. You should have a thread in the process explicitly close the handle to the device.

-or-

- Close the handle to the device with the pending I/O. The close has the net effect of cancelling the I/O.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseFileio

Getting Real Handle to Thread/Process Requires Two Calls

Article ID: Q90470

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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The API `GetCurrentThread()` returns a pseudo-handle rather than the real handle to the thread. To get the real handle to the thread, you need to use `DuplicateHandle()` using the pseudo-handle that is returned from `GetCurrentThread()`. In addition, to get the real handle to a process, you need to call `DuplicateHandle()` after calling `GetCurrentProcess()`.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseProcThrd

Determining Whether an Application is Console or GUI

Article ID: Q90493

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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In order to determine whether an application is console or GUI, you must parse the EXEheader. The header contains a field called 'Subsystem'. This field determines both the subsystem the application is to run under and the type of interface it requires. The values consist of:

IMAGE_SUBSYSTEM_NATIVE	1
IMAGE_SUBSYSTEM_WINDOWS_GUI	2
IMAGE_SUBSYSTEM_WINDOWS_CUI	3
IMAGE_SUBSYSTEM_OS2_CUI	5
IMAGE_SUBSYSTEM_POSIX_CUI	7

MORE INFORMATION

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Sample Code

```
#include <windows.h>
#include <winnt.h>

VOID main(int, char **);
DWORD AbsoluteSeek(HANDLE, DWORD);
VOID ReadBytes(HANDLE, LPVOID, DWORD);
VOID WriteBytes(HANDLE, LPVOID, DWORD);
VOID CopySection(HANDLE, HANDLE, DWORD);

#define XFER_BUFFER_SIZE 2048

VOID
main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    HANDLE hImage;

    DWORD bytes;
    DWORD iSection;
    DWORD SectionOffset;
    DWORD CoffHeaderOffset;
    DWORD MoreDosHeader[16];

    ULONG ntSignature;

    IMAGE_DOS_HEADER image_dos_header;
    IMAGE_FILE_HEADER image_file_header;
    IMAGE_OPTIONAL_HEADER image_optional_header;
```

```

IMAGE_SECTION_HEADER  image_section_header;

if (argc != 2)
{
    printf("USAGE: %s program_file_name\n", argv[1]);
    exit(1);
}

/*
 * Open the reference file.
 */
hImage = CreateFile(argv[1],
                    GENERIC_READ,
                    FILE_SHARE_READ,
                    NULL,
                    OPEN_EXISTING,
                    FILE_ATTRIBUTE_NORMAL,
                    NULL);

if (INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE == hImage)
{
    printf("Could not open %s, error %lu\n", argv[1], GetLastError());
    exit(1);
}

/*
 * Read the MS-DOS image header.
 */
ReadBytes(hImage,
          &image_dos_header,
          sizeof(IMAGE_DOS_HEADER));

if (IMAGE_DOS_SIGNATURE != image_dos_header.e_magic)
{
    printf("Sorry, I do not understand this file.\n");
    exit(1);
}

/*
 * Read more MS-DOS header.      */
ReadBytes(hImage,
          MoreDosHeader,
          sizeof(MoreDosHeader));

/*
 * Get actual COFF header.
 */
CoffHeaderOffset = AbsoluteSeek(hImage, image_dos_header.e_lfanew) +
                    sizeof(ULONG);

ReadBytes(hImage, &ntSignature, sizeof(ULONG));

if (IMAGE_NT_SIGNATURE != ntSignature)
{
    printf("Missing NT signature. Unknown file type.\n");
    exit(1);
}

```



```

    {
        printf("SetFilePointer failed, error %lu.\n", GetLastError());
        exit(1);
    }

    return newOffset;
}

VOID
ReadBytes(HANDLE hFile,
          LPVOID buffer,
          DWORD size)
{
    DWORD bytes;

    if (!ReadFile(hFile,
                  buffer,
                  size,
                  &bytes,
                  NULL))
    {
        printf("ReadFile failed, error %lu.\n", GetLastError());
        exit(1);
    }
    else if (size != bytes)
    {
        printf("Read the wrong number of bytes, expected %lu, got %lu.\n",
              size, bytes);
        exit(1);
    }
}

```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMisc

Exporting Data from a DLL or an Application

Article ID: Q90530

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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It is possible for a Win32-based application to be able to address DLL global variables directly by name from within the executable. This is done by exporting global data names in a way that is similar to the way you export a DLL function name. Use the following steps to declare and utilize exported global data.

1. Define the global variables in the DLL code. For example:

```
int i = 1;
int *j = 2;
char *sz = "WBGLMCMP";
```

2. Export the variables in the module-definition (DEF) file. With the 3.1 SDK linker, use of the CONSTANT keyword is required, as shown below:

```
EXPORTS
i CONSTANT
j CONSTANT
sz CONSTANT
```

With the 3.5 SDK linker or the Visual C++ linker, use of the DATA keyword is required, as shown below

```
EXPORTS
i DATA
j DATA
sz DATA
```

Otherwise, you will receive the warning

```
warning LNK4087: CONSTANT keyword is obsolete; use DATA
```

Alternately, with Visual C++, you can export the variables with:

```
_declspec( dllexport ) int i;
_declspec( dllexport ) int *j;
_declspec( dllexport ) char *sz;
```

3. If you are using the 3.1 SDK, declare the variables in the modules that will use them (note that they must be declared as pointers because a pointer to the variable is exported, not the variable itself):

```
extern int *i;
extern int **j;
```

```
extern char **sz;
```

If you are using the 3.5 SDK or Visual C++ and are using DATA, declare the variables with `_declspec(dllimport)` to avoid having to manually perform the extra level of indirection:

```
_declspec( dllimport ) int i;  
_declspec( dllimport ) int *j;  
_declspec( dllimport ) char *sz;
```

4. If you did not use `_declspec(dllimport)` in step 3, use the values by dereferencing the pointers declared:

```
printf( "%d", *i );  
printf( "%d", **j );  
printf( "%s", *sz );
```

It may simplify things to use `#defines` instead; then the variables can be used exactly as defined in the DLL:

```
#define i *i  
#define j *j  
#define sz *sz  
  
extern int i;  
extern int *j;  
extern char *sz;  
  
printf( "%d", i );  
printf( "%d", *j );  
printf( "%s", sz );
```

MORE INFORMATION

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NOTE: This technique can also be used to export a global variable from an application so that it can be used in a DLL.

REFERENCE

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For more information on the use of EXPORTS and CONSTANT in the Module Definition File (DEF) file for the 3.1 SDK, see Chapter 4 of the Win32 SDK "Tools" manual.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseDll

Dynamic Loading of Win32 DLLs

Article ID: Q90745

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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When using LoadLibrary() under Win16 or OS/2, the Dynamic Link Library (DLL) is loaded only once. Therefore, the DLL has the same address in all processes. Dynamic loading of DLLs is different under Windows NT.

A DLL is loaded separately for each process because each application has its own address space, unlike Win16 and OS/2. Pages must be mapped into the address space of a process. Therefore, it is possible that the DLL is loaded at different addresses in different processes. The memory manager optimizes the loading of DLLs so that if two processes share the same pages from the same image, they will share the same physical memory.

Each DLL has a preferred base address, specified at link time. If the address space from the base address to the base address plus image size is unavailable, then the DLL is loaded elsewhere and fixups will be applied. There is no way to specify a load address at load time.

To summarize, at load time the system:

1. Examines the image and determines its preferred base address and required size.
2. Finds the address space required and maps the image, copy-on-write, from the file.
3. Applies internal fixups if the image isn't at its preferred base.
4. Fixes up all dynamic link imports by placing the correct address for each imported function in the appropriate entry of the Import Address Table. This table is contiguous with 32-bit addresses, so 1024 imports require dirtying only one page.

MORE INFORMATION

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The pages containing code are shared, using a copy-on-write scheme. The term copy-on-write means that the pages are read-only; however, when a process writes the page, instead of an access violation, the memory manager makes a private copy of the page and allows the write to proceed. For example, if two processes start from the same .EXE, both initially have all pages mapped from the .EXE copy-on-write. As the two processes proceed to modify pages, they get their own copies of the modified pages. The memory manager is free to optimize unmodified pages and actually map the same physical memory into the address space of both processes. Modified pages are swapped to/from the page file instead of the .EXE file.

There are two kinds of fixups. One is the address of an imported function. All these fixups are localized in what the Portable Executable (PE) specification calls the Import Address Table (IAT). This is an array of 32-bit function pointers, one for each imported API. The IAT is located on its own page(s), because it is always modified. Calling an imported function is actually an indirect call through the appropriate entry in this array. In case that the image is loaded at the preferred address, the only fixups needed are for imports.

Note that there is an optimization whereby each import library exports a 32-bit number for each API along with any name and ordinal. This serves as a "hint" to speed the fixups performed at load time. If the hints in the program and the DLL do not match, the loader uses a binary search by name.

The other kind of fixup is needed for references to the image's own code or data when the image can't be loaded at its preferred address. When a page must be taken out of memory, the system checks to see whether the page has been modified. If it has not, then the page is still mapped copy-on-write against the EXE and can be discarded from memory. Otherwise, it must be written to the page file before it can be removed from memory, so that the page file is used as the backing store (where the page is recovered from) rather than the executable image file.

NOTES

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The DLL's entry point does not get called for a second LoadLibrary() call in a process (that is, no second DLL_PROCESS_ATTACH entry). There is one call to DllEntry/DLL_THREAD_ATTACH per thread no matter the number of times a thread calls LoadLibrary(). The same goes for FreeLibrary(), but the DLL_PROCESS_DETACH happens only on the last call (that is, reference count back to zero for the process).

Global instance data for the DLL is on a per process basis (only one set per unique process). If it is necessary to ensure that global instance data is unique for each LoadLibrary() performed in a single process, consider thread local storage (TLS) as an alternative. This requires multiple threads of execution, but TLS allows unique data for each ThreadID. There is very little overhead on the DLL's part; just create a global TLS index during process initialization. During thread initialization, allocate memory (via HeapAlloc(), GlobalAlloc(), LocalAlloc(), malloc(), and so on) and store a pointer to the memory using the global TLS index value in the function TlsSetValue. Win32 internally stores each thread's pointer by TLS index and ThreadID to achieve the thread specific storage.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseDll

Implementing a "Kill" Operation in Windows NT

Article ID: Q90749

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT version 3.1
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SUMMARY

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The following sample demonstrates how to implement a "kill" operation, such as a UNIX ps/kill, under Windows NT. Note that PView will give you the PID you need.

The code sample makes use of the Win32 API TerminateProcess(). While TerminateProcess() does clean up the objects owned by the process, it does not notify any DLLs hooked to the process. Therefore, one can easily leave the DLL in an unstable state.

In general, the Task List is a much cleaner method of killing processes.

MORE INFORMATION

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The following sample shows how to "kill" a process, given its process ID (PID).

Sample Code

```
#include <windows.h>
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
void ErrorOut(char errstring[30])
/*
```

```
Purpose: Print out an meaningful error code by means of
        GetLastError and printf.
```

```
Inputs:  errstring - the action that failed, passed by the
        calling proc.
```

```
Returns: none
```

```
Calls:   GetLastError
```

```
*/
```

```
{
    DWORD Error;

    Error= GetLastError();
    printf("Error on %s = %d\n", errstring, Error);
}
```

```

void main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    HANDLE hProcess;
    DWORD ProcId;
    BOOL TermSucc;

    if (argc == 2)
    {
        sscanf(argv[1], "%x", &ProcId);
        hProcess= OpenProcess(PROCESS_ALL_ACCESS, TRUE, ProcId);
        if (hProcess == NULL)
            ErrorOut("OpenProcess");
        TermSucc= TerminateProcess(hProcess, 0);
        if (TermSucc == FALSE)
            ErrorOut("TerminateProcess");
        else
            printf("Process# %.0lx terminated successfully!\n", ProcId);
    }
    else
    {
        printf("\nKills an active Process\n");
        printf("Usage: killproc ProcessID\n");
    }
}

```

Additional reference words: 3.10

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseProcThrd

Default Attributes for Console Windows

Article ID: Q90837

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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Console attributes (screen fonts, screen colors, insert/overstrike, etc.) are stored by console title within each user's profile. When a profile for a new window is not found, the .DEFAULT configuration is used.

MORE INFORMATION

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You can change the start font, screen colors, pop up colors, and insert/overstrike defaults using REGEDT32. Under the key HKEY_USERS, there is a .DEFAULT along with an entry for each user who has an account on that machine. Select DEFAULT\Console\Configuration. Use Edit.AddValue to add FontSize as a REG_DWORD to change the default font, Add ScreenColors and PopupColors as REG_DWORDS to change those defaults. To reset the console to be in insert mode rather than overstrike mode, add InsertMode as REG_SZ and set it to ON.

To get the right settings for the font size and colors you should first set your MS-DOS Prompt window font size and colors. Look up Console\MS-DOS Prompt\Configuration under your account and write down the values for the keys you need to add. Then go back to DEFAULT\Console\Configuration and add those values.

The DEFAULT configuration is read when the user chooses the Command prompt. However, if the user chooses to run a command shell via the File Manager (selecting CMD.EXE and choosing Run from the File menu), the DEFAULT configuration will not be read out of the registry.

WARNING:

RegEdit is a very powerful utility that facilitates directly changing the Registry Database. Using RegEdit incorrectly can cause serious problems, including hard disk corruption. It may be necessary to reinstall the software to correct some problems. Microsoft does not support changes made with RegEdit. Use this tool at your own risk.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseCon

Win32 Priority Class Mechanism and the START Command

Article ID: Q90910

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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The Win32 priority class mechanism is exposed through CMD.EXE's START command.

START accepts the following switches:

- /LOW - Start the command in the idle priority class.
- /NORMAL - Start the command in the normal priority class (this is the default).
- /HIGH - Start the command in the high priority class.
- /REALTIME - Start the command in the real-time priority class.

For a complete list of START switches, type the following command at the Windows NT command prompt:

```
start /?
```

Win32 has also been modified to inherit priority class if the parent's priority class is idle; thus, a command such as

```
start /LOW nmake
```

causes build and all descendants (compiles, links, and so on) to run in the idle priority class. Use this method to do a real background build that will not interfere with anything else on your system.

A command such as

```
start /HIGH nmake
```

runs BUILD.EXE in the high priority class, but all descendants run in the normal priority class.

MORE INFORMATION

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Be very careful with START /HIGH and START /REALTIME. If you use either of these switches to start applications that require a lot of cycles, the applications will get all the cycles they ask for, which may cause the system to appear hung.

Additional reference words: 3.10

KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: BseProcThrd

PRB: SEH with Abort() in the try Body

Article ID: Q91146

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0

SYMPTOMS

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When using Structured Exception Handling, if the try body calls abort(), the finally body is not executed.

CAUSE

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The finally body is not executed because the abort() never returns. It calls ExitProcess(), which terminates the process.

RESOLUTION

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This behavior is by design.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: BseExcept

PRB: SEH with return in the finally Body Preempts Unwind
Article ID: Q91147

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51 and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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When using Structured Exception Handling (SEH), returning out of a finally body results in a return from the containing procedure scope. For example, in the following code fragment, the return in the finally block results in a return from func():

```
int func()
{
    int status = 0;
    __try {
        ...
        status = test();
        ...
    }
    __finally {
        if (status != 0) {
            status = FAILURE;
            return status;
        }
    }
    return status;
}
```

CAUSE

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A return from within a __finally is equivalent to a goto to the closing brace in the enclosing function [for example, func()]. This is allowed, but has consequences that should normally be avoided.

Exception handling has two stages. First, the exception stack is walked, looking for an accepting __except. When an accepting handler has been found, all __finallys between the top-of-exception-stack and the target __except will be called. During this "unwind", the __finallys are assumed to each execute and then return to their caller (the system unwind code).

A return in a finally abnormally aborts this unwinding. Instead of returning to the system unwinder, the __finally returns to the enclosing function's caller [for example, func()'s parent]. The accepting __except filter may set some status or perform an allocation in anticipation of the __except handler being entered. In this case, the intervening __finally with the return will stop the unwind, and the __except handler is never entered.

RESOLUTION

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This is by design. It makes it possible for a finally handler to stop an unwind and return a status. This is what is referred to as a collided unwind.

Abnormal termination from try/except or try/finally blocks is not generally recommended because it is a performance hit.

The example can be rewritten so that the unwind chain is not aborted:

```
int func()
{
    int status = 0;
    __try {
        ...
        status = test();
        ...
    }
    __except(status != 0) {

        /* null */
    }
    if (status != 0)
        status = FAILURE;
    return status;
}
```

This does not have identical semantics because the exception filters higher up the exception stack will not be executed. However, ensuring that both phases of exception handling progress to the same depth is a more robust solution.

MORE INFORMATION

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Normally this behavior is transparent to any higher-level exception handling code. If, however, a filter function, as a side effect, stores information that it expects to process in an exception handler, then it may or may not be transparent. Storing such information in a filter function should be avoided because it is always possible that the exception handler will not be executed because the unwind is preempted. In the absence of storing such side effects, it will be transparent that an exception occurred and an attempted unwind occurred if one of the descendent functions has a try/finally block with a finally clause that preempts the unwind.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: BseExcept

Using volatile to Prevent Optimization of try/except

Article ID: Q91149

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The following is an example of a valid optimization that may take programmers by surprise.

1. A variable (temp) used only within the try-except body is declared outside it, and therefore is global with respect to the try.
2. Assignment to the variable (temp) is in the program only for a possible side effect of doing a read memory access through the pointer.

MORE INFORMATION

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For example:

```
VOID
puRoutine( PULONG pu )
{
    ...
    ULONG temp;        // Just for probing
    ...
    try {
        temp = *pu;    // See if pu is a valid argument
    }

    except {
        // Handle exception
    }
}
```

The compiler optimizes and eliminates the entire try-except statement because temp is not used later.

If the value of temp were used globally, the compiler should treat the assignment to temp as volatile and do the assignment immediately even if it is overwritten later in the body of the try. The reasoning is that, at almost any point in the try body, control may jump to the except (or an exception filter). Presumably the programmer accessing the variable outside the try wants to get the current (most recently assigned) value.

The way to prevent the compiler from performing the optimization is:

```
temp = (volatile ULONG) *pu;
```

If a temporary variable is not needed, given the example, the read access

should still be specified as volatile, for example:

```
*(volatile PULONG) pu;
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseExcept

Icons for Console Applications

Article ID: Q91150

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Under OS/2, when adding an application named CONAPP.EXE to a program group, the system uses the file CONAPP.ICO (if it exists) as the icon. This does not happen automatically under Windows NT and Windows 95; the item will have a generic icon.

To specify the icon that appears in the program group, use the following steps:

1. Create a resource file containing an ICON statement:

```
ConApp ICON ConApp.ICO
```

2. Compile the resource using RC:

```
rc -r $(rcvars) -fo conapp.res conapp.rc
```

3. Add the .rc file to the link command line

MORE INFORMATION

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If the application is started by clicking its icon in Program Manager, the icon that appears when the application is minimized will be that icon, whether it is a generic icon or an icon imbedded in the executable file.

If the application is started from the MS-DOS prompt or the File menu, then the icon that appears when the application is minimized will be the icon that is used for the MS-DOS prompt.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseCon

Memory Handle Allocation

Article ID: Q91194

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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This article discusses the limitations that exist when allocating memory handles.

The minimum block you can reserve with each call to `VirtualAlloc()` is 64K. It is a good idea to confirm this number by checking the allocation granularity returned by `GetSystemInfo()`.

With `HeapAlloc()`, there is no limit to the number of handles that can be allocated. `GlobalAlloc()` and `LocalAlloc()` (combined) are limited to 65536 total handles for `GMEM_MOVEABLE` and `LMEM_MOVEABLE` memory per process. Note that this limitation does not apply to `GMEM_FIXED` or `LMEM_FIXED` memory.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMm

Sharing Win32 Services

Article ID: Q91698

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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Win32 services are discussed in the overview for the Service Control Manager. The documentation says that:

A Win32 service runs in a Win32 process which it may or may not share with other Win32 services.

Whether or not a service has its own process is determined by which of these service types is specified in the call to CreateService() to add the service to the Service Control Manager Database.

SERVICE_WIN32_OWN_PROCESS

This service type indicates that only one service can run in the process. This allows an application to spawn multiple copies of a service under different names, each of which gets its own process. This is the most common type of service.

SERVICE_WIN32_SHARE_PROCESS

This service type indicates that more than one service can be run in a single process. When the second service is started, it is started as a thread in the existing process. A new process is not created. An example of this is the LAN Manage Workstation and the LAN Manager Server. Note that the service must be started in the system account, which is .\System. The name must be NULL.

The service type for each service is stored in the registry. The values are as follows:

```
SERVICE_WIN32_OWN_PROCESS    0x10
SERVICE_WIN32_SHARE_PROCESS 0x20.
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseService

Determining System Version from a Win32-based Application
Article ID: Q92395

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
 - Microsoft Win32s, versions 1.2, 1.25a, and 1.3
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SUMMARY
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In order to create a Win32-based application that takes advantage of the features of each platform, it is necessary to determine the operating system on which the application is currently running.

You can use `GetVersion()` or `GetVersionEx()` to determine what operating system and version your application is running under. NOTE: `GetVersion()` is supported on Windows 3.1, but `GetVersionEx()` is new to the Win32 API. A Win32-based application might be running under MS-DOS/Windows using the Win32s extension, Windows NT Workstation, Windows NT Server, or Windows 95.

MORE INFORMATION
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According to the documentation, the return value of `GetVersion()` is a DWORD that specifies the major and minor version numbers. `GetVersionEx()` uses members of the `OSVERSIONINFO` structure (`dwMajorVersion` and `dwMinorVersion`).

The following table shows the return values from `GetVersion()` under various environments:

Environment	LOWORD	HIWORD
Win32s on Windows 3.1	Windows version 3.1	RESERVED *
Windows NT 3.x	Windows version	RESERVED **
Windows 95	Windows version 4.0	RESERVED ***

- * The highest bit is 1. The remaining bits specify build number. Note that the version of MS-DOS cannot be determined as it can under Windows 3.x.
- ** The highest bit is 0. The remaining bits specify build number.
- *** The highest bit is 1. The remaining bits are reserved.

The following sample code can be used to test the values returned by `GetVersion()`.

Sample Code 1

```

-----

#include <windows.h>

void main()
{

    DWORD dwVersion;
    char szVersion[80];

    dwVersion = GetVersion();

    if (dwVersion < 0x80000000) {
        // Windows NT
        wsprintf (szVersion, "Microsoft Windows NT %u.%u (Build: %u)",
            (DWORD) (LOBYTE (LOWORD(dwVersion))),
            (DWORD) (HIBYTE (LOWORD(dwVersion))),
            (DWORD) (HIWORD(dwVersion)));
    }
    else if (LOBYTE (LOWORD(dwVersion))<4) {
        // Win32s
        wsprintf (szVersion, "Microsoft Win32s %u.%u (Build: %u)",
            (DWORD) (LOBYTE (LOWORD(dwVersion))),
            (DWORD) (HIBYTE (LOWORD(dwVersion))),
            (DWORD) (HIWORD(dwVersion) & ~0x8000));
    }
    else {
        // Windows 95
        wsprintf (szVersion, "Microsoft Windows 95 %u.%u (Build: %u)",
            (DWORD) (LOBYTE (LOWORD(dwVersion))),
            (DWORD) (HIBYTE (LOWORD(dwVersion))),
            (DWORD) (HIWORD(dwVersion) & ~0x8000));
    }

    MessageBox( NULL, szVersion, "Version Check", MB_OK );
}

```

The following sample code can be used to test the values returned by GetVersionEx(). NOTE: The actual build number is derived by masking dwBuildNumber with 0xFFFF.

Sample Code 2

```

-----

{
    OSVERSIONINFO osvi;
    char szVersion [80];

    memset(&osvi, 0, sizeof(OSVERSIONINFO));
    osvi.dwOSVersionInfoSize = sizeof (OSVERSIONINFO);
    GetVersionEx (&osvi);

    if (osvi.dwPlatformId == VER_PLATFORM_WIN32S)
        wsprintf (szVersion, "Microsoft Win32s %d.%d (Build %d)",
            osvi.dwMajorVersion,
            osvi.dwMinorVersion,
            osvi.dwBuildNumber & 0xFFFF);
}

```

```

else if (osvi.dwPlatformId == VER_PLATFORM_WIN32_WINDOWS)
    wsprintf (szVersion, "Microsoft Windows 95 %d.%d (Build %d)",
        osvi.dwMajorVersion,
        osvi.dwMinorVersion,
        osvi.dwBuildNumber & 0xFFFF);

else if (osvi.dwPlatformId == VER_PLATFORM_WIN32_NT)
    wsprintf (szVersion, "Microsoft Windows NT %d.%d (Build %d)",
        osvi.dwMajorVersion,
        osvi.dwMinorVersion,
        osvi.dwBuildNumber & 0xFFFF);

MessageBox( NULL, szVersion, "Version Check", MB_OK );
}

```

In order to distinguish between Windows NT Workstation and Windows NT Server, use the registry API to query the following:

```

\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM
\CurrentControlSet
\Control
\ProductOptions

```

The result will be one of the following:

```

WINNT      Windows NT Workstation is running.
SERVERNT   Windows NT Server (3.5 or later) is running.
LANMANNT   Windows NT Advanced Server (3.1) is running.

```

Additional reference words: 1.20 1.30 3.10 3.50 4.00 detect
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: BseMisc

Process Will Not Terminate Unless System Is In User-mode
Article ID: Q92761

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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Under Windows NT, a process will not be terminated unless the system is in user-mode. Suppose that TerminateProcess() is called while a device driver or filesystem code is being executed. The system will wait until the threads are running user code before marking the process for termination. On system exit, processes that were the target of a TerminateProcess() will be killed.

This may affect drivers. If a driver is waiting for an object or multiple objects in WaitMode or UserMode, its wait may complete unsuccessfully due to a termination request. Any code that does a UserMode wait or an Alertable wait must check the return status of the wait call. If the wait fails with STATUS_USER_APC or STATUS_ALERTED, this is not an error. The driver should cleanup and return to user-mode.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseProcThrd

Non-Addressable Range in Address Space

Article ID: Q92764

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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In Windows NT, each process has its own private address space. The process can use up to 2 gigabytes of virtual memory. This 2Gb is not necessarily contiguous. The system uses the other 2Gb.

The user-mode addresses extend from 0x00010000 to 0x7FFF0000. The following ranges are reserved as non-address space to ensure that the process does not walk on system-owned memory

0x00000000 to 0x0000FFFF (first 64K of virtual space)

0x7FFF0000 to 0x7FFFFFFF (last 64K of user virtual space)

These are effectively PAGE_NOACCESS ranges.

Additionally, Win32 DLLs will reserve other specific address ranges. For more information, see the file COFFBASE.TXT that comes with the DDK.

MORE INFORMATION

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This range is not guaranteed to serve this purpose in the future. There could be good reasons in a future implementation to use these addresses. Code that is going to depend on this non-address range should verify its validity at run time with something like

```
BOOL IsFirst64kInvalid(void)
{
    BOOL bFirst64kInvalid = FALSE;

    try {
        *(char *)0x0000FFFF;
    }
    except (EXCEPTION_EXECUTE_HANDLER) {
        if (EXCEPTION_ACCESS_VIOLATION == GetExceptionCode())
            bFirst64kInvalid = TRUE;
    }

    return bFirst64kInvalid;
}
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMm

Alternatives to Using GetProcAddress() With LoadLibrary()

Article ID: Q92862

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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When loading a DLL with LoadLibrary(), an alternative to calling GetProcAddress() for each of your DLL entry points is to have the DLL initialization function initialize a global structure or array containing the addresses of these DLL entry points, then call a DLL function from your executable which will return the address of this structure or array to your executable. You can then call your DLL functions via the function pointers in this structure or array.

MORE INFORMATION

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The best place to initialize this structure or array of function pointers would be in the DLL_PROCESS_ATTACH code of your DLL's main entry point. The structure or array containing these function pointers must be declared as either a global variable or as dynamically allocated memory (malloc(), GlobalAlloc(), etc.) in your DLL in order for the executable to be able to address this memory properly.

It is also possible, though not as clean, to export the global structure or array of function pointers so that your executable can use the structure or array by name directly in your executable. For more information on how to declare and export global data in a Win32 DLL, please see the following article(s) in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

ARTICLE-ID: Q90530
TITLE : Exporting Data From a DLL

Be careful not to call these DLL functions via the function pointers after the DLL is unloaded via FreeLibrary(). After FreeLibrary() is called, these function pointer addresses are invalid and calling them will result in an access violation.

This technique of returning pointers to DLL entry points is a supported technique and will work on all hardware platforms that Windows NT supports.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseDll

Secure Erasure Under Windows NT

Article ID: Q94239

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1, 3.5, and 3.51
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SUMMARY

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File systems under Windows NT currently have virtual secure erasure (when a file is deleted, the data is no longer accessible through the operating system). Although the bits could still be on disk, Windows NT will not allow access to them.

MORE INFORMATION

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The NTFS file system does this by keeping a high-water mark, for each file, of bytes written to the file. Everything below the line is real data, anything above the line is (on disk) random garbage that used to be free space, but any attempt to read past this high-water mark returns all zeros.

Other reusable objects are also protected. For example, all the memory pages in a process's address space are zeroed when they are touched (unlike the file system, a process may directly access its pages, and thus the pages must be actually zeroed rather than virtually zeroed).

Note that file system security assumes physical security; in other words, if a person has physical access to a machine and can boot an alternative operating system and/or add custom device drivers and programs, he/she can always get direct access to the bits on disk.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseSecurity

WM_COMMNOTIFY is Obsolete for Win32-Based Applications

Article ID: Q94561

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Under Windows version 3.1, the WM_COMMNOTIFY message is posted by a communication device driver whenever a COM port event occurs. The message indicates the status of a window's input or output queue.

This message is not supported for Win32-based applications. However, WOW supports the EnableCommNotification() API for 16-bit Windows-based applications running on Windows NT.

MORE INFORMATION

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To duplicate the Windows 3.1 functionality for a Win32-based application, refer to the TTY sample, included with the SDK. The TTY sample is a common code base sample, which uses EnableCommNotification() under Windows 3.1 to tell COMM.DRV to post messages to the TTY window.

In Win32, this behavior is simulated with a secondary thread which uses WaitCommEvent() to block on the port and PostMessage() to indicate when the desired event has occurred.

TTY.C defines WM_COMMNOTIFY if WIN32 is defined. Using this method, WM_COMMNOTIFY notifications are simulated but use the same message definition as Windows 3.1.

The TTY sample is located on the Win32 SDK CD in \MSTOOLS\SAMPLES\COMM.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseCommapi

Thread Local Storage Overview

Article ID: Q94804

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Thread local storage (TLS) is a method by which each thread in a given process is given a location(s) in which to store thread-specific data.

Four functions exist for TLS: `TlsAlloc()`, `TlsGetValue()`, `TlsSetValue()`, and `TlsFree()`. These functions manipulate TLS indexes, which refer to storage areas for each thread in a process. A given index is valid only within the process that allocated it.

Note that the Visual C++ compiler supports an alternate syntax:

```
_declspec( thread )
```

which can be used in place of directly calling these APIs. Please see the description of `_declspec` in the VC++ "Language and Run-time Help" helpfile for more information.

MORE INFORMATION

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A call to `TlsAlloc()` returns a global TLS index. This one TLS index is valid for every thread within the process that allocated it, and should therefore be saved in a global or static variable.

Thread local storage works as follows: when `TlsAlloc()` is called, every thread within the process has its own private `DWORD`-sized space reserved for it (in its stack space, but this is implementation-specific). However, only one TLS index is returned. This single TLS index may be used by each and every thread in the process to refer to the unique space that `TlsAlloc()` reserved for it.

For this reason, `TlsAlloc()` is often called only once. This is convenient for DLLs, which can distinguish between `DLL_PROCESS_ATTACH` (where the first process's thread is connecting to the DLL) and `DLL_THREAD_ATTACH` (subsequent threads of that process are attaching). For example, the first thread calls `TlsAlloc()` and stores the TLS index in a global or static variable, and every other thread that attaches to the DLL refers to the global variable to access their local storage space.

Although one TLS index is usually sufficient, a process may have up to `TLS_MINIMUM_AVAILABLE` indexes (guaranteed to be greater than or equal to 64).

Once a TLS index has been allocated (and stored), the threads within the process may use it to set and retrieve values in their storage spaces. A

thread may store any DWORD-sized value in its local storage (for example, a DWORD value, a pointer to some dynamically allocated memory, and so forth). The TlsSetValue() and TlsGetValue() APIs are used for this purpose.

A process should free TLS indexes with TlsFree() when it has finished using them. However, if any threads in the process have stored a pointer to dynamically allocated memory within their local storage spaces, it is important to free the memory or retrieve the pointer to it before freeing the TLS index, or it will be lost.

For more information, please see "Using Thread Local Storage" in the "Processes and Threads" overview in the "Win32 Programmer's Reference".

Example

Thread A within a process calls TlsAlloc(), and stores the index returned in the global variable TlsIndex:

```
TlsIndex = TlsAlloc();
```

Thread A then allocates 100 bytes of dynamic memory, and stores it in its local storage:

```
TlsSetValue( TlsIndex, malloc(100) );
```

Thread A creates thread B, which stores a handle to a window in its local storage space referred to by TlsIndex.

```
TlsSetValue( TlsIndex, (LPVOID)hSomeWindow );
```

Note that TlsIndex refers to a different location when thread B uses it, than when thread A uses it. Each thread has its own location referred to by the same value in TlsIndex.

Thread B may terminate safely because it does not need to specifically free the value in its local storage.

Before thread A terminates, however, it must first free the dynamically allocated memory in its local storage

```
free( TlsGetValue( TlsIndex ) );
```

and then free the TLS index:

```
if ( !TlsFree( TlsIndex ) )  
    // TlsFree() failed. Handle error.
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseProcThrd

Precautions When Passing Security Attributes

Article ID: Q94839

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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All Win32 APIs that allow security to be specified take a parameter of type LPSECURITY_ATTRIBUTES as the means to attach the security descriptor. However, it is a common error to pass a PSECURITY_DESCRIPTOR type to such functions instead. Because PSECURITY_DESCRIPTOR is of type LPVOID (for opaque data-type reasons), by C Language definition, it is implicitly converted to the correct type. Therefore, the compiler does not generate any warnings; however, unexpected run-time errors will result.

MORE INFORMATION

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Below is a correct example of creating a named pipe with a security descriptor attached.

Sample Code

```
saSecurityAttributes.nLength = sizeof(SEcurity_ATTRIBUTES);
saSecurityAttributes.lpSecurityDescriptor = psdAbsoluteSD;
saSecurityAttributes.bInheritHandle = FALSE;

hPipe = CreateNamedPipe(TEST_PIPE_NAME,
                        PIPE_ACCESS_DUPLEX,
                        (PIPE_TYPE_BYTE|PIPE_READMODE_BYTE|PIPE_WAIT),
                        100, // maximum instances
                        0, // output buffer, sized as needed
                        0, // input buffer, sized as needed
                        100, // timeout in milliseconds
                        (LPSECURITY_ATTRIBUTES)&saSecurityAttributes);
if( INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE == hPipe )
{ // handle error
}
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseSecurity

Physical Memory Limits Number of Processes/Threads

Article ID: Q94840

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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Each time Windows NT creates an object, such as a process or a thread, it must allocate a certain amount of physical memory (nonpaged pool) for its support. The amount of memory that is needed for support of a process object is significantly higher than the memory requirement for support of a thread object. The amount of memory that is required for a thread object on a RISC machine is higher than the memory requirement for a thread on an x86 machine, due to the greater number and size of registers on the RISC machines.

Due to the physical memory requirement of processes and threads, programs that use the `CreateProcess()` and `CreateThread()` APIs should be careful to check their return codes to detect out-of-memory conditions.

On Windows NT 3.5, each time a process is created it reserves the minimum working set of memory. On a 32 MB system, the default minimum working set is 200 KB. Therefore, on a 32 MB system, you can create ~100 processes. You can lower your minimum working set to 80 KB (the lowest allowed) with the following call:

```
SetProcessWorkingSetSize( (HANDLE)(-1), 20*4096, 100*4096 );
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseProcThrd

Calculating String Length in Registry

Article ID: Q94920

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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When writing a string to the registry, you must specify the length of the string, including the terminating null character (`\0`). A common error is to use `strlen()` to determine the length of the string, but to forget that `strlen()` returns only the number of characters in the string, not including the null terminator.

Therefore, the length of the string should be calculated as:

```
strlen( string ) + 1
```

Note that a `REG_MULTI_SZ` string, which contains multiple null-terminated strings, ends with two (2) null characters, which must be factored into the length of the string. For example, a `REG_MULTI_SZ` string might resemble the following in memory:

```
string1\0string2\0string3\0laststring\0\0
```

When calculating the length of a `REG_MULTI_SZ` string, add the length of each of the component strings, as above, and add one for the final terminating null.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMisc

PAGE_READONLY May Be Used as Discardable Memory

Article ID: Q94947

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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Virtual memory pages marked as PAGE_READONLY under Win32 may be used the way discardable segments of memory are used in Windows 3.1. These virtual memory pages are by default not "dirty," so the system may use them (zeroing them first if necessary) without having to first write their contents to disk.

From a system resource perspective, PAGE_READONLY is treated similar to discardable memory under Windows 3.1 when the system needs to free up resources. From a programming standpoint, the system automatically re-reads the memory when the data is next accessed (for example, we attempt to access our page when it has been "discarded," a page fault is generated, and the system reads it back in). Memory-mapped files are convenient for setting up this type of behavior.

If a PAGE_READONLY memory page becomes dirty [by changing the protection via VirtualProtect() to PAGE_READWRITE, changing the data, and restoring PAGE_READONLY], the page will be written to disk before the system uses it.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMm

Clarification of COMMPROP dwMaxTxQueue Members

Article ID: Q94950

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0

SUMMARY

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The entry for the COMMPROP structure in the Win32 Programmer's Reference states that for the dwMaxTxQueue and dwMaxRxQueue members, "a value of 0 means that this field is not used".

MORE INFORMATION

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This statement means that the provider does not restrict you to maximum Rx and Tx queue values, and these members [returned by GetCommProperties()] should not be used to determine the size of your transmit and receive buffers when calling SetupComm().

Based on the memory present in the system, the Windows NT serial driver determines a default Rx queue size (currently 128 bytes on low memory systems and 4K on high memory systems). The current Rx and Tx queue sizes are located in the dwCurrentTxQueue and dwCurrentRxQueue members.

SetupComm() allows you to change these default queue sizes. However, you should not assume that the given serial driver will allocate any memory. The queue size allocated is stored in the dwCurrentRxQueue member of the COMMPROP structure. You may use this information to set the XonLim and XoffLim members of the device control block (DCB) structure.

The Microsoft-supplied serial driver attempts to allocate at least the amount requested for the RXQUEUE and, failing this, the request will also fail. The driver never attempts to allocate memory for the TXQUEUE.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseCommapi

OpenComm() and Related Flags Obsolete Under Win32

Article ID: Q94990

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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OpenComm(), a Windows 3.1 application programming interface (API), is obsolete under Windows NT and is not in the Win32 API. Note that the flags, IE_BADID, IE_BAUDRATE, IE_BYTESIZE, IE_DEFAULT, IE_HARDWARE, IE_MEMORY, IE_NOPEN, and IE_OPEN are obsolete, but are still in the header files.

OpenComm() is provided for 16-bit Windows-based applications running under Windows on Win32 (WOW).

MORE INFORMATION

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Under Win32, CreateFile() is used to create a handle to a communications resource (for example, COM1). The fdwShareMode parameter must be 0 (exclusive access), the fdwCreate parameter must be OPEN_EXISTING, and the hTemplate parameter must be NULL. Read, write, or read/write access can be specified and the handle can be opened for overlapped I/O.

ReadFile() and WriteFile() are used for communications I/O. The TTY sample program shipped with the Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) demonstrates how to do serial I/O in a Win32-based application.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseCommapi

Global Quota for Registry Data

Article ID: Q94993

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT version 3.1
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SUMMARY

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Window NT includes a "global quota" on the amount of memory that may be allocated in the registry. This prevents a broken or malicious application from effectively crashing the system by filling paged pool with registry data; however, it does NOT prevent such an application from using up all available registry space. Similar to the file systems, the registry does not support per process/user quotas.

MORE INFORMATION

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The total amount of memory that may be consumed by registry data (the hives) is limited by the registry size limit (RSL). The RSL works as a "global quota" for registry space, both in the paged pool and on disk.

By default, the RSL is 25 percent of the size of the paged pool (the paged pool is the memory that may be swapped to disk; all user memory is part of the paged pool). Changing the size of the paged pool also affects the size of the RSL. See

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\System\  
  CurrentControlSet\  
    Control\  
      SessionManager\  
        MemoryManagement\  
          PagedPoolSize
```

in the registry.

The RSL may also be manually set. The value in bytes may be specified by setting the value entry for the key

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\System\  
  CurrentControlSet\  
    Control\  
      RegistrySizeLimit.
```

This key must have a type of REG_DWORD and a data length of 4 bytes, or it will be ignored.

If the value entry RegistrySizeLimit is less than 4 megabytes (MB), it will be forced up to 4 MB. If it is greater than about 80 percent of the size of the paged pool, it will be set down to 80 percent of the size of the paged pool. (It is assumed that paged pool is always larger than 5 MB.)

The system must be rebooted for changes in the RSL to take effect.

To ensure that the user can always at least boot and edit the registry if they somehow set the RSL wrong, the quota is not enforced until after the first successful loading of a hive (that is, loading of a user profile.)

Note that the RSL sets a maximum, not an allocation (unlike some other such limits in the system). Setting a large RSL does NOT cause the system to set aside that much space unless it is actually needed by the registry. It also does NOT guarantee that that much space will be available for use in the registry.

Setting the value entry RegistrySizeLimit to 0xffffffff effectively sets RSL to be as large as paged pool allows (80 percent of paged pool size).

In the initial release of Windows NT, the paged pool defaults to 32 MB, so the default RSL is 8 MB (enough to support approximately 5000 users). The paged pool can be set to a maximum of 128 MB, so the RSL can be no larger than about 102 MB, supporting about 80,000 users (surpassing the realistic limitations of other parts of the system).

Additional reference words: 3.10

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMisc

Determining Whether App Is Running as Service or .EXE

Article ID: Q94994

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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When debugging Windows NT services, it may be necessary for the service application to be run interactively.

In this case, the application may determine whether it is being run as a service or as an executable (interactively) by checking GetLastError() after the call to StartServiceCtrlDispatcher() in the application's startup code.

If the application is being run as an executable, the call to GetLastError() will return with the following:

```
ERROR_FAILED_SERVICE_CONTROLLER_CONNECT
```

An alternative method is to check the return value from GetConsoleMode(). For example:

```
ret = GetConsoleMode (GetStdHandle (STD_OUTPUT_HANDLE), &mode);
```

Although the std handles may exist, they almost certainly will not be console handles unless there is a console attached. GetConsoleMode() will fail (with ERROR_INVALID_HANDLE) for non-console handles.

Sample Code

```
// Call StartServiceCtrlDispatcher() to set up the control
// interface. The API won't return until all services have been
// terminated. At that point, we just exit. See the
// StartServiceCtrlDispatcher() entry in Windows Help.

if (!StartServiceCtrlDispatcherW(ElfSvcDispatchTable) &&
    GetLastError() == ERROR_FAILED_SERVICE_CONTROLLER_CONNECT) {

    // Set a flag indicating you're running as an .EXE, not a service.

}
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseService

VirtualLock() Only Locks Pages into Working Set

Article ID: Q94996

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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VirtualLock() causes pages to be locked into an application's working set (virtual memory); it does not lock them absolutely into physical memory. VirtualLock() essentially means "this page is always part of the process's working set."

The system is free to swap out any virtually locked pages if it swaps out the whole process. And when the system swaps the process back in, the virtually locked pages (similar to any virtual pages) may end up residing in different real pages.

It is wise to use VirtualLock() very sparingly because it reduces the flexibility of the system.

Depending upon memory demands on the system, the memory manager may vary the number of pages a process can lock. Under typical conditions you can expect to be able to VirtualLock() approximately 28 to 32 pages.

In Windows NT 3.5, you can use SetProcessWorkingSize() to increase the size of the working set, and therefore increase the number of pages that VirtualLock() can lock.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMm

Reducing the Count on a Semaphore Object

Article ID: Q94997

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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ReleaseSemaphore(), which increments the count of a given semaphore object by a specified amount, will not take a negative value.

If, for some reason, you want to reduce the number of available semaphore "slots" to temporarily restrict or reduce access, you may loop calling WaitForSingleObject() with a zero timeout, counting the number of times it succeeds. When you no longer need to hold the semaphore slots, call ReleaseSemaphore() with the number of slots counted.

Note that this method does not prevent other threads from taking a semaphore slot when your thread is looping.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMisc

Trapping Floating-Point Exceptions in a Win32-based App

Article ID: Q94998

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The `_controlfp()` function is the portable equivalent to the `_control87()` function.

To trap floating-point (FP) exceptions via try-except (such as `EXCEPTION_FLT_OVERFLOW`), insert the following before doing FP operations:

```
// Get the default control word.
int cw = _controlfp( 0,0 );

// Set the exception bits ON.
cw &=~(EM_OVERFLOW|EM_UNDERFLOW|EM_INEXACT|EM_ZERODIVIDE|EM_DENORMAL);

// Set the control word.
_controlfp( cw, MCW_EM );
```

This turns on all possible FP exceptions. To trap only particular exceptions, choose only the flags that pertain to the exceptions desired.

Note that any handler for FP errors should have `_clearfp()` as its first FP instruction.

MORE INFORMATION

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By default, Windows NT has all the FP exceptions turned off, and thus computations result in NAN or INFINITY rather than an exception. Note, however, that if an exception occurs and an explicit handler does not exist for it, the default exception handler will terminate the process.

If you want to determine which mask bits are set and which are not during exception handling, you need to use `_clearfp()` to clear the floating-point exception. This routine returns the existing FP status word, giving the necessary information about the exception. After this, it is safe to query the chip for the state of its control word with `_controlfp()`. However, as long as an unmasked FP exception is active, most FP instructions will fault, including the `fstcw` in `_controlfp()`.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseExcept

FormatMessage() Converts GetLastError() Codes

Article ID: Q94999

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The FormatMessage() application programming interface (API) allows you to convert error codes returned by GetLastError() into error strings, using FORMAT_MESSAGE_FROM_SYSTEM in the dwFlags parameter.

MORE INFORMATION

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The following code fragment demonstrates how to get the system message string:

```
LPVOID lpMessageBuffer;
```

```
FormatMessage(  
    FORMAT_MESSAGE_ALLOCATE_BUFFER |  
    FORMAT_MESSAGE_FROM_SYSTEM,  
    NULL,  
    GetLastError(),  
    MAKELANGID(LANG_NEUTRAL, SUBLANG_DEFAULT), //The user default language  
    (LPTSTR) &lpMessageBuffer,  
    0,  
    NULL );
```

```
//... now display this string
```

```
// Free the buffer allocated by the system
```

```
LocalFree( lpMessageBuffer );
```

REFERENCES

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For more information on language identifiers, please see the topic MAKELANGID in the Win32 Programmer's Reference.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMisc

FlushViewOfFile() on Remote Files

Article ID: Q95043

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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When flushing a memory-mapped file over a network, FlushViewOfFile() guarantees that the data has been written from the workstation, but not that the data resides on the remote disk.

This is because the server may be caching the data on the remote end. Therefore, FlushViewOfFile() may return before the data has been physically written to disk.

However, if the file was created via CreateFile() with the flag FILE_FLAG_WRITE_THROUGH, the remote file system will not perform lazy writes on the file, and FlushViewOfFile() will return when the actual physical write is complete.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseFileio

Interprocess Communication on Windows NT, Windows 95, & Win32s
Article ID: Q95900

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The following are some of the standard mechanisms available for interprocess communication (IPC): NetBIOS, mailslots, windows sockets (winsock), named pipes, anonymous pipes, semaphores, shared memory, and shared files. Other IPC mechanisms available on Microsoft systems include DDE, OLE, memory-mapped files, Windows messages, Windows atoms, the registration database, and the clipboard.

MORE INFORMATION

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The table below denotes what platforms and subsystems provide which IPC mechanisms (this does not imply that all the mechanisms will interoperate between different subsystems):

Interprocess Communication Mechanisms

IPC Mechanism	WinNT	Win95	Win32s(1)	Win16(2)	MS-DOS(2)	POSIX	OS/2
DDE	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
OLE	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
OLE 2.0	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
NetBIOS	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
Named pipes	YES	YES(3)	YES(3)	YES(3)	YES(3)	YES(4)	YES
Windows sockets	YES(5)	YES	YES	YES(5)	NO	NO(6)	NO
Mailslots	YES	YES	YES(3)	NO	NO	NO	YES
Semaphores	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
RPC	YES	YES(7)	YES(8)	YES	YES	NO	NO
Mem-Mapped File	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
WM_COPYDATA	YES	YES	YES(9)	YES	NO	NO	NO

(1) Win32s an extension to Windows 3.1, which allows Win32-based applications to run under Windows 3.1. Win32s supports all the Win32 APIs, but only a subset provides functionality under Windows 3.1. Those APIs that are not functional return `ERROR_CALL_NOT_IMPLEMENTED`.

(2) This is technically not a subsystem.

(3) Cannot be created on Win16, Windows 95 and MS-DOS workstations, but can be opened.

(4) The POSIX subsystem supports FIFO queues, which do not interoperate with Microsoft's implementation of named pipes.

- (5) Via the Windows sockets API.
- (6) Currently BSD-style sockets are under consideration for the POSIX subsystem.
- (7) Windows 95 supports the RPC 1 protocol only. The NetBios protocol is not supported. Namedpipe servers are not supported.
- (8) Win32s version 1.1 provides network support through Universal Thunks.
- (9) Under Win32s, WM_COPYDATA does not actually copy the data -- it only translates the pointers to the data. If the receiving application changes the buffer, then the data is changed for both applications.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseIpc

Validating User Accounts (Impersonation)

Article ID: Q96005

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1, 3.5, and 3.51
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SUMMARY

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Some applications need the ability to execute processes in the context of another user. This impersonation restricts (or expands) the permissions of the account in which the application was executed (file access, permission to change system time, permission to shut down the system, and so forth).

For example, an administrator executes a network server program that allows remote users to log on to the system and perform actions, as if they were logged on to the system locally. Because the administrator initiated the server program and is currently logged on, all actions the server program performs will be in the security context of the administrator. If a guest user logs on remotely, he/she will have all the permissions the administrator account has.

With the Win32 API under Windows NT 3.1 and 3.5, impersonating a remote client is possible only via the `ImpersonateDDEClientWindow()`, `ImpersonateNamedPipeClient()` and `RpcImpersonateClient()` APIs.

Windows NT 3.51 introduces new Win32 APIs (Logon Support APIs) to deal with this problem:

```
LogonUser
ImpersonateLoggedOnUser
CreateProcessAsUser
```

MORE INFORMATION

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For versions of Windows NT prior to 3.51

A common application of impersonation is network server programs (daemons). For example, a remote login daemon needs a user to be able to log in to a remote host and have the host impose all restrictions of the client login account.

If the daemon is using named pipes, dynamic data exchange (DDE), or a remote procedure call (RPC) (using the named pipes transport), the client account may be impersonated on the server daemon, which will impose all the restrictions of the client's user account.

Using other network interfaces (such as Windows sockets--network programming interfaces), security cannot be monitored by the system. A workaround would be to impose password-level security on "login" to the application. The passwords would be maintained by the application in a

private accounts database. However, none of the user actions are performed in the security context of the actual client user's account. Therefore, after the server/daemon has validated the client, the server must be careful to only perform actions on behalf of the client that the server knows the client should be allowed to do.

Another option is to create a network share with restricted access. The WNetAddConnection2() API can verify access to this system resources [disk or printer network resource (share)]. If the network share was set up to allow access by a restricted group of people, the WNetAddConnection2() could validate actual user accounts, maintained by Windows NT. As with the previous option, the daemon must be careful to perform only restricted actions on behalf of the client. This option could be used for file server daemons.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseSecurity

Chaining Parent PSP Environment Variables

Article ID: Q96209

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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Some MS-DOS-based applications change the environment variables of their parent application by chaining through the program segment prefix (PSP). With Windows NT, this functionality doesn't work if the parent is a Win32-based application.

MORE INFORMATION

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When an MS-DOS-based application is started from a single command shell (SCS), the application inherits a new copy of the environment variables. Any attempts by the MS-DOS-based application to modify its parent's environment variables will not work. When the MS-DOS-based application exits, the SCS will be "restored" to its original state. If another MS-DOS-based application is started, the second application will receive the same environment that the first MS-DOS-based application received.

If an MS-DOS-based application (B) is spawned by another MS-DOS-based application (A), any modifications to application A's environment variables will be reflected when application B exits.

For more information on how environment variables are set, please see the following article(s) in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

ARTICLE-ID: Q96268

TITLE : How Environment Variables Are Set in Windows NT

Additional reference words: 3.10

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMisc

Distinguishing Between Keyboard ENTER and Keypad ENTER

Article ID: Q96242

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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It is possible using `ReadConsoleInput()` or `PeekConsole()` to distinguish between the ENTER key on the main keyboard and the ENTER key on the numeric keypad. The `KEY_EVENT_RECORD` structure in the `INPUT_RECORD` structure must be used to distinguish between the two keys.

MORE INFORMATION

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The following illustrates what the `KEY_EVENT_RECORD` structure is filled with after a keyboard ENTER key versus a numeric keypad ENTER key is pressed.

Keyboard ENTER Key

```
KeyEvent.wRepeatCount      = 1
KeyEvent.wVirtualKeyCode    = 13
KeyEvent.wVirtualScanCode  = 28
KeyEvent.dwControlKeyState = 00000000
```

Numeric Keypad ENTER Key

```
KeyEvent.wRepeatCount      = 1
KeyEvent.wVirtualKeyCode    = 13
KeyEvent.wVirtualScanCode  = 28
KeyEvent.dwControlKeyState = 00000100
```

In the case of the numeric keypad ENTER key, in `dwControlKeyState`, the `ENHANCED_KEY` bit is set.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseCon

Priority Inversion and Windows NT Scheduler

Article ID: Q96418

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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The kernel schedules a thread with the real-time process priority class ahead of every thread with another priority class (nearly all user-mode threads). Windows NT does not alter the priority of real-time threads. The system trusts that the programmer will avoid priority inversion. The remainder of this article talks about the scheduling of threads that are not real-time priority class and how the system solves the problem of priority inversion.

Threads are scheduled according to their priority. When the kernel is choosing which thread will execute on a processor, the highest dynamic (variable) priority thread is picked. Priority inversion occurs when two (or more) threads with different priorities are in contention to be scheduled. Consider a simple case with three threads: Thread 1 is high priority and becomes ready to be scheduled, while thread 2, a low-priority thread, is executing in a critical section. Thread 1, the high-priority thread, begins waiting for a shared resource from thread 2. A third thread has medium priority. The third thread receives all the processor time, because the high-priority thread (thread 1) is busy waiting for shared resources from the low-priority thread (thread 2). Thread 2 won't leave the critical section, because it isn't the highest priority thread and won't be scheduled.

The Windows NT scheduler solves this problem by randomly boosting the priority of threads that are ready to run (in this case the low priority lock-holders). The low priority threads run long enough to let go of their lock (exit the critical section), and the high-priority thread gets the lock back. If the low-priority thread doesn't get enough CPU time to free its lock the first time, it will get another chance on the next scheduling round.

Priority inversion is handled differently in Windows 95. If a high priority thread is dependent on a low priority thread which will not be allowed to run because a medium priority thread is getting all of the CPU time, the system recognizes that the high priority thread is dependent on the low priority thread and will boost the low priority thread's priority up to the priority of the high priority thread. This will allow the formerly low priority thread to run and unblock the high priority thread that was waiting on it.

MORE INFORMATION

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Each Process has a base priority. Each thread has a base priority that is a function of its process base priority. A thread's base priority is settable to:

- 1 or 2 points above the process base
- equal to the process base
- 1 or 2 points below the process base

Priority setting is exposed through the Win32 API. In addition to a base priority, all threads have a dynamic priority. The dynamic priority is never less than the base priority. The system raises and lowers the dynamic priority of a thread as needed.

All scheduling is done strictly by priority. The scheduler chooses the highest priority thread which is ready to run. On a multi-processor (MP) system, the highest N runnable threads run (where N is the number of processors). The thread priority used to make these decisions is the dynamic priority of the thread.

When a thread is scheduled, it is given a quantum of time in which to run. The quantum is in units of clock ticks. The system currently uses 2 units of quantum (10ms on r4000 and 15ms on x86).

When a thread is caught running during the clock interrupt, its quantum is decremented by one. If the quantum goes to zero and the thread's dynamic priority is not at the base priority, the thread's dynamic priority is decremented by one and the thread's quantum is replenished. If a priority change occurs, then the scheduler locates the highest priority thread which is ready to run. Otherwise, the thread is placed at the end of the run queue for its priority allowing threads of equal priority to be "round robin" scheduled. The above is a description of what is usually called priority decay, or quantum and priority decay.

When a thread voluntarily waits (an an event, for I/O, etc), the system will usually raise the thread's dynamic priority when it resumes. Internally, each wait type has an associated priority boost. For example, a wait associated with disk I/O has a one point dynamic boost. A wait associated with a keyboard I/O has a 5 point dynamic boost. In most cases, this boost will raise the priority of the thread such that it can be scheduled very soon afterwards, if not immediately.

There are other circumstances under which priority will be raised. For example, whenever a window receives input (timer messages, mouse move messages, etc), an appropriate boost is given to all threads within the process that owns the window. This is the boost that allows a thread to reshape the mouse pointer when the mouse moves over a window.

By default, the foreground application has a base process priority that is one point higher than the background application. This allows the foreground process to be even more responsive. This can be changed by bringing up the System applet, selecting the Tasking button, and choosing a different option.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: BseProcThrd

Security and Screen Savers

Article ID: Q96780

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1, 3.5, and 3.51
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SUMMARY

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Screen savers are user-mode applications that execute in a different desktop (see the note at the end of the article). Therefore, a screen saver cannot enumerate windows of user-mode applications. This design prevents unauthorized users from viewing the contents of applications displayed on the screen. For secure screen savers (those that ask for a password), this adds a further layer of protection.

Screen savers also execute in the security context of the logged-on user. A screen saver may call `ExitWindowsEx()`, to log off from or shut down the system, or any other application programming interface (API) that the logged-on user has permission to perform.

MORE INFORMATION

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A sample screen saver `SCRNSAVE` is distributed on the Win32 SDK CD.

NOTE: A desktop is a virtual screen. Windows NT 3.5 and earlier have three desktops--the main desktop, the WinLogon desktop, and a desktop for screen savers. Windows NT 3.51 and later support and document creating multiple desktops.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseSecurity

Default Stack in Win32-Based Applications

Article ID: Q97786

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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By default, space is reserved for applications in the following manner:

- 1 megabyte (MB) reserved (total virtual address space for the stack)
- 1 page committed (total physical memory allocated when stack is created)

Note: The `-stack` linker option can be used to modify both of these values.

The default stack size is taken from the process default reserve stack size.

The operating system will grow the stack as needed by committing 1 page blocks (4K on an x86 machine) out of the reserved stack memory. Once all of the reserved memory has been committed, Windows NT will attempt to continue to grow the stack into the memory adjacent to the memory reserved for the stack, as shown in the following example on an x86 machine:

```
|<--- Total 1 MB for stack --->|<--- Adjacent memory --->|
-----
| 4K | 1020K ... | ... |
| | | | |
-----
```

However, once the stack grows to the point that the adjacent area is not free (and this may happen as soon as the reserved 1 MB has been committed), the stack cannot grow any farther. Therefore, it is very risky to rely on this memory being free. Applications should take care to reserve all the memory that will be needed by increasing the amount of memory reserved for the stack.

In other cases, it may be desirable to reduce the amount of memory reserved for the stack.

The `/STACK` option in the linker and the `STACKSIZE` statement in the DEF file can be used to change both the amount of reserved memory and the amount of committed memory. The syntax for each method is shown below:

```
/STACK:[reserve][,commit]
```

```
STACKSIZE [reserve][,commit]
```

MORE INFORMATION

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Each new thread gets its own stack space of committed and reserved memory. CreateThread() has a stacksize parameter, which is the commit size. If a new size is not specified in the CreateThread() call, the new thread takes on the same stack size as the thread that created it, whether that be the default value, a value defined in the DEF file, or by the linker switch. If the commit size specified is larger than the default process stack size, the stack size is set to the commit size. When specifying a stack size of 0, the commit size is taken from the process default commit.

The system handles committing more reserved stack space when needed, but cannot reserve or commit more than the total amount initially reserved (or committed if no additional is reserved). Remember that the only resource consumed by reserving space is addresses in your process. No memory or pagefile space is allocated. When the memory is actually committed, both memory and pagefile resources are allocated. There is no harm in reserving a large area if it might be needed.

As always, automatic variables are placed on the stack. All other static data is located in the process address space. Because they are static, they do not need to be managed like heap memory.

Note that under Win32s 1.2 and earlier, stacks are limited to a maximum of 128K (this limit has been increased with Win32s 1.25a). The same stack is used on the 16-bit side of a Universal Thunk (UT). A 16:16 pointer is created and it points to the top of the 32-bit stack. The selector base is set in such a way that the 16-bit code is allocated at least an 8K stack.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: BseMm

The Use of the SetLastErrorEx() API

Article ID: Q97926

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SetLastErrorEx() is intended for better debugging support, not for passing additional error information.

The SetLastErrorEx() application programming interface (API) differs from the SetLastError() API only in that it raises a debug "RIP" event. The RIP event is intended to give text to the debugger so that the user can retry, ignore, and so forth, these errors. SetLastErrorEx() raises an exception only if SetDebugErrorLevel() has been called by the debugger to allow the errors to be passed on.

The error type can be determined from the debugger by examining the debug event structure that is passed with the event. The debug event structure contains a RIP_INFO substructure.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMisc

Windows NT Virtual Memory Manager Uses FIFO

Article ID: Q98216

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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On page 193 of "Inside NT," Helen Custer states that the Windows NT virtual memory manager uses a FIFO (first in, first out) algorithm, as opposed to a LRU (least recently used) algorithm, which the Windows virtual memory manager uses. While it is true that FIFO can result in a commonly used page being discarded or paged to the pagefile, there are reasons why this algorithm is preferable.

Here are some of the advantages:

- FIFO is done on a per-process basis; so at worst, a process that causes a lot of page faults will slow only itself down, not the entire system.
- LRU creates significant overhead--the system must update its page database every single time a page is touched. However, the database may not be properly updated in certain circumstances. For example, suppose that a program has good locality of reference and uses a page constantly so that it is always in memory. The operating system will not keep updating the timestamp in the page database, because the process is not hitting the page table. Therefore this page may age even though it is in nearly constant use.
- Pages that are "discarded" are actually kept in memory for a while, so if a page is really used frequently, it will be brought back into memory before it is written to disk.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMm

File Manager Passes Short Filename as Parameter

Article ID: Q98575

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), version 3.1 and 3.5
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When starting an application from File Manager by double-clicking a document associated with the application, if the document resides on an NTFS partition and has a long (non-8.3 form) filename, File Manager will pass the short version of the filename (also known as the MS-DOS alias or 8.3 name) to the associated application if the application is an MS-DOS or 16-bit Windows-based application. This is done for compatibility reasons; applications not aware of long filenames (16-bit Windows-based applications) can still function correctly. 32-bit Windows-based applications will be passed the long file name.

This can create confusion, however, if the application displays the name of the file the application was started with; the short name is displayed even though the long name was double-clicked.

You can avoid possible confusion by always expanding any filenames passed to an application via the command line. Do this by calling the FindFirstFile() application programming interface (API) on these filenames. FindFirstFile() will always return the file system's version of the filename in the WIN32_FIND_DATA.cFileName structure member, which the application can then use in all further references to the file without any problems.

Additional reference words: 3.10 file name 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseFileio

Getting the Net Time on a Domain

Article ID: Q98722

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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When trying to execute

```
net time /domain:egdomain /set
```

you may get a message saying the account is not known or the password is invalid. This can happen if you are logged on using an account whose name is spelled "Administrator", but the account is a different Administrator account than the one on the domain controller. For example, if you are logged on as EGMACHINE\Administrator, and attempt

```
net time /domain:egdomain /set
```

you will get an error message because EGMACHINE\Administrator is not the same account as EGDOMAIN\Administrator.

The solution is to log off EGMACHINE, log back on as EGMACHINE\PowerUsr1, then execute the command. Note that a privilege is needed to set the time on a machine. In the previous example, the account, EGMACHINE\PowerUsr1, was used to remind us that power users have the needed privilege.

MORE INFORMATION

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When running Windows NT while logged on to a domain, doing a NET TIME without the /DOMAIN parameter, as mentioned above, probably will not yield the desired results. However, because you are logged on to a domain, you can do

```
net time /domain /set
```

and a domain controller from the domain you are logged on to will be used. In other words, if you are logged on to a domain, the /DOMAIN parameter is necessary, but the actual domain name can optionally be left to default to the domain you're currently participating in. If your machine is joined to the a domain, that domain will be the default domain for NET TIME /DOMAIN.

If you are trying to get the time from EGDOMAIN and have done a prior

```
net use \\egdomain\ipc$ /user:username
```

where username can be either a legitimate user name or domain name\user name pair, or anything that will use the guest access), then the net time will use the existing connection to the IPC\$ share, using the different user name.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: BseSecurity

Increased Performance Using FILE_FLAG_SEQUENTIAL_SCAN

Article ID: Q98756

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0

SUMMARY

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There is a flag for CreateFile() called FILE_FLAG_SEQUENTIAL_SCAN which will direct the Cache Manager to access the file sequentially.

Anyone reading potentially large files with sequential access can specify this flag for increased performance. This flag is useful if you are reading files that are "mostly" sequential, but you occasionally skip over small ranges of bytes.

MORE INFORMATION

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The effect on the Cache Manager of this flag is two-fold:

- There is a minor savings because the Cache Manager dispenses with keeping a history of reads on the file, and tries to maintain a high-water mark on read ahead, which is always a certain delta from the most recent read.
- More importantly, the Cache Manager reads further ahead for sequential access files--currently about three times more than files that are currently detected for sequential access.

If the caller makes multiple passes through a file, there are no negative effects of specifying the sequential flag, because the Cache Manager will still disable read ahead for as long as the application is getting hits on the file (such as on the second or subsequent pass).

If you are working on an application where your ability to sequentially read file data is key to performance, you may want to consider adding the sequential flag to your create file call. This is especially true of applications that use this flag to read from a CD-ROM.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseFileio

Noncontinuable Exceptions

Article ID: Q98840

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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An exception is noncontinuable if the event isn't continuable in the hardware, or if continuation makes no sense. For example, if the caller's stack is corrupted while trying to post an exception, continuing from the bad stack exception would not be useful.

The noncontinuable exception does not terminate the application, and therefore an application that can succeed in catching the exception and running after a noncontinuable exception is free to do so. However, a noncontinuable exception typically arises as a result of a corrupted stack or other serious problem, making it very difficult to recover from the exception.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 non-continuable

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseExcept

Validating User Account Passwords Under Windows NT

Article ID: Q98891

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1, 3.5, and 3.51
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Windows NT stores account names and passwords in the security accounts manager (SAM) database. Windows NT checks this database to validate passwords when users log on.

In Windows NT 3.1 and 3.5, there is no nonprivileged service that takes a user name and a password and returns an indication of whether or not the user account password is valid. There is a privileged service that handles this password validation; it is for use by logon processes such as winlogon.

Windows NT 3.51 introduces new Win32 APIs for logon support:

```
LogonUser
ImpersonateLoggedOnUser
CreateProcessAsUser
```

MORE INFORMATION

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The SAM application programming interface (API) functions were not exposed due to their changing nature. Microsoft is working on a developer's kit that will provide guidelines and tutorial information about most of the security API functions, including the SAM APIs.

Exposing the SAM API will not compromise security because the passwords are encrypted within SAM; they are one-way encrypted such that not even SAM can decrypt them. Even a dictionary attack (encrypt an entire dictionary and see if any of the words match) would not be easy, because there is no SAM API function that will read the encrypted password.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 non-privileged

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseSecurity

PRB: Unexpected Result of SetFilePointer() with Devices
Article ID: Q98892

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT version 3.1
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SYMPTOMS

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Open a floppy drive with CreateFile():

```
h = CreateFile( "\\.\a:", ... );
```

Use SetFilePointer() to advance the file pointer associated with the file handle returned from CreateFile():

```
SetFilePointer( h,          // file handle
                5,          // distance (in bytes) to move file pointer
                NULL,       // optional high 32-bits of distance
                FILE_BEGIN  // specifies the starting point
            );
```

If the offset is not a multiple of the sector size of the floppy drive, the function will return success; however, the pointer will not be exactly where requested. The pointer value is rounded down to the beginning of the sector that the pointer value is in.

CAUSE

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The behavior of this application programming interface (API) is by design for the following reasons:

- The I/O system is unaware of device particulars such as sector size; any offset is valid.
- SetFilePointer() is very frequently used. Because speed is an important goal for Windows NT, time is not spent on querying device particulars and detecting such errors.
- The logic to handle this situation is built into the file system, which actually performs the rounding, and therefore there was no need to put this into the code for SetFilePointer().

RESOLUTION

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When using SetFilePointer() with a handle that represents a floppy drive, the offset must be a multiple of the sector size for the floppy drive in order for the function to perform as expected.

MORE INFORMATION

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Think of a file pointer as merely a stored value, which is where the next read or write will take place. In fact, it is possible to override this value on either the read or write itself, using certain APIs, by supplying a different location. The new pointer location is remembered after the operation. Therefore, the operation of "setting a file pointer" merely means to go store a large integer in a cell in the system's data structures, for possible use in the next file operation. In the case of a handle to a device, the file pointer must be on a sector boundary.

In a similar way, ReadFile() only reads amounts that are multiples of the sector size if it is passed a handle that represents a floppy drive.

Additional reference words: 3.10

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: BseFileio

Limit on the Number of Bytes Written Asynchronously

Article ID: Q98893

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT version 3.1
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SUMMARY

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There is a limit to the number of bytes that can be written with WriteFile() using asynchronous I/O (FILE_FLAG_OVERLAPPED specified). This limit depends on the size of your system.

Asynchronous (overlapped) I/O consumes system resources for a long time. For example, the memory used is locked in the process working set until the I/O completes. To limit the amount of system resources used asynchronously by an application, the system charges asynchronous I/O to the working set of the process requesting the I/O.

While the working set size is dynamically raised and lowered based on the load, there are minimum and maximum values. These values are based on system size: consider up to 12 megabytes (MB) a small system, between 12 MB and 19 MB a medium system, and greater than 19 MB a large system. Each process is guaranteed a minimum working set for performance reasons; about 120K for small systems, 160K for large systems, and 245K for large systems.

When system resources are heavily taxed, a process is confined to its maximum working set. Asynchronous I/Os may never cause you to exceed your maximum working set, because once you are allowed to initiate an asynchronous I/O, the page cannot be taken away if memory becomes tight. The maximum working set sizes are about 300K for a small system, 716K for a medium system, and 1.5 MB for a large system.

MORE INFORMATION

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The following code can be used to experiment with the maximum number of bytes that can be written using asynchronous I/O. Simply change the line to vary the number of bytes that the code attempts to write:

```
#define NBR_BYTE 700000
```

Sample Code

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <malloc.h>
#include <assert.h>
```

```
#include <windows.h>
```

```
#define NBR_BYTE 700000
```



```

int main(void)
{
    char        *c;
    HANDLE      hFile;
    DWORD       byteWrite;
    OVERLAPPED  overLap;
    DWORD       err;
    BOOL        result;

    c = malloc( NBR_BYTE );
    assert( c != NULL );

    overLap.hEvent = CreateEvent( NULL, FALSE, FALSE, "event1" );
    assert( overLap.hEvent );

    hFile = CreateFile( "test", GENERIC_WRITE, 0, NULL, OPEN_ALWAYS,
                       FILE_ATTRIBUTE_NORMAL | FILE_FLAG_OVERLAPPED |
                       FILE_FLAG_WRITE_THROUGH,
                       NULL);

    if( hFile == INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE )
    {
        free( c );
        printf( "error opening file\n" );
        exit( 0 );
    }

    overLap.Offset      = 0;
    overLap.OffsetHigh = 0;
    result = WriteFile( hFile, c, NBR_BYTE, &byteWrite, &overLap );
    if( result == FALSE )
    {
        err = GetLastError( );
        if( err != ERROR_IO_PENDING )
        {
            free( c );
            printf( "Error: %d\n", GetLastError() );
            exit( 0 );
        }
    }

    free( c );

    return 0;
}

```

Additional reference words: 3.10 asynch

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseFileio

Setting File Permissions

Article ID: Q98952

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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In Windows NT, local access controls can be set on just NTFS partitions, not FAT or HPFS partitions or floppies. Read/execute-only permissions should work properly on a CD-ROM.

The exception is that ACLs (access control lists) can be set on shares, regardless of the file system, to control access to all the files within that share. For example, you can give read access to everyone, but give full access just to members of a certain group or to certain individuals.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseSecurity

Possible Serial Baud Rates on Various Machines

Article ID: Q99026

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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Computers running Windows NT may be unable to set the same serial baud rates due to differences in serial port hardware on various platforms and machines. These differences may be important to note when writing a serial communications application that runs on different Windows NT platforms.

The simplest way to determine what baud rates are available on a particular serial port is to call the GetCommProperties() application programming interface (API) and examine the COMMPROP.dwSettableBaud bitmask to determine what baud rates are supported on that serial port.

MORE INFORMATION

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Some baud rates may be available on one machine and not on another because of differences in the serial port hardware used on the two machines. Most Intel 80x86 machines use a standard 1.8432 megahertz (MHz) clock speed on serial port hardware, and therefore most Intel machines can set the same baud rates. However, on other platforms, such as MIPS, there is no standard serial port clock speed. MIPS serial ports are known to exist with 1.8432 MHz, 3.072 MHz, 4.2336 MHz, and 8.0 MHz serial port clock chips. Future NT implementations on other platforms may have different serial port clock speeds as well.

Furthermore, certain requested baud rates are special-cased in the Windows NT serial driver so that they will work. The following are these special cases:

MHz	Requested Baud	Divisor	Resulting Baud Rate (+/- 1)
1.8432	56000	2	57600
3.072	14400	13	14769
4.2336	9600	28	9450
4.2336	14400	18	14700
4.2336	19200	14	18900
4.2336	38400	7	37800
4.2336	56000	5	52920
8.0	14400	35	14286
8.0	56000	9	55556

The actual baud rate can be calculated by dividing the divisor multiplied by 16 into the clock rate. For example, for a 1.8432 MHz clock and a divisor of 2, the baud rate would be:

$$1843200 \text{ Hz} / (2 * 16) = 57600$$

For all other cases, as long as the requested baud rate is within 1 percent of the nearest baud rate that can be found with an integer divisor, the baud rate request will succeed.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseCommapi

Using GMEM_DDESHARE in Win32 Programming

Article ID: Q99114

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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The GMEM_DDESHARE flag remains a legitimate value for GlobalAlloc(). This flag can be used to indicate that the memory will be used for one of the following so that the system can optimize the allocation for these special needs:

- DDE
- OLE 1.0
- Clipboard operations

However, GlobalAlloc(GMEM_DDESHARE, ...) cannot be used to allocate a block of memory that can be shared between processes. This flag was never intended for this purpose, even under Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1 (3.x). GlobalAlloc(GMEM_DDESHARE, ...) works in this case because all Windows-based applications share the same address space; this is not the case under Windows NT.

All allocations of global shared memory can be used within the process that they are allocated in, but another mechanism is required to share memory between processes.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMm

Preventing the Console from Disappearing

Article ID: Q99115

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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When a console application is started from the File Manager, from the Program Manager, or by typing "start <progrname>" from the command prompt, it executes in its own console. This console disappears as soon as the application terminates, and therefore the user can't read anything written to the screen between the last pause and program exit. To resolve this problem, the programmer should pause the application before termination to allow the user to read all of the information on the screen.

It is not likely that the programmer will want to introduce this pause if the application is started directly from the command prompt, because in this situation it won't make much sense to the user. However, there is no API (application programming interface) that directly determines whether or not the application shares a console with CMD.EXE. There is a method that can be used to determine this information in most cases. When the application first starts up, call GetConsoleScreenBufferInfo(). If the cursor position is (0, 0), then the application has its own console, which will disappear when the application terminates. Otherwise, the application is operating within a console belonging to another program, typically CMD.EXE.

NOTE: This method will not work if the user combines a clear screen (CLS) and execution of the application into one step ([C:\] CLS & <progrname>), because the cursor position will be (0, 0), but the application is using the console, which belongs to CMD.EXE.

MORE INFORMATION

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To start a console application with its own console that will not disappear when the application is terminated, use CMD /K. For example, use

```
start CMD /K <progrname>
```

Note that it is possible to programmatically force an application to always have its own console by immediately doing a FreeConsole() and an AllocConsole(). The disadvantage is that the C run-time handles are no longer valid. Use CreateFile("CONIN\$", ...) with lpSa->bInherit=TRUE, in combination with _open_osfhandle() and dup2() to close the current handles (stdin, stdout, stderr) and associate handles that will be inherited.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseCon

Types of File I/O Under Win32

Article ID: Q99173

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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There are multiple types of file handles that can be opened using the Win32 API and the C Run-time:

Returned Type	File Creation API	API Set
HANDLE	CreateFile()	Win32
HFILE	OpenFile()/_lcreat()	Win32
int	_creat()/_open()	C Run-time
FILE *	fopen()	C Run-time

In general, these file I/O "families" are incompatible with each other. On some implementations of the Win32 application programming interfaces (APIs), the OpenFile()/_lcreat() family of file I/O APIs are implemented as "wrappers" around the CreateFile() family of file I/O APIs, meaning that OpenFile(), _lcreat(), and _lopen() end up calling CreateFile(), returning the handle returned by CreateFile(), and do not maintain any state information about the file themselves. However, this is an implementation detail only and is NOT a design feature.

NOTE: You cannot count on this being true on other implementations of the Win32 APIs. Win32 file I/O APIs may be written using different methods on other platforms, so reliance on this implementation detail may cause your application to fail.

The rule to follow is to use one family of file I/O APIs and stick with them--do not open a file with _lopen() and read from it with ReadFile(), for example. This kind of incorrect use of the file I/O APIs can easily be caught by the compiler, because the file types (HFILE and HANDLE respectively) are incompatible with each other and the compiler will warn you (at warning level /w3 or higher) when you have incorrectly passed one type of file handle to a file I/O API that is expecting another, such as passing an HFILE type to ReadFile(HANDLE, ...) in the above example.

MORE INFORMATION

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Compatibility

The OpenFile() family of file I/O functions is provided only for compatibility with earlier versions of Windows. New Win32-based applications should use the CreateFile() family of file I/O APIs, which provide added functionality that the earlier file I/O APIs do not provide.

Each of the two families of C Run-time file I/O APIs are incompatible with any of the other file I/O families. It is incorrect to open a file handle with one of the C Run-time file I/O APIs and operate on that file handle with any other family of file I/O APIs, nor can a C Run-time file I/O family operate on file handles opened by any other file I/O family.

`_get_osfhandle()`

For the C Run-time unbuffered I/O family of APIs [`_open()`, and so forth], it is possible to extract the operating system handle that is associated with that C run-time handle via the `_get_osfhandle()` C Run-time API. The operating system handle is the handle stored in a C Run-time internal structure associated with that C Run-time file handle. This operating system handle is the handle that is returned from an operating system call made by the C Run-time to open a file [`CreateFile()` in this case] when you call one of the C Run-time unbuffered I/O APIs [`_open()`, `_creat()`, `_sopen()`, and so forth].

The `_get_osfhandle()` C Run-time call is provided for informational purposes only. Problems may occur if you read or write to the file using the operating system handle returned from `_get_osfhandle()`; for these reasons we recommend that you do not use the returned handle to read or write to the file.

`_open_osfhandle()`

It is also possible to construct a C Run-time unbuffered file I/O handle from an operating system handle [a `CreateFile()` handle] with the `_open_osfhandle()` C Run-time API. In this case, the C Run-time uses the existing operating system handle that you pass in rather than opening the file itself. It is possible to use the original operating system handle to read or write to the file, but it is very important that you use only the original handle or the returned C Run-time handle to access the file, but not both, because the C Run-time maintains state information that will not be updated if you use the operating system handle to read or write to the file.

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KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseFileio

Performing a Clear Screen (CLS) in a Console Application

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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There is no Win32 application programming interface (API) that will clear the screen in a console application. However, it is fairly easy to write a function that will programmatically clear the screen.

MORE INFORMATION

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The following function clears the screen:

```
void cls( HANDLE hConsole )
{
    COORD coordScreen = { 0, 0 };    /* here's where we'll home the
                                     cursor */

    BOOL bSuccess;
    DWORD cCharsWritten;
    CONSOLE_SCREEN_BUFFER_INFO csbi; /* to get buffer info */
    DWORD dwConSize;                /* number of character cells in
                                     the current buffer */

    /* get the number of character cells in the current buffer */

    bSuccess = GetConsoleScreenBufferInfo( hConsole, &csbi );
    PERR( bSuccess, "GetConsoleScreenBufferInfo" );
    dwConSize = csbi.dwSize.X * csbi.dwSize.Y;

    /* fill the entire screen with blanks */

    bSuccess = FillConsoleOutputCharacter( hConsole, (TCHAR) ' ',
        dwConSize, coordScreen, &cCharsWritten );
    PERR( bSuccess, "FillConsoleOutputCharacter" );

    /* get the current text attribute */

    bSuccess = GetConsoleScreenBufferInfo( hConsole, &csbi );
    PERR( bSuccess, "ConsoleScreenBufferInfo" );

    /* now set the buffer's attributes accordingly */

    bSuccess = FillConsoleOutputAttribute( hConsole, csbi.wAttributes,
        dwConSize, coordScreen, &cCharsWritten );
    PERR( bSuccess, "FillConsoleOutputAttribute" );

    /* put the cursor at (0, 0) */
```

```
    bSuccess = SetConsoleCursorPosition( hConsole, coordScreen );  
    PERR( bSuccess, "SetConsoleCursorPosition" );  
    return;  
}
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 clearscreen

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseCon

Win32 Equivalents for C Run-Time Functions

Article ID: Q99456

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Many of the C Run-time functions have direct equivalents in the Win32 application programming interface (API). This article lists the C Run-time functions by category with their Win32 equivalents or the word "none" if no equivalent exists.

MORE INFORMATION

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NOTE: the functions that are followed by an asterisk (*) are part of the 16-bit C Run-time only. Functions that are unique to the 32-bit C Run-time are listed separately in the last section. All other functions are common to both C Run-times.

Buffer Manipulation

<code>_memccpy</code>	none
<code>memchr</code>	none
<code>memcmp</code>	none
<code>memcpy</code>	CopyMemory
<code>_memicmp</code>	none
<code>memmove</code>	MoveMemory
<code>memset</code>	FillMemory, ZeroMemory
<code>_swab</code>	none

Character Classification

<code>isalnum</code>	IsCharAlphaNumeric
<code>isalpha</code>	IsCharAlpha, GetStringTypeW (Unicode)
<code>__isascii</code>	none
<code>iscntrl</code>	none, GetStringTypeW (Unicode)
<code>__iscsym</code>	none
<code>__iscsymf</code>	none
<code>isdigit</code>	none, GetStringTypeW (Unicode)
<code>isgraph</code>	none
<code>islower</code>	IsCharLower, GetStringTypeW (Unicode)
<code>isprint</code>	none
<code>ispunct</code>	none, GetStringTypeW (Unicode)
<code>isspace</code>	none, GetStringTypeW (Unicode)
<code>isupper</code>	IsCharUpper, GetStringTypeW (Unicode)
<code>isxdigit</code>	none, GetStringTypeW (Unicode)
<code>__toascii</code>	none
<code>tolower</code>	CharLower
<code>_tolower</code>	none
<code>toupper</code>	CharUpper

_toupper none

Directory Control

_chdir	SetCurrentDirectory
_chdrive	SetCurrentDirectory
_getcwd	GetCurrentDirectory
_getdrive	GetCurrentDirectory
_mkdir	CreateDirectory
_rmdir	RemoveDirectory
_searchenv	SearchPath

File Handling

_access	none
_chmod	SetFileAttributes
_chsize	SetEndOfFile
_filelength	GetFileSize
_fstat	See Note 5
_fullpath	GetFullPathName
_get_osfhandle	none
_isatty	GetFileType
_locking	LockFileEx
_makepath	none
_mktemp	GetTempFileName
_open_osfhandle	none
_remove	DeleteFile
_rename	MoveFile
_setmode	none
_splitpath	none
_stat	none
_umask	none
_unlink	DeleteFile

Creating Text Output Routines

_displaycursor*	SetConsoleCursorInfo
_gettextcolor*	GetConsoleScreenBufferInfo
_gettextcursor*	GetConsoleCursorInfo
_gettextposition*	GetConsoleScreenBufferInfo
_gettextwindow*	GetConsoleWindowInfo
_outtext*	WriteConsole
_scrolltextwindow*	ScrollConsoleScreenBuffer
_settextcolor*	SetConsoleTextAttribute
_settextcursor*	SetConsoleCursorInfo
_settextposition*	SetConsoleCursorPosition
_settextwindow*	SetConsoleWindowInfo
_wrapon*	SetConsoleMode

Stream Routines

clearerr	none
fclose	CloseHandle
_fcloseall	none
_fdopen	none
_feof	none
ferror	none

fflush	FlushFileBuffers
fgetc	none
_fgetchar	none
fgetpos	none
fgets	none
_fileno	none
_flushall	none
fopen	CreateFile
fprintf	none
fputc	none
_fputchar	none
fputs	none
fread	ReadFile
freopen (std handles)	SetStdHandle
fscanf	none
fseek	SetFilePointer
fsetpos	SetFilePointer
_fsopen	CreateFile
_ftell	SetFilePointer (check return value)
fwrite	WriteFile
getc	none
getchar	none
gets	none
_getw	none
printf	none
putc	none
putchar	none
puts	none
_putw	none
_rewind	SetFilePointer
_rmtmp	none
_scanf	none
setbuf	none
setvbuf	none
_snprintf	none
_sprintf	wsprintf
sscanf	none
_tempnam	GetTempFileName
_tmpfile	none
tmpnam	GetTempFileName
ungetc	none
vfprintf	none
vprintf	none
_vsprintf	none
vsprintf	wvsprintf

Low-Level I/O

_close	_lclose, CloseHandle
_commit	FlushFileBuffers
_creat	_lcreat, CreateFile
_dup	DuplicateHandle
_dup2	none
_eof	none
_lseek	_llseek, SetFilePointer
_open	_lopen, CreateFile
_read	_lread, ReadFile

_sopen	CreateFile
_tell	SetFilePointer (check return value)
_write	_lread

Console and Port I/O Routines

_cgets	none
_cprintf	none
_cputs	none
_cscanf	none
_getch	ReadConsoleInput
_getche	ReadConsoleInput
_inp	none
_inpw	none
_kbhit	PeekConsoleInput
_outp	none
_outpw	none
_putch	WriteConsoleInput
_ungetch	none

Memory Allocation

_alloca	none
_bfreeseg*	none
_bheapseg*	none
_calloc	GlobalAlloc
_expand	none
_free	GlobalFree
_freect*	GlobalMemoryStatus
_halloc*	GlobalAlloc
_heapadd	none
_heapchk	none
_heapmin	none
_heapset	none
_heapwalk	none
_hfree*	GlobalFree
_malloc	GlobalAlloc
_memavl	GlobalMemoryStatus
_memmax	GlobalMemoryStatus
_msize*	GlobalSize
_realloc	GlobalReAlloc
_set_new_handler	none
_set_hnew_handler*	none
_stackavail*	none

Process and Environment Control Routines

abort	none
assert	none
atexit	none
_cexit	none
_c_exit	none
_exec functions	none
_exit	ExitProcess
_exit	ExitProcess
_getenv	GetEnvironmentVariable
_getpid	GetCurrentProcessId

longjmp	none
_onexit	none
_perror	FormatMessage
_putenv	SetEnvironmentVariable
raise	RaiseException
setjmp	none
signal (ctrl-c only)	SetConsoleCtrlHandler
_spawn functions	CreateProcess
system	CreateProcess

String Manipulation

strcat, wcsat	lstrcat
strchr, wcschr	none
strcmp, wcsncmp	lstrcmp
strcpy, wcsncpy	lstrcpy
strcspn, wcsncspn	none
_strdup, _wcsdup	none
strerror	FormatMessage
_strerror	FormatMessage
_stricmp, _wcsicmp	lstrcmpi
strlen, wcslen	lstrlen
_strlwr, _wcslwr	CharLower, CharLowerBuffer
strncat, wcsncat	none
strncmp, wcsncmp	none
strncpy, wcsncpy	none
_strnicmp, _wcsnicmp	none
_strnset, _wcsnset	FillMemory, ZeroMemory
strpbrk, wcpbrk	none
strchr, wcschr	none
_strrev, _wcsrev	none
_strset, _wcsset	FillMemory, ZeroMemory
strspn, wcsspn	none
strstr, wcsstr	none
strtok, wcstok	none
_strupr, _wcsupr	CharUpper, CharUpperBuffer

MS-DOS Interface

_bdos*	none
_chain_intr*	none
_disable*	none
_dos_allocmem*	GlobalAlloc
_dos_close*	CloseHandle
_dos_commit*	FlushFileBuffers
_dos_creat*	CreateFile
_dos_creatnew*	CreateFile
_dos_findfirst*	FindFirstFile
_dos_findnext*	FindNextFile
_dos_freemem*	GlobalFree
_dos_getdate*	GetSystemTime
_dos_getdiskfree*	GetDiskFreeSpace
_dos_getdrive*	GetCurrentDirectory
_dos_getfileattr*	GetFileAttributes
_dos_getftime*	GetFileTime
_dos_gettime*	GetSystemTime
_dos_getvect*	none

<code>_dos_keep*</code>	none
<code>_dos_open*</code>	OpenFile
<code>_dos_read*</code>	ReadFile
<code>_dos_setblock*</code>	GlobalReAlloc
<code>_dos_setdate*</code>	SetSystemTime
<code>_dos_setdrive*</code>	SetCurrentDirectory
<code>_dos_setfileattr*</code>	SetFileAttributes
<code>_dos_setftime*</code>	SetFileTime
<code>_dos_settime*</code>	SetSystemTime
<code>_dos_setvect*</code>	none
<code>_dos_write*</code>	WriteFile
<code>_dosexterr*</code>	GetLastError
<code>_enable*</code>	none
<code>_FP_OFF*</code>	none
<code>_FP_SEG*</code>	none
<code>_harderr*</code>	See Note 1
<code>_hardresume*</code>	See Note 1
<code>_hardretn*</code>	See Note 1
<code>_int86*</code>	none
<code>_int86x*</code>	none
<code>_intdos*</code>	none
<code>_intdosx*</code>	none
<code>_segread*</code>	none

Time

<code>asctime</code>	See Note 2
<code>clock</code>	See Note 2
<code>ctime</code>	See Note 2
<code>difftime</code>	See Note 2
<code>_ftime</code>	See Note 2
<code>_getsystemtime</code>	GetLocalTime
<code>gmtime</code>	See Note 2
<code>localtime</code>	See Note 2
<code>mktime</code>	See Note 2
<code>_strdate</code>	See Note 2
<code>_strtime</code>	See Note 2
<code>time</code>	See Note 2
<code>_tzset</code>	See Note 2
<code>_utime</code>	SetFileTime

Virtual Memory Allocation

<code>_vfree*</code>	See Note 3
<code>_vheapinit*</code>	See Note 3
<code>_vheapterm*</code>	See Note 3
<code>_vload*</code>	See Note 3
<code>_vlock*</code>	See Note 3
<code>_vlockcnt*</code>	See Note 3
<code>_vmalloc*</code>	See Note 3
<code>_vmsize*</code>	See Note 3
<code>_vrealloc*</code>	See Note 3
<code>_vunlock*</code>	See Note 3

32-Bit C Run Time

<code>_beginthread</code>	CreateThread
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<code>_cwait</code>	WaitForSingleObject w/ GetExitCodeProcess
<code>_endthread</code>	ExitThread
<code>_findclose</code>	FindClose
<code>_findfirst</code>	FindFirstFile
<code>_findnext</code>	FindNextFile
<code>_futime</code>	SetFileTime
<code>_get_osfhandle</code>	none
<code>_open_osfhandle</code>	none
<code>_pclose</code>	See Note 4
<code>_pipe</code>	CreatePipe
<code>_popen</code>	See Note 4

NOTE 1: The `_harderr` functions do not exist in the Win32 API. However, much of their functionality is available through structured exception handling.

NOTE 2: The time functions are based on a format that is not used in Win32. There are specific Win32 time functions that are documented in the Help file.

NOTE 3: The virtual memory functions listed in this document are specific to the MS-DOS environment and were written to access memory beyond the 640K of RAM available in MS-DOS. Because this limitation does not exist in Win32, the standard memory allocation functions should be used.

NOTE 4: While `_pclose()` and `_popen()` do not have direct Win32 equivalents, you can (with some work) simulate them with the following calls:

<code>_popen</code>	CreatePipe CreateProcess
<code>_pclose</code>	WaitForSingleObject CloseHandle

NOTE 5: `GetFileInformationByHandle()` is the Win32 equivalent for the `_fstat()` C Run-time function. However, `GetFileInformationByHandle()` is not supported by Win32s version 1.1. It is supported in Win32s 1.2. `GetFileSize()`, `GetFileAttributes()`, `GetFileTime()`, and `GetFileTitle()` are supported by Win32s 1.1 and 1.2.

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KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMisc

FILE_FLAG_WRITE_THROUGH and FILE_FLAG_NO_BUFFERING

Article ID: Q99794

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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The FILE_FLAG_WRITE_THROUGH flag for CreateFile() causes any writes made to that handle to be written directly to the file without being buffered. The data is cached (stored in the disk cache); however, it is still written directly to the file. This method allows a read operation on that data to satisfy the read request from cached data (if it's still there), rather than having to do a file read to get the data. The write call doesn't return until the data is written to the file. This applies to remote writes as well--the network redirector passes the FILE_FLAG_WRITE_THROUGH flag to the server so that the server knows not to satisfy the write request until the data is written to the file.

The FILE_FLAG_NO_BUFFERING takes this concept one step further and eliminates all read-ahead file buffering and disk caching as well, so that all reads are guaranteed to come from the file and not from any system buffer or disk cache. When using FILE_FLAG_NO_BUFFERING, disk reads and writes must be done on sector boundaries, and buffer addresses must be aligned on disk sector boundaries in memory.

These restrictions are necessary because the buffer that you pass to the read or write API is used directly for I/O at the device level; at that level, your buffer addresses and sector sizes must satisfy any processor and media alignment restrictions of the hardware you are running on.

MORE INFORMATION

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This code fragment demonstrates how to sector-align data in a buffer and pass it to CreateFile():

```
char buf[2 * SECTOR_SIZE - 1], *p;

p = (char *) ((DWORD) (buf + SECTOR_SIZE - 1) & ~(SECTOR_SIZE - 1));
h = CreateFile(argv[1], GENERIC_READ | GENERIC_WRITE,
FILE_SHARE_READ | FILE_SHARE_WRITE, NULL, CREATE_ALWAYS,
FILE_ATTRIBUTE_NORMAL | FILE_FLAG_NO_BUFFERING, NULL);
WriteFile(h, p, SECTOR_SIZE, &dwWritten, NULL);
```

The pointer p is sector-aligned and points within the buffer.

If you have a situation where you want to flush all open files on the current logical drive, this can be done by:

```
hFile = CreateFile("\\\\.\\c:", ....);
FlushFileBuffers(hFile);
```

This method causes all buffered write data for all open files on the C: partition to be flushed and written to the disk. Note that any buffering done by anything other than the system is not affected by this flush; any possible file buffering that the C Run-time is doing on files opened with C Run-time routines is unaffected.

When opening a remote file over the network, the server always caches and ignores the no buffering flag specified by the client. This is by design. The redirector and server cannot properly implement the full semantics of FILE_FLAG_NO_BUFFERING over the network. In particular, the requirement for sector-sized, sector-aligned I/O cannot be met. Therefore, when a Win32-based application asks for FILE_FLAG_NO_BUFFERING, the redirector and server treat this as a request for FILE_FLAG_WRITE_THROUGH. The file is not cached at the client, writes go directly to the server and to the disk on the server, and the read/write sizes on the network are exactly what the application asks for. However, the file is cached on the server.

Not caching the client can have a different effect, depending on the type of I/O. You eliminate the cache hits or read ahead, but you also may reduce the size of transmits and receives. In general, for sequential I/O, it is a good idea to cache on the client. For small, random access I/O, it is often best not to cache.

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KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseFileio

PRB: SetConsoleOutputCP() Not Functional

Article ID: Q99795

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SYMPTOMS

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SetConsoleOutputCP() apparently has no effect. The correct codepage is returned from a call to GetConsoleOutputCP, but the displaying of the text remains unchanged.

CAUSE

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SetConsoleOutputCP() was designed to change the mapping of the 256 8-bit character values into the glyph set of a fixed-pitch Unicode font, rather than loading a separate, non-Unicode font for each call to SetConsoleOutputCP(). Unfortunately, a fixed-pitch Unicode font was not available by release time, so you can't view the effects of the SetConsoleOutputCP() application programming interface (API) because the currently available console fonts are not Unicode fonts.

STATUS

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This behavior is by design in Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: BseCon

Direct Drive Access Under Win32

Article ID: Q100027

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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To open a physical hard drive for direct disk access (raw I/O) in a Win32-based application, use a device name of the form

```
\\.\PhysicalDriveN
```

where N is 0, 1, 2, and so forth, representing each of the physical drives in the system.

To open a logical drive, direct access is of the form

```
\\.\X:
```

where X: is a hard-drive partition letter, floppy disk drive, or CD-ROM drive.

MORE INFORMATION

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You can open a physical or logical drive using the CreateFile() application programming interface (API) with these device names provided that you have the appropriate access rights to the drive (that is, you must be an administrator). You must use both the CreateFile() FILE_SHARE_READ and FILE_SHARE_WRITE flags to gain access to the drive.

Once the logical or physical drive has been opened, you can then perform direct I/O to the data on the entire drive. When performing direct disk I/O, you must seek, read, and write in multiples of sector sizes of the device and on sector boundaries. Call DeviceIoControl() using IOCTL_DISK_GET_DRIVE_GEOMETRY to get the bytes per sector, number of sectors, sectors per track, and so forth, so that you can compute the size of the buffer that you will need.

Note that a Win32-based application cannot open a file by using internal Windows NT object names; for example, attempting to open a CD-ROM drive by opening

```
\\Device\CdRom0
```

does not work because this is not a valid Win32 device name. An application can use the QueryDosDevice() API to get a list of all valid Win32 device names and see the mapping between a particular Win32 device name and an internal Windows NT object name. An application running at a sufficient privilege level can define, redefine, or delete Win32 device mappings by calling the DefineDosDevice() API.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50
KBCategory: kbprg
KSubcategory: BseFileio

Restriction on Named-Pipe Names

Article ID: Q100291

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, versions 3.1, 3.5, and 3.51
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Named pipes are implemented in Windows NT using the same approach used for file systems. Within Windows NT, named pipes are represented as file objects.

During the design phase, one idea for the implementation was to allow subdirectories of named pipes. For example, a developer could create a named pipe subdirectory called \MYPIPES. It would then be possible to create and use pipes called \MYPIPES\PIPE1 and \MYPIPES\PIPE2, but it would not be possible to use \MYPIPES as a pipe.

In the end, this idea was not implemented, so subdirectories are not supported. This does have some effect on the named-pipe names that are allowed. If a pipe named \MYPIPES is created, it is not possible to subsequently create a pipe named \MYPIPES\PIPE1, because \MYPIPES is already a pipe name and cannot be used as a subdirectory. It is possible to create a pipe named \MYPIPES\PIPE1, but only if there is no pipe named \MYPIPES. The error received is ERROR_INVALID_NAME (123).

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseIpc

CPU Quota Limits Not Enforced

Article ID: Q100329

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, versions 3.1, 3.5, and 3.51
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SUMMARY

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On page 88 of "Inside Windows NT," Table 4-1 indicates that a process object contains a quota limit for the maximum amount of processor time that the process can use.

This limit is not enforced in Windows NT versions 3.1 or 3.5x.

MORE INFORMATION

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The key to understanding Windows NT thread scheduling and resultant application behavior is knowing the central algorithm used. This algorithm is very simple, and is the same one a number of other operating systems use. It is "run the highest priority thread ready." A list of ready threads or processes exists; it is often called the "dispatch queue" or "eligible queue." The queue entries are in order based on their individual priority. A hardware-driven real-time clock or interval timer will periodically interrupt, passing control to a device driver that calls the process or thread scheduler. The thread scheduler will take the highest priority entry from the queue and dispatch it to run.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseProcThrd

Time Stamps Under the FAT File System

Article ID: Q101186

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, versions 3.1 and 3.5
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Windows NT considers the time stamp on a file stored on a FAT (file allocation table) partition to be standard time if the current time is standard time, and daylight time if the current time is daylight time, regardless of what time of year the file was originally time stamped.

This is not an issue under NTFS, which consistently implements Universal Coordinated Time.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseFileio

Examining the dwOemId Value

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0

The Win32 application programming interface (API) `GetSystemInfo()` fills in the members of a `SYSTEM_INFO` structure. The `dwOemId` member represents a computer identifier that is specific to a particular OEM (original equipment manufacturer). Windows NT versions 3.1 - 3.51 and Windows 95 always place a zero in the `dwOemId` member. In later releases, this behavior will change to include different OEM IDs.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMisc

Interrupting Threads in Critical Sections

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0

If a thread enters a critical section and then terminates abnormally, the critical section object will not be released. Many components of the C Run-time library are not reentrant and use a resource locking scheme to maintain coherency in the multithreaded environment. Thus, a thread that has entered a C Run-time function, such as `printf()`, could deadlock all access (within that process) to `printf()` if it terminates abnormally.

This situation could arise if a thread is terminated with `TerminateThread()` while it holds a resource lock. If this occurs, any thread that tries to acquire that resource lock will become deadlocked.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMisc

Impersonation Provided by ImpersonateNamedPipeClient()

Article ID: Q101378

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, version 3.1
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SUMMARY

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The following information is from the Win32 application programming interface (API) "Programmer's Reference" in the section regarding ImpersonateNamedPipeClient():

```
BOOL ImpersonateNamedPipeClient(HANDLE hNamedPipe)
```

The ImpersonateNamedPipeClient function impersonates a named-pipe client application.

The level of impersonation can be specified by the client when the named pipe is opened. If the client does not explicitly specify a level, then the default is SecurityImpersonation.

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Suppose there are three threads (A, B, and C) where:

A calls B

B calls C

B does a SecurityImpersonation of A

If A and B both specify dynamic tracking, then C can see the context of A when it makes a call on the pipe, as long as B impersonates A. Otherwise, C will see the context of A only if B was impersonating A when the pipe between B and C was connected.

Note that dynamic tracking is not supported between machines.

Additional reference words: 3.10

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseSecurity

Gaining Access to ACLs

Article ID: Q102098

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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To gain access to a security access control list (SACL), a process must have the SE_SECURITY_NAME privilege. When requesting access, the calling process must request ACCESS_SYSTEM_SECURITY in the desired access mask.

There is not a privilege that controls read or write access to a discretionary access control list (DACL). Instead, access to read and write an object's DACL is granted by the READ_CONTROL and WRITE_DAC access rights, respectively. These rights must be specifically granted to the user (or group containing the user) for DACL read or write access to be granted. If the owner of an object requests READ_CONTROL or WRITE_DAC, the access will always be granted.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseSecurity

Administrator Access to Files

Article ID: Q102099

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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A user that is a member of the Administrator group is not automatically granted access to any file on the local machine. For an administrator to access a file, permission must be specifically granted (as for any user) in the file's discretionary access control list (DACL).

If an administrator wants to access a file that he or she is not granted access to, the administrator must first take ownership of that file. Once ownership is taken, the administrator will have full access to the file. It is important to note that administrator cannot give ownership back to the original owner. If this were so, the administrator could take ownership of a file, examine it, and then assign it back to the original owner without that owner's knowledge.

NOTE: Because administrators have backup privileges, an administrator could back up a file (or entire volume) and restore it onto another system. The administrator could then take ownership of a file on this new system without the owner's knowledge. Please keep this in mind when thinking about file security.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseSecurity

Passing Security Information to SetFileSecurity()

Article ID: Q102100

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT version 3.1
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The SetFileSecurity() Win32 application programming interface (API) takes a pointer to a Security Descriptor. This is because SetFileSecurity() can set any of the following security information for a file:

- The owner identifier of the file
- The primary group identifier of the file
- The discretionary access-control list (DACL) of the file
- The system access-control list (SACL) of the file

When you pass the SD and SECURITY_INFORMATION structure to SetFileSecurity(), the SECURITY_INFORMATION structure identifies which security information is to be set. The SECURITY_INFORMATION structure is a DWORD that can be one of the following values:

- OWNER_SECURITY_INFORMATION
- GROUP_SECURITY_INFORMATION
- DACL_SECURITY_INFORMATION
- SACL_SECURITY_INFORMATION

Each of these values represents one of the security items listed above. The SD that is passed to SetFileSecurity() is simply a container for the security information being set for the specified file. SetFileSecurity() examines the value in the SECURITY_INFORMATION structure, extracts the appropriate information from the provided SD, and applies it to the specified file's SD.

Additional reference words: 3.10

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseSecurity

Extracting the SID from an ACE

Article ID: Q102101

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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To access the security identifier (SID) contained in an access control entry (ACE), the following syntax can be used:

```
PSID pSID;

if((((PACE_HEADER)pTempAce)->AceType) == ACCESS_ALLOWED_ACE_TYPE)
{
    pSID=(PSID)&((PACCESS_ALLOWED_ACE)pTempAce)->SidStart;
}
```

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The "if" statement checks the type of ACE, which is one of the following values:

```
ACCESS_ALLOWED_ACE_TYPE
ACCESS_DENIED_ACE_TYPE
SYSTEM_AUDIT_ACE_TYPE
```

The conditional statement casts pTempAce (the pointer to the ACE) to a PACCESS_ALLOWED_ACE structure. The address of the SidStart member is then cast to a PSID and assigned to the pSID variable. pSID can now be used with any Win32 Security application programming interface (API) that takes a PSID as a parameter.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseSecurity

How to Add an Access-Allowed ACE to a File

Article ID: Q102102

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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This article explains the process of adding an access-allowed (or access-denied) access control entry (ACE) to a file.

Adding an access-allowed ACE to a file's access control list (ACL) provides a means of granting or denying (using an access-denied ACE) access to the file to a particular user or group. In most cases, the file's ACL will not have enough free space to add an additional ACE, and therefore it is usually necessary to create a new ACL and copy the file's existing ACEs over to it. Once the ACEs are copied over and the access-allowed ACE is also added, the new ACL can be applied to the file's security descriptor (SD). This process is explained in detail in the section below. Sample code is provided at the end of this article.

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At the end of this article is sample code that defines a function named `AddAccessRights()`, which adds an access-allowed ACE to the specified file allowing the specified access. Steps 1-17 in the comments of the sample code are discussed in detail below:

1. `GetUserName()` is called to retrieve the name of the currently logged in user. The user name is stored in `plszUserName[]` array.
2. `LookupAccountName()` is called to obtain the SID of the user returned by `GetUserName()` in step 1. The resulting SID is stored in the `UserSID` variable and will be used later in the `AddAccessAllowedACE()` application programming interface (API) call. The `LookupAccountName()` API is also providing the user's domain in the `plszDomain[]` array. Please note that `LookupAccountName()` returns the SID of the first user or group that matches the name in `plszUserName`.
3. `GetFileSecurity()` is used here to obtain a copy of the file's security descriptor (SD). The file's SD is placed into the `ucSDbuf` variable, which is declared a size of `65536+SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR_MIN_LENGTH` for simplicity. This value represents the maximum size of an SD, which ensures the SD will be of sufficient size.
4. Here we initialize the new security descriptor (`NewSD` variable) by calling the `InitializeSecurityDescriptor()` API. Because the `SetFileSecurity()` API requires that the security item being set is contained in a SD, we create and initialize `NewSD`.

5. Here `GetSecurityDescriptorDacl()` retrieves a pointer to the discretionary access control list (DACL) in the SD. The pointer is stored in the `pACL` variable.
6. `GetAclInformation()` is called here to obtain size information on the file's DACL in the form of a `ACL_SIZE_INFORMATION` structure. This information is used when computing the size of the new DACL and when copying ACEs.
7. This statement computes the exact number of bytes to allocate for the new DACL. The `AclBytesInUse` member represents the number of bytes being used in the file's DACL. We add this number to the size of an `ACCESS_ALLOWED_ACE` and the size of the user's SID. Subtracting the size of a `DWORD` is an adjustment required to obtain the exact number of bytes necessary.
8. Here we allocate memory for the new ACL that will ultimately contain the file's existing ACEs plus the access-allowed ACE.
9. In addition to allocating the memory, it is important to initialize the ACL structure as we do here.
10. Here we check the `bDaclPresent` flag returned by `GetSecurityDescriptorDacl()` to see if a DACL was present in the file's SD. If a DACL was not present, then we skip the code that copies the file's ACEs to the new DACL.
11. After verifying that there is at least one ACE in the file's DACL (by checking the `AceCount` member), we begin the loop to copy the individual ACEs to the new DACL.
12. Here we get a pointer to an ACE in the file's DACL by using the `GetAce()` API.
13. Now we add the ACE to the new DACL. It is important to note that we pass `MAXDWORD` for the `dwStartingAceIndex` parameter of `AddAce()` to ensure the ACE is added to the end of the DACL. The statement `((PACE_HEADER)pTempAce)->AceSize` provides the size of the ACE.
14. Now that we have copied all the file's original ACEs over to our new DACL, we add the access-allowed ACE. The `dwAccessMask` variable will contain the access mask being granted. `GENERIC_READ` is an example of an access mask.
15. Because the `SetFileSecurity()` API can set a variety of security information, it takes a pointer to a security descriptor. For this reason, it is necessary to attach our new DACL to a temporary SD. This is done by using the `SetSecurityDescriptorDacl()` API.
16. Now that we have a SD containing the new DACL for the file, we set the DACL to the file's SD by calling `SetFileSecurity()`. The `DACL_SECURITY_INFORMATION` parameter indicates that we want the DACL in the provided SD applied to the file's SD. Please note that only the file's DACL is set, the other security information in the file's SD remains unchanged.

17. Here we free the memory that was allocated for the new DACL.

The below sample demonstrates the basic steps required to add an access-allowed ACE to a file's DACL. Please note that this same process can be used to add an access-denied ACE to a file's DACL. Because the access-denied ACE should appear before access-allowed ACEs, it is suggested that the call to AddAccessDeniedAce() precede the code that copies the existing ACEs to the new DACL.

Sample Code

```
#define SD_SIZE (65536 + SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR_MIN_LENGTH)

BOOL AddAccessRights(CHAR *pFileName, DWORD dwAccessMask)
{
    // SID variables

    UCHAR          psnuType[2048];
    UCHAR          lpszDomain[2048];
    DWORD          dwDomainLength = 250;
    UCHAR          UserSID[1024];
    DWORD          dwSIDBufSize=1024;

    // User name variables

    UCHAR          lpszUserName[250];
    DWORD          dwUserNameLength = 250;

    // File SD variables

    UCHAR          ucSdbuf[SD_SIZE];
    PSECURITY_DESCRIPTOR pFileSD=(PSECURITY_DESCRIPTOR)ucSdbuf;
    DWORD          dwSDLengthNeeded;

    // ACL variables

    PACL          pACL;
    BOOL          bDaclPresent;
    BOOL          bDaclDefaulted;
    ACL_SIZE_INFORMATION AclInfo;

    // New ACL variables

    PACL          pNewACL;
    DWORD          dwNewACLSize;

    // New SD variables

    UCHAR          NewSD[SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR_MIN_LENGTH];
    PSECURITY_DESCRIPTOR psdNewSD=(PSECURITY_DESCRIPTOR)NewSD;

    // Temporary ACE

    PVOID          pTempAce;
    UINT          CurrentAceIndex;
```

```

// STEP 1: Get the logged on user name

if(!GetUserName(lpszUserName, &dwUserNameLength))
{
    printf("Error %d:GetUserName\n", GetLastError());
    return(FALSE);
}

// STEP 2: Get SID for current user

if (!LookupAccountName((LPSTR) NULL,
    lpszUserName,
    UserSID,
    &dwSIDBufSize,
    lpszDomain,
    &dwDomainLength,
    (PSID_NAME_USE)psnuType))
{
    printf("Error %d:LookupAccountName\n", GetLastError());
    return(FALSE);
}

// STEP 3: Get security descriptor (SD) for file

if(!GetFileSecurity(pFileName,
    (SECURITY_INFORMATION) (DACL_SECURITY_INFORMATION),
    pFileSD,
    SD_SIZE,
    (LPDWORD) &dwSDLengthNeeded))
{
    printf("Error %d:GetFileSecurity\n", GetLastError());
    return(FALSE);
}

// STEP 4: Initialize new SD

if(!InitializeSecurityDescriptor(psdNewSD, SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR_REVISION))
{
    printf("Error %d:InitializeSecurityDescriptor\n", GetLastError());
    return(FALSE);
}

// STEP 5: Get DACL from SD

if (!GetSecurityDescriptorDacl(pFileSD,
    &bDaclPresent,
    &pACL,
    &bDaclDefaulted))
{
    printf("Error %d:GetSecurityDescriptorDacl\n", GetLastError());
    return(FALSE);
}

// STEP 6: Get file ACL size information

if(!GetAclInformation(pACL, &AclInfo, sizeof(ACL_SIZE_INFORMATION),
    AclSizeInformation))

```

```

{
    printf("Error %d:GetAclInformation\n",GetLastError());
    return(FALSE);
}

// STEP 7: Compute size needed for the new ACL

dwNewACLSize = AclInfo.AclBytesInUse +
                sizeof(Access_Access_ALLOWED_ACE) +
                GetLengthSid(UserSID) - sizeof(DWORD);

// STEP 8: Allocate memory for new ACL

pNewACL = (PACL)LocalAlloc(LPTR, dwNewACLSize);

// STEP 9: Initialize the new ACL

if(!InitializeAcl(pNewACL, dwNewACLSize, ACL_REVISION2))
{
    printf("Error %d:InitializeAcl\n",GetLastError());
    LocalFree((HLOCAL) pNewACL);
    return(FALSE);
}

// STEP 10: If DACL is present, copy it to a new DACL

if(bDaclPresent) // only copy if DACL was present
{
    // STEP 11: Copy the file's ACEs to our new ACL

    if(AclInfo.AceCount)
    {
        for(CurrentAceIndex = 0; CurrentAceIndex < AclInfo.AceCount;
            CurrentAceIndex++)
        {
            // STEP 12: Get an ACE

            if(!GetAce(pACL,CurrentAceIndex,&pTempAce))
            {
                printf("Error %d: GetAce\n",GetLastError());
                LocalFree((HLOCAL) pNewACL);
                return(FALSE);
            }

            // STEP 13: Add the ACE to the new ACL

            if(!AddAce(pNewACL, ACL_REVISION, MAXDWORD, pTempAce,
                ((PACE_HEADER)pTempAce)->AceSize))
            {
                printf("Error %d:AddAce\n",GetLastError());
                LocalFree((HLOCAL) pNewACL);
                return(FALSE);
            }
        }
    }
}
}

```

```

// STEP 14: Add the access-allowed ACE to the new DACL

if(!AddAccessAllowedAce(pNewACL,ACL_REVISION2,dwAccessMask, &UserSID))
{
    printf("Error %d:AddAccessAllowedAce",GetLastError());
    LocalFree((HLOCAL) pNewACL);
    return(FALSE);
}

// STEP 15: Set our new DACL to the file SD

if (!SetSecurityDescriptorDacl(psdNewSD,
    TRUE,
    pNewACL,
    FALSE))
{
    printf("Error %d:SetSecurityDescriptorDacl",GetLastError());
    LocalFree((HLOCAL) pNewACL);
    return(FALSE);
}

// STEP 16: Set the SD to the File

if (!SetFileSecurity(pFileName, DACL_SECURITY_INFORMATION,psdNewSD))
{
    printf("Error %d:SetFileSecurity\n",GetLastError());
    LocalFree((HLOCAL) pNewACL);
    return(FALSE);
}

// STEP 17: Free the memory allocated for the new ACL

LocalFree((HLOCAL) pNewACL);
return(TRUE);
}

```

NOTE: Security descriptors have two possible formats: self-relative and absolute. GetFileSecurity() returns an SD in self-relative format, but SetFileSecurity() expects and absolute SD. This is one reason that the code must create a new SD and copy the information, instead of simply modifying the SD from GetFileSecurity() and passing it to SetFileSecurity(). It is possible to call MakeAbsoluteSD() to do the conversion, but there may not be enough room in the current ACL anyway, as mentioned above.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: BseSecurity

Computing the Size of a New ACL

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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When adding an access-allowed access control entry (ACE) to a discretionary access control list (DACL), it is useful to know the exact size needed for the new DACL. This is particularly useful when creating a new DACL and copying over the existing ACEs. The below code computes the size needed for a DACL if an access-allowed ACE is added:

```
ACL_SIZE_INFORMATION AclInfo;

GetAclInformation(pACL, &AclInfo, sizeof(ACL_SIZE_INFORMATION),
                AclSizeInformation)

dwNewACLSize = AclInfo.AclBytesInUse +
               sizeof(ACCESS_ALLOWED_ACE) +
               GetLengthSid(UserSID) - sizeof(DWORD);
```

MORE INFORMATION

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The call to GetAclInformation() takes a pointer to an ACL. This point is supplied by your program and should point to the DACL you want to add an access-allowed ACE to. The GetAclInformation() call fills out a ACL_SIZE_INFORMATION structure, which provides size information on the ACL.

The second statement computes what the new size of the ACL will be if an access-allowed ACE is added. This is accomplished by adding the current bytes being used to the size of an ACCESS_ALLOWED_ACE. We then add the size of the security identifier (SID) (provided by your application) that is to used in the AddAccessAllowedAce() API call. Subtracting out the size of a DWORD is the final adjustment needed to obtain the exact size. This adjust is to compensate for a place holder member in the ACCESS_ALLOWED_ACE structure which is used in variable length ACEs.

When adding an ACE to an existing ACL, often there is not enough free space in the ACL to accommodate the additional ACE. In this situation, it is necessary to allocate a new ACL and copy over the existing ACEs and then add the access-allowed ACE. The above code can be used to determine the amount of memory to allocate for the new ACL.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseSecurity

FILE_READ_EA and FILE_WRITE_EA Specific Types

Article ID: Q102104

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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The FILE_READ_EA and FILE_WRITE_EA specific types provide access to read and write a file's extended attributes. Specific access types are represented as bits in the access mask and are specific to the object type associated with the mask.

Please note that these specific types are used in the definition of constants such as FILE_GENERIC_READ, and are not intended to be generally used when specifying access (generic access types are much more appropriate).

Additional reference words: 3.10

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseFileio

System GENERIC_MAPPING Structures

Article ID: Q102105

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT version 3.1
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There is not a Win32 application programming interface (API) to retrieve the GENERIC_MAPPING structures for Windows NT objects. The MapGenericMask() Win32 API is intended to use GENERIC_MAPPING structures associated with private objects created by the application.

Additional reference words: 3.10

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseSecurity

Why LoadLibraryEx() Returns an HINSTANCE

Article ID: Q102128

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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In the Win32 Help files, LoadLibrary() is typed to return a HANDLE, while LoadLibraryEx() is prototyped to return a HINSTANCE.

An HINSTANCE return from LoadLibraryEx() is useful because processes that load dynamic-link libraries (DLLs) do not necessarily want the overhead of having to page in code for a DllEntryPoint routine when the DLL does not need to initialize information. This is especially useful when you have multiple threads that attach to already loaded DLLs. In this case, you may want to not implicitly load via LoadLibrary() and instead use LoadLibraryEx() to explicitly load without having to page in the code for every attach.

LoadLibraryEx() is also useful if you want to retrieve resources from a DLL or an EXE. In this case, you would use LoadLibraryEx() to load the module you want into your address space, without executing DllEntryPoint, and then use the resource application programming interfaces (APIs) to access the data.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseDll

Passing a Pointer to a Member Function to the Win32 API

Article ID: Q102352

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Many of the Win32 application programming interfaces (APIs) call for a callback routine. One example is the lpStartAddr argument of CreateThread():

```
HANDLE CreateThread(lpsa, cbStack, lpStartAddr, lpvThreadParm,
                   fdwCreate, lpIDThread)

LPSECURITY_ATTRIBUTES lpsa;    /* Address of thread security attrs */
DWORD cbStack;                /* Initial thread stack size*/
LPTHREAD_START_ROUTINE lpStartAddr; /* Address of thread function */
LPVOID lpvThreadParm;         /* Argument for new thread*/
DWORD fdwCreate;              /* Creation flags*/
LPDWORD lpIDThread;           /* Address of returned thread ID */
```

When attempting to use a member function as the thread function, the following error is generated:

```
error C2643: illegal cast from pointer to member
```

The problem is that the function expects a C-style callback, not a pointer to a member function. A major difference is that member functions are called with a hidden argument called the "this" pointer. In addition, the format of the pointer isn't simply the address of the first machine instruction, as a C pointer is. This is particularly true for virtual functions.

If you want to use a member function as a callback, you can use a static member function. Static member functions do not receive the "this" pointer and their addresses correspond to an instruction to execute.

Static member functions can only access static data, and therefore to access nonstatic class members, the function needs an object or a pointer to an object. One solution is to pass in the "this" pointer as an argument to the member function.

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This situation occurs with callback functions of other types as well, such as:

DLGPROC	GRAYSTRINGPROC
EDITWORDBREAKPROC	LINEDDAPROC
ENHMFENUMPROC	MFENUMPROC

ENUMRESLANGPROC	PROPENUMPROC
ENUMRESNAMEPROC	PROPENUMPROCEX
ENUMRESTYPEPROC	TIMERPROC
FONTENUMPROC	WNDENUMPROC
GOBJENUMPROC	

For more information on C++ callbacks, please see the May 1993 issue of the "Windows Tech Journal."

The following sample demonstrates how to use a static member function as a thread function, and pass in the "this" pointer as an argument.

Sample Code

```
#include <windows.h>

class A
{
public:
    int x;
    int y;

    A() { x = 0; y = 0; }

    static StartRoutine( A * );    // Compiles clean, includes "this" pointer
};

void main( )
{
    A a;

    DWORD dwThreadID;

    CreateThread( NULL,
        0,
        (LPTHREAD_START_ROUTINE) (a.StartRoutine),
        &a,                                // Pass "this" pointer to static member fn
        0,
        &dwThreadID
    );
}
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMisc

Detecting Closure of Command Window from a Console App

Article ID: Q102429

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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Win32 console applications run in a command window. For the console application to detect when the console is closing, register a console control handler and look for the following values in your case statement:

CTRL_CLOSE_EVENT	User closes the console
CTRL_LOGOFF_EVENT	User logs off
CTRL_SHUTDOWN_EVENT	User shuts down the system

For an example, see the CONSOLE sample. For more information, see the entry for SetConsoleCtrlHandler() in the Win32 application programming interface (API) reference.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseCon

Definition of a Protected Server

Article ID: Q102447

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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The Win32 application programming interface (API) reference briefly discusses creating a "protected server" that assigns security to private objects. This article explains the concept of a "protected server" and its relationship to private objects.

MORE INFORMATION

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A protected server is an application that provides services to clients. These services could be as simple as saving and retrieving information from a database while issuing security checks to verify that the client has proper access.

A private object is an application-defined data structure that both the client and server recognize. Private objects are not registered with nor recognized by the Windows NT operating system; they are entirely application-defined.

It is not uncommon for security to be assigned to private objects in a protected server's database. For example, when a client asks the server to create a new object in the database, the server could use the `CreatePrivateObjectSecurity()` Win32 API to create a security descriptor (SD) for the new private object. The server would then store the SD with the private object in the database. It is important to note that there is nothing in the SD that associates it with the private object. Instead, it is up to the protected server to maintain that association in the private object or in the database. It is likely that the private object and the associated SD would be stored together in a single database record.

A protected server application is responsible for checking a client's access before providing information. For example, when a client asks the server to retrieve some data, the server would go out and locate the record (which would contain the private object and SD) and bring a copy of the SD into memory. It would then call the `AccessCheck()` Win32 API passing the SD, the client's access token, and the desired access mask. `AccessCheck()` will check the client's access against the object's SD to determine if access is permitted. Depending on the result of `AccessCheck()`, the protected server would either provide the requested information or deny access.

In conclusion, a protected server is an application that performs operations on private objects that are entirely user defined. The protected server is responsible for associating security descriptors to those objects and must take the steps necessary to verify a client's access.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: BseSecurity

How Windows NT Handles Floating-Point Calculations

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT version 3.1

SUMMARY

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Each thread in a Win32-based application has its own general register set (provided by the kernel) and its own floating-point state. However, the floating-point support available in a specific instance depends on the subsystem or component in question.

Below is a list of various components and environments and what type of floating-point support is present for them.

MORE INFORMATION

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Win32

Floating-point support is available to any thread running in the Win32 or POSIX subsystem.

This is true even on x86 machines that do not have floating-point hardware. The floating-point instructions are emulated automatically for the thread.

This feature allows people writing code in higher level languages, such as C, to assume floating-point support. The compiler generates the appropriate floating-point machine code. In addition, some standard floating-point functions allow applications to use floating-point exceptions in a portable manner. [For more information, see the header file FPIEE.H and the filter function `fpieee_flt()`.]

POSIX

Again, POSIX applications can be created with the assumption of available floating-point support.

Note that the POSIX standard does not define a way to enable floating-point exceptions, so POSIX applications that do so must rely on some system-specific features. Under Windows NT, a POSIX application can enable floating exceptions by using `_controlfp()`. Floating-point exceptions can then be caught by `SIGFPE`, or, if the application needs to do more than simply catch the exception, by `fpieee_flt()`.

MS-DOS/WOW: x86

MS-DOS-based and Windows-based applications are run directly by the

processor in virtual-86 mode. An MS-DOS/WOW application has access to the floating-point hardware just as it would appear in MS-DOS. (If no floating-point hardware is present, no emulation is provided for the application.)

MS-DOS/WOW: Non-x86

When run on a RISC-based computer, or other non-x86 machine using the Windows/NT 80286 emulation code, the 80287 floating-point instructions are directly emulated. The MS-DOS/WOW application behaves as if an 80287 processor were present.

OS/2 (Supported Only on x86 Versions of Windows NT)

Floating-point support in this subsystem matches that of OS/2: if there's no floating-point hardware installed, the OS/2 application is expected to provide its own emulation.

Device Drivers: x86

On x86 platforms, a driver cannot use the coprocessor. Moreover, using any floating-point instruction (including fnsave or fwait) in the driver could cause either corruption of the user's numeric state or a bug check.

Device Drivers: MIPS/Alpha

For non-ISR time (that is, execution that does not occur during the interrupt service routine [ISR]), floating-point support can be assumed. At ISR time, floating-point support is available so long as the driver registered the ISR with IoConnectInterrupt and passed FloatingSave as TRUE. This causes the system to save and restore the volatile floating-point registers around the associated ISR.

Note that these functions on RISC-based computers use floating-point: RtlFillMemory(), RtlZeroMemory(), RtlCopyMemory(), RtlMoveMemory(). If an ISR calls any of these functions, it must connect to the interrupt with FloatingSave=TRUE on a MIPS.

Additional reference words: 3.10

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMisc

Security Attributes on Named Pipes

Article ID: Q102798

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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The March beta release of the Windows NT (and earlier) did not require security attributes on pipes. It was valid at that time to enter NULL for the last parameter of the Win32-based application programming interface (API) CreateNamedPipe(). This is no longer the case.

MORE INFORMATION

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Windows NT 3.1 and later require security attributes for pipes. Please note that setting the security attributes parameter to NULL does not indicate that you want a NULL security descriptor (SD), rather it indicates that you want to inherit the security descriptor of the current access token. This generally means that any client wanting to connect to your pipe server must have the same security attributes as the user that started the server. For example, if the user who started the server was the administrator of the machine, then any client who wants to connect must also be an administrator to that machine.

Below is an code sample that demonstrates creating a named pipe with a NULL security descriptor.

```
HANDLE                hPipe;    // Pipe handle.
SECURITY_ATTRIBUTES  sa;        // Security attributes.
PSECURITY_DESCRIPTOR pSD;      // Pointer to SD.

// Allocate memory for the security descriptor.

pSD = (PSECURITY_DESCRIPTOR) LocalAlloc(LPTR,
                                         SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR_MIN_LENGTH);

// Initialize the new security descriptor.

InitializeSecurityDescriptor(pSD, SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR_REVISION);

// Add a NULL descriptor ACL to the security descriptor.

SetSecurityDescriptorDacl(pSD, TRUE, (PACL) NULL, FALSE);

sa.nLength = sizeof(sa);
sa.lpSecurityDescriptor = pSD;
sa.bInheritHandle = TRUE;

// Create a local named pipe with a NULL security descriptor.
```

```
hPipe = CreateNamedPipe(  
    "\\.\PIPE\test",    // Pipe name = 'test'.  
    PIPE_ACCESS_DUPLEX // 2-way pipe.  
    | FILE_FLAG_OVERLAPPED, // Use overlapped structure.  
    PIPE_WAIT           // Wait on messages.  
    | PIPE_READMODE_MESSAGE // Specify message mode pipe.  
    | PIPE_TYPE_MESSAGE,  
    MAX_PIPE_INSTANCES, // Maximum instance limit.  
    OUT_BUF_SIZE,       // Buffer sizes.  
    IN_BUF_SIZE,  
    TIME_OUT,           // Specify time out.  
    &sa);               // Security attributes.
```

It is important to note that by specifying TRUE for the fDaclPresent parameter and NULL for pAcl parameter of the SetSecurityDescriptorDacl() API, a NULL access control list (ACL) is being explicitly specified.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: BseIpc

Using Temporary File Can Improve Application Performance

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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The use of temporary files can significantly increase the performance of an application.

MORE INFORMATION

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By using CreateFile() with the FILE_ATTRIBUTE_TEMPORARY flag, you let the system know that the file is likely to be short lived. The temporary file is created as a normal file. The system needs to do a minimal amount of lazy writes to the file system to keep the disk structures (directories and so forth) consistent. This gives the appearance that the file has been written to the disk. However, unless the Memory Manager detects an inadequate supply of free pages and starts writing modified pages to the disk, the Cache Manager's Lazy Writer may never write the data pages of this file to the disk. If the system has enough memory, the pages may remain in memory for any arbitrary amount of time. Because temporary files are generally short lived, there is a good chance the system will never write the pages to the disk.

To further increase performance, your application might mark the file as FILE_FLAG_DELETE_ON_CLOSE. This indicates to the system that when the last handle of the file is closed, it will be deleted. Although the system generally purges the cache to ensure that a file being closed is updated appropriately, because a file marked with this flag won't exist after the close, the system foregoes the cache purge.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseFileio

Copy on Write Page Protection for Windows NT

Article ID: Q103858

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, versions 3.1, 3.5, and 3.51
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SUMMARY

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The Windows NT's Copy on Write page protection is a concept that allows multiple applications to map their virtual address spaces to share the same physical pages, until an application needs to modify the page and have its own instance copy. This is part of a technique called Lazy Evaluation, which allows the system to not waste time by committing resources, time, or execution until/unless absolutely necessary. Copy on Write allows the virtual memory manager to save memory and execution time.

MORE INFORMATION

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Copy on Write works as follows: In generic terms, an application can load something into its virtual memory (for example, a code section or DLL code). Virtual memory is mapped to physical memory. Another process may want to load the same thing into its virtual memory. As long as neither process writes to this memory, they can map to, and share, the same physical pages.

If either process needs to write to this memory, because the memory is marked as Copy on Write, the physical page frame will be copied somewhere else in physical memory. Fixups are made for the virtual memory mapping of the writing process. Both applications now have their own instance of the memory contents. In short, applications can share the same physical memory with Copy on Write, until one of the applications has to modify the contents. At that point, a new copy of the contents is made, and the writing process has its own copy.

It should be emphasized that this is not to say that applications are sharing memory in the sense that one application can write to it and another can read what the first one wrote; as long as applications are only going to read a piece of memory (for example, a code section), then the physical pages supporting that memory for the applications can be shared. Once the application needs to write to the memory (for example, in the form of a fixup), then that application must have a new physical page so that the modifications are not seen by other processes. The processes are no longer sharing the same physical pages.

Applications

When multiple instances of the same Windows-based application load, you may notice that most, if not all, of their instance handles (hInstance) have the same value. In fact, almost all of the windows on the desktop have this value, which represents the base address where the application loaded in

virtual memory.

Each of the instances of the same application running has its own protected virtual address space to run in. If each of these applications can load into its default base address, each will map to, and be able to share, the same physical pages in memory. Using Copy on Write, the system will allow these applications to share the same physical pages until one of the applications modifies a page. Then a copy is made in physical memory, and that process's virtual memory is fixed up to use the new physical page. If for some reason one of these instances cannot load in the desired base address, it will get its own physical pages. See the section on DLLs below for more explanation.

DLLs

Dynamic-link libraries (DLLs) are created with a default base address to load at. Assuming that multiple applications call the DLL, they will all try to load it within their own address space at that default virtual address. If they are all successful, they can all map that virtual address space to share the same physical pages.

However, if for some reason the DLL cannot be loaded within the process's address space at the default address, it will load the DLL elsewhere. The DLL must be copied into another physical address frame. The reason is that fixups for jump instructions in a DLL are written as specific locations within the DLL's pages. If the DLL can be loaded at the same base address for each process, the second to the nth process does not have to write that memory location for the jump. If a process cannot load the DLL at the specified base address, the locations written in the DLL's jumps will be different for this process. This forces the fixup to write a new location into the jump, and the Copy on Write will automatically force a new physical page.

Note that all references to data must be fixed up too. If this causes virtual memory of the code section to be updated, then the process will again go through the Copy on Write process. For example, if there are a great many places in the code section that make reference into data in a DLL, if the DLL cannot be loaded at its default location, the locations in the code section data in the DLL are referenced will have to be modified. If this is one of multiple instances of a process, these fixups must go through the copy on write process, and the virtual memory pages of the process's code section will not be able to map and share the same physical pages as the other instances. If there are a lot of references to the data in the DLL by the code section, this can essentially cause the entire code section to be copied to new physical pages.

POSIX

In POSIX, there is a fork() instruction that basically creates two copies of the same program. It is an expensive process for the system to copy the address space of one process into another. Instead, under Windows NT, the system simply marks the parent's pages with Copy on Write. This way new physical frames are copied only if and when they are needed (have been modified). The system does not waste time or memory if all of the address space doesn't need to be copied. (For more information, see "Inside Windows

NT" by Microsoft Press).

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMm

Detecting Logoff from a Service

Article ID: Q104122

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.5
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Sometimes it is handy for a service to know whether or not a user is logged on to the system. For example, suppose that there are circumstances under which the service displays a dialog box and waits for the user to respond. If this is done while the user is logged off, the service is blocked until the user logs on again.

Unfortunately, there is no direct way for a service to detect whether or not a user is logged on. There is, however, an indirect method. If you supply `MB_DEFAULT_DESKTOP_ONLY` as one of the flags in the `fuStyle` parameter of `MessageBox()`, the function will fail if no one is logged on or if a screen saver is running.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseService

Mapping .INI File Entries to the Registry

Article ID: Q104136

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, versions 3.1 and 3.5
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Under Windows NT, .INI file variables are mapped into the Registry as defined in the

```
\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE
  \Software\Microsoft\WindowsNT\CurrentVersion\IniFileMapping
```

mapping key. The Win32 Profile application programming interface (API) functions look for a mapping by looking up the filename extension portion of the profile file. If a match is found, then the search continues under that node for the specified application name. If a match is found, then the search continues for the variable name. If the variable name is not found, the value of the (NULL) variable name is a string that points to a node in the Registry, whose value keys are the variable names. If a specific mapping is found for the variable name, then its value points to the Registry value that contains the variable value.

The Profile API calls go to the Windows server to look for an actual .INI file, and read and write its contents, only if no mapping for either the application name or filename is found. If there is a mapping for the filename but not the application name, and there is a (NULL) application name, the value of the (NULL) variable will be used as the location in the Registry of the variable, after appending the application name to it.

In the string that points to a Registry node, there are several prefixes that change the behavior of the .INI file mapping:

- ! - This character forces all writes to go both to the Registry and to the .INI file on disk.
- # - This character causes the Registry value to be set to the value in the Windows 3.1 .INI file when a new user logs in for the first time after setup.
- @ - This character prevents any reads from going to the .INI file on disk if the requested data is not found in the Registry.
- USR: - This prefix stands for HKEY_CURRENT_USER, and the text after the prefix is relative to that key.
- SYS: - This prefix stands for HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software, and the text after the prefix is relative to that key.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 inifilemapping

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMisc

Cancelling WaitCommEvent() with SetCommMask()

Article ID: Q105302

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT version 3.1
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If a serial port is in nonoverlapped mode (without `FILE_FLAG_OVERLAPPED`) and `SetCommMask()` is called, the call does not return until any pending `WaitCommEvent()` calls return. This apparently contradicts the following statement from the `SetCommMask()` Help

If `SetCommMask()` is called for a communications resource while a wait is pending for that resource, `WaitCommEvent()` returns an error.

and the following statement from the `WaitCommEvent()` Help:

If a process attempts to change the device handle's event mask by using the `SetCommMask()` function while a `WaitCommEvent()` operation is in progress, `WaitCommEvent()` returns immediately.

However, this is the expected behavior. If you open a serial port in the nonoverlapped mode, then you can do only one thing at a time with the serial port. `SetCommMask()` must block while the `WaitCommEvent()` call is blocking.

If the serial port was opened with `FILE_FLAG_OVERLAPPED`, `WaitCommEvent()` will return after `SetCommEvent()` has been called.

Additional reference words: 3.10 com1 com2

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseCommapi

SetErrorMode() Is Inherited

Article ID: Q105304

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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An application can use `SetErrorMode()` to control whether the operating system handles serious errors or whether the application itself will handle the errors.

NOTE: The error mode will be inherited by any child process. However, the child process may not be prepared to handle the error return codes. As a result, the application may die during a critical error without the usual error message popups occurring.

This behavior is by design.

One solution is to call `SetErrorMode()` before and after the call to `CreateProcess()` in order to control the error mode that is passed to the child. Be aware that this process must be synchronized in a multithreaded application.

There is another solution available in Windows NT 3.5 and later. `CreateProcess()` has a new flag `CREATE_DEFAULT_ERROR_MODE` that can be used to control the error mode of the child process.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseExcept

Calling CRT Output Routines from a GUI Application

Article ID: Q105305

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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To use C Run-time output routines, such as `printf()`, from a GUI application, it is necessary to create a console. The Win32 application programming interface (API) `AllocConsole()` creates the console. The CRT routine `setvbuf()` removes buffering so that output is visible immediately.

This method works if the GUI application is run from the command line or from File Manager. However, this method does not work if the application is started from the Program Manager or via the "start" command. The following code shows how to work around this problem:

```
int hCrt;
FILE *hf;

AllocConsole();
hCrt = _open_osfhandle(
    (long) GetStdHandle(STD_OUTPUT_HANDLE),
    _O_TEXT
);
hf = _fdopen( hCrt, "w" );
*stdout = *hf;
i = setvbuf( stdout, NULL, _IONBF, 0 );
```

This code opens up a new low-level CRT handle to the correct console output handle, associates a new stream with that low-level handle, and replaces `stdout` with that new stream. This process takes care of functions that use `stdout`, such as `printf()`, `puts()`, and so forth. Use the same procedure for `stdin` and `stderr`.

Note that this code does not correct problems with handles 0, 1, and 2. In fact, due to other complications, it is not possible to correct this, and therefore it is necessary to use stream I/O instead of low-level I/O.

MORE INFORMATION

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When a GUI application is started with the "start" command, the three standard OS handles `STD_INPUT_HANDLE`, `STD_OUTPUT_HANDLE`, and `STD_ERROR_HANDLE` are all "zeroed out" by the console initialization routines. These three handles are replaced by valid values when the GUI application calls `AllocConsole()`. Therefore, once this is done, calling `GetStdHandle()` will always return valid handle values. The problem is that the CRT has already completed initialization before your application gets a chance to call `AllocConsole()`; the three low I/O handles 0, 1, and 2 have already been set up to use the original zeroed out OS handles, so all CRT

I/O is sent to invalid OS handles and CRT output does not appear in the console. Use the workaround described above to eliminate this problem.

In the case of starting the GUI application from the command line without the "start" command, the standard OS handles are NOT correctly zeroed out, but are incorrectly inherited from CMD.EXE. When the application's CRT initializes, the three low I/O handles 0, 1, and 2 are initialized to use the three handle numbers that the application inherits from CMD.EXE. When the application calls AllocConsole(), the console initialization routines attempt to replace what the console initialization believes to be invalid standard OS handle values with valid handle values from the new console. By coincidence, because the console initialization routines tend to give out the same three values for the standard OS handles, the console initialization will replace the standard OS handle values with the same values that were there before--the ones inherited from CMD.EXE. Therefore, CRT I/O works in this case.

It is important to realize that the ability to use CRT routines from a GUI application run from the command line was not by design so this may not work in future versions of Windows NT or Windows. In a future version, you may need the workaround not just for applications started on the command line with "start <application name>", but also for applications started on the command line with "application name".

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMisc

Getting and Using a Handle to a Directory

Article ID: Q105306

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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CreateDirectory() can be used to open a new directory. An existing directory can be opened by calling CreateFile(). To open an existing directory with CreateFile(), it is necessary to specify the flag FILE_FLAG_BACKUP_SEMANTICS. The following code shows how this can be done:

```
HANDLE hFile;

hFile = CreateFile( "c:\\mstools",
    GENERIC_READ | GENERIC_WRITE,
    FILE_SHARE_READ | FILE_SHARE_WRITE,
    NULL,
    OPEN_EXISTING,
    FILE_FLAG_BACKUP_SEMANTICS,
    NULL
);
if( hFile == INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE )
    MessageBox( NULL, "CreateFile() failed", NULL, MB_OK );
```

The handle obtained can be used to obtain information about the directory or to set information about the directory. For example:

```
BY_HANDLE_FILE_INFORMATION fiBuf;
FILETIME ftBuf;
SYSTEMTIME stBuf;
char msg[40];

GetFileInformationByHandle( hFile, &fiBuf );
FileTimeToLocalFileTime( &fiBuf.ftLastWriteTime, &ftBuf );
FileTimeToSystemTime( &ftBuf, &stBuf );
wsprintf( msg, "Last write time is %d:%d %d/%d/%d",
    stBuf.wHour, stBuf.wMinute, stBuf.wMonth, stBuf.wDay, stBuf.wYear );
MessageBox( NULL, msg, NULL, MB_OK );
```

MORE INFORMATION

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Opening directories with CreateFile is not supported on Windows 95.

This code does not work on Win32s, because MS-DOS does not support opening a directory. If you are looking for the creation time of a directory, use FindFirstFile(), because it works on all platforms.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseFileio

Named Pipe Buffer Size

Article ID: Q105531

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1, 3.5, and 3.51
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The documentation for `CreateNamedPipe()` indicates that

The input and output buffer sizes are advisory. The actual buffer size reserved for each end of the named pipe is either the system default, the system minimum or maximum, or the specified size rounded up to the next allocation boundary.

The buffer size specified should be a reasonable size so that your process will not run out of nonpaged pool, but it should also be large enough to accommodate typical requests.

Every time a named pipe is created, the system creates the inbound and/or outbound buffers using nonpaged pool, which is the physical memory used by the kernel. The number of pipe instances (as well as objects such as threads and processes) that you can create is limited by the available nonpaged pool. Each read or write request requires space in the buffer for the read or write data, plus additional space for the internal data structures.

Whenever a pipe write operation occurs, the system first tries to charge the memory against the pipe write quota. If the remaining pipe write quota is enough to fulfill the request, the write completes immediately.

If the remaining pipe write quota is too small to fulfill the request, the system will try to expand the buffers to accommodate the data using nonpaged pool reserved for the process. The write will block until the data is read from the pipe so that the additional buffer quota can be released. Therefore, if your specified buffer size is too small, the system will grow the buffer as needed, but the downside is that the operation will block. If the operation is overlapped, a system thread is blocked; otherwise, the application thread is blocked.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseIpc

The Use of PAGE_WRITECOPY

Article ID: Q105532

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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The documentation to `CreateFileMapping()`, `VirtualAlloc()`, and `VirtualProtect()` indicates that the `PAGE_WRITECOPY` protection gives copy-on-write access to the committed region of pages. As it is, `PAGE_WRITECOPY` makes sense only in the context of file mapping, where you want to map something from the disk into your view and then modify the view without causing the data to go on the disk.

The only case where `VirtualAlloc()` should succeed with `PAGE_WRITECOPY` is the case where `CreateFileMapping()` is called with `-1` and allocates memory with the `SEC_RESERVE` flag and later on, `VirtualAlloc()` is used to change this into `MEM_COMMIT` with a `PAGE_WRITECOPY` protection.

There is a bug in Windows NT 3.1 such that the following call to `VirtualAlloc()` will succeed:

```
lpCommit = VirtualAlloc(lpvAddr, cbSize, MEM_COMMIT, PAGE_WRITECOPY);
```

This call will fail under Windows NT 3.5.

NOTE: `lpvAddr` is a pointer to memory that was allocated with `MEM_RESERVE` and `PAGE_NOACCESS`.

One case where this might be useful is when emulating the UNIX `fork` command. Emulating `fork` behavior would involve creating instance data and using threads or multiple processes.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMm

Setting the Console Configuration

Article ID: Q105674

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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To create a command prompt with custom features such as

```
Settings
Fonts
Screen Size and Position
Screen Colors
```

create a new entry in the Program Manager for CMD.EXE (suppose that the description is CUSTOM), choose these items from the CMD system menu, and select Save Configuration in each dialog box. The settings are saved in the registry under

```
HKEY_CURRENT_USER\
    Console\
        custom
```

and are used when starting the CUSTOM command prompt from the Program Manager or when specifying:

```
start "custom"
```

This behavior is really a convenient side effect of

```
start <string>
```

which sets the title in the window title bar. When you create a new console window with the START command, the system looks in the registry and tries to match the title with one of the configurations stored there. If it cannot find it, it defaults to the values stored in:

```
HKEY_CURRENT_USER\
    Console\
        Configuration
```

This functionality can be duplicated in your own applications using the registry application programming interface (API).

For more information, please see the "Registry and Initialization Files" overview and the REGISTRY sample.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMisc

First and Second Chance Exception Handling

Article ID: Q105675

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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Structured exception handling (SEH) takes a little getting used to, particularly when debugging. It is common practice to use SEH as a signaling mechanism. Some application programming interfaces (APIs) register an exception handler in anticipation of a failure condition that is expected to occur in a lower layer. When the exception occurs, the handler may correct or ignore the condition rather than allowing a failure to propagate up through intervening layers. This is very handy in complex environments such as networks where partial failures are expected and it is not desirable to fail an entire operation simply because one of several optional parts failed. In this case, the exception can be handled so that the application is not aware that an exception has occurred.

However, if the application is being debugged, it is important to realize that the debugger will see all exceptions before the program does. This is the distinction between the first and second chance exception. The debugger gets the "first chance," hence the name. If the debugger continues the exception unhandled, the program will see the exception as usual. If the program does not handle the exception, the debugger will see it again (the "second chance"). In this latter case, the program normally would have crashed had the debugger not been present.

If you do not want to see the first chance exception in the debugger, then disable the feature. Otherwise, during execution, when the debugger gets the first chance, continue the exception unhandled and allow the program to handle the exception as usual. Check the documentation for the debugger that you are using for descriptions of the commands to be used.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseExcept

Critical Sections Versus Mutexes

Article ID: Q105678

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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Critical sections and mutexes provide synchronization that is very similar, except that critical sections can be used only by the threads of a single process. There are two areas to consider when choosing which method to use within a single process:

1. Speed. The Synchronization overview says the following about critical sections:

... critical section objects provide a slightly faster, more efficient mechanism for mutual-exclusion synchronization.

Critical sections use a processor-specific test and set instruction to determine mutual exclusion.

2. Deadlock. The Synchronization overview says the following about mutexes:

If a thread terminates without releasing its ownership of a mutex object, the mutex is considered to be abandoned. A waiting thread can acquire ownership of an abandoned mutex, but the wait function's return value indicates that the mutex is abandoned.

WaitForSingleObject() will return WAIT_ABANDONED for a mutex that has been abandoned. However, the resource that the mutex is protecting is left in an unknown state.

There is no way to tell whether a critical section has been abandoned.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseSync

Using NTFS Alternate Data Streams

Article ID: Q105763

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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The documentation for the NTFS file system states that NTFS supports multiple streams of data; however, the documentation does not address the syntax for the streams themselves.

The Windows NT Resource Kit documents the stream syntax as follows:

```
filename:stream
```

Alternate data streams are strictly a feature of the NTFS file system and may not be supported in future file systems. However, NTFS will be supported in future versions of Windows NT.

Future file systems will support a model based on OLE 2.0 structured storage (IStream and IStorage). By using OLE 2.0, an application can support multiple streams on any file system and all supported operating systems (Windows, Macintosh, Windows NT, and Win32s), not just Windows NT.

MORE INFORMATION

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The following sample code demonstrates NTFS streams:

```
#include <windows.h>
#include <stdio.h>

void main( )
{
    HANDLE hFile, hStream;
    DWORD dwRet;

    hFile = CreateFile( "testfile",
                      GENERIC_WRITE,
                      FILE_SHARE_WRITE,
                      NULL,
                      OPEN_ALWAYS,
                      0,
                      NULL );
    if( hFile == INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE )
        printf( "Cannot open testfile\n" );
    else
        WriteFile( hFile, "This is testfile", 16, &dwRet, NULL );

    hStream = CreateFile( "testfile:stream",
                        GENERIC_WRITE,
```

```

        FILE_SHARE_WRITE,
            NULL,
            OPEN_ALWAYS,
            0,
            NULL );
if( hStream == INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE )
    printf( "Cannot open testfile:stream\n" );
else
    WriteFile( hStream, "This is testfile:stream", 23, &dwRet, NULL );
}

```

The file size obtained in a directory listing is 16, because you are looking only at "testfile", and therefore

```
type testfile
```

produces the following:

```
This is testfile
```

However

```
type testfile:stream
```

produces the following:

```
The filename syntax is incorrect
```

In order to view what is in testfile:stream, use:

```
more < testfile:stream
```

```
-or-
```

```
mep testfile:stream
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseFileio

RegSaveKey() Requires SeBackupPrivilege

Article ID: Q106383

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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The description for RegSaveKey() states the following:

The caller of this function must possess the SeBackupPrivilege security privilege.

This means that the application must explicitly open a security token and enable the SeBackupPrivilege. By granting a particular user the right to back up files, you give that user the right only to gain access to the security token (that is, the token is not automatically created for the user but the right to create such a token is given). You must add additional code to open the token and enable the privilege.

MORE INFORMATION

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The following code demonstrates how to enable SeBackupPrivilege:

```
static HANDLE          hToken;
static TOKEN_PRIVILEGES tp;
static LUID            luid;

// Enable backup privilege.

OpenProcessToken( GetCurrentProcess(),
    TOKEN_ADJUST_PRIVILEGES | TOKEN_QUERY, &hToken );
LookupPrivilegeValue( NULL, "SeBackupPrivilege", &luid );
tp.PrivilegeCount      = 1;
tp.Privileges[0].Luid  = luid;
tp.Privileges[0].Attributes = SE_PRIVILEGE_ENABLED;
AdjustTokenPrivileges( hToken, FALSE, &tp,
    sizeof(TOKEN_PRIVILEGES), NULL, NULL );

// Insert your code here to save the registry keys/subkeys.

// Disable backup privilege.

AdjustTokenPrivileges( hToken, TRUE, &tp, sizeof(TOKEN_PRIVILEGES),
    NULL, NULL );
```

Note that you cannot create a process token; you must open the existing process token and adjust its privileges.

The DDEML Clock sample has similar code sample at the end of the CLOCK.C file where it obtains the SeSystemTimePrivilege so that it can set the

system time.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMisc

Sharing Objects with a Service

Article ID: Q106387

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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To share objects (file mapping, synchronization, and so forth) created by a service, you must place a null DACL (discretionary access-control list) in the security descriptor field when the object is created. This grants everyone access to the object.

MORE INFORMATION

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This null DACL is not the same as a NULL, which is used to specify the default security descriptor. For example, the following code can be used to create a mutex with a null DACL:

```
PSECURITY_DESCRIPTOR    pSD;
SECURITY_ATTRIBUTES     sa;

pSD = (PSECURITY_DESCRIPTOR) LocalAlloc( LPTR,
                                           SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR_MIN_LENGTH);

if (pSD == NULL)
{
    Error(...);
}

if (!InitializeSecurityDescriptor(pSD, SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR_REVISION))
{
    Error(...);
}

// Add a NULL DACL to the security descriptor..

if (!SetSecurityDescriptorDacl(pSD, TRUE, (PACL) NULL, FALSE))
{
    Error(...);
}

sa.nLength = sizeof(sa);
sa.lpSecurityDescriptor = pSD;
sa.bInheritHandle = TRUE;

mutex = CreateMutex( &sa, FALSE, "SOMENAME" );
```

If you are creating one of these objects in an application and the object will be shared with a service, you could also use a null DACL to grant everyone access. As an alternative, you could add an access-control entry

(ACE) to the DACL that grants access to the user account that the service is running under. This would restrict access to the object to the service.

For a more detailed example, please see the SERVICES sample.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseSecurity

Accessing the Macintosh Resource Fork

Article ID: Q106663

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5

Resource forks are implemented as NTFS streams named AFP_Resource. There is no structure to the fork; it is exactly whatever the Macintosh writes to it. The resource fork can be written to using standard Win32 application programming interfaces (APIs). Refer to the forks as <FileName>:AFP_Resource.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMisc

3. Get the first instance:

```
PPERF_INSTANCE_DEFINITION PerfInst;

PerfInst = (PPERF_INSTANCE_DEFINITION) ((PBYTE)PerfObj +
                                         PerfObj->DefinitionLength);
```

4. Get the first counter:

```
PPERF_COUNTER_DEFINITION PerfCntr;

PerfCntr = (PPERF_COUNTER_DEFINITION) ((PBYTE)PerfObj +
                                         PerfObj->HeaderLength);
```

5. Get the counter data:

```
PPERF_COUNTER_BLOCK PtrToCntr;
PVOID CntrData;

if( PerfInst != NULL )
    PtrToCntr = (PPERF_COUNTER_BLOCK) ((PBYTE)PerfInst +
                                         PerfInst.ByteLength );
else PtrToCntr = (PPERF_COUNTER_BLOCK) ((PBYTE)PerfObj +
                                         PerfObj.DefinitionLength );
PVOID CntrData = (PVOID)((PBYTE)PtrToCntr + PerfCntr.CounterOffset);
```

6. Get the next counter, repeat steps 5 and 6 until all NumCounters counters are retrieved:

```
PerfCntr = (PPERF_COUNTER_DEFINITION) ((PBYTE)PerfCntr +
                                         PerfCntr->ByteLength);
```

7. After all the counters are retrieved for the instance, get the next instance, repeat steps 4-6 until all NumInstances instances are retrieved:

```
PPERF_COUNTER_BLOCK PtrToCntr;
PPERF_INSTANCE_DEFINITION PerfInst;

PtrToCntr = (PPERF_COUNTER_BLOCK) ((PBYTE) PerfInst +
                                     PerfInst->ByteLength);
PerfInst = (PPERF_INSTANCE_DEFINITION) ((PBYTE) PtrToCntr +
                                         PtrToCntr->ByteLength);
```

8. After all instances of the object type are retrieved, move to the next object type, repeat steps 3-7 until all NumObjectTypes object types are handled:

```
PerfObj = (PPERF_OBJECT_TYPE) ((PBYTES)PerfObj +
                               PerfObj.TotalByteLength);
```

Note that the instance names are retrieved in a fashion that is similar to retrieving the data.

The steps above showed how to obtain all of the counters. You can retrieve only the counters that pertain to a particular object by using the titles database. The information is stored in the registry in the format index,

name, index, name, and so forth.

To retrieve the titles database and store it in TitlesDatabase:

1. Open the key:

```
RegOpenKeyEx( HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE,
              "Software\\Microsoft\\Windows NT\\CurrentVersion\\Perflib\\009",
              0,
              KEY_READ,
              &Hkey);
```

Note that 009 is a language ID, so this value will be different on a non-English version of the operating system.

2. Query the information from the key:

```
RegQueryInfoKey(
              Hkey,
              (LPTSTR) Class,
              &ClassSize,
              NULL,
              &Subkey,
              MaxSubKey,
              &MaxClass,
              &Values,
              &MaxName,
              &MaxData,
              &SecDesc,
              &LastWriteTime );
```

3. Allocate a buffer to store the information:

```
TitlesDataBase = (PSTR) malloc( (MaxData+1) * sizeof(TCHAR) )
```

4. Retrieve the data:

```
RegQueryValueEx( Hkey,
                 (LPTSTR) "Counters",
                 NULL,
                 NULL,
                 (LPBYTE) TitlesDataBase,
                 &MaxData );
```

Once you have the database, it is possible to write code that will go through all objects, searching by index (field ObjectNameTitleIndex) or by type (field ObjectNameTitle - which is initially NULL).

Or, you could obtain only the performance data for specified objects by changing the call to RegQueryValueEx() in step 1 of the SUMMARY section above to:

```
RegQueryValueEx( HKEY_PERFORMANCE_DATA,
                 Indices,
                 NULL,
                 NULL,
                 PerfData,
```

```
&dwSize );
```

Note that the only difference here is that instead of specifying "Global" as the second parameter, you specify a string that represents the decimal value(s) for the object(s) of interest that are obtained from the titles database.

The PVIEWER and PERFMON samples in the MSTOOLS\SAMPLES\SDKTOOLS directory contain complete sample code that deals with performance data. The "Performance Overview" and Volume 3 of the Windows NT Resource Kit also contain information about performance monitoring.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMisc

Replace IsTask() with GetExitCodeProcess()

Article ID: Q108228

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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In Windows 3.1, the application programming interface (API) `IsTask()` can be used to determine whether a process is still running or whether it has terminated. As the help file indicates, this function is obsolete in the Win32 API.

To get this functionality through the Win32 API, use the API `GetExitCodeProcess()`. This function takes the handle as the first parameter and returns the exit code or `STILL_ACTIVE` in the second parameter:

```
BOOL GetExitCodeProcess(hProcess, lpdwExitCode)

HANDLE hProcess;
LPDWORD lpdwExitCode;
```

As an alternative, you can also use `WaitForSingleObject()`. Pass the process handle as the first parameter and a timeout value for the second parameter:

```
DWORD WaitForSingleObject(hObject, dwTimeout)

HANDLE hObject;
DWORD dwTimeout;
```

The process handle is signaled when the process terminates. Pass in 0 (zero) for the timeout if you would like to poll or start another thread to wait with an `INFINITE` timeout value.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseProcThrd

Accessing the Event Logs

Article ID: Q108230

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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Event logs are used to store significant events, such as warnings, errors, or information. There are five operations that can be performed on event logs through the event logging application programming interface (API): backup, clear, query, read, and write.

The default event logs are the Application event log, the Security event log, and the System event log. Access to these event logs is determined by which account the application is running under.

MORE INFORMATION

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The following table shows which accounts are granted access to which logs and what type of access is granted under Windows NT 3.1:

Log	Account	Access Granted
Application	LocalSys	read write clear
	Admins	read write clear
	ServerOp	read write clear
	World	read write
Security	LocalSys	read write clear
	Admins	read clear
System	LocalSys	read write clear
	Admins	read clear
	ServerOp	read clear
	World	read

Table 1 - access granted in Windows NT 3.1

The Local System account (LocalSys) is a special account that may be used by Windows NT services. The Administrator account (Admins) consists of the administrators for the system. The Server Operator account (ServerOp) consists of the administrators of the domain server. The World account includes all users on all systems.

Changes made were for Windows NT 3.5:

Log	Account	Access Granted
Application	LocalSys	read write clear
	Admins	read write clear

	ServerOp	read write clear
	World	read write
Security	LocalSys	read write clear
	Admins	read clear
	World	read clear *
System	LocalSys	read write clear
	Admins	read write clear **
	ServerOp	read clear
	World	read

Table 2 - access granted under Windows NT 3.5

* Users that have been granted manage auditing and security log rights can read and clear the Security log.

** Admins can write to the System log.

The following table shows which types of access are required for the corresponding event logging API:

Event Logging API	Access Required
OpenEventLog()	read
OpenBackupEventLog()	read
RegisterEventSource()	write
ClearEventLog()	clear

Table 3 - access required for event logging APIs

As an example, OpenEventLog() requires read access (see Table 2). A member of the ServerOp account can call OpenEventLog() for the Application event log and the System event log, because ServerOp has read access for both of these logs (see Table 1). However, a member of the ServerOp account cannot call OpenEventLog() for the Security log, because it does not have read access for this log (see Table 1).

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMisc

CreateFileMapping() SEC_* Flags

Article ID: Q108231

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0

SUMMARY

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The definition of CreateFileMapping() is as follows:

```
HANDLE CreateFileMapping(hFile, lpSa, fdwProtect, dwMaximumSizeHigh,
                        dwMaximumSizeLow, lpzMapName)
```

```
HANDLE hFile;
LPSECURITY_ATTRIBUTES lpSa;
DWORD fdwProtect;
DWORD dwMaximumSizeHigh;
DWORD dwMaximumSizeLow;
LPCTSTR lpzMapName;
```

The following flags are four possible values for the parameter fdwProtect:

SEC_COMMIT

All pages of a section are to be set to the commit state.

SEC_IMAGE

The file specified for a section's file mapping is an executable image file.

SEC_NOCACHE

All pages of a section are to be set as noncacheable.

SEC_RESERVE

All pages of a section are to be set to the reserved state.

If none of these flags are specified, SEC_COMMIT is the default. This behaves the same way as MEM_COMMIT in VirtualAlloc().

MORE INFORMATION

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Windows NT

The SEC_RESERVE flag is intended for file mappings that are backed by the paging file, and therefore use SEC_RESERVE only when hFile is -1. The pages are reserved just as they are when the MEM_RESERVE flag is used in VirtualAlloc(). The pages can be committed by subsequently using the VirtualAlloc() application programming interface (API), specifying MEM_COMMIT. Once committed, these pages cannot be decommitted.

The SEC_NOCACHE flag is intended for architectures that require various locking structures to be located in memory that is not ever fetched into the CPU cache. On x86 and MIPS machines, use of this flag just slows down the performance because the hardware keeps the cache coherent. Certain

device drivers may require noncached data so that programs can write through to the physical memory. SEC_NOCACHE requires that either SEC_RESERVE or SEC_COMMIT be used in addition to SEC_NOCACHE.

The SEC_IMAGE flag indicates that the file handle points to an executable file, and it should be loaded as such. The mapping information and file protection are taken from the image file, and therefore no other options are allowed when SEC_IMAGE is used.

Windows 95

Under Windows NT, the Win32 loader simply sits on top of the memory mapped file subsystem, and so when the loader needs to load a PE executable, it simply calls down into the existing memory mapped file code. Therefore, it is extremely easy for to support SEC_IMAGE in CreateFileMapping() under Windows NT.

In Windows 95, the loader is more complex and the memory mapped files are simple and only support the bare minimum of functionality to make the existing MapViewOfFile() work. Therefore, Windows 95 does not support SEC_IMAGE. There is support for SEC_NOCACHE, SEC_RESERVE and SEC_COMMIT.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMm

Use LoadLibrary() on .EXE Files Only for Resources

Article ID: Q108448

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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The LoadLibrary() application programming interface (API) can be used to load an executable module. A common use of this function is to load a dynamic-link library (DLL), perform a subsequent call to GetProcAddress() to get the address of an exported DLL routine, and call this DLL routine through the address that is returned. Another use of LoadLibrary() is to load an executable module and retrieve its resources.

In Windows NT, a LoadLibrary() of an .EXE file is supported only for the purposes of retrieving resources. It was decided that it was rather uncommon to load an .EXE for any other purpose, so this limitation was imposed on LoadLibrary() to improve the performance in loading resources. Calling a routine in an .EXE through an address obtained with GetProcAddress() can cause an access violation.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMisc

Working Set Size, Nonpaged Pool, and VirtualLock()

Article ID: Q108449

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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This article discusses memory management issues such as working set size, nonpaged pool, and locking pages into physical memory via VirtualLock().

MORE INFORMATION

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Working Set

A process's working set is the set of pages that it has currently in memory. The values for maximum working set and minimum working set are hard-coded in Windows NT and are thus impossible to change. There are three values hard-coded for the maximum working set. The value used for maximum working set depends on whether your machine is considered to be a small, medium, or large machine:

Small machine--less than 16 megabytes (MB)

Medium machine--between 16 MB and 20 MB

Large machine--greater than 20 MB

The system tries to keep about 4 MB free to reduce the paging that occurs when loading a new process, allocating memory, and so forth. Any free RAM beyond what the system requires is available for the system to use to increase your working set size if your process is doing a lot of paging.

Process pages that are paged out of your process space are moved into the "standby list," where they remain until sufficient free RAM is available, or until system memory is low and they need to be reused. If these pages are accessed by your process while they are still on the standby list and more RAM has become available, they will be "soft-faulted" back into the working set. This does not require any disk access, so it is very quick. Therefore, even though you have an upper limit to the size of your working set, you can still have quite a few process pages in memory that can be pulled back into your working set very quickly.

To minimize working set requirements and increase performance, use the Working Set Tuner, WST.EXE, to order the functions within your code. One way to help an application receive a larger working set is to use the Network application in the Control Panel to set the server configuration to "Maximize Throughput for Network Applications."

Nonpaged Pool

System memory is divided into paged pool and nonpaged pool. Paged pool can be paged to disk, whereas nonpaged pool is never paged to disk. In Windows NT 3.1, the default amount of nonpaged pool also depends on whether your machine is considered small, medium, or large. In other words, you will have X amount of nonpaged pool on a 16 MB machine, Y amount of nonpaged pool on a 20 MB machine, and Z amount of nonpaged pool on a machine with more than 20 MB (the exact values for X, Y, and Z were not made public).

Important system data is stored in nonpaged pool. For example, each Windows NT object created requires a block of nonpaged pool. In fact, it is the availability of nonpaged pool that determines how many processes, threads, and other such objects can be created. The error that you will receive if you have too many object handles open is:

1816 (ERROR_NOT_ENOUGH_QUOTA)

Many 3.1 applications ran into this error because of the limited amount of nonpaged pool. This limit were addressed in Windows NT 3.5. We found that

- Some objects were too large
- Sharing an object caused excessive quota charges
- The quota limits were artificial and fixed

The resources used by each object were evaluated and many were drastically reduced in Windows NT 3.5.

In Windows NT 3.1, every time an object was shared, quota was charged for each shared instance. For example, if you opened a file inheritable and then spawn a process and have it inherit your handle table, the quota charged for the file object was double. Each handle pointing to an object cost quota. Most applications experienced this problem. Under Windows NT 3.5, quota is only charged once per object rather than once per handle.

Windows NT 3.1 had a fixed quota for paged and nonpaged pool. This was determined by the system's memory size, or could be controlled by the registry. The limits were artificial. This was due to the poor design of quotas with respect to sharing. It was also affected by some objects lying about their actual resource usage. In any case, Windows NT 3.5 has revised this scheme.

The Windows NT 3.1 "Resource Kit, Volume I" documents that it is possible to change the amount of nonpaged pool by modifying the following registry entry:

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\  
  CurrentControlSet\  
    Control\  
      Session Manager\  
        Memory Management\  
          NonPagedPoolSize
```

WARNING: This modification can cause the system to crash, and therefore Microsoft does not recommend that this registry entry be changed.

Quotas can still be controlled in Windows NT 3.5 using these Windows NT 3.1 registry values. However, this technique is now almost never needed. The new quota mechanism dynamically raises and lowers your quota limits as you

bump into the limits. Before raising a limit, it coordinates this with the memory manager to make sure you can safely have your limit raised without using up all of the systems resources.

VirtualLock()

To lock a particular page into memory so that it cannot be swapped out to disk, use VirtualLock(). The documentation for VirtualLock() states the following:

Locking pages into memory may degrade the performance of the system by reducing the available RAM and forcing the system to swap out other critical pages to the paging file. There is a limit on the number of pages that can be locked: 30 pages. The limit is intentionally small to avoid severe performance degradation.

There is no way to raise this limit in Windows NT 3.1--it is fixed at 30 pages (the size of your working set). The reason that you see a severe performance degradation when an application locks these pages is that Windows NT must reload all locked pages whenever there is a context switch to this application. Windows NT was designed to minimize page swapping, so it is often best to let the system handle swapping itself, unless you are writing a device driver that needs immediate access to memory.

Windows NT 3.5 allows processes to increase their working set size by using SetProcessWorkingSetSize(). This API is also useful to trim your minimum working set size if you want to run many processes at once, because each process has the default minimum working set size reserved, no matter how small the process actually is. The limit of 30 pages does not apply to VirtualLock() when using SetProcessWorkingSetSize().

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMm

Sharing All Data in a DLL

Article ID: Q109619

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0

SUMMARY

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Win32 dynamic-link libraries (DLLs) use instance data by default. This means that each application that uses a DLL gets its own copy of the DLLs data. However, it is possible to share the DLL data among all applications that use the DLL.

If you only need to share some of the DLL data, we recommend creating a new section and sharing it instead. For additional information, please see the following article(s) in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

ARTICLE-ID: Q89817

TITLE : How to Specify Shared and Nonshared Data in a DLL

If you want to share **all** of the DLL static data, it is important to do two things:

- First, the DLL must use the DLL version of the C Run-time (for example CRTDLL.LIB or MSVCRT.LIB). Please see your product documentation for more information about using the C Run-time in a DLL.
- Second, you will need to specify that both .data and .bss are shared. Often, this is done in the "SECTIONS" portion of the .DEF file. For example:

```
SECTIONS
    .bss READ WRITE SHARED
    .data READ WRITE SHARED
```

If you are using Visual C++ 32-bit Edition, you will have to specify this using the `-section` switch on the linker. For example:

```
link -section:.data,rws -section:.bss,rws
```

Only static data will be shared. Memory allocated dynamically with calls to APIs/functions such as `GlobalAlloc()` or `malloc()` will still be specific to the calling process.

The system will try to load the shared memory block at the same address in each process. However, if the block cannot be loaded into the same memory address, the system allocates a new block of memory for that process and the memory is not shared. No run time warnings are given when this happens, therefore, named shared memory is generally a safer option.

MORE INFORMATION

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The C Run-time uses global variables. If the CRT is statically linked to the DLL, these variables will be shared among all clients of the DLL and will most likely cause an exception c0000005.

The reason you need to specify both .data and .bss as shared is because they each hold different types of data. The .data section holds initialized data and the .bss section holds the uninitialized data.

One reason for sharing all data in a DLL is to have consistent behavior in the DLL between Win32 (running on Windows NT) and Win32s (running on Windows 3.1). When running on Win32s, a 32-bit DLL shares its data among all of the processes that use the DLL.

Note that it is not necessary to share all data to behave identically between Win32 and Win32s. The DLL can use thread local storage (TLS) on Win32s to store variables as instance data. For additional information, please see the following article(s) in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

ARTICLE-ID: Q109620

TITLE : Creating Instance Data in a Win32s DLL

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseD11

**PRB: ERROR_INVALID_PARAMETER from WriteFile() or ReadFile()
Article ID: Q110148**

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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The WriteFile() or ReadFile() function call may fail with the error ERROR_INVALID_PARAMETER if you are operating on a named pipe and using overlapped I/O.

CAUSE

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A possible cause for the failure is that the Offset and OffsetHigh members of the OVERLAPPED structure are not set to zero.

RESOLUTION

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Set the Offset and OffsetHigh members of your OVERLAPPED structure to zero.

STATUS

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This behavior is by design. The online help for both WriteFile() and ReadFile() state that the Offset and OffsetHigh members of the OVERLAPPED structure must be set to zero or the functions will fail.

MORE INFORMATION

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In many cases the function calls may succeed if you do not explicitly set OVERLAPPED.Offset and OVERLAPPED.OffsetHigh to zero. However, this is usually either because the OVERLAPPED structure is static or global and therefore is initialized to zero, or the OVERLAPPED structure is automatic (local) and the contents of that location on the stack are already zero. You should explicitly set the OVERLAPPED.Offset and OVERLAPPED.OffsetHigh structure members to zero.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: BseFileio

PRB: Can't Increase Process Priority

Article ID: Q110853

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SYMPTOMS

An attempt to increase process priority to the real-time priority `REALTIME_PRIORITY_CLASS` may not set the `PriorityClass` to the expected level.

CAUSE

Only accounts with the "Increase Scheduling Priority" permission can increase the priority to real-time. Only Administrators and "Power Users" have this permission by default.

RESOLUTION

Either run the program from an Administrator or Power User account, or grant the Increase Scheduling Priority permission to any user group that must run the program.

STATUS

This behavior is by design.

MORE INFORMATION

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The Increase Scheduling Priority permission can be granted to a user or group through the User Manager. To do this:

1. Open the Administrative Tools group in Program Manager.
2. Run the User Manager application.
3. Choose User Rights from the Policies menu.
4. Select the Show Advanced User Rights check box.
5. Select Increase Scheduling Priority from the drop-down list box.
6. Choose the Add button to add users or groups to the list of entities that have this right.

Note that the call to `SetPriorityClass()` may return success even though the priority was not set to `REALTIME_PRIORITY_CLASS`, because if you don't have the Increase Scheduling Priority permission, a request for `REALTIME_PRIORITY_CLASS` is interpreted as a request for the highest priority class allowed in the current account. If it is important to know the actual priority class that was set, use the `GetPriorityClass()` function.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50
KBCategory: kbprg kbprb
KSubcategory: BseProcThrd

New Owner in Take-Ownership Operation

Article ID: Q111541

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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When ownership of a file is taken, the user performing the operation becomes the new owner. The exception to this rule is when the user is a member of the "Administrators" group. In this situation, the ownership of the file is assigned to the Administrators group.

The reasoning for this behavior is that the administrators on a particular system work together. When one administrator takes ownership of a file, the others should also receive access.

MORE INFORMATION

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When a take-ownership operation is performed, the system assigns the new owner SID based on the TOKEN_OWNER field of the users access token.

When a user logs on to a Windows NT system, the logon process builds an access token to represent the user. Normally the TOKEN_OWNER field in the access token is set equal to TOKEN_USER (the users SID). However, when the user is a member of the Administrators group, the system sets the TOKEN_OWNER field to the Administrators SID.

Although Windows NT does not provide a user interface for changing the TOKEN_OWNER field in the users access token, it is possible to programatically change this value via the SetTokenInformation() Win32 API (application programming interface).

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseSecurity

Checking for Administrators Group

Article ID: Q111542

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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It is often useful to know if the account under which your application is running is a member of the "Administrators" group. The sample code below demonstrates a method of making this determination:

Sample Code

```
BOOL IsAdmin(void)
{
    HANDLE hProcess, hAccessToken;
    UCHAR InfoBuffer[1024];
    PTOKEN_GROUPS ptgGroups = (PTOKEN_GROUPS)InfoBuffer;
    DWORD dwInfoBufferSize;
    SID_NAME_USE snuInfo;
    UCHAR szAccountName[256], szDomainName[256];
    DWORD dwAccountNameSize, dwDomainNameSize;
    UINT x;

    hProcess = GetCurrentProcess();

    if(!OpenProcessToken(hProcess, TOKEN_READ, &hAccessToken))
        return(FALSE);

    if(!GetTokenInformation(hAccessToken, TokenGroups, InfoBuffer,
        1024, &dwInfoBufferSize)) return(FALSE);

    for(x=0;x<ptgGroups->GroupCount;x++)
    {
        dwAccountNameSize = 256;
        dwDomainNameSize = 256;

        LookupAccountSid(NULL, ptgGroups->Groups[x].Sid,
            szAccountName, &dwAccountNameSize,
            szDomainName, &dwDomainNameSize, &snuInfo);

        if(!strcmp(szAccountName, "Administrators") &&
            !strcmp(szDomainName, "BUILTIN"))
            return(TRUE);
    }
    return(FALSE);
}
```

MORE INFORMATION

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The sample code above begins by obtaining a handle to the access token via the `OpenProcessToken()` API (application programming interface). The `GetTokenInformation()` API is then called to obtain the `TOKEN_GROUPS` structure for the access token. The sample then looks up the name of each group via the `LookupAccountSid()` API and compares it to Administrators. If a group with an account name Administrators and domain name "BUILTIN" is found, then the sample returns `TRUE` indicating the user is a member of the Administrators group.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseSecurity

Creating a World SID

Article ID: Q111543

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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The sample code below demonstrates how to create a World Security Identifier (SID). The World SID (S-1-1-0) is a group that includes all users. To determine if a SID (perhaps in an Access Control Entry) is the World SID, you must first create a World SID to compare it to. Once you have created a World SID, you can use the EqualSid() API (application programming interface) to determine equality.

Sample Code

```
-----  
PSID psidWorldSid;  
SID_IDENTIFIER_AUTHORITY siaWorldSidAuthority =  
    SECURITY_WORLD_SID_AUTHORITY;  
  
psidWorldSid = (PSID)LocalAlloc(LPTR,GetSidLengthRequired( 1 ));  
  
InitializeSid( psidWorldSid, &siaWorldSidAuthority, 1);  
*(GetSidSubAuthority( psidWorldSid, 0)) = SECURITY_WORLD_RID;
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 and 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseSecurity

Looking Up the Current User and Domain

Article ID: Q111544

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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Program Manager displays the logged in user account and domain name in its windows title. This information can be retrieved programmatically by extracting the user SID from the current access token and then looking up the account and domain name via the LookupAccountSid() Win32 API. Below is sample code demonstrating this technique:

Sample Code

```
void ShowUserDomain(void)
{
    HANDLE hProcess, hAccessToken;
    UCHAR InfoBuffer[1000],szAccountName[200], szDomainName[200];
    PTOKEN_USER pTokenUser = (PTOKEN_USER)InfoBuffer;
    DWORD dwInfoBufferSize,dwAccountSize = 200, dwDomainSize = 200;
    SID_NAME_USE snu;

    hProcess = GetCurrentProcess();

    OpenProcessToken(hProcess,TOKEN_READ,&hAccessToken);

    GetTokenInformation(hAccessToken,TokenUser,InfoBuffer,
        1000, &dwInfoBufferSize);

    LookupAccountSid(NULL, pTokenUser->User.Sid, szAccountName,
        &dwAccountSize,szDomainName, &dwDomainSize, &snu);

    printf("%s\\%s\n",szDomainName,szAccountName);
}
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseSecurity

Security Context of Child Processes

Article ID: Q111545

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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When a process is created with the `CreateProcess()` API, it operates under the same security context as the parent. The child process inherits the parents security context, which are defined by the parents access token. Even if a thread in the parent process impersonates a client and then creates a new process, the new process still runs under the parents original security context and not the under the impersonation token.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseSecurity

Taking Ownership of Registry Keys

Article ID: Q111546

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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To take ownership of a registry key it is necessary to have a handle to the key. A handle to the key can be obtained by opening the key with a registry API (application programming interface) such as `RegOpenKeyEx()`. If the user does not have access to the registry key, the open operation will fail and this will in turn prevent ownership being taken (because a handle to the key is required to change the keys security).

The solution to this problem is to first enable the `TakeOwnership` privilege and then to open the registry key with `WRITE_OWNER` access as shown below:

```
RegOpenKeyEx(HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT,"Testkey",0,WRITE_OWNER,&hKey);
```

This function call will provide a handle to the registry, which can be used in the following call to take ownership:

```
RegSetKeySecurity(hKey,OWNER_SECURITY_INFORMATION, &SecurityDescriptor);
```

Please note that you will need to initialize the security descriptor being passed to `RegSetKeySecurity()` and set the owner field to the new owner SID.

Taking ownership of a registry key is not a common operation. It is typically an operation that an administrator would use as a last resort to gain access to a registry key.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseSecurity

PRB: GetExitCodeProcess() Always Returns 0 for 16-Bit Processes
Article ID: Q111559

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
 - Microsoft Win32s versions 1.1, 1.15, and 1.2
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SYMPTOMS

GetExitCodeProcess() always returns a status of 0 (zero) when the handle for a 16-bit process is passed. This applies to both Windows NT and Win32s.

STATUS

This behavior is by design in the Microsoft products listed at the beginning of this article. Microsoft may add functionality in future versions that support exit codes from 16-bit processes.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 1.10 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: BseMisc W32s

ERROR_BUS_RESET May Be Benign

Article ID: Q111837

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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Tape API (application programming interface) functions may return an error code of ERROR_BUS_RESET when operating on SCSI tape devices. In many cases, you can ignore this error value and retry the operation. However, this error is fatal if received during a series of write operations because a tape drive cannot recover from a bus reset and continue writing.

MORE INFORMATION

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When Windows NT boots up it resets the SCSI bus. This bus reset is reported by the tape drive in response to the first operation after the reset.

The code fragment shown below in the Sample Code section could be used to check for ERROR_BUS_RESET and clear it. The same technique could be used for other informational errors, such as ERROR_MEDIA_CHANGED, that may not be relevant at application startup.

Sample Code

```
/*  
** This is a code fragment only and will not compile and run as is.  
*/
```

```
...  
do {  
    dwError = GetTapeStatus(hTape);  
} while (dwError == ERROR_BUS_RESET);  
...
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseFileio

Possible Cause for ERROR_INVALID_FUNCTION

Article ID: Q111838

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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The Win32 Tape API (application programming interface) functions may return an error code of ERROR_INVALID_FUNCTION if the operation being attempted is not supported by the tape device.

MORE INFORMATION

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You can determine what operations are valid for a tape device by calling GetTapeParameters() to get the tape drive parameters. See the code fragment in the Sample Code section of this article for an example of how to call GetTapeParameters() for this information.

Once you have the TAPE_GET_DRIVE_PARAMETERS structure, you can check for a specific operation in the FeaturesLow and FeaturesHigh members of the TAPE_GET_DRIVE_PARAMETERS structure. This is also demonstrated in the Sample Code section.

Sample Code

```
/*  
** This is a code fragment only and will not compile and run as is.  
*/
```

```
DWORD dwRes, dwSize;  
TAPE_GET_DRIVE_PARAMETERS parmDrive;  
  
...  
  
dwSize = sizeof(parmDrive);  
dwRes = GetTapeParameters(hTape, GET_TAPE_DRIVE_INFORMATION,  
                          &dwSize, &parmDrive);  
if (dwRes != NO_ERROR) {  
    /* place error handling code here */  
    exit(-1);  
}  
  
if (parmDrive.FeaturesLow & TAPE_DRIVE_ERASE_LONG)  
    printf("Device supports the long erase technique.\n");  
  
...
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseFileio

Retrieving Time-Zone Information

Article ID: Q115231

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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In Windows NT, version 3.1, the time-zone strings are compiled into a resource that is linked into the CONTROL.EXE file. For Windows NT, version 3.5 and later and Windows 95, the time-zone strings have been moved into the registry.

In Windows NT, the time-zone strings are located in the key:

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\  
  Microsoft\  
    Windows NT\  
      CurrentVersion\  
        Time Zones.
```

In Windows 95, the time-zone strings are located in the key:

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\  
  Microsoft\  
    Windows\  
      CurrentVersion\  
        Time Zones.
```

For each time zone, the registry key TZI is formatted as follows:

```
LONG      Bias;  
LONG      StandardBias;  
LONG      DaylightBias;  
SYSTEMTIME StandardDate;  
SYSTEMTIME DaylightDate;
```

You can use this information to fill out a TIME_ZONE_INFORMATION structure, which is used when calling SetTimeZoneInformation().

Additional reference words: 3.50 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMisc

Timer Resolution in Windows NT

Article ID: Q115232

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, versions 3.1 and 3.5
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In Win32-based applications, the `GetTickCount()` timer resolution on Windows NT, version 3.1, is 15 milliseconds (ms) for x86 and 10 ms for MIPS and Alpha. On Windows NT, version 3.5, the `GetTickCount()` timer resolution is 10 ms on the 486 or greater, but the resolution is still 15 ms on a 386.

NOTE: The measurements in milliseconds indicate the period of the interrupt, not the units of the returned value.

The Win32 API `QueryPerformanceCounter()` returns the resolution of a high-resolution performance counter if the hardware supports one. For x86, the resolution is about 0.8 microseconds (0.0008 ms). For MIPS, the resolution is about twice the clock speed of the processor. You need to call `QueryPerformanceFrequency()` to get the frequency of the high-resolution performance counter.

NOTE: These numbers are likely to change in future versions.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMisc

Long Filenames on Windows NT FAT Partitions

Article ID: Q115236

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, version 3.5
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SUMMARY

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Windows NT, version 3.5, introduces the ability to create or open files with long filenames (LFN) on Windows NT file allocation table (FAT) partitions.

UNICODE is stored on disk, so that the original name is always preserved for extended characters regardless of which code page happens to be active when reading from or writing to the disk.

The legal character set is that of the Windows NT file system (NTFS) (except for the ":" for opening NTFS alternative file streams), so you can copy arbitrary files between NTFS and FAT without losing any of the filename information.

MORE INFORMATION

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The LFNs are not available from the MS-DOS DIR command, but they are available from the Windows NT DIR command. When you create an LFN on a Windows NT FAT partition, an accompanying short name is created just as on an NTFS partition. You can access the file or directory with either the long names or the short names under Windows NT.

For example, use the Microsoft Editor (MEP) to create a file named as follows on a FAT partition under Windows NT:

```
longfilename.fat
```

This is exactly how the filename appears when you run the DIR command from the Windows NT command prompt. However, when you boot the machine into MS-DOS and run the DIR command, the filename appears as follows:

```
longfi~1.fat
```

NOTE: NTFS partitions are not available under MS-DOS, so you cannot perform this experiment using an NTFS partition.

The same result can also be achieved programmatically. Build and run the following sample code on Windows NT:

Sample Code

```
#include <windows.h>
```

```
void main( )
{
    WIN32_FIND_DATA fd;
    char buf[80];

    FindFirstFile( "long*", &fd );
    wsprintf( buf, "File name is %s", fd.cFileName );
    MessageBox( NULL, buf, "Test", MB_OK );
    wsprintf( buf, "Alternate file name is %s", fd.cAlternateFileName );
    MessageBox( NULL, buf, "Test", MB_OK );
}
```

The first message box will read:

File name is longfilename.fat

The second message box will read:

Alternate file name is longfi~1.fat

Additional reference words: 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseFileio

Limits on Overlapped Pipe Operations

Article ID: Q115522

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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The Windows NT version 3.1 redirector allows only 17 outstanding overlapped pipe operations at any given time. The Windows NT 3.5 redirector does not have this restriction on overlapped pipe writes. However, the Windows NT 3.5 redirector allows only 17 outstanding overlapped pipe reads at any given time.

If the client uses overlapped I/O through the redirector, it is possible for the client to become deadlocked. You may need to increase the number of threads that the redirector uses for I/O; the same thing is true for the server. If your application is doing a lot of I/O, you can avoid this deadlock by creating extra threads and having them use non-overlapped I/O.

MORE INFORMATION

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Increasing the workstation services MaxThreads parameter increases the number of kernel threads that the redirector will create, thus allowing more operations to be outstanding at any given time.

This parameter is located in:

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\  
  CurrentControlSet\  
    Services\  
      LanmanWorkstation\  
        Parameters\  
          MaxThreads
```

The parameter can be set from 0 to 255 (the default is 17).

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseFileio

Accessing the Application Desktop from a Service

Article ID: Q115825

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.5 and 3.51
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SUMMARY

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Under Windows NT, version 3.1, if you want a service to have access to the application desktop, you must run the service in the LocalSystem account. A service process running in the LocalSystem account (or a process started from such a service) can display message boxes, windows, and dialog boxes. Processes that are running in the LocalSystem account are not terminated by the system during logoff. A number of changes were made to Windows NT, version 3.5, that affect the way Windows NT interacts with these services. In addition, Windows NT 3.51 has a richer set of desktop APIs.

NOTE: Running interactive services under the system account is a VERY dangerous practice. This is especially true of the command processor and batch files. A user who wants to control the system can just hit CTRL+C to get an interactive system command prompt.

MORE INFORMATION

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The following are new features of Windows NT, version 3.5, that affect services:

- The account of the logged in user is the only account granted access to the application desktop. The LocalSystem no longer has access. Therefore, it is possible to get access to the desktop by impersonating the user before making any USER or GDI calls.
- Console and GUI applications started from a service process during a particular logon session are run on an invisible window station and desktop that are unique to that session. The window station and desktop are created automatically when the first application in the session starts; they are destroyed when the last application exits. There is no way to make these invisible desktops visible.
- If you want a service to interact with the logged-on user, specify the SERVICE_INTERACTIVE_PROCESS flag in the call to CreateService(). For example:

```
schService = CreateService(  
    schSCManager,  
    serviceName,  
    serviceName,  
    SERVICE_ALL_ACCESS,  
    SERVICE_INTERACTIVE_PROCESS | SERVICE_WIN32_OWN_PROCESS,  
    SERVICE_DEMAND_START,  
    SERVICE_ERROR_NORMAL,  
    lpzBinaryPathName,
```

```
NULL,  
NULL,  
NULL,  
NULL,  
NULL );
```

- If you use `CreateProcess()` to launch your process and you want your service to log onto the users desktop, assign the `lpdesktop` parameter of the `STARTUPINFO` struct with `"WinSta0\\Default"`.
- Services that simply need a visible user notification can do this by calling `MessageBox()` with the `MB_SERVICE_NOTIFICATION` flag. Using the `MB_DEFAULT_DESKTOP_ONLY` flag works as well, but only if the user's desktop is active. If the workstation is locked or a screen saver is running, the call will fail.

NOTE: If you are writing code for an application that can be run as either a service or an executable, you can't use `MB_SERVICE_NOTIFICATION` as well as a non-NULL `hwndOwner`.

- Any output done to a window is not displayed or made available to the application in any way. Attempts to read bits from the display results in a failure.
- GUI services do not receive `WM_QUERYENDSESSION`/`WM_ENDSESSION` messages at logoff and shutdown; instead, they receive `CTRL_LOGOFF_EVENT` and `CTRL_SHUTDOWN_EVENT` events. These services are not terminated by the system at logoff.

Additional reference words: 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseService

Clarification of SearchPath() Return Value

Article ID: Q115826

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, version 3.1
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SUMMARY

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The entry for "SearchPath()" in the "Win32 Programmer's Reference" says that the return value will be one of the following:

- The length (in characters) of the string copied to the buffer.
- or-
- 0 if the function fails [see "GetLastError()" in the "Win32 Programmer's Reference" for more information].

If the specified file is not found, then the return value is 0, but the value retrieved by GetLastError() is not changed.

In order to distinguish the "file not found" condition from another error (out of memory, invalid parameter, and so forth), call SetLastError() with a value of NO_ERROR before calling SearchPath().

MORE INFORMATION

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This behavior is by design. The recommended way to check the return status for SearchPath() is:

return value > buffer length	buffer too small
return value = 0	file not found or another error
return value <= buffer length	file found

Handle the case where the return value is 0 as follows:

```
TCHAR  szFilename[] = "MyFile.Txt";
TCHAR  szPathname[MAX_PATH];
LPTSTR lpszFilename;

SetLastError( NO_ERROR );
if( !SearchPath( NULL, szFilename, NULL, MAX_PATH, szPathname,
                &lpszFilename ) )
{
    if( GetLastError() == NO_ERROR )
        Display( "File not found." );
    else
        Display( "SearchPath failed!" );
}
```

Additional reference words: 3.10

KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: BseFileio

Filenames Ending with Space or Period Not Supported

Article ID: Q115827

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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CreateFile() removes trailing spaces and periods from file and directory names. This is done for compatibility with the FAT and HPFS file systems.

Problems can arise when a Macintosh client creates a file on a Windows NT server. The code to remove trailing spaces and periods is not carried out and the Macintosh user gets the correctly punctuated filename. The Win32 APIs FindFirstFile() and FindNextFile() return a filename that ends in a space or in a period; however, there is no way to create or open the file using the Win32 API.

Applications such as File Manager and Backup check to see whether the filename ends with a space or period. If the filename does end in a space or a period, then File Manager and Backup use the alternative name found in WIN32_FIND_DATA.cAlternateFileName to create and open the file. Therefore, the full filename is lost.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 winfile ntbackup

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseFileio

Getting Floppy Drive Information

Article ID: Q115828

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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To get the media type(s) supported by a floppy drive, it is necessary to call `CreateFile()` to get a handle to the drive and then `DeviceIoControl()` to get the information. However, if there is no floppy disk in the floppy drive, the following message box may appear when `CreateFile()` is called for drive A (`\\.\a:`):

There is no disk in the drive. Please insert a disk into drive A:

When calling `CreateFile()`, be sure to use 0 for the access mode and `FILE_SHARE_READ` for the share mode so that the user will not be prompted to insert a floppy disk:

```
CreateFile(  
    szFileName,  
    0,  
    FILE_SHARE_READ,  
    NULL,  
    OPEN_ALWAYS,  
    0,  
    NULL  
);
```

Another way to avoid the message box prompt is to put

```
SetErrorMode( SEM_FAILCRITICALERRORS );
```

before the call to `CreateFile()`.

MORE INFORMATION

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The following sample code is based on the code in the FLOPPY SDK sample, but it simply displays the media type(s) supported by floppy drive A. The code demonstrates one way to retrieve the supported media without requiring you to insert a floppy disk in the drive.

Sample Code

```
#include <windows.h>  
#include <stdio.h>  
#include <winioctl.h>
```

```
DISK_GEOMETRY SupportedGeometry[20];
```

```

DWORD SupportedGeometryCount;

VOID
GetSupportedGeometrys( HANDLE hDisk )
{
    DWORD ReturnedByteCount;

    if( DeviceIoControl(
        hDisk,
        IOCTL_DISK_GET_MEDIA_TYPES,
        NULL,
        0,
        SupportedGeometry,
        sizeof(SupportedGeometry),
        &ReturnedByteCount,
        NULL
    ))
        SupportedGeometryCount = ReturnedByteCount / sizeof(DISK_GEOMETRY);

    else SupportedGeometryCount = 0;
}

VOID
PrintGeometry( PDISK_GEOMETRY lpGeometry )
{
    LPSTR MediaType;

    switch ( lpGeometry->MediaType ) {
        case F5_1Pt2_512:
            MediaType = "5.25, 1.2MB, 512 bytes/sector";
            break;
        case F3_1Pt44_512:
            MediaType = "3.5, 1.44MB, 512 bytes/sector";
            break;
        case F3_2Pt88_512:
            MediaType = "3.5, 2.88MB, 512 bytes/sector";
            break;
        case F3_20Pt8_512:
            MediaType = "3.5, 20.8MB, 512 bytes/sector";
            break;
        case F3_720_512:
            MediaType = "3.5, 720KB, 512 bytes/sector";
            break;
        case F5_360_512:
            MediaType = "5.25, 360KB, 512 bytes/sector";
            break;
        case F5_320_512:
            MediaType = "5.25, 320KB, 512 bytes/sector";
            break;
        case F5_320_1024:
            MediaType = "5.25, 320KB, 1024 bytes/sector";
            break;
        case F5_180_512:
            MediaType = "5.25, 180KB, 512 bytes/sector";
            break;
        case F5_160_512:
            MediaType = "5.25, 160KB, 512 bytes/sector";
    }
}

```

```

        break;
    case RemovableMedia:
        MediaType = "Removable media other than floppy";
        break;
    case FixedMedia:
        MediaType = "Fixed hard disk media";
        break;
    default:
        MediaType = "Unknown";
        break;
}
printf("    Media Type %s\n", MediaType );
printf("    Cylinders %d, Tracks/Cylinder %d, Sectors/Track %d\n",
        lpGeometry->Cylinders.LowPart, lpGeometry->TracksPerCylinder,
        lpGeometry->SectorsPerTrack
    );
}

void main( int argc, char *argv[], char *envp[] )
{
    HANDLE hDrive;
    UINT i;

    hDrive = CreateFile(
        "\\.\a:",
        0,
        FILE_SHARE_READ,
        NULL,
        OPEN_ALWAYS,
        0,
        NULL
    );

    if ( hDrive == INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE )
    {
        printf( "Open failed: %d\n", GetLastError() );
        ExitProcess(1);
    }

    GetSupportedGeometries( hDrive );

    printf( "\nDrive A supports the following disk geometries\n" );
    for( i=0; i<SupportedGeometryCount; i++ )
    {
        printf("\n");
        PrintGeometry( &SupportedGeometry[i] );
    }
    printf("\n");
}

```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMisc

How to Gracefully Fail at Service Start

Article ID: Q115829

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, versions 3.1, 3.5, and 3.51
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SUMMARY

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If an error occurs while your service is running or initializing (SERVICE_START_PENDING) and you need to stop the service process, do the following:

1. Clean up any resources that are being used (threads, memory, and so forth). You should start sending a SERVICE_STOP_PENDING status if the clean up process is lengthy. Be sure to update the Service Control Manager as demonstrated in the Win32 SDK SERVICE sample.
2. Send out a SERVICE_STOPPED status from the last thread to terminate before it calls ExitThread().
3. Set SERVICE_STATUS.dwWin32ExitCode and/or SERVICE_STATUS.dwServiceSpecificExitCode to values that indicate why the service is stopping. If you return a value for the dwServiceSpecificErrorCode field, then the dwWin32ExitCode field should be set to ERROR_SERVICE_SPECIFIC_ERROR.

The reason for setting these values is that if a service fails its operation, but returns an exit code of 0, the following error message is returned by default:

Error 2140: An internal Windows NT error occurred

MORE INFORMATION

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When the last service in the process has terminated (you may have multiple services in the service process), the StartServiceCtrlDispatcher() call in the main thread returns. The main routine should call ExitProcess() because all of the services have terminated.

REFERENCES

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There is a termination sample in the "Win32 Programmer's Reference," in the "Services" overview section (58.2.2), "Writing a ServiceMain Function." This is a simple situation where the service process only consists of one thread. This thread returns when it is ready to terminate, instead of calling ExitThread().

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseService

Specifying Serial Ports Larger than COM9

Article ID: Q115831

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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CreateFile() can be used to get a handle to a serial port. The "Win32 Programmer's Reference" entry for "CreateFile()" mentions that the share mode must be 0, the create parameter must be OPEN_EXISTING, and the template must be NULL.

CreateFile() is successful when you use "COM1" through "COM9" for the name of the file; however, the message "INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE" is returned if you use "COM10" or greater.

If the name of the port is \\.\COM10, the correct way to specify the serial port in a call to CreateFile() is as follows:

```
CreateFile(
    "\\.\COM10",      // address of name of the communications device
    fdwAccess,       // access (read-write) mode
    0,               // share mode
    NULL,            // address of security descriptor
    OPEN_EXISTING,   // how to create
    0,               // file attributes
    NULL             // handle of file with attributes to copy
);
```

NOTES: This syntax also works for ports COM1 through COM9. Certain boards will let you choose the port names yourself. This syntax works for those names as well.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseCommapi

Services and Redirected Drives

Article ID: Q115848

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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When writing a service, do not use `WNetAddConnection()` to redirect drives to remote shares, because the redirector does not allow the logged-on user to see the server or enumerate the drive. Instead, use universal naming convention (UNC) names whenever possible to redirect drives to remote shares.

MORE INFORMATION

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`WNetAddConnection()` creates a global symbolic link describing the drive. Therefore, the user can change to the drive at the command prompt. However, `WNetOpenEnum()`, `WNetEnumResource`, and the "net use" command fail to list the drive connection that was created by the service. This happens because the logged-on user does not have an active session to the remote connection, so the redirector will not let the user see the remote server.

The File Manager calls `GetDriveType()` on each drive and puts up an icon for each drive found. The File Manager creates an icon for redirected drives created from a service because there is a global symbolic link to that drive. However, the share name is not available. In addition, the logged-on user cannot use File Manager to disconnect the drive because the drive was created by the service, not the logged-on user.

If the service process is running in the Local System account, then only that process or another process running in the Local System account can call `WNetCancelConnection()` to disconnect the drive.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseService

Determining the Maximum Allowed Access for an Object

Article ID: Q115945

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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The AccessCheck() API call can be used to determine the maximum access to an object allowed for a subject. (In this article, a subject means a program running in a specific user's security context.) When using AccessCheck() for this purpose, perform the following steps:

1. Obtain a security descriptor that has owner, group, and DACL information.
2. If you are not impersonating a client, obtain an impersonation token by calling ImpersonateSelf. This token is passed as the client token in the AccessCheck() call.
3. Create a generic mapping structure. The contents of this structure will vary depending on the object being used.
4. Call AccessCheck() and request "MAXIMUM_ALLOWED" as the desired access.

If the AccessCheck() call succeeds after the above steps have been completed, the dwGrantedAccess parameter to AccessCheck() contains a mask of the object-specific rights that are granted by the security descriptor.

MORE INFORMATION

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In most situations, you should not use this method of access determination. If you need access to an object to perform a task, simply try to open the object using the required access.

The AccessCheck() API is mainly intended for use with private objects created by an application. However, it can be used with predefined objects. The generic mapping values and specific rights for many of the predefined objects (files and so forth) may be found in WINNT.H.

REFERENCES

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Please see the Security Overview in the "Win32 Programmer's Reference" and the "Win32 SDK API Reference" for more information.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseSecurity

PRB: AccessCheck() Returns ERROR_INVALID_SECURITY_DESCR
Article ID: Q115946

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SYMPTOMS

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In certain cases, the AccessCheck() API fails and GetLastError() returns the message "ERROR_INVALID_SECURITY_DESCR". This error message indicates that the security descriptor passed to AccessCheck() was in an invalid format.

CAUSE

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This is expected behavior for the AccessCheck() function. AccessCheck() was designed for use by programs that create and maintain their own security descriptors. These security descriptors would always have the owner, DACL, and group information.

RESOLUTION

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If the security descriptor is indeed valid, you can eliminate the error by ensuring that the security descriptor has been opened for access to the following types of security information:

OWNER_SECURITY_INFORMATION
GROUP_SECURITY_INFORMATION
DACL_SECURITY_INFORMATION

You can double check the validity of the security descriptor by calling the IsValidSecurityDescriptor() API.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: BseSecurity

Adding Categories for Events

Article ID: Q115947

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, versions 3.1, 3.5, and 3.51
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SUMMARY

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The ReportEvent() API accepts a category ID as one of the arguments. The "Microsoft Win32 Programmer's Reference" states that you can add your own categories for events. This article shows you how to add categories that will be recognized by the Event Viewer; however, the article assumes that you already know how to create a message file and add an event source to the registry. For information about basic event logging, please see the logging sample in the Q_A\SAMPLES\logging directory on the "Win32 SDK" CD.

NOTE: The logging example that comes with Visual C++ 2.0 does not bind the MESSAGES.RC to the MESSAGES.DLL unlike the logging example that accompanies the Win32 SDK or NSDN Level 2. Binding MESSAGES.RC to the MESSAGES.DLL can be accomplished by adding MESSAGES.RC to MESSAGES.MAK.

NOTE: If you notice that there are some entries that have a .DLL name and a driver name while you are attempting to read messages from the event log, this means that the event message source has more than one message file. This means you need to parse the string and load each message file.

MORE INFORMATION

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Just like events, category IDs are simply IDs in message file resources. However, in order to use categories, the following two requirements must be met:

- The category IDs must be sequentially numbered, starting with a message ID of 1.
- The event source entry in the registry must specify the category message file and the number of categories in the message file.

The first requirement is simply a matter of setting the MessageID entries in the message file for the categories. If all of your categories are listed at the top of the message file, you can assign the ID of 1 to the first message. Each message after that automatically gets the next ID value unless you specify otherwise in the MessageID entry.

The category entries in the registry are made by adding values to your event key. Normally, your event log application key already contains EventMessageFile and TypesSupported entries. You should add the following two entries:

- CategoryMessageFile

- CategoryCount

The CategoryMessageFile entry is of type REG_EXPAND_SZ. It should be set to the full path to the message file that contains the categories.

The CategoryCount entry is a REG_DWORD type. You should set this entry to the number of categories in the message file specified in CategoryMessageFile.

REFERENCES

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"Microsoft Win32 Programmer's Reference," Microsoft Corporation.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMisc

Creating Access Control Lists for Directories

Article ID: Q115948

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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The discretionary access control list (DACL) for a directory usually differs from that of a file. When assigning security to a directory, you are often specifying both the security for the directory and the security for any contained files and directories.

A directory's ACL will normally contain at least two access control entries (ACE):

- An ACE for the directory itself and any subdirectories.
- An ACE for any files in the directory.

If an ACE is to apply to object in the directory (subdirectories and files), the ACE is marked as an `OBJECT_INHERIT_ANCE` and/or a `CONTAINER_INHERIT_ANCE`. (In this article, a container means a directory.)

For example, when you use File Manager to set the security on a directory to "Change (RWXD) (RWXD)," the directory's DACL contains the following two ACEs:

ACE1 (applies to files in the directory)

ACE flags: `INHERIT_ONLY_ANCE | OBJECT_INHERIT_ANCE`
Access Mask: `DELETE | GENERIC_READ | GENERIC_WRITE |`
`GENERIC_EXECUTE`

ACE2 (applies to the directory and subdirectories)

ACE flags: `CONTAINER_INHERIT_ANCE`
Access Mask: `DELETE | FILE_GENERIC_READ | FILE_GENERIC_WRITE |`
`FILE_GENERIC_EXECUTE`

MORE INFORMATION

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The ACE flags are part of the ACE header. The structure of an ACE header can be found in the online help by searching on "ACE_HEADER".

In the above example, ACE1 applies only to contained files through the `INHERIT_ONLY_ANCE` flag. If `INHERIT_ONLY_ANCE` is not specified in an ACE, the ACE applies only to the current container.

NOTE: Adding one of these ACEs to a directory does not change the security for any contained files or directories. The ACEs are only copied to files and directories created after the ACEs have been added to the directory.

When adding your own security to files, it is easy to create a combination that File Manager does not recognize as a "standard" setting. This is shown in file manager as "special" security.

If you want to match the DACLs you create to those used by File Manager, you can set the security of a file or directory in File Manager and then check the DACLs and ACEs. A tool for this is provided as a sample called "Check_SD" in the Win32 SDK. Check_SD can be found in the Q_A\SAMPLES\CHECK_SD directory on the Win32 SDK CD.

REFERENCES

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- "Microsoft Win32 Programmer's Reference," Microsoft Corporation.
- "Microsoft Win32 SDK API Reference help file," Microsoft Corporation.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseSecurity

PRB: Byte-Range File Locking Deadlock Condition

Article ID: Q117223

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SYMPTOMS

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It is possible for a thread in a multithreaded Win32-based application to block while doing a LockFile() or LockFileEx() API call, even when the area of memory the thread has requested is not locked by another thread.

NOTE: If performance-monitoring tools (such as PERFMON) are used to examine the status of existing threads and the Thread State indicates that the thread is waiting and the Thread Wait Reason shows that it is the executive that the thread is waiting on, this is probably not an indication that a deadlock has occurred, because threads are often in this state for other reasons. Also, if the Thread State indicates that the thread is not waiting, then a deadlock has probably not occurred.

CAUSE

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There is a small window of time during which a multithreaded application is vulnerable to this condition. Specifically, if one thread (call it Thread1) is in the process of unlocking a currently locked byte range within a file while a second thread (Thread2) is in the process of obtaining a lock on that same byte range using the same file handle and without specifying the flag LOCKFILE_FAIL_IMMEDIATELY, Thread1 can block, waiting for the region to become available. Ordinarily, when unlocking takes place, blocked threads are released; but in this critical window of time, it is possible for Thread2 to unlock the byte range without Thread1 being released. Thus, Thread1 never resumes operation despite the fact that there is no apparent fault in the logic of the program.

RESOLUTION

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The deadlock condition described above can only come about if multiple threads are concurrently doing synchronous I/O using the same file handle.

To avoid the problem, you have three options:

- Each thread can obtain its own handle to the file either through the use of the DuplicateHandle() API or through multiple calls to the CreateFile() API.

-or-

- The threads can perform asynchronous I/O. This also requires the application developer to provide some form of explicit synchronization to coordinate access to the file by the threads.

-or-

- The threads can specify `LOCKFILE_FAIL_IMMEDIATELY` and then loop until a retry succeeds if the lock request fails. This option is the least desirable because it incurs significant CPU use overhead.

REFERENCES

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For more information about threads, files, and file handles, see the following sections in the "Win32 SDK Programmer's Reference," volume 2, part 3, "System Services":

- Chapter 43.1.6, "Synchronizing Execution of Multiple Threads"
- Chapter 45.2.2, "Reading, Writing, and Locking Files"
- Chapter 48.3, "Kernel Objects"

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubCategory: BseMisc

PRB: RegCreateKeyEx() Gives Error 161 Under Windows NT 3.5
Article ID: Q117261

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT version 3.5
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SYMPTOMS

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A call to RegCreateKeyEx() is successful under Windows NT version 3.1, but the call fails with error 161 (ERROR_BAD_PATHNAME) under Windows NT version 3.5.

The sample code below demonstrates this problem.

CAUSE

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This is by design. Windows NT version 3.1 allows the subkey to begin with a backslash ("\"), however Windows NT version 3.5 does not. The subkey is given as the second parameter to RegCreateKeyEx().

RESOLUTION

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Remove the backslash from the beginning of the subkey name.

MORE INFORMATION

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In the sample code below, RegCreateKeyEx() fails with error 161 while the string defined by SUBKEY_FORMAT_STRING begins with a backslash, but succeeds if the initial backslash is removed.

Sample Code

```
#include <windows.h>
#include <stdio.h>

#define SUBKEY_FORMAT_STRING \
"\\SYSTEM\\CurrentControlSet\\Services\\EventLog\\Application\\%s"

void main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    DWORD dwErrorCode;
    char lpszSubKey[MAX_PATH];
    HKEY hKey;
    DWORD dwDisposition;

    sprintf( lpszSubKey, SUBKEY_FORMAT_STRING, argv[1] );

    printf( "Trying to open: %s\n", lpszSubKey );
```

```

dwErrorCode = RegCreateKeyEx(HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE,
                             lpszSubKey,
                             0,
                             "",
                             REG_OPTION_NON_VOLATILE,
                             KEY_ALL_ACCESS,
                             NULL, //Security
                             &hKey,
                             &dwDisposition );

if (dwErrorCode != ERROR_SUCCESS)
    printf( "Code = %d.\n", dwErrorCode );

    RegCloseKey(hKey);
}

```

NOTE: Double backslashes ("\\") are required in strings in C code to represent a single backslash, since a backslash ordinarily indicates the beginning of an escape sequence.

Additional reference words: 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: BseMisc

PRB: Error Message Box Returned When DLL Load Fails

Article ID: Q117330

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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Under Windows NT, when you load a DLL, a message box titled "Invalid DLL Entrypoint" is displayed and has the following text:

```
The dynamic link library <name> is not written correctly.
The stack pointer has been left in an inconsistent state.
The entry point should be declared as WINAPI or STDCALL.
Select YES to fail the DLL load. Select NO to continue
execution. Selecting NO may cause the application to operate
incorrectly.
```

Under Windows 95, the message box is titled "Error starting program" and the text is:

```
The <dll file name> file cannot start. Check the file to
determine the problem.
```

The user is not given a choice to continue, only an OK button. Pressing the OK button fails program load.

CAUSE

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The system expects DLL entrypoints to use the `_stdcall` convention. If you use the `_cdecl` convention, the stack is not properly restored and subsequent calls into the DLL can cause a general protection fault (GPF).

This error message is new to Windows NT, version 3.5. Under Windows NT, version 3.1, the DLL is loaded without an error message, but the application usually causes a GPF when calling a DLL routine.

RESOLUTION

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Correct the prototype of your entrypoint. For example, if your entrypoint is as follows:

```
BOOL DllMain( HANDLE hDLL, DWORD dwReason, LPVOID lpReserved)
```

change it to the following:

```
BOOL WINAPI DllMain( HANDLE hDLL, DWORD dwReason, LPVOID lpReserved)
```

Then, link with the following linker option to specify the entry point if you are using the C run-time:

-entry:_DllMainCRTStartup\$(DLENTY)

MORE INFORMATION

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If you are using the Microsoft C run-time, you need to use the entry point given in the RESOLUTION section in order to properly initialize the C run-time. For additional information, please see the following article in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

ARTICLE-ID: Q94248

TITLE : Using the C Run Time

REFERENCES

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For more information on the DLL entrypoint, please search on the topic "DllEntryPoint" (without the quotes) in the Win32 API help file.

Additional reference words: 3.50 4.00 libmain

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: BseD11

Memory Requirements for a Win32 App vs. the Win16 Version

Article ID: Q117892

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5 3.51, and 4.0
 - Microsoft Win32s, versions 1.1, 1.15, and 1.2
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SUMMARY

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A Win32 port of a Windows-based application generally requires more virtual memory than the original Windows-based application. However, it is possible for the Win32 version of the application to have a smaller working set. The working set is the certain number of pages that the virtual memory manager must keep in memory for a process to execute efficiently. If you lower the working set of an application, it will use less RAM.

MORE INFORMATION

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It can appear that the Win32-based version of an application running on Win32s requires more RAM than the Windows-based version of the application running on the same machine. This is because segments of a Windows-based application are loaded only as they are referenced, while the address space is reserved for the Win32-based application and its DLLs (dynamic-link libraries) at program load. Therefore, the memory count that is displayed by many "About" boxes is misleading: for the Windows-based application, the free memory reported is reduced by the number of segments actually loaded; for the Win32-based application, the free memory reported is reduced by the total address space required. However, this free memory represents only the virtual address space that all applications share, not the amount of RAM actually used.

You can use WMem to determine the address space used, the number of physical pages of RAM used, and to get an estimate of the working set. On a machine that has enough RAM to load the whole application without swapping, run only Program Manager and WMem. Use SHIFT+double-click in WMem and write down the available physical memory. Activate the application and use SHIFT+double-click again. The difference between the available physical memory before and after activating the application is a rough estimate of the working set. Test your application further and see how the working set changes during execution.

The working set of a Win32-based application can be decreased 30 percent or more with the use of the Working Set Tuner, included in the Win32 SDK. However, a Win32-based application may fail to load on Win32s even if its working set is significantly smaller than the free RAM (for example, 100K working set versus 1 megabyte free RAM). The entire application, DLLs included, must be mapped into the virtual address space.

The virtual memory size is set by the system at boot time, based on several factors. RAM is one factor, free disk space is another. The system must be able to allocate enough space for the swap file on disk. Windows, by

default, allows the size of the swap file to be a maximum of 4 times larger than available RAM. This constant (4) can be modified by setting PageOverCommit in the 386enh section of the SYSTEM.INI file. Valid settings are between 1 and 20. Setting PageOverCommit to a value larger than 4 will result in less efficient usage of resources and slower execution, but it will allow you to run applications that otherwise are not able to run.

Additional reference words: 1.10 1.20 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 ProgMan

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMm

How to Create Inheritable Win32 Handles in Windows 95

Article ID: Q118605

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK)
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SUMMARY

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Sometimes it is convenient for you to create an object such as a semaphore or file and then allow a child process to inherit the object's handle. This provides a means for two or more related processes to easily share an object.

Although Windows 95 does not have a security system such as the one in Microsoft Windows NT, Win32 API functions that create objects still use the SECURITY_ATTRIBUTES structure to determine whether the handle to the newly created object can be inherited. This article shows how to initialize a SECURITY_ATTRIBUTES structure to control whether an object handle can be inherited.

MORE INFORMATION

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Win32 API functions that create objects require a SECURITY_ATTRIBUTES parameter to give a newly created object access-control information and to determine whether the handle to the object can be inherited.

The SECURITY_ATTRIBUTES structure contains the following members:

Type	Name
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DWORD	nLength;
LPVOID	lpSecurityDescriptor;
BOOL	bInheritHandle;

Secure Win32 operating systems such as Microsoft Windows NT use the lpSecurityDescriptor member to enforce how and by which processes an object is accessed. Because Windows 95 does not have a security system, it ignores lpSecurityDescriptor. Like Microsoft Windows NT, Windows 95 uses the bInheritHandle member to determine whether an object's handle can be inherited by child processes.

To initialize a SECURITY_ATTRIBUTES structure so that a handle can be inherited, set bInheritHandle to TRUE. The following code snippet shows how to create a mutex with an inheritable handle:

```
// Set the length of the structure, allow the handle to be
// inherited, and use the default security descriptor (which
// Windows 95 will ignore, but Windows NT will use.) Then create
// a named, initially unowned mutex whose handle can be
// inherited.
```

```
SECURITY_ATTRIBUTES sa;
```



```

HANDLE                hMutex1;

sa.nLength            = sizeof(sa);
sa.bInheritHandle    = TRUE;
sa.lpSecurityDescriptor = NULL;

hMutex1 = CreateMutex(&sa, FALSE, "MUTEX1");

```

To prevent the handle from being inherited, set `bInheritHandle` to `FALSE`. The following code example demonstrates creating a mutex with a noninheritable handle:

```

// Set the length of the structure, do not allow the handle
// to be inherited, and use the default security descriptor
// (which Windows 95 will ignore, but Windows NT will use).
// Create a named, initially unowned mutex whose handle cannot
// be inherited.

SECURITY_ATTRIBUTES sa;
HANDLE                hMutex1;

sa.nLength            = sizeof(sa);
sa.bInheritHandle    = FALSE;
sa.lpSecurityDescriptor = NULL;

hMutex1 = CreateMutex(&sa, FALSE, "MUTEX1");

```

You can also prevent a handle to an object from being inherited by specifying `NULL` in the call to Win32 object creation API function instead of specifying a pointer to a `SECURITY_ATTRIBUTES` structure. This is equivalent to setting `bInheritHandle` to `FALSE` and `lpSecurityDescriptor` to `NULL`. For example:

```

// Use NULL instead of pointer to SECURITY_ATTRIBUTES
// structure to create a named, initially unowned
// mutex whose handle cannot be inherited. A NULL security
// descriptor will be used by Windows NT, but ignored by
// Windows 95.

HANDLE hMutex1;
hMutex1 = CreateMutex(NULL, FALSE, "MUTEX1");

```

Cross-Platform Compatibility Information

Keep in mind that while Windows 95 does not have a security system, Windows NT does. Windows 95 ignores the `lpSecurityDescriptor` member of the `SECURITY_ATTRIBUTES`, but Windows NT uses it. If access to the object needs to be controlled in a specific way on Windows NT, then the `lpSecurityDescriptor` should be initialized by calling the Win32 security API functions.

Additional reference words: 4.00
 KBCategory: kbprg
 KBSubcategory: BseSecurity

Detecting Data on the Communications Port

Article ID: Q118625

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0

To detect whether there is any data available on the communications (COM) port without calling ReadFile(), use the ClearCommError() API. The field COMSTAT.CbInQue contains the number of bytes not yet read by a call to ReadFile().

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseCommapi

Determining Whether the User is an Administrator

Article ID: Q118626

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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To determine whether or not a user is an administrator, you need to examine the user's access token with `GetTokenInformation()`. The access token represents the user's privileges and the groups to which the user belongs.

When a user starts an application, the access token associated with that process is the user's access token. To get the process token (and therefore the user's token), use `OpenProcessToken()`.

The sample code below uses the APIs mentioned in the previous paragraph to test whether or not the current user is an administrator on the local machine:

Sample code

```
-----  
/* BOOL IsAdmin(void)  
  
   returns TRUE if user is an admin  
   FALSE if user is not an admin  
*/  
  
BOOL IsAdmin(void)  
{  
    HANDLE hProcess, hAccessToken;  
    UCHAR InfoBuffer[1024];  
    PTOKEN_GROUPS ptgGroups = (PTOKEN_GROUPS)InfoBuffer;  
    DWORD dwInfoBufferSize;  
    PSID psidAdministrators;  
    SID_IDENTIFIER_AUTHORITY siaNtAuthority = SECURITY_NT_AUTHORITY;  
    UINT x;  
  
    hProcess = GetCurrentProcess();  
  
    if(!OpenProcessToken(hProcess, TOKEN_READ, &hAccessToken))  
        return(FALSE);  
  
    if(!GetTokenInformation(hAccessToken, TokenGroups, InfoBuffer,  
        1024, &dwInfoBufferSize)) return(FALSE);  
  
    AllocateAndInitializeSid(&siaNtAuthority, 2,  
        SECURITY_BUILTIN_DOMAIN_RID,  
        DOMAIN_ALIAS_RID_ADMINS,  
        0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,  
        &psidAdministrators);  
  
    for(x=0;x<ptgGroups->GroupCount;x++)  
    {
```

```
    if( EqualSid(psidAdministrators, ptgGroups->Groups[x].Sid) )
    {
        FreeSid(&psidAdministrators);
        return( TRUE );
    }

    }
    FreeSid(&psidAdministrators);
    return(FALSE);
}
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseSecurity

PRB: LoadLibrary() Fails with __declspec(thread)

Article ID: Q118816

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
 - Microsoft Win32s versions 1.1, 1.15, 1.2, and 1.25a
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SYMPTOMS

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Your dynamic-link library (DLL) uses `__declspec(thread)` to allocate thread local storage (TLS). There are no problems running an application that is statically linked with the DLL's import library. However, when an application uses `LoadLibrary()` to load the DLL instead of using the import library, `LoadLibrary()` fails on Win32s with "error 87: invalid parameter". `LoadLibrary()` succeeds under Windows NT in this situation; however, the application cannot successfully call functions in the DLL.

CAUSE

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This is a limitation of `LoadLibrary()` and `__declspec()`. The global variable space for a thread is allocated at run time. The size is based on a calculation of the requirements of the application plus the requirements of all of the DLLs that are statically linked. When you use `LoadLibrary()`, there is no way to extend this space to allow for the thread local variables declared with `__declspec(thread)`. This can cause a protection fault either when the DLL is dynamically loaded or code references the data.

RESOLUTION

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DLLs that use `__declspec(thread)` should not be loaded with `LoadLibrary()`.

Use the TLS APIs, such as `TlsAlloc()`, in your DLL to allocate TLS if the DLL might be loaded with `LoadLibrary()`. If you continue to use `__declspec()`, warn users of the DLL that they should not load the DLL with `LoadLibrary()`.

Additional reference words: 1.10 1.20 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: BseD11

Getting the Filename Given a Window Handle

Article ID: Q119163

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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To find the filename of the program that created a given window under Windows, you would use `GetWindowLong(hwnd, GWL_HINSTANCE)` to find the module handle and then `GetModuleFileName()` to find the filename. This method cannot be used under Windows NT because instance handles are not global, but are unique to the address space in which the application is running.

If the application that created the window is a Windows-based application, the name returned is "ntvdm". To get the actual filename, you need to spawn a Win16 application that will call `GetModuleFileName()` and pass the filename back to your application using some form of interprocess communication (IPC).

MORE INFORMATION

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To find the filename of an application once you have its window handle, first use `GetWindowThreadProcessId()` to find the process ID (PID) of the process that created the window. Using the PID, query the registry for the performance data associated with the process. To do this, you have to enumerate all processes in the system, comparing each PID to the PID of the process that you are looking for, until the data for that process is found. (This data includes the name of the process.)

The following sample code demonstrates how to find the filename of the Program Manager, `PROGMAN.EXE`, after obtaining its window handle:

Sample Code

```
#include <windows.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

#define Key "SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\Windows
NT\\CurrentVersion\\Perflib\\009"

void GetIndex( char *, char * );
void DisplayFilename( DWORD );

/*****\
* Function: void main( )                               *
*                                               *
* Purpose : Application entry point                 *
*****/
```

```

*
\*****/

void main( )
{
    HWND          hWnd;
    DWORD         dwActiveProcessId;

    // Get window handle of Program Manager's main window.

    hWnd = FindWindow( "Progman", NULL );

    // Get PID of Program Manager.

    GetWindowThreadProcessId( hWnd, &dwActiveProcessId );

    // Display name of Program Manager's executable file.

    printf( "Searching for filename of Program Manager...\n" );
    DisplayFilename( dwActiveProcessId );
}

/*****\
* Function: void DisplayFilename( DWORD )
*
* Purpose : Display executable filename of the process whose PID
*           is passed in as a parameter.
*
* Comment : The information is retrieved from the performance
*           data in the registry.
*
\*****/

void DisplayFilename( DWORD dwProcessId )
{
    DWORD         CurrentProcessId;
    BOOL         bContinue = TRUE;
    char         szIndex[256] = "";
    DWORD         dwBytes = 12000;
    DWORD         dwProcessIdOffset;
    int          i;

    PPERF_DATA_BLOCK      pdb;
    PPERF_OBJECT_TYPE     pot;
    PPERF_INSTANCE_DEFINITION pid;
    PPERF_COUNTER_BLOCK   pcb;
    PPERF_COUNTER_DEFINITION pcd;

    // Get the index for the PROCESS object.
    GetIndex( "Process", szIndex );

    // Get memory for PPERF_DATA_BLOCK.
    pdb = (PPERF_DATA_BLOCK) HeapAlloc( GetProcessHeap(),
                                        HEAP_ZERO_MEMORY,
                                        dwBytes);

    // Get performance data.

```

```

while( RegQueryValueEx(HKEY_PERFORMANCE_DATA, (LPTSTR)szIndex, NULL,
                      NULL, (LPBYTE)pdb, &dwBytes) ==
ERROR_MORE_DATA )
{
    // Increase memory.
    dwBytes += 1000;

    // Allocated memory is too small; reallocate new memory.
    pdb = (PPERF_DATA_BLOCK) HeapReAlloc( GetProcessHeap(),
                                         HEAP_ZERO_MEMORY,
                                         (LPVOID)pdb,
                                         dwBytes);
}

// Get PERF_OBJECT_TYPE.
pot = (PPERF_OBJECT_TYPE)((PBYTE)pdb + pdb->HeaderLength);

// Get the first counter definition.
pcd = (PPERF_COUNTER_DEFINITION)((PBYTE)pot + pot->HeaderLength);

// Get index value for ID_PROCESS.
szIndex[0] = '\\0';
GetIndex( "ID Process", szIndex );

for( i=0; i< (int)pot->NumCounters; i++ )
{
    if (pcd->CounterNameTitleIndex == (DWORD)atoi(szIndex))
    {
        dwProcessIdOffset = pcd->CounterOffset;
        break;
    }

    pcd = ((PPERF_COUNTER_DEFINITION)((PBYTE)pcd + pcd->ByteLength));
}

// Get the first instance of the object.
pid = (PPERF_INSTANCE_DEFINITION)((PBYTE)pot + pot->DefinitionLength);

// Get the name of the first process.
pcb = (PPERF_COUNTER_BLOCK)((PBYTE)pid + pid->ByteLength);
CurrentProcessId = *((DWORD *) ((PBYTE)pcb + dwProcessIdOffset));

// Find the process object for PID passed in, then print its
// filename.

for( i = 1; i < pot->NumInstances && bContinue; i++ )
{
    if( CurrentProcessId == dwProcessId )
    {
        printf( "The filename is %ls.exe.\n",
              (char *) ((PBYTE)pid + pid->NameOffset) );
        bContinue = FALSE;
    }
    else
    {
        pid = (PPERF_INSTANCE_DEFINITION)((PBYTE)pcb + pcb->

```



```

>ByteLength);
    pcb = (PPERF_COUNTER_BLOCK) ((PBYTE)pid + pid->ByteLength);
    CurrentProcessId = *((DWORD *) ((PBYTE)pcb +
dwProcessIdOffset));
    }
}
if( bContinue == TRUE )
    printf( "Not found.\b" );

// Free the allocated memory.
if( !HeapFree(GetProcessHeap(), 0, (LPVOID)pcb) )
    printf( "HeapFree failed in main.\n" );

// Close handle to the key.
RegCloseKey( HKEY_PERFORMANCE_DATA );
}

/*****\
* Function: void GetIndex( char *, char * ) *
* * *
* Purpose : Get the index for the given counter *
* * *
* Comment : The index is returned in the parameter szIndex *
* * *
\*****/

void GetIndex( char *pszCounter, char *szIndex )
{
    char* pszBuffer;
    char* pszTemp;
    char szObject[256] = "";
    DWORD dwBytes;
    HANDLE hKeyIndex;
    int i = 0;
    int j = 0;

    // Open the key.
    RegOpenKeyEx( HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE,
                Key,
                0, KEY_READ,
                &hKeyIndex );

    // Get the size of the counter.
    RegQueryValueEx( hKeyIndex,
                    "Counters",
                    NULL, NULL, NULL,
                    &dwBytes );

    // Allocate memory for the buffer.
    pszBuffer = (char *) HeapAlloc( GetProcessHeap(),
                                    HEAP_ZERO_MEMORY,
                                    dwBytes );

    // Get the titles and counters.
    RegQueryValueEx( hKeyIndex,
                    "Counters",
                    NULL, NULL,

```

```

                (LPBYTE)pszBuffer,
                &dwBytes );

// Find the index value for PROCESS.
pszTemp = pszBuffer;

while( i != (int)dwBytes )
{
    while (*(pszTemp+i) != '\0')
    {
        szIndex[j] = *(pszTemp+i);
        i++;
        j++;
    }
    szIndex[j] = '\0';
    i++;
    j = 0;
    while (*(pszTemp+i) != '\0')
    {
        szObject[j] = *(pszTemp+i);
        i++;
        j++;
    }
    szObject[j] = '\0';
    i++;
    j = 0;
    if( *(pszTemp+i) == '\0' )
        i++;
    if( strcmp(szObject, pszCounter) == 0 )
        break;
}

// Deallocate the memory.
HeapFree( GetProcessHeap(), 0, (LPVOID)pszBuffer );

// Close the key.
RegCloseKey( hKeyIndex );
}

```

REFERENCES

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For more information on working with the performance data, please see one or all of the following references:

- The "Win32 Programmer's Reference."
- The "Windows NT Resource Kit," volume 3.
- The source code for PView that is included in the Win32 SDK.
- The "Windows/MS-DOS Developer's Journal," April 1994.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 file name

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMisc

PRB: Named Pipe Write() Limited to 64K

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SYMPTOMS

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WriteFile() returns FALSE and GetLastError() returns ERROR_MORE_DATA when WriteFile() writes to a message-mode named pipe using a buffer greater than 64K.

CAUSE

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There is a 64K limit on named pipe writes.

RESOLUTION

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The error is different from ERROR_MORE_DATA on the reader side, where bytes have already been read and the operation should be retried for the remaining message. The real error is STATUS_BUFFER_OVERFLOW. No data is transmitted; therefore, the write operation must be retried using a smaller buffer.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: BseIpc

ReadFile() at EOF Changed in Windows NT 3.5

Article ID: Q119220

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT version 3.5
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The documentation for ReadFile() states that:

If the function succeeds, the return value is TRUE. If the return value is TRUE and the number of bytes read is zero, the file pointer was beyond the current end of file at the time of the read operation.

If the function fails, the return value is FALSE. To get extended error information, call GetLastError().

Under Windows NT 3.1, when you read at the end of the file (EOF), ReadFile() returns TRUE and reports that 0 (zero) bytes were read. However, if you are using asynchronous I/O and EOF is reached, GetOverlappedResult() will hang because there is no outstanding I/O. ReadFileEx() properly handles EOF by failing and setting the error code to ERROR_HANDLE_EOF.

Under Windows NT 3.5, ReadFile() returns FALSE and GetLastError() returns error 38 (ERROR_HANDLE_EOF) for asynchronous I/O. This change in behavior was made to avoid the problem described above. The behavior for synchronous I/O has not changed under Windows NT 3.5.

Additional reference words: 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseFileio

Listing Account Privileges

Article ID: Q119669

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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When a user starts a process, that process takes on the security attributes of the user. The security attributes inherited from the user include privileges, which control access to system services.

MORE INFORMATION

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To list the privileges belonging to a process (and thus to the current user), perform the following steps:

1. Call `GetCurrentProcess()` to obtain a handle to the current process.
2. Call `GetProcessToken()` to obtain the process' access token.
3. Call `GetTokenInformation()` to obtain the list of privileges (among other information).
4. Step through the list of privileges, using `LookupPrivilegeName()` and `LookupPrivilegeDisplayName()` to obtain the names for the program to display.

The following sample code lists the displayable privilege names and the privilege names as defined in the `WINNT.H` header file:

Sample Code

```
#include <windows.h>
#include <stdio.h>

void main()
{
    HANDLE hProcess, hAccessToken;
    UCHAR InfoBuffer[1000];
    PTOKEN_PRIVILEGES ptgPrivileges = (PTOKEN_PRIVILEGES)InfoBuffer;
    DWORD dwInfoBufferSize;
    DWORD dwPrivilegeNameSize;
    DWORD dwDisplayNameSize;
    UCHAR ucPrivilegeName[500];
    UCHAR ucDisplayName[500];
    DWORD dwLangId;
    UINT x;

    hProcess = GetCurrentProcess();
```

```
OpenProcessToken( hProcess, TOKEN_READ, &hAccessToken );

GetTokenInformation( hAccessToken, TokenPrivileges, InfoBuffer,
    sizeof(InfoBuffer), &dwInfoBufferSize);

printf( "Account privileges: \n\n" );
for( x=0; x<ptgPrivileges->PrivilegeCount; x++ )
{
    dwPrivilegeNameSize = sizeof( ucPrivilegeName );
    dwDisplayNameSize = sizeof( ucDisplayName );
    LookupPrivilegeName( NULL, &ptgPrivileges->Privileges[x].Luid,
        ucPrivilegeName, &dwPrivilegeNameSize );
    LookupPrivilegeDisplayName( NULL, ucPrivilegeName,
        ucDisplayName, &dwDisplayNameSize, &dwLangId );
    printf( "%40s (%s)\n", ucDisplayName, ucPrivilegeName );
}
}
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseSecurity

PRB: Starting a Service Returns "Logon Failure" Error
Article ID: Q120556

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
-

SYMPTOMS

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Starting a service from either the service control manager or from the StartService API may return error 1069, "ERROR_SERVICE_LOGON_FAILED."

CAUSE

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This error occurs if the service was started from an account that does not have the "Log on a service" privilege.

RESOLUTION

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An account can be granted the "Log on a service right" through the User Manager Application. From the Policies menu, choose User Rights. In the User Rights Dialog Box, select the "Show Advanced User Rights" check box. Choose "Log on a service," in the "Right" scroll box. Then choose the Add button to grant your account the "Log on a service" privilege.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: BseService

Dealing w/ Lengthy Processing in Service Control Handler

Article ID: Q120557

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1, 3.5, and 3.51
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The service control handler function must return within 30 seconds. If it does not, the Service Control Manager will return the following error: "Error 2186 - The service is not responding to the control function".

If a service needs to do lengthy processing when the service is in the service control handler, it should create a secondary thread to perform the lengthy processing and then return. This prevents the service from tying up the service control handler thread.

If you are processing a `SERVICE_CONTROL_STOP`, you may wish to register a status of `SERVICE_STOP_PENDING`. The `dwWaitHint` should be at least 30 seconds. You can make the control panel applet wait for a long time if you send multiple `SERVICE_STOP_PENDING` states which update the `dwCheckPoint` and use a long `dwWaitHint`.

The system shutting down is another event that limits the service control handler. The `dwCtrlCode` parameter for the service control handler returns `SERVICE_CONTROL_SHUTDOWN`. A service then has approximately 20 seconds to perform cleanup tasks. If the tasks are not done, the system shuts down regardless if the service shutdown is complete. If the user has selected "restart", all processes will halt quickly. If instead the system is left in the "shutdown" state, the service processes continue to run.

If you need a longer time to shut down or earlier notification, consider using `SetConsoleCtrlHandler()` or `SetProcessShutdownParameters()` instead of using `SERVICE_CONTROL_SHUTDOWN`. This is the same mechanism that the Service Controller uses to get its notification.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseService

Additional Information for WIN32_FIND_DATA

Article ID: Q120697

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0

This article contains additional information about the WIN32_FIND_DATA members.

The WIN32_FIND_DATA structure contains three members that store the creation, last access, and last write time of a file. The time format for these three members (ftCreationTime, ftLastAccessTime, and ftLastWriteTime) are expressed in the Universal Time Convention (UTC). These three data members can be converted from UTC time to local time by calling the FileTimeToLocalFileTime api.

The WIN32_FIND_DATA structure contains two members that store the file size: nFileSizeHigh and nFileSizeLow. They are described as being the high and low order words of the size, but they are actually DWORDs. Therefore, nFileSizeHigh will be zero unless the file size is greater than 0xffffffff (4.2 Gig).

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMisc

Obtaining a Console Window Handle (HWND)

Article ID: Q124103

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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It may be useful to manipulate a window associated with a console application. The Win32 API provides no direct method for obtaining the window handle associated with a console application. However, you can obtain the window handle by calling `FindWindow()`. This function retrieves a window handle based on a class name or window name.

Call `GetConsoleTitle()` to determine the current console title. Then supply the current console title to `FindWindow()`.

MORE INFORMATION

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Because multiple windows may have the same title, you should change the current console window title to a unique title. This will help prevent the wrong window handle from being returned. Use `SetConsoleTitle()` to change the current console window title. Here is the process:

1. Call `GetConsoleTitle()` to save the current console window title.
2. Call `SetConsoleTitle()` to change the console title to a unique title.
3. Call `Sleep(40)` to ensure the window title was updated.
4. Call `FindWindow(NULL, uniquetitle)`, to obtain the HWND
this call returns the HWND -- or NULL if the operation failed.
5. Call `SetConsoleTitle()` with the value retrieved from step 1, to restore the original window title.

You should test the resulting HWND. For example, you can test to see if the returned HWND corresponds with the current process by calling `GetWindowText()` on the HWND and comparing the result with `GetConsoleTitle()`.

The resulting HWND is not guaranteed to be suitable for all window handle operations.

Sample Code

The following function retrieves the current console application window handle (HWND). If the function succeeds, the return value is the handle of the console window. If the function fails, the return value is NULL. Some error checking is omitted, for brevity.

```

HWND GetConsoleHwnd(void)
{
    #define MY_BUFSIZE 1024 // buffer size for console window titles
    HWND hwndFound;        // this is what is returned to the caller
    char pszNewWindowTitle[MY_BUFSIZE]; // contains fabricated WindowTitle
    char pszOldWindowTitle[MY_BUFSIZE]; // contains original WindowTitle

    // fetch current window title

    GetConsoleTitle(pszOldWindowTitle, MY_BUFSIZE);

    // format a "unique" NewWindowTitle

    wsprintf(pszNewWindowTitle, "%d/%d",
              GetTickCount(),
              GetCurrentProcessId());

    // change current window title

    SetConsoleTitle(pszNewWindowTitle);

    // ensure window title has been updated

    Sleep(40);

    // look for NewWindowTitle

    hwndFound=FindWindow(NULL, pszNewWindowTitle);

    // restore original window title

    SetConsoleTitle(pszOldWindowTitle);

    return(hwndFound);
}

```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95
 KBCategory: kbprg kbcode
 KSubcategory: BseCon UsrWndw

Detecting x86 Floating Point Coprocessor in Win32

Article ID: Q124207

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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In Windows NT (x86) and Windows 95, floating point is emulated by the operating system, in the event that a numeric coprocessor is not present. This allows Win32-based applications to be compiled with floating point instructions present, which will be trapped by the operating system at runtime in the event that a coprocessor is not present. This behavior is transparent to the application, so it is difficult to detect.

In some cases, it is useful to execute code based on the presence of a numeric coprocessor, so this article explains how to do it.

MORE INFORMATION

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One approach you can use to detect whether a coprocessor is present is to read the CR0 (System Control Register). This is not possible from Ring 3 application code under Windows NT, so a different approach is outlined below.

To determine whether a coprocessor is present on a computer using the x86 platform running Windows NT, you need to determine if the registry entry HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\\HARDWARE\\DESCRIPTION\\System\\FloatingPointProcessor is present. If this key is present, a numeric coprocessor is present.

On the MIPS and Alpha platforms, this registry key is not present because floating point support is built-in. The following function indicates whether a numeric coprocessor is present on Windows NT. If the function returns TRUE, a coprocessor is present. If the function returns FALSE, and GetLastError() indicates ERROR_RESOURCE_DATA_NOT_FOUND, a coprocessor is not present. Otherwise, an error occurred while attempting to detect for a coprocessor. Some error checking is omitted, for brevity.

```
BOOL IsCoProcessorPresent(void)
{
    #define MY_ERROR_WRONG_OS 0x20000000
    HKEY hKey;
    SYSTEM_INFO SystemInfo;

    // return FALSE if we are not running under Windows NT
    // this should be expanded to cover alternative Win32 platforms

    if(!(GetVersion() & 0x7FFFFFFF))
    {
        SetLastError(MY_ERROR_WRONG_OS);
        return(FALSE);
    }
}
```

```

}

// we return TRUE if we're not running on x86
// other CPUs have built in floating-point, with no registry entry

GetSystemInfo(&SystemInfo);

if((SystemInfo.dwProcessorType != PROCESSOR_INTEL_386) &&
    (SystemInfo.dwProcessorType != PROCESSOR_INTEL_486) &&
    (SystemInfo.dwProcessorType != PROCESSOR_INTEL_PENTIUM))
{
    return(TRUE);
}

if(RegOpenKeyEx(HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE,
"HARDWARE\\DESCRIPTION\\System\\FloatingPointProcessor",
                0,
                KEY_EXECUTE,
                &hKey) != ERROR_SUCCESS)
{
    // GetLastError() will indicate ERROR_RESOURCE_DATA_NOT_FOUND
    // if we can't find the key. This indicates no coprocessor present
    return(FALSE);
}

RegCloseKey(hKey);
return(TRUE);
}

```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00
KBCategory: kbprg kbcode
KBSubcategory: BseFltpt

Which Windows NT (Server or Workstation) Is Running?

Article ID: Q124305

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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You can determine which variant of Windows NT (Windows NT Server or Windows NT Workstation) is running by using the technique described in this article. Then you can use this information to execute code based on which variant is running.

MORE INFORMATION

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To find out which product is currently running, you need to determine the value of the following registry entry:

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\  
CurrentControlSet  
Control\  
ProductOptions
```

Use the following table to determine which product is running:

ProductType	Product
WINNT	Windows NT Workstation is running
SERVERNT	Windows NT Server is running
LANMANNT	Windows NT Advanced Server is running

The sample code creates a WhichNTProduct() function to indicate whether Windows NT Server or Windows NT Workstation is currently running. The following table gives the meaning for each return value:

Return Value	Meaning
RTN_SERVER	Windows NT Server is running
RTN_WORKSTATION	Windows NT Workstation is running
RTN_NTAS	Windows NT Advanced Server is running
RTN_UNKNOWN	Unknown product type was encountered
RTN_ERROR	Error occurred

To get extended error information, call GetLastError(). Some error checking is omitted, for brevity.

Sample Code

```
#define RTN_UNKNOWN 0  
#define RTN_SERVER 1
```

```

#define RTN_WORKSTATION 2
#define RTN_NTAS 3
#define RTN_ERROR 13

unsigned int WhichNTProduct(void)
{
    #define MY_BUFSIZE 32 // arbitrary. Use dynamic allocation
    HKEY hKey;
    char szProductType[MY_BUFSIZE];
    DWORD dwBufLen=MY_BUFSIZE;

    if(RegOpenKeyEx(HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE,
                   "SYSTEM\\CurrentControlSet\\Control\\ProductOptions",
                   0,
                   KEY_EXECUTE,
                   &hKey) != ERROR_SUCCESS) return(RTN_ERROR);

    if(RegQueryValueEx(hKey,
                      "ProductType",
                      NULL,
                      NULL,
                      szProductType,
                      &dwBufLen) != ERROR_SUCCESS) return(RTN_ERROR);

    RegCloseKey(hKey);

    // check product options, in order of likelihood
    if(lstrcmpi("WINNT", szProductType) == 0) return(RTN_WORKSTATION);
    if(lstrcmpi("SERVERNT", szProductType) == 0) return(RTN_SERVER);
    if(lstrcmpi("LANMANNT", szProductType) == 0) return(RTN_NTAS);

    // else return Unknown
    return(RTN_UNKNOWN);
}

```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50
KBCategory: kbprg kbcode
KBSubcategory: BseMisc

Mutex Wait Is FIFO But Can Be Interrupted

Article ID: Q125657

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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A mutex is a synchronization object that is signalled when it is not owned by any thread. Only one thread at a time can own a mutex. Other threads requesting the mutex will have to wait until the mutex is signalled. This article discusses the order in which threads acquire the mutex.

MORE INFORMATION

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Threads that are blocked on a mutex are handled in a first in, first out (FIFO) order. Therefore, the first to wait on the mutex will be the first to receive the mutex, regardless of thread priority.

It is important to remember that Windows NT can interrupt the wait and that this will change the order in which threads are queued. A kernel-mode asynchronous procedure call (APC) can interrupt a user-mode thread's execution at any time. Once the normal execution of the thread resumes, the thread will again wait on the mutex; however, the thread is placed at the end of the wait queue. For example, each time you enter the debugger (hit a breakpoint, execute `OutputDebugString()`, and so on), all application threads are suspended. Suspending a thread causes the thread to run a piece of code in kernel mode. When you continue from the debugger, the threads are resumed, causing them to resume their wait for the mutex, but possibly in a different order than before. In this case, it does not look like the mutex is acquired in FIFO order. Some threads may be unable to acquire the mutex when the application is run under the debugger.

NOTE: This implementation detail is subject to change. Windows 95 and other platforms that support the Win32 API may adopt different strategies.

Most programs do not usually need to make any assumption about this behavior. The only class of applications that should be sensitive to mutex claim and release throughput are realtime-class applications. If throughput is of importance to a program, critical sections should be used wherever possible.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 windbg ntsd

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseSync

How to Set Foreground/Background Responsiveness in Code

Article ID: Q125660

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.5
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SUMMARY

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In Windows NT version 3.5, you can set foreground/background responsiveness by using the System Control Panel in Program Manager. Chose Tasking, then select one of the following through the dialog that is displayed:

- Best Foreground Application Response Time.
- Foreground Application More Responsive than Background.
- Foreground and Background Applications Equally Responsive.

This article describes how to achieve the same thing by using code in a program. It also explains how to override this setting by using code in a program.

MORE INFORMATION

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You can use the Registry APIs to set foreground/background responsiveness. The following registry key allows you to specify the priority to give to the application running in the foreground:

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM
  CurrentControlSet\
    Control\
      PriorityControl\
        Win32PrioritySeparation
```

The following values are supported:

Value	Meaning
0	Foreground and background applications equally responsive
1	Foreground application more responsive than background
2	Best foreground application response time

These values correspond to the choices offered in the Tasking dialog described in the "Summary" section of this article.

To override the setting from your application, use `SetPriorityClass()` to change your application's priority class and `SetThreadPriority()` to set the priority for a given thread.

NOTE: The thread priority together with the priority class for the process determine the thread's base priority.

Additional reference words: 3.50
KBCategory: kbprg
KSubcategory: BseProcThrd

How to Support Language Independent Strings in Event Logging

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- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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Insertion strings in the event log entries are language-independent. Instead of using string literals as the insertion string, use "%n" as the insertion string.

MORE INFORMATION

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When the event viewer sees "%n", it looks up the ParameterMessageFile value in the registry, under the source of the event, as in this example:

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\  
  CurrentControlSet\  
    Services\  
      EventLog\  
        Security\  
        ...
```

-or-

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\  
  CurrentControlSet\  
    Services\  
      EventLog\  
        System\  
          Service Control Manager
```

It then calls the LoadLibrary() function of the ParameterMessageFile. Then it calls FormatMessage() using "n" as the ID.

For example, suppose an event log entry has the source "Service Control Manager" and the description is "Failed to start the service due to the following error: %%245."

In the registry, you find:

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\  
  CurrentControlSet\  
    Services\  
      EventLog\  
        System\  
          Service Control Manager  
            EventMessageFile...  
            ParameterMessageFile REG_SZ kernel32.dll  
            TypesSupported...
```

...

Therefore, you need to follow these steps:

1. Use LoadLibrary() with KERNEL32.DLL.
2. Call FormatMessage() using the module handle obtained in step 1 and a string ID of 245.
3. Replace %%245 in the description with the string obtained in step 2.

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How to Share Data Between Different Mappings of a DLL

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SUMMARY

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Under certain circumstances, 32-bit DLLs might have to share data with other 32-bit DLLs loaded by a different application or with different mappings of the same DLL. Because 32-bit DLLs are mapped into the the calling process's address space, which is private, sharing data with other DLLs mapped into the address spaces of different applications involves creating shared data section(s) or using memory mapped files. This article discusses the former -- creating shared data sections by using the #pragma statement. Typically, system-wide hooks installed in a DLL need to share some common data among different mappings.

MORE INFORMATION

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Each Win32-based application runs in its own private address space. If a 32-bit application installs a system-wide hook with the hook callback function in a DLL, this DLL is mapped into the address space of every application for which the hook event occurred.

Every application that the DLL gets mapped into, gets its own set of variables (data). Often there will be a scenario where hook callback functions mapped into different application or process address spaces need to share some data variables -- such as HHOOK or a Window Handle -- among all mappings of the DLL.

Because each application's address space is private, DLLs with hook callback functions mapped into one application's address spaces cannot share data (variables) with other hook callback functions mapped into a different application's address space unless a shared data SECTION exists in the DLL.

Every 32-bit DLL (or EXE) is composed of a collection of sections. Each section name begins with a period. The section of interest in this article is the data section. These sections can have one of the following attributes: READ, WRITE, SHARED, and EXECUTE.

DLLs that need to share data among different mappings can use the #pragma pre-processor command in the DLL source file to create a shared data section that contains the data to be shared.

The following sample code shows by example how to define a named-data section (.sdata) in a DLL.

Sample Code

```
#pragma data_seg(".sdata")
int iSharedVar = 0;
#pragma data_seg()
```

The first line directs the compiler to place all the data declared in this section into the .sdata data segment. Therefore, the iSharedVar variable is stored in the MYSEC segment. By default, data is not shared. Note that you must initialize all data in the named section. The data_seg pragma applies only to initialized data. The third line, #pragma data_seg(), resets allocation to the default data section.

If one application makes any changes to variables in the shared data section, all mappings of this DLL will reflect the same changes, so you need to be careful when dealing with shared data in applications or DLLs.

You must also tell the linker that the variables in the section you defined are to be shared by modifying your .DEF file to include a SECTIONS section or by specifying /SECTION:.sdata, RWS in your link line. Here's an example SECTIONS section:

```
SECTIONS
.sdata  READ WRITE SHARED
```

In the case of a typical hook DLL, the HHOOK, HINSTDLL, and other variables can go into the shared data section.

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KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMisc

How to Port a 16-bit DLL to a Win32 DLL

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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SUMMARY

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There are several significant differences between Win16 DLLs and Win32 DLLs. These differences require more than just a simple recompilation to turn your Win16 DLL into a Win32 DLL. In this article we will show you how to port your Win16 DLL to a Win32 DLL.

MORE INFORMATION

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The first major difference is that the Win32 DLL entry point is called with every process attach and detach. Secondly, you must account for the fact that processes can be multithreaded and as such your DLL entry point will be called with thread attach and detach messages. You need to ensure that your DLL is "thread-safe" by using multithreaded libraries and mutual exclusion for functions in your DLL that would otherwise cause data corruption when preempted and reentered. This requires that you use Win32 synchronization methods to guard critical resources. Finally, each Win32 process gets its own copy of the Win32 DLL's data.

Step One for Porting Your DLL

The first step in porting a DLL from 16-bit Windows to 32-bit Windows is moving code from your LibMain (or LibEntry) and _WEP (or WEP) to the new DLL initialization function. The new DLL initialization function is called DllMain. You might code your DllMain like this:

```
BOOL WINAPI DllMain (HANDLE hModule, DWORD fdwReason, LPVOID lpReserved)
{
    switch (fdwReason)
    {
        case DLL_PROCESS_ATTACH:
            /* Code from LibMain inserted here. Return TRUE to keep the
               DLL loaded or return FALSE to fail loading the DLL.
```

```
    }
}

You may have to modify the code in your original LibMain to account for the fact that it may be called more than once. You will get one DLL_PROCESS_ATTACH for each process that loads the DLL. This is different from LibMain which gets called only once when the DLL is loaded. The only time this is critical is when you are using shared data sections. If you are using shared data sections for statically allocated data, you will need to be careful to initialize it only once. Check your code carefully.
```

Certain one-time initializations may now need to be done for

```

        each process that attaches. You may also not need code from
        your original LibMain because the operating system may now
        be doing it for you.
    */
    break;

case DLL_THREAD_ATTACH:
    /* Called each time a thread is created in a process that has
       already loaded (attached to) this DLL. Does not get called
       for each thread that exists in the process before it loaded
       the DLL.

       Do thread-specific initialization here.
    */
    break;

case DLL_THREAD_DETACH:
    /* Same as above, but called when a thread in the process
       exits.

       Do thread-specific cleanup here.
    */
    break;

case DLL_PROCESS_DETACH:
    /* Code from _WEP inserted here. This code may (like the
       LibMain) not be necessary. Check to make certain that the
       operating system is not doing it for you.
    */
    break;
}

/* The return value is only used for DLL_PROCESS_ATTACH; all other
   conditions are ignored. */
return TRUE; // successful DLL_PROCESS_ATTACH
}

```

DllMain Called with Flags

There are several conditions where DllMain is called with the DLL_PROCESS_ATTACH, DLL_PROCESS_DETACH, DLL_THREAD_ATTACH, or DLL_THREAD_DETACH flags.

The DLL_PROCESS_ATTACH flag is sent when a DLL is loaded into the address space of a process. This occurs in both situations where the DLL is loaded with LoadLibrary, or implicitly during application load. When the DLL is implicitly loaded, DllMain is executed with DLL_PROCESS_ATTACH before the processes enter WinMain. When the DLL is explicitly loaded, DllMain is executed with DLL_PROCESS_ATTACH before LoadLibrary returns.

The DLL_PROCESS_DETACH flag is sent when a process cleanly unloads the DLL from its address space. This occurs during a call to FreeLibrary, or if the DLL is implicitly loaded, a clean process exit. When a DLL is detaching from a process, the individual threads of the process do not call the DLL_THREAD_DETACH flag.

The `DLL_THREAD_ATTACH` flag is sent when a new thread is being created in a process already attached to the DLL. Threads in existence before the process attached to a DLL will not send the `DLL_THREAD_ATTACH` flag. The first thread to attach to the DLL does not send the `DLL_THREAD_ATTACH` flag; it sends the `DLL_PROCESS_ATTACH` flag instead.

The `DLL_THREAD_DETACH` flag is sent when a thread is exiting cleanly. There is a situation when `DllMain` may be called when the thread did not first send the `DLL_THREAD_ATTACH` flag. This can happen if there are other threads still running and the original thread exits cleanly. The thread originally called `DllMain` with the `DLL_PROCESS_ATTACH` flag and later calls `DllMain` with the `DLL_THREAD_DETACH` flag. You may also have `DllMain` being called with `DLL_THREAD_DETACH` if a thread exits but was running in the process before the call to `LoadLibrary`.

Situations Where `DllMain` is Not Called or Is Bypassed

`DllMain` may not be called at all in dire situations where a thread or process was killed by a call to `TerminateThread` or `TerminateProcess`. These functions bypass calling `DllMain`. They are recommended only as a last resort. Data owned by the thread or process is at risk of loss because the process or thread could not shut itself down properly.

`DllMain` may be bypassed intentionally by a process if it calls `DisableThreadLibraryCalls`. This function (available with Windows 95 and Windows NT versions 3.5 and later) disables all `DLL_THREAD_ATTACH` and `DLL_THREAD_DETACH` notifications for a DLL. This enables a process to reduce its code size and working set. For more information on this function, see the SDK documentation on `DisableThreadLibraryCalls`.

Step Two for Porting Your DLL

The second step of porting your DLL involves changing functions that were declared with `__export` and included in the module definition (`.DEF`) file `EXPORTS` section. The proper export declaration for the Microsoft Visual C++ 32-bit compiler and linker is `__declspec(dllexport)`. This declaration should be used when prototyping and declaring functions. You do not have to explicitly declare an exported function in the `DEF` file for the proper `LIB` and `EXP` files to be created; `__declspec(dllexport)` will do this for you. Here's an example of an exported function:

```
// prototype in DLL is necessary
__declspec(dllexport) DWORD WINAPI DLLFunc1(LPSTR);

// function
__declspec(dllexport) DWORD WINAPI DLLFunc1(LPSTR lpszIn)
{
    DWORD dwRes;

    /* DLL function logic */

    return dwRes;
}
```

To include the function in an application, prototype the above function in

the application with the `__declspec(dllimport)` modifier. `__declspec(dllimport)` is not necessary, but does improve the speed of your code that implements the function call. Here's an example:

```
__declspec(dllimport) DWORD WINAPI DLLFunc1(LPSTR);
```

Then, link the DLL's import library (.LIB) file with the application makefile or project.

Some sections of your DEF file will be ignored by the 32-bit linker because of architectural differences between Win16 and Win32. You may still use the EXPORTS section of your DEF if you wish to include ordinals for exported functions, or to rename exported functions. See your linker documentation for more information about what is acceptable in a DEF file for a Win32 DLL. Users of other 32-bit compilers and linkers will have to refer to their documentation for more information on exporting functions.

Applications that link to your DLL may be multithreaded. This possibility means that you should always build your Win32 DLL as multithreaded to support preemption and reentrancy. If you use runtime library functions in your DLL, they may be preempted and reentered. That would cause problems for a normal runtime library. If you use C runtime or some other runtime library, you should use a multithreaded version of the runtime library. Microsoft Visual C++ users should link with the /MT option and include LIBCMT.LIB. This will include the multithreaded C runtime library. Optionally, you can select the Multithreaded Run-time Library option in the project settings in the Visual Workbench. If you are using another runtime library and cannot get a multithreaded version of the library, you must protect calls to the library from reentrancy using a mutex or critical section synchronization object. Information later in this article discusses this issue.

Other Design Issues You Should Consider

One of the most significant changes to DLLs in 32-bit Windows operating systems is that each process executes in its own private address space. This means that a DLL cannot directly share dynamically-allocated memory between processes. Addresses are 32-bit offsets in a process's address space. Passing them between processes is possible, but won't work as in Win16 because each process has its own address space. In another process, this pointer may address unknown data, or invalid memory space.

"DS != SS" issues common to 16-bit DLLs no longer apply. A Win32 process executes in its own private address space and there is no segmentation of this address space. In a Win32 DLL, all functions are called using the calling thread's stack and all pointers are 32-bit linear addresses. In a Win32 process or DLL, a FAR pointer is the same as a near pointer. In other words, a pointer is just a pointer.

If you must share data, you can specify certain global variables to be shared among processes by using a shared data section in the DLL. For more information on shared data sections, please search the Microsoft Knowledge Base using the following words:

```
#pragma data_seg
```

or:

sections share dll

You can also use a file-mapping object to share memory by sharing the system page file. This will allow two different processes to share dynamic memory. For more information on file mapping objects, please search the Microsoft Knowledge Base using these words:

shared memory

Another significant change in the behavior of Win32 DLLs from Win16 DLLs is the inclusion of synchronization. The Win32 API provides synchronization objects that allow the programmer to implement correct synchronization. You should be aware that your 32-bit DLL may be preempted and called again from a different thread in the process. For example, if a thread executing a DLL function accesses global data and is preempted and another function modifies the same data, the original thread will resume but will be using modified data. You'll need to use synchronization objects to resolve this situation.

Your Win32 DLL may also be preempted by a thread in a different process. This situation becomes important if the functions use shared data sections or file mappings. You will need to examine the functions in a DLL to determine if this will cause problems. If so, you will have to control access to data or sections of code that are sensitive to this problem. Mutexes and critical sections are well suited for DLL synchronization. For more information on synchronization, please search the Microsoft Knowledge Base using these words:

synchronization objects

For additional information, please search the Microsoft Knowledge Base using these words:

Win32 DLL

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KBSubcategory: BseDll

How to Detect All Program Terminations

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- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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SUMMARY

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The processes for detecting program terminations in fall into two categories:

- Win32 processes use WaitForSingleObject() or WaitForMultipleObjects() to wait for other Win32 processes, Windows 16-bit processes, and MS-DOS-based applications to terminate.
- Windows 16-bit processes, on the other hand, must use the TOOLHELP NotifyRegister() function. The 16-bit processes can be notified when other 16-bit processes and MS-DOS-based applications exit, but have the limitation of not being notified of Win32 process activity.

MORE INFORMATION

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Win32 processes can use WaitForSingleObject() or WaitForMultipleObjects() to wait for a spawned process. By using CreateProcess() to launch a Win32 process, 16-bit process, or MS-DOS-based application, you can fill in a PROCESS_INFORMATION structure. The hProcess field of this structure can be used to wait until the spawned process terminates. For example, the following code spawns a process and waits for its termination:

```
STARTUPINFO StartupInfo = {0};
StartupInfo.cb = sizeof(STARTUPINFO);
if (CreateProcess(NULL, szCommandLine, NULL, NULL, FALSE,
                 0, NULL, NULL, &StartupInfo, &ProcessInfo))
{
    WaitForSingleObject(ProcessInfo.hProcess, INFINITE);
    /* Process has terminated */
    ...
}
else
{
    /* Process could not be started */
    ...
}
```

If necessary, you can put this code into a separate thread to allow the initial thread to continue to execute.

This synchronization method is not available to 16-bit processes. Instead, they must use the TOOLHELP NotifyRegister function to register a callback function to be called when a program terminates. This method will detect the termination of 16-bit processes and MS-DOS-based applications, but not Win32 processes.

The following code shows how to register a callback function with `NotifyRegister()`:

```
FARPROC lpfnCallback;

lpfnCallback = MakeProcInstance(NotifyRegisterCallback, ghInst);
if (!NotifyRegister(NULL, (LPFNNOTIFYCALLBACK)lpfnCallback,
                    NF_NORMAL))
{
    MessageBox(NULL, "NotifyRegister Failed", "Error", MB_OK);
    FreeProcInstance(lpfnCallback);
}
```

The next section of code demonstrates the implementation of the callback function:

```
BOOL FAR PASCAL __export NotifyRegisterCallback (WORD wID,
                                                DWORD dwData)
{
    HTASK hTask; // task that called the notification callback
    TASKENTRY te;

    // Check for task exiting
    switch (wID)
    {
        case NFY_EXITTASK:
            // Obtain info about the task that is terminating
            hTask = GetCurrentTask();
            te.dwSize = sizeof(TASKENTRY);
            TaskFindHandle(&te, hTask);

            // Check if the task that is terminating is our child task.
            // Also check if the hInstance of the task that is
            // terminating is the same as the hInstance of the task
            // that was WinExec'd by us earlier in the program.

            if (te.hTaskParent == ghtaskParent &&
                te.hInst == ghInstChild)
                PostMessage(ghwnd, WM_USER+509, (WORD)te.hInst, dwData);
            break;

        default:
            break;
    }
    // Pass notification to other callback functions
    return FALSE;
}
```

The `NotifyRegisterCallback()` API is called by the 16-bit `TOOLHELP` DLL in the context of the process that is causing the event. Problems arising because of reentrancy and notification chaining makes the callback function subject to certain restrictions. For example, operations that cause `TOOLHELP` events cannot be done in the callback function. (See the `TOOLHELP` `NotifyRegister` function documentation in your Software Development Kit for events that cause `TOOLHELP` callbacks.)

There is no way a 16-bit process can be notified when a Win32 process exits. However, a 16-bit process can use TaskFirst() and TaskNext() to periodically walk the task list to determine if a Win32 process is still executing. This technique also works for 16-bit processes and MS-DOS-based applications. For example, the following code shows how to check for the existence of a process:

```
BOOL StillExecuting(HINSTANCE hAppInstance)
{
    TASKENTRY te = {0};

    te.dwSize = sizeof(te);
    if (TaskFirst(&te))
        do
        {
            if (te.hInstance == hAppInstance)
                return TRUE;    // process found
        } while (TaskNext(&te));

    // process not found
    return FALSE;
}
```

Refer to the TermWait sample for complete details on how to use NotifyRegister and implement a callback function. For additional information, please search in the Microsoft Knowledge Base using this word:

TERMWAIT

Additional reference words: 4.00 95 end exit notification notify spawn
terminate termination
KBCategory: kbprg kbcode
KBSubcategory: BseProcThrd

Overview of the Windows 95 Virtual Address Space Layout
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- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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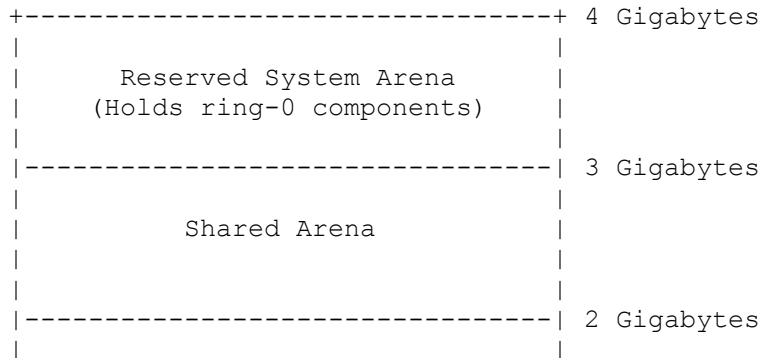
SUMMARY
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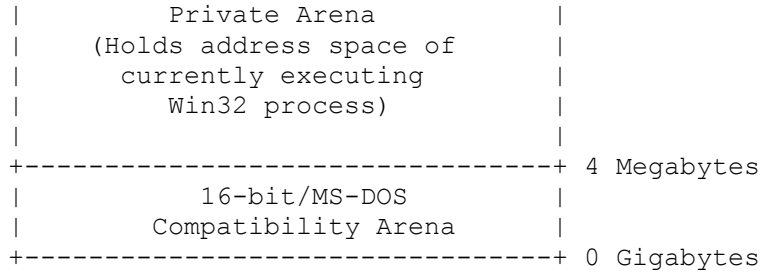
The virtual memory management mechanism in Microsoft Windows 95 makes it possible to execute Win32-based, 16-bit-based, and MS-DOS-based applications simultaneously. To accomplish this, the virtual memory manager uses a virtual address space layout that is considerably different from that used by Microsoft Windows version 3.x and that is slightly different from that used by Microsoft Windows NT. Although the differences from Windows NT are slight, they are important.

The memory manager in Windows 95 uses paging and 32-bit linear addressing to provide a full 32-bit virtual address space that has a maximum size of four gigabytes (GB). This four-GB address space is partitioned by the memory manager into four major sections, known as arenas, that are used for different types of applications and parts of the system. The first arena, from zero to four megabytes (MB) exists for compatibility with applications based on Windows version 3.1x and MS-DOS. The next arena, from four MB to two GB, is the private address space for each Win32 process. The third arena, from two to three GB, is a shared address space that contains memory mapped files and the 16-bit components. Finally, the fourth arena, from three to four GB, is reserved for the system's use.

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The following diagram shows the overall virtual address space layout used in Windows 95. The Compatibility Arena holds the current virtual machine and other software. Each Win32 process gets its own private address space in which to execute. The Private Arena contains the currently executing Win32 process's private address space. All 16-bit-based applications and DLLs, including the 16-bit Windows system components, reside in the Shared Arena. Finally, the Reserved System Arena is used to store all ring-0 code such as the virtual machine manager and virtual device drivers. It is not accessible by either 16-bit-based or Win32-based applications.





Each arena has a specific purpose and is described in detail below.

16-bit/MS-DOS Compatibility Arena

The first four megabytes of the system's address space is reserved by the system and is accessible to 16-bit and MS-DOS software for compatibility. The current virtual machine occupies the lowest megabyte of this area. The remaining three megabytes are mostly empty space but may contain MS-DOS device drivers and Terminate & Stay Resident (TSR) programs.

The 16-bit/MS-DOS Compatibility Arena is not accessible to Win32 processes for reading or writing. This means Win32 processes may not allocate memory, load DLLs, or be loaded below the four megabyte (MB) address.

Private Arena

The private arena holds the private address space of the currently executing Win32 process. Because every Win32 process gets its own address space, the contents of this arena will depend upon which process is currently executing. The memory manager maps the pages of a process's private address space so that other processes cannot access it and corrupt the process. The process's code, data, and dynamically-allocated memory all exist in the private address space.

With the exception of the system's shared DLLs (USER32.DLL, GDI32.DLL, and KERNEL32.DLL), all DLLs loaded by the process are mapped into the process's private address space. Windows extension DLLs such as SHELL32.DLL, COMCTL32.DLL, and COMDLG32.DLL are not system shared DLLs and are mapped into the process's private address space.

Because console applications are Win32-based applications without graphical user interfaces, they too get their own private address spaces, as do Win32 graphical user interface (GUI) applications.

The minimum load address for a Win32 process in Windows 95 is four MB because the first four megabytes are reserved for the Compatibility Arena.

Shared Arena

The shared arena is unique to Windows 95. This arena contains components that must be mapped into every process's address space. All of the pages in this arena are mapped identically in every process.

The 16-bit global heap, which contains all 16-bit-based applications, DLLs,

and 16-bit system DLLs, resides in the shared arena. The Win32 shared system DLLs (USER32.DLL, GDI32.DLL, and KERNEL32.DLL) are also located in the shared arena.

Unlike the Reserved System Arena, the shared arena is readable and writable by Win32 and 16-bit processes alike. This doesn't mean they are free to get memory directly from this address space. All 16-bit-based applications and DLLs actually are located in the 16-bit global heap, so they allocate memory from the 16-bit global heap; when this heap needs to be grown, KRNL386.EXE gets the memory from the shared arena.

Win32 processes may not allocate memory directly from the shared arena, but they always use it for mapping views of file mappings. Unlike Windows NT, where views of file mappings always are placed in the private address space, Windows 95 holds views of file mappings in the shared arena.

The DOS Protected Mode Interface (DPMI) server's memory pool is located in the Shared Arena. Thus, calls to the DPMI server to allocate memory will result in memory that is globally accessible.

Sometimes, a virtual device driver (VxD) may need to map a buffer passed to it by a Win32 process into globally accessible memory so that the buffer can be accessed even if the process isn't in context. By calling `_LinPageLock` virtual machine manager service with the `PAGEMAPGLOBAL` flag, a VxD can obtain a linear address in the shared arena that corresponds to the buffer passed to it by the Win32 process.

Reserved System Arena

The reserved system contains the code and data of all ring-0 components such as the virtual machine manager, DOS extender, DPMI server, and virtual device drivers. This arena is used exclusively by ring-0 components and not addressable by ring 3 code, such as MS-DOS-based, 16-bit-based, and Win32-based applications and DLLs.

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KBSubcategory: BseMm

Types of Thunking Available in Win32 Platforms

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 - Microsoft Win32s, version 1.3
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SUMMARY

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Thunks allow code on one side of the 16-32 process boundary to call into code on the other side of the boundary. Each Win32 platform employs one or more thunking mechanisms. This table summarizes the thunking mechanisms provided by the different Win32 platforms.

	+Win32s+	Windows 95+	Windows NT+
Generic Thunk		X	X
Universal Thunk	X		
Flat Thunk		X	

Generic Thunks allow a 16-bit Windows-based application to load and call a Win32-based DLL on Windows NT and Windows 95.

Windows 95 also supports a thunk compiler, so a Win32-based application can load and call a 16-bit DLL

Win32s Universal Thunks allow a Win32-based application running under Win32s to load and call a 16-bit DLL. You can also use UT to allow a 16-bit Windows-based application to call a 32-bit DLL under Win32s, but this isn't officially supported. Certain things do not work on the 32-bit side because the app was loaded with the context of a 16-bit Windows-based application.

This article describes the types of thunking mechanisms available on each Win32 platform.

MORE INFORMATION

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Windows NT

Windows NT supports Generic Thunks, which allow 16-bit code to call into 32-bit code. Generic Thunks do not allow 32-bit code to call into 16-bit code. The generic thunk is implemented by using a set of API functions that are exported by the WOW KERNEL and WOW32.DLL.

In Windows NT, 16-bit Windows-based applications are executed in a subsystem (or environment) called WOW (Windows On Win32). Each application runs as a thread in a VDM (virtual DOS machine).

Using generic thunks is like explicitly loading a DLL. The four major APIs used in generic thunking are: LoadLibraryEx32W(), FreeLibrary32W(), GetProcAddress32W(), and CallProc32W(). Their functionality is very similar to LoadLibraryEx(), FreeLibrary(), GetProcAddress(), and calling the function through a function pointer. The Win32-based DLL called by the thunk is loaded into the VDM address space. The following is an example of thunking a call to GetVersionEx():

```
void FAR PASCAL __export MyGetVersionEx(OSVERSIONINFO *lpVersionInfo)
{
    HINSTANCE32 hKernel32;
    FARPROC lpGetVersionEx;

    // Load KERNEL32.DLL
    if (!(hKernel32 = LoadLibraryEx32W("KERNEL32.DLL", NULL, NULL)))
    {
        MessageBox(NULL, "LoadLibraryEx32W Failed", "DLL16", MB_OK);
        return;
    }

    // Get the address of GetVersionExA in KERNEL32.DLL
    if (!(lpGetVersionEx =
        GetProcAddress32W( hKernel32, "GetVersionExA")))
    {
        MessageBox(NULL, "GetProcAddress32W Failed", "DLL16", MB_OK);
        return;
    }
    lpVersionInfo->dwOSVersionInfoSize = sizeof(OSVERSIONINFO);

    // Call GetVersionExA
    CallProc32W(lpVersionInfo, lpGetVersionEx, 1, 1);

    // Free KERNEL32.DLL
    if (!FreeLibrary32W(hKernel32))
    {
        MessageBox(NULL, "FreeLibrary32W Failed", "DLL16", MB_OK);
        return;
    }
    return;
}
```

Win32s

All 16-bit Windows-based and Win32-based applications run in a single address space in Win32s. The mechanism that is provided for accessing 16-bit code from 32-bit code is called the Universal Thunk. The Universal Thunks consists of 4 APIs. The major APIs, UTRRegister() and UTUnRegister(), are exported by KERNEL32. The prototype for UTRRegister() is:

```
BOOL UTRRegister(HANDLE hModule,          // Win32-based DLL handle
                LPCTSTR lpsz16BITDLL,    // 16-bit DLL to call
                LPCTSTR lpszInitName,    // thunk initialization procedure
                LPCTSTR lpszProcName,    // thunk procedure
                UT32PROC *ppfn32Thunk,   // pointer to thunk procedure
                FARPROC pfnUT32CallBack, // optional callback
                LPVOID lpBuff);          // shared memory buffer
```

NOTES: lpszInitName, pfnUT32CallBack, and lpBuff are optional parameters. The value for ppfn32Thunk is the returned value of the 32-bit function pointer to the thunk procedure. The buffer lpBuff is a globally allocated shared memory buffer that is available to the 16-bit initialization routine via a 16-bit selector:offset pointer.

The function pointer returned in ppfn32Thunk has the following syntax:

```
WORD (*ppfn32Thunk)(lpBuff, dwUserDefined, *lpTranslationList);
```

where lpBuff is the pointer to the shared data area, dwUserDefined is available for application use (it is most commonly used as a switch for multiple thunked functions), and lpTranslationList is an array of flat pointers within lpBuff that are to be translated into selector:offset pointers.

This method is not portable to other platforms.

Windows 95

Thunking in Windows 95 allows 16-bit code to call 32-bit code and vice-versa. The mechanism used is a thunk compiler. To use the thunk compiler you need to create a thunk script, which is the function prototype with additional information about input and output variables.

The thunk compiler produces a single assembly language file. This single assembly language file should be assembled using two different flags - DIS_32 and -DIS_16 to produce a 16-bit and 32-bit object files. These object modules should be linked to their respective 16-bit and 32-bit DLL's. There are no special APIs used, all you have to do is call the function.

In addition to Flat Thunks, Windows 95 supports the Windows NT Generic Thunk mechanism. Generic thunks are recommended for portability between Windows 95 and Windows NT.

REFERENCES

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For more information on Generic Thunks, see GENTHUNK.TXT on the Win32 SDK CD.

For more information on the Universal Thunk, see the "Win32s Programmer's Reference" and the UTSAMP sample on the Win32 SDK CD.

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KBSubcategory: SubSys BseMisc W32s

How To Open Volumes Under Windows 95

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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SUMMARY

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Windows 95 does not support opening disk drives or disk partitions with `CreateFile()`, as Windows NT does. Windows 95 also does not support the `DeviceIoControl()` IOCTL APIs, as Windows NT does. Instead, low-level disk access in Windows 95 can be achieved through `DeviceIoControl()` calls to the `VWIN32 VxD`.

MORE INFORMATION

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Windows NT supports obtaining a handle to a disk drive or disk partition by using `CreateFile()` and specifying the name of the drive or partition as the filename (e.g. "\\.\PHYSICALDRIVE0" or "\\.\C:"). This handle can then be used in the `DeviceIoControl()` Win32 API.

Windows 95 differs in the following ways:

1. Obtaining a disk drive or disk partition handle is not supported. The call to `CreateFile()` will fail, and `GetLastError()` will return error code 2, `ERROR_FILE_NOT_FOUND`.
2. The `DeviceIoControl` IOCTL functions (such as `IOCTL_DISK_FORMAT_TRACKS`) are not supported. These IOCTLs require the handle to a disk drive or disk partition and thus can't be used.
3. `DeviceIoControl()` is called using a handle to a `VxD` rather than a handle to a disk drive or disk partition. Obtain a handle to `VWIN32.VXD` by using `CreateFile("\\.\VWIN32", ...)`. Use this handle in calls to `DeviceIoControl()` to perform volume locking (Int 21h Function 440Dh, Subfunctions 4Ah and 4Bh), and then to perform BIOS calls (Int 13h), Absolute Disk Reads/Writes (Int 25h and 26h), or MS-DOS IOCTL functions (Int 21h Function 440Dh).

REFERENCES

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The chapter "Device I/O Control in Windows 95" describes the procedures for using `DeviceIoControl()` in Windows 95, and contains a description of the MS-DOS IOCTL functions supported by the `VWIN32 VxD`.

For information on using `CreateFile()` to obtain disk drive or disk partition handles under Windows NT, see the description for `CreateFile()` in the Microsoft Windows Programmer's Reference, Volume 3.

For a complete list of IOCTLs, see the description of the `DeviceIoControl()` function in the Microsoft Windows Programmer's Reference, Volume 3.

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KSubcategory: BseFileio

Common File Mapping Problems and Platform Differences

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
 - Microsoft Win32s, version 1.3
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SUMMARY

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This article addresses some common problems encountered when using file mapping. It also points out some platform differences in the file mapping implementation.

This article does not describe the procedures for performing file mapping. For information on using file mapping, please see the File Mapping overview in the Microsoft Win32 Programmer's Reference. Also see the descriptions for `CreateFileMapping()`, `OpenFileMapping()`, `MapViewOfFile()`, `MapViewOfFileEx()`, `UnmapViewOfFile()`, and `FlushViewOfFile()`.

MORE INFORMATION

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Name Space Conflicts

The names of event, semaphore, mutex, and file-mapping objects share the same name space, so it is not possible to have two different object types with the same name. It is an error to attempt to create or open an object of one type using a name that is already being used by an object of another type.

`CreateFileMapping()` and `OpenFileMapping()` will fail if they specify an object name that is in use by an object of another type. In both cases, `GetLastError()` will return `ERROR_INVALID_HANDLE` (6).

To avoid conflicts between object types, one solution is to include the object type in the name. For example, use "EV_myapp_block_ready" for an event object name and "FM_myapp_missile_data" for a file mapping object name.

Necessity of Unmapping All Views of a Mapped File

Windows maintains an internal handle to a file mapping object for each view of that object, whether created by `MapViewOfFile()` or `MapViewOfFileEx()`. This internal handle is kept in addition to the handle returned by `CreateFileMapping()`. The internal handle is not closed until the view associated with the handle is unmapped by calling `UnmapViewOfFile()`. To completely close a file mapping object requires that all handles for the object, including internal handles, be closed. Thus, to close a file mapping object, all views of that object must be unmapped, and the handle returned by `CreateFileMapping()` must be closed.

Extant unmapped views of a file mapping object will NOT cause a CloseHandle() on the object's handle to fail. In other words, when your handle to the object is closed successfully, it is not necessarily true that all views have been unmapped, so the file mapping object has not necessarily been freed.

Failure to properly unmap all views of the object and to close the handle to the object will cause leaks in the application's paged pool, nonpaged pool, virtual bytes, and also in the system wide committed bytes.

Restrictions on the Size of File Mapping Objects

The size of a file mapping object backed by the system paging file is limited to available system virtual memory (meaning the amount of memory that could be committed with a call to VirtualAlloc()).

On Windows NT, the size of a file mapping object backed by a named disk file is limited by available disk space. The size of a mapped view of an object is limited to the largest contiguous block of unreserved virtual memory in the process performing the mapping (at most, 2GB minus the virtual memory already reserved by the process).

On Win32s, the size of a file mapping object backed by a named disk file is limited to available system virtual memory, due to the virtual memory management implementation of Win32s. Win32s allocates regular virtual memory for the memory mapped section even though it does not need swap space, and the amount of VM set by Windows is too small to use for mapping large files. As with Windows NT, available disk space will also impose a limitation.

On Windows 95, the size of a file mapping object backed by a named disk file is limited to available disk space. The size of a mapped view of an object is limited to the largest contiguous block of unreserved virtual memory in the shared virtual arena. This block will be at most 1GB, minus any memory in use by other components of Windows 95 which use the shared virtual arena (such as 16-bit Windows-based applications). Each mapped view will use memory from this arena, so this limit applies to the total size of all non-overlapping mapped views for all applications running on the system.

Mapped File May Not be Automatically Grown

If the size specified for a file mapping object backed by a named disk file in a call to CreateFileMapping() is larger than the size of the file used to back the mapping, the file will normally be grown to the specified size by the CreateFileMapping() call.

On Windows NT only, if PAGE_WRITECOPY is specified for the fdwProtect parameter, the file will not automatically be grown. This will cause CreateFileMapping() to fail, and GetLastError() will return ERROR_NOT_ENOUGH_MEMORY (8). To set the size of the file before calling CreateFileMapping(), use SetFilePointer() and SetEndOfFile().

MapViewOfFileEx() and Valid Range of lpvBase

On Windows NT, views of file mapping objects are mapped in the address range of 0-2 GB. Passing an address outside of this range as the lpvBase parameter to MapViewOfFileEx() will cause it to fail, and GetLastError() will return ERROR_INVALID_PARAMETER (87).

On Windows 95, views of file mapping objects are mapped in the address range of 2-3 GB (the shared virtual arena). Passing an address outside of this range will cause MapViewOfFileEx() to fail, and GetLastError() will return ERROR_INVALID_ADDRESS (487). Note that future updates to Windows 95 may change the mapping range to 0-2 GB, as on Windows NT.

MapViewOfFileEx() and Allocation Status of lpvBase

If an address is specified for the lpvBase parameter of MapViewOfFileEx(), and there is not a block of unreserved virtual address space at that address large enough to satisfy the number of bytes specified in the cbMap parameter, then MapViewOfFileEx() will fail, and GetLastError() will return ERROR_NOT_ENOUGH_MEMORY (8). This does not mean that the system is low on memory or that the process cannot allocate more memory. It simply means that the virtual address range requested has already been reserved in that process.

Prior to calling MapViewOfFileEx(), VirtualQuery() can be used to determine an appropriate range of unreserved virtual address space.

MapViewOfFileEx() and Granularity of lpvBase

For the lpvBase parameter specified in a call to MapViewOfFileEx(), you should use an integral multiple of the system's allocation granularity. On Windows NT, not specifying such a value will cause MapViewOfFileEx() to fail, and GetLastError() to return ERROR_MAPPED_ALIGNMENT (1132). On Windows 95, the address is rounded down to the nearest integral multiple of the system's allocation granularity.

To determine the system's allocation granularity, call GetSystemInfo().

Addresses of Mapped Views

When mapping a view of a file (or shared memory), it is possible to either let the operating system determine the address of the view, or to specify an address as the lpvBase parameter of the MapViewOfFileEx() function. If the file mapping is going to be shared among multiple processes, then the recommended method is to use MapViewOfFile() and let the operating system select the mapping address for you. There are good reasons for doing so:

- On Windows NT, views are mapped independently into each process's address space. While it may be convenient to try to map the view at the same address in each process, the specified virtual address range may not be free in all of the processes involved. Therefore, the mapping could fail in one (or more) of the processes trying to share the file mapping.

- On Windows 95, file mapping objects exist in the 2-3 GB address range (the shared virtual arena). Therefore, once the initial address for the view is determined, additional views of the mapping will be mapped to the same address in each process anyway, and there is no benefit in trying to force the initial mapping to a specific address. For the second and subsequent views of a mapping object, if the address specified for `lpvBase` does not match the actual address where Windows 95 has mapped the view, then `MapViewOfFileEx()` fails, and `GetLastError()` returns `ERROR_INVALID_ADDRESS` (487). Additionally, when attempting to map the first view at a pre-determined address, that address may already be in use by other components of Windows 95 which use the shared virtual arena. Note that future updates to Windows 95 may change the mapping range to 0-2 GB, as on Windows NT.

If it is absolutely necessary to create the mappings at the same address in multiple processes under Windows NT, here are two possible approaches:

1. Pick an appropriate address and manage the virtual address space so that this address is left available. This means basing your DLLs, allocating memory at specific locations, and using a tool such as Process Walker to observe the virtual address space pattern. As soon as possible in the execution of the application, either reserve the desired address space or perform the mapping. One good place to do this is in the `PROCESS_ATTACH` handling in a DLL, because it is called before the executable itself is started. NOTE: There is still no guarantee that some DLL will not have already loaded at the address in question. If not all involved processes can map at the predetermined address, they can either fail or try a new address.

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2. Have all processes involved negotiate an appropriate address. The processes can all use the `VirtualQuery()` function to scan their address spaces until a common address is found in each process that has a large enough unreserved block. This requires that all processes involved map the address at the same time. A process that starts after the address has been determined must map at that address, and fail if it cannot do so. Alternatively, the negotiation process could be repeated, with each process remapping at the new address. Then, all pointers into the mapping must be readjusted.

The second method is far more likely to succeed. It can also be combined with the first to make it more likely that an appropriate address will be found quickly.

When views are mapped to different addresses under Windows NT, the difficulty that arises is storing pointers to the mapping within the mapping itself. This is because a pointer in one process does not point to the same location within the mapping in another process. To overcome this problem, store offsets rather than pointers in the mapping, and calculate actual addresses in each process by adding the base address of the mapping to the offset. It is also possible to use based pointers and thus perform the base + offset conversion implicitly. A short SDK sample called `BPOINTER` demonstrates this technique.

Additional Platform Differences

Additional limitations when performing file mapping under Windows 95:

1. The dwOffsetHigh parameters of MapViewOfFile() and MapViewOfFileEx() are not used, and should be zero. Windows 95 uses a 32-bit file system.
2. The dwMaximumSizeHigh parameter of CreateFileMapping() is not used, and should be zero. Again, this is due to the 32-bit file system.
3. The SEC_IMAGE and SEC_NOCACHE flags for the fdwProtect parameter of CreateFileMapping() are not supported.
4. If the FILE_MAP_COPY flag is used to map a view of a file mapping object, the object must have been created using PAGE_WRITECOPY protection. Additionally, the object must be backed by a named file rather than the system paging file (in other words, a valid file handle, not (HANDLE)0xFFFFFFFF, must be specified for the hFile parameter of CreateFileMapping()). Failure to do either of these causes MapViewOfFile() to fail, and GetLastError() to return ERROR_INVALID_PARAMETER (87).
5. If two or more processes map a PAGE_WRITECOPY view of the same file mapping object (by using a named object, for example), they are able to see changes made to the view by the other process(es). The actual disk file is not modified, however. Under Windows NT, if one process writes to the view, it receives its own copy of the modified pages and will not affect the pages in the other process(es) or the disk file.

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KBSubcategory: BseMm

How to Start an Application at Boot Time Under Windows 95

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- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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SUMMARY

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Windows NT supports a Win32-based application type known as a Service. A Service may be started at boot time, automatically, by a user with the Service Control Manager facility or by Win32-based applications that use the service-related Win32 APIs. The Service Control subsystem and the associated Win32 APIs are not supported in Windows 95. In place of services, Windows 95 has two registry keys that will allow users to run applications before a user logs in when the system first starts up.

MORE INFORMATION

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Microsoft recognizes the value that Services and the Service Control manager have, therefore, we have implemented a smaller version of the Service Control Manager so that applications can run before a user logs in. This is known as MPREXE.EXE. At boot time, MPREXE checks two new registry keys: "RunServices" and "RunServicesOnce".

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion
  RunServices [key]
    bubba95=service.exe /params [string value]
```

...

```
RunServicesOnce [key]
```

...

The value names are arbitrary. The value data is the command line passed to CreateProcess(). Values under the key RunServicesOnce are deleted after the application is launched. Because these applications are started before the user logs onto the system, the user has not been validated and the applications cannot assume that they have particular networking permissions enabled. Windows 95, unlike Windows NT, only has one security context for the entire system. Therefore, don't assume that any application that MPREXE starts has access to a particular network resource because a particular user has access to this network resource.

Applications started by the RunServices and RunServicesOnce keys will be closed when the user selects "Close all programs and log on as a different user" from the Shutdown dialog on the Start Menu. To keep itself from being closed in this manner, a Win32-based application needs to call RegisterServiceProcess(). A Win32-based application may also call RegisterServiceProcess to keep other processes from closing when the user logs out.

RegisterServiceProcess is implemented only in Windows 95, and is documented in the online help (WIN32.HLP).

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Calling 16-bit Code from Win32-based Apps in Windows 95

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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SUMMARY

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As a developer, you may need to access the functionality provided by a 16-bit DLL from your Win32-based applications. This is true particularly when you do not have the source code for the DLL so that you can port it to Win32. This article discusses the mechanism by which Win32-based DLLs can call Windows-based DLLs. The mechanism is called a thunk and the method implemented under Windows 95 is called a flat thunk.

The three major steps in writing the thunk code are:

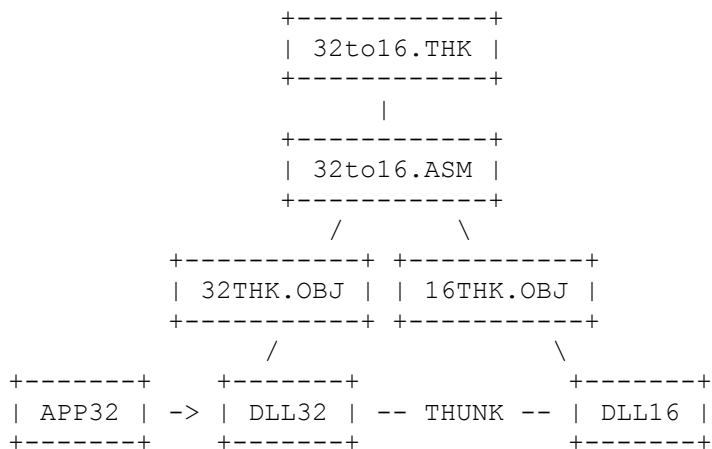
1. Creating the Thunk Script
2. Building the Win32-based DLL
3. Building the Windows-based DLL

MORE INFORMATION

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The recommended way to design a thunk call is to isolate all thunk specific code in DLLs (a 16-bit DLL and a 32-bit DLL, to provide both sides of the thunk). That way, you can install certain DLLs on one platform and replace them on another platform, for portability.

Designing a new flat thunk involves creating a thunk script (.THK file). This script is compiled with the Thunk Compiler into an assembly file. This file is assembled using two different flags: -DIS_32 and -DIS_16. This allows you to create both the 16-bit and 32-bit object modules. These object modules are linked in the Windows-based and Win32-based DLLs, respectively. The following diagram summarizes the files involved in building the DLLs.



Creating the Thunk Script

You need to create a script that will be used by the thunk compiler to create a thunk. A thunk script contains the function prototype and a specification for the input and output values. You need to include the following statement to create a 32-bit to 16-bit thunk call:

```
enablemapdirect3216 = true
```

The following is an example of a simple thunk script for a function that has no input and output:

```
enablemapdirect3216 = true

void MyThunk16()
{
}
```

The following is an example of script that takes two parameters and returns a value. The second parameter is an output parameter and contains a pointer that is passed back to the Win32-based DLL.

```
enablemapdirect3216 = true

typedef int  BOOL;
typedef char *LPSTR;

BOOL MyThunk32(LPSTR lpstrInput, LPSTR lpstrOutput)
{
    lpstrOutput = output;
}
```

The statement "lpstrOutput = output" tells the script compiler that the 16-bit code will return an address that needs to be converted from a selector:offset pointer to a flat memory pointer.

The following thunk script uses more complex parameter types, such as structures. This example also shows how to specify input and output parameters.

```
enablemapdirect3216 = true

typedef int  BOOL;
typedef unsigned int  UINT;
typedef char *LPSTR;

typedef struct tagPOINT {
    INT  x;
    INT  y;
} POINT;
typedef POINT *LPPOINT;

typedef struct tagCIRCLE {
    POINT center;
    INT  radius;
}
```

```

} CIRCLE;
typedef CIRCLE *LPCIRCLE

void MyThunk32( LPCIRCLE lpCircleInOut)
{
    lpCircleInOut = InOut;
}

```

The statement "lpCircleInOut = InOut" tells the script compiler that this pointer is going to be used for input and output. This means that conversion from a flat memory pointer to a 16-bit selector:offset and vice-versa needs to be accomplished.

The thunk compiler usage is as follows:

```
thunk.exe /options <inputfile> -o <outputfile>
```

The following command line shows how to create a 16-bit thunk code.

```
thunk -t thk 32to16.thk -o 32to16.asm
```

The "-t thk" option tells the thunk compiler to prefix the thunk functions in the assembly language file with "thk_." This will create an assembly language file.

Building the Win32-based DLL (DLL32)

1. In the DllEntryPoint function (DllMain if you're using the Microsoft C Run-time libraries) in your Win32-based DLL, you must make a call to the imported function thk_ThunkConnect32, as shown here:

```

BOOL WINAPI DllMain(HINSTANCE hDLLInst,
                    DWORD   fdwReason,
                    LPVOID  lpvReserved)
{
    if (!thk_ThunkConnect32("DLL16.DLL",
                           "DLL32.DLL",
                           hDLLInst,
                           fdwReason))
    {
        return FALSE;
    }
    switch (fdwReason)
    {
        case DLL_PROCESS_ATTACH:
            break;

        case DLL_PROCESS_DETACH:
            break;

        case DLL_THREAD_ATTACH:
            break;

        case DLL_THREAD_DETACH:
            break;
    }
}

```



```
    return TRUE;
}
```

2. Include the following lines in the EXPORT section of the module definition (DEF) file for DLL32.

```
thk_ThunkData32
```

3. Export the function that you are thunking to.
4. Assemble the assembly language file produced by the thunk compiler as a 32-bit object module. The following line shows an example:

```
ml /DIS_32 /c /W3 /nologo /coff /Fo thk32.obj 32to16.asm
```

5. Link this object module as part of the Win32-based DLL (DLL32).

Building the Windows-based DLL (DLL16)

1. The Windows-based DLL must export a function named "DllEntryPoint". This function must make a call to an imported function thk_ThunkConnect16.

```
BOOL FAR PASCAL __export DllEntryPoint(DWORD dwReason,
                                       WORD hInst,
                                       WORD wDS,
                                       WORD wHeapSize,
                                       DWORD dwReserved1,
                                       WORD wReserved 2)
{
    if (!thk_ThunkConnect16("DLL16.DLL",
                           "DLL32.DLL",
                           hInst,
                           dwReason))
    {
        return FALSE;
    }
    return TRUE;
}
```

2. Include the following lines in the IMPORTS section of the module definition (DEF) file for DLL16:

```
C16ThkSL01      = KERNEL.631
ThunkConnect16 = KERNEL.651
```

3. Include the following lines in the EXPORTS section of the module definition (DEF) file for DLL16. The THK_THUNKDATA16 is defined in the object file that is assembled from the output of the thunk compiler.

```
THK_THUNKDATA16 @1 RESIDENTNAME
DllEntryPoint   @2 RESIDENTNAME
```

4. Once you have done that you need to assemble the assembly language file produced by the thunk compiler as a 16-bit object module. The following line shows an example:

```
ml /DIS_16 /c /W3 /nologo /Fo thk16.obj 16to32.asm
```

5. Link this object module as part of the 16-bit DLL (DLL16) object file.
6. Mark the Windows-based DLL as version 4.0. To do this you can use the resource compiler (RC.EXE). The following line shows the syntax:

```
rc -40 <DLL file>
```

This -40 option is available in the resource compiler that is provided with the Windows 95 SDK and later SDKs.

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KBSubcategory: SubSys BseMisc

Limitations of Overlapped I/O in Windows 95

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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SUMMARY

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Windows 95 does not support overlapped operations on files, disk, pipes, or mail slots, but does support overlapped operations on serial and parallel communication ports. Non-overlapped file write operations are similar to overlapped file writes, because Windows 95 uses a lazy-write disk cache. Overlapped I/O can be implemented in a Win32-based application by creating multiple threads to handle I/O.

MORE INFORMATION

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Asynchronous I/O on files, disk, pipes and mail slots is not implemented in Windows 95. If a Win32-based application running on Windows 95 attempts to perform asynchronous file I/O (such as ReadFile() with any value other than NULL in the lpOverlapped field) on any of these objects, the ReadFile() or WriteFile fails and GetLastError() returns ERROR_INVALID_PARAMETER (87).

Overlapped I/O to serial and parallel communication ports is fully supported in Windows 95. To implement overlapped I/O, call CreateFile() with the FILE_FLAG_OVERLAPPED flag set in the flags attribute.

Overlapped I/O on disk and files was not implemented in Windows 95, because the added performance benefits (which would only affect a certain class of I/O-intensive applications) were not judged to be worth the extra cost.

The system uses a lazy-write disk cache algorithm which automatically provides many of the benefits of overlapped writes. When a process writes data to a file, the data is written to the cache and then the write immediately returns to the calling process. Then, at some later time, the cache manager writes the data to disk. This is similar to behavior that is achieved with overlapped I/O. In the case of disk/file reads, many applications that need to read data do so because it is needed for further processing. Some applications benefit greatly by prefetching data from files while doing other work.

Although Windows 95 does not implement overlapped I/O, it is possible for Win32-based applications on Windows 95 to create additional threads for implementing an effect similar to overlapped file I/O. One way to implement this effect is to communicate with an I/O thread using a request packet mechanism. The thread can queue request packets from other threads and service them as it is able, signalling the other threads on the completion of each request with an event. Even though the application may be "waiting" on some I/O activity, it can still be responsive to the user since the main, or user interface, thread is not blocking on I/O requests. However, the use of multiple threads will increase the amount of time spent in the kernel, which leads to inefficiencies, as compared with an operating system

that supports overlapped I/O.

NOTE: Windows NT has a lazy-write disk cache as well. It has been found that a write-back cache is not as good as overlapped I/O, particularly when the data is much larger than the file cache or noncached I/O. One of the biggest benefits of overlapped I/O is that it allows you to quickly get lots of outstanding I/O posted to the disk controller, thereby keeping the disks busy with tagged command queueing in the controller. Using multiple threads is a reasonable substitute, but I/O may be serialized in the filesystem.

Additional reference words: 4.00 95 asynchronous overlapped

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseFileio

Calling 32-bit Code from 16-bit Apps in Windows 95

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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SUMMARY

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It is often desirable to port 16-bit Windows-based applications to Win32 a little at a time, rather than all at once. For example, you may want to port Windows-based DLLs to Win32, but still be able to call them from 16-bit code. This article discusses the mechanism by which Windows-based DLLs can call Win32-based DLLs. The mechanism is called a thunk and the method implemented under Windows 95 is called a flat thunk.

The three major steps in writing the thunk code are:

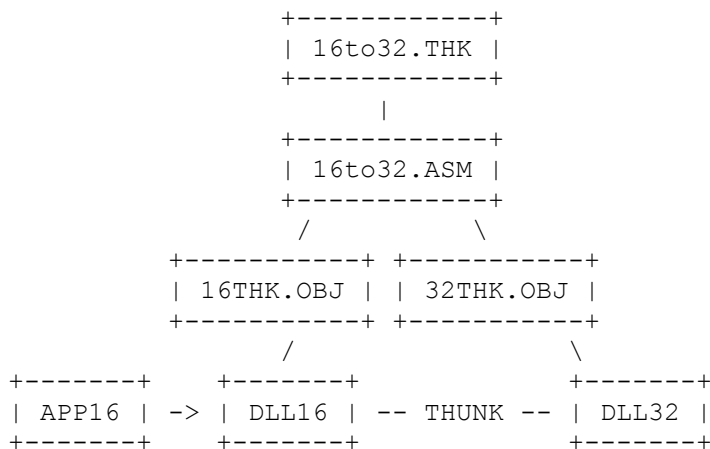
1. Creating the Thunk Script
2. Building the Windows-based DLL
3. Building the Win32-based DLL

MORE INFORMATION

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You need to create a script that will be used by the thunk compiler to create a thunk. A thunk script contains the function prototype and a specification for the input and output values. You need to include the following statement to create a 16-bit to 32-bit thunk call:

```
enablemapdirect1632 = true
```

By default, the Win32-based DLL is loaded only on the first encounter of a 16->32 thunk. Because late binding is used, 16-bit code must not depend on any action taken by the initialization of the Win32-based DLL. Also a loading failure of the Win32-based DLL will not be detected until the first 16->32 thunk has been called. To disable late binding of the Win32-based DLL add the following line in your thunk script:

```
preload32=true;
```

The following is an example of a simple thunk script for a function that has no input and output:

```
enablemapdirect1632 = true

void MyThunk32()
{
}
```

The following is an example of script that takes two parameters and returns a value. The second parameter is an output parameter and contains a pointer that is passed back to the Windows-based DLL.

```
enablemapdirect1632 = true

typedef int  BOOL;
typedef char *LPSTR;

BOOL MyThunk32(LPSTR lpstrInput, LPSTR lpstrOutput)
{
    lpstrOutput = output;
}
```

The statement "lpstrOutput = output" tells the script compiler that the 32-bit code will return an address that needs to be converted from flat memory pointer to a selector:offset pointer.

The following thunk script uses more complex parameter types, such as structures. This example also shows how to specify input and output parameters.

```
enablemapdirect1632 = true

typedef int  BOOL;
typedef unsigned int  UINT;
typedef char *LPSTR;

typedef struct tagPOINT {
```

```

    INT x;
    INT y;
} POINT;
typedef POINT *LPPOINT;

typedef struct tagCIRCLE {
    POINT center;
    INT radius;
} CIRCLE;
typedef CIRCLE *LPCIRCLE

void MyThunk32( LPCIRCLE lpCircleInOut)
{
    lpCircleInOut = InOut;
}

```

The statement "lpCircleInOut = InOut" tells the script compiler that this pointer is going to be used for input and output. This means that conversion from a 16-bit selector:offset to a flat memory pointer and vice-versa needs to be accomplished.

The thunk compiler usage is as follows:

```
thunk.exe /options <inputfile> -o <outputfile>
```

The following line shows how to create a 16-bit thunk code.

```
thunk -t thk 16to32.thk -o 16to32.asm
```

The "-t thk" option tells the thunk compiler to prefix the thunk functions in the assembly language file with "thk_". This will create an assembly language file.

Building the Windows-based DLL (DLL16)

1. The Windows-based DLL must export a function named "DllEntryPoint". This function must make a call to an imported function thk__ThunkConnect16.

```

BOOL FAR PASCAL __export DllEntryPoint(DWORD dwReason,
                                        WORD hInst,
                                        WORD wDS,
                                        WORD wHeapSize,
                                        DWORD dwReserved1,
                                        WORD wReserved 2)
{
    if (!thk_ThunkConnect16("DLL16.DLL",
                           "DLL32.DLL",
                           hInst,
                           dwReason))
    {
        return FALSE;
    }
    return TRUE;
}

```

2. Include the following lines in the IMPORTS section of the module

definition (DEF) file for DLL16.

```
C16ThkSL01      = KERNEL.631
ThunkConnect16 = KERNEL.651
```

3. Include the following lines in the EXPORTS section of the module definition (DEF) file for DLL16. The THK_THUNKDATA16 is defined in the object file that is assembled from the output of the thunk compiler.

```
THK_THUNKDATA16 @1 RESIDENTNAME
DllEntryPoint   @2 RESIDENTNAME
```

4. Once you have done that you need to assemble the assembly language file produced by the thunk compiler as a 16-bit object module. The following line shows an example:

```
ml /DIS_16 /c /W3 /nologo /Fo thk16.obj 16to32.asm
```

5. Link this object module as part of the 16-bit DLL (DLL16) object file.
6. Mark the Windows-based DLL as version 4.0. To do this you can use the resource compiler (RC.EXE). The following line shows the syntax:

```
rc -40 <DLL file>
```

This -40 option is available in the resource compiler that is provided with the Windows 95 SDK and later SDKs.

Building the Win32-based DLL (DLL32)

1. In the DllEntryPoint function (DllMain if you're using the Microsoft C Run-time libraries) in your Win32-based DLL, you must make a call to the imported function thk_ThunkConnect32, as shown here:

```
BOOL WINAPI DllMain(HINSTANCE hDLLInst,
                    DWORD fdwReason,
                    LPVOID lpvReserved)
{
    if (!thk_ThunkConnect32("DLL16.DLL",
                           "DLL32.DLL",
                           hDLLInst,
                           fdwReason))
    {
        return FALSE;
    }
    switch (fdwReason)
    {
        case DLL_PROCESS_ATTACH:
            break;

        case DLL_PROCESS_DETACH:
            break;

        case DLL_THREAD_ATTACH:
            break;
    }
}
```



```
        case DLL_THREAD_DETACH:
            break;
    }
    return TRUE;
}
```

2. Include the following lines into the EXPORT section of the module definition (DEF) file for DLL32:

```
thk_ThunkData32
```

3. Export the function that you are thunking to.
4. Assemble the assembly language file produced by the thunk compiler as a 32-bit object module. The following line shows an example:

```
ml /DIS_32 /c /W3 /nologo /coff /Fo thk32.obj 16to32.asm
```

5. Link this object module as part of the Win32-based DLL (Win32).

Additional reference words: 4.00 95 flat thunk win16

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: SubSys BseMisc

Understanding Win16Mutex

Article ID: Q125867

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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SUMMARY

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Windows 95 offers preemptive multithreaded scheduling for Win32 processes, yet also provides the familiar non-preemptive task switching found in Windows 3.x for Win16 applications. Some of the Win32 system DLLs, such as USER32.DLL and GDI32.DLL, thank to their 16-bit counterparts for compatibility and size. Unlike Windows 3.x, which did not preemptively schedule processes, Windows 95 must be able to handle the possibility that it might be reentered by two or more processes each calling the same API functions. Windows 95 must do so in a way that uses little memory and is compatible with all existing 16-bit applications and DLLs.

Win16Mutex is a global semaphore that is used to protect the 16-bit Windows 95 components from being reentered by preventing Win32 threads from thinking to 16-bit components while other 16-bit code is running. Win16Mutex is internal to Windows 95 and is not accessible from applications or DLLs. This article explains how Win16Mutex works and offers design tips for minimizing the effects Win16Mutex may have on Win32 applications.

MORE INFORMATION

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Because Windows 3.x is a non-preemptive system, Windows 3.x did not need to be designed to prevent the system from being reentered. Only one task (application instance) at a time can call system services (API functions) because other tasks cannot run until the active task voluntarily yields control of the CPU. Since only one task can execute at a time, it is not possible to have two different tasks calling the same API function, and thus Windows does not need to protect itself from reentrancy.

Windows 95 differs from Windows 3.x because Windows 95 provides support for both Win32 and Win16 applications. In Windows 95, every instance of every Win16 application is a process with exactly one thread, and every Win32 process has at least one thread. Win32 threads are preemptively scheduled and may even preempt Win16 processes. Because many Win32 API functions are thunked to 16-bit Windows API functions, there is now a possibility for the 16-bit Windows components to be reentered. Since the 16-bit Windows components are largely the same as in Windows 3.x, they need to be protected from being reentered.

The Win16Mutex provides this protection by allowing only one thread (not process) at a time to access the 16-bit APIs. Whenever Win16Mutex is owned by a thread, any other thread that tries to claim Win16Mutex will block until Win16Mutex is released. Now the question remains: "When does Win16Mutex get claimed and released?"

Whenever a Win16 process is running, it owns Win16Mutex. That is, when a Win16 process first gets a message via GetMessage or PeekMessage, the Win16 process claims Win16Mutex. The Win16 process releases Win16Mutex whenever the process yields, such as when the process calls GetMessage or PeekMessage and doesn't return. The only way a Win16 process can keep Win16Mutex indefinitely is to never yield; since the message-processing mechanism provides the scheduler in 16-bit Windows, the only way to never yield is to stop processing messages (which makes the application unresponsive to user input).

The only time a thread in a Win32 process claims Win16Mutex is when the thread makes a call to an API function which thunks to one of the 16-bit Windows components or when the thread thunks directly to a Win16 DLL. Immediately after the call returns, the process releases Win16Mutex. Not all API functions thunk to 16-bit components; most 32-bit USER and GDI functions thunk to 16-bit USER and GDI, but none of the 32-bit KERNEL functions thunk to 16-bit KRNL386. One exception is when a Win32 process spawns a Win16 process, KERNEL32 thunks to KRNL386 to call the Win16 loader.

Putting 16-bit and 32-bit behaviors together, you can see that when a Win16 process is running, and a thread of a Win32 process preempts the Win16 process and calls a function which thunks to a 16-bit component, the Win32 thread is put to sleep until the Win16 process yields, which releases Win16Mutex. Likewise, when one Win32 process's thread claims Win16Mutex and then loses its timeslice, and another thread from either the same or a different process tries to claim Win16Mutex, the second thread blocks until Win16Mutex is released.

Win16Mutex is internal to Windows 95 and may not be manipulated or even checked by applications and DLLs. Win16Mutex is implemented mainly in the thunk layer so that every Win32 API which thunks to a Win16 component will automatically claim Win16Mutex before entering 16-bit code. Additionally, thunks created by the thunk compiler to allow Win32 applications and DLLs to call 16-bit DLLs claim Win16Mutex automatically, so programmers do not have to do so explicitly.

One way to lessen the impact that Win16 applications have on the responsiveness of Win32 applications is to create multiple threads where the primary thread (the initial thread of the process) controls the entire user interface for the process and each additional thread performs some useful task, such as reading or writing to a data file, but does not make user interface or graphics calls. This way, if the Win32 process's primary thread blocks waiting for a Win16 process to yield, its other threads are still performing useful work.

Additional reference words: 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseProcThread

How to Display Debugging Messages in Windows 95

Article ID: Q125868

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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SUMMARY

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In Windows 95, 16-bit and 32-bit Windows-based applications may use `OutputDebugString()` to display debug messages. Furthermore, the 16-bit and 32-bit system DLLs may also display debug messages. This article describes how to view these messages during application development.

MORE INFORMATION

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It is possible to use the 16-bit DBWIN application to display debug messages from 16-bit Windows-based applications and from the debugging versions of system DLLs (such as `GDI.EXE`, `USER.EXE`, and `KRNL386.EXE`). To receive debug messages via DBWIN, you must install the Windows 95 SDK debug components.

To receive messages from 32-bit Windows-based applications under Windows 95, you must debug the application with a Win32 debugger such as WinDbg, or install WDEB386 as a `.VxD` or in the `AUTOEXEC.BAT` file. To receive messages from the debugging versions of the 32-bit system DLLs (`KERNEL32.DLL`, `USER32.DLL`, and `GDI32.DLL`), you must install the Windows 95 SDK debugging components, in conjunction with WDEB386.

You can use WDEB386 to display debug messages from both 16-bit and 32-bit Windows-based applications and from the debugging versions of system components. Because WDEB386 works over a serial communications port, it is necessary to use a serial terminal or second computer to operate it. For more information about configuring and using WDEB386, please search for articles in the Microsoft Knowledge Base by using this word:

WDEB386

Alternative system level debuggers, which provide functionality similar to WDEB386, may in the future be provided by third-party vendors.

Also, you can write 32-bit application-level debuggers that display debug messages from the debuggee by handling the `DEBUG_EVENT` structure member `OUTPUT_DEBUG_STRING_EVENT`.

Additional reference words: 3.95 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseErrrdebug

How to Spawn a Console App and Redirect Standard Handles

Article ID: Q126628

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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This article discusses spawning a console application with `CreateProcess()` and redirecting its output. The standard handles are controlled with the `STARTUPINFO` fields `hStdInput`, `hStdOutput`, and `hStdError`.

In Windows NT version 3.1, if a windowed application spawned a console application, you could:

- Redirect none of its standard handles (don't use `STARTF_USESTDHANDLES`).
- or-
- Redirect all of its standard handles (use `STARTF_USESTDHANDLES`).

For example, if you redirected `hStdInput` and `hStdOutput`, but left `hStdError` as 0 or `INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE`, the console application would fail if it tried to write to `stderr`. This is not a problem for a console application spawning another console application.

In Windows NT version 3.5 and later and in Windows 95, if you set any of these fields to `INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE`, Windows NT will assign the default value to that handle in the console application, rather than leaving it an invalid value. Therefore, if you set `STARTF_USESTDHANDLES`, but fail to set one of the handle fields, this will not cause a problem for the console application. You can now redirect standard input, but not standard output, and so forth.

Additional reference words: 3.50 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseProcThrd

How CREATOR_OWNER and CREATOR_GROUP Affect Security

Article ID: Q126629

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), version 3.5
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SUMMARY

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This article discusses the CREATOR_OWNER and CREATOR_GROUP security identifiers (SID) and how they affect security.

MORE INFORMATION

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When logged on, each user is represented by a token object. This token contains all the SIDs comprising your security context. Tokens identify one of those SIDs as a default owner for any new objects the user creates, such as files, processes, events, and so forth. Typically, this is the user's account (<domain>\<username>). For an administrator however, the default owner is set to be the local group "Administrators," rather than the individual's user account.

Each token also identifies a primary group for the user. This group does not necessarily have to be one the user is a member of (although it is by default) and it does not determine the objects a user has access to (that is, it isn't used in access validation decisions). However, by default it is assigned as the primary group of any objects the user creates. For the most part, the primary group is required simply for POSIX compatibility, but the primary group does play a role in object creation.

When a new object is created, the security system has the task of assigning protection to the new object. The system follows this process:

1. Assign the new object any protection explicitly passed in by the object creator.
2. Otherwise, assign the new object any inheritable protection from the container the object is created in.
3. Otherwise, assign the new object any protection explicitly passed in by the object creator, but marked as "default."
4. Otherwise, if the caller's token has a default DACL, that will be assigned to the new object.
5. Otherwise, no protection is assigned to the new object.

In step 2, if the parent container has inheritable access-control entries (ACE), those are used to generate protection for the new object. In this case, each ACE is evaluated to see if it should be copied to the new object's protection. Usually, when an ACE is copied, the SID within that ACE is copied as is. The two exceptions to this rule are when CREATOR_OWNER and CREATOR_GROUP are encountered. In this case, the SID is replaced with

the caller's default owner SID or primary group SID.

By default, users logging on to Windows NT are given a primary group of "Domain Users" (when logging on to a Windows NT Server) or the group called "None" (when logging onto a Windows NT Workstation system). Therefore, when you create an object in a container that has an inheritable ACE with the CREATOR_GROUP SID, you will likely end up with an ACE granting Domain Users some access. This may not be what you intended.

Additional reference words: 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseSecurity

PRB: Access Denied When Opening a Named Pipe from a Service
Article ID: Q126645

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.5 and 3.51
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SYMPTOMS

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If a service running in the Local System account attempts to open a named pipe on a computer running Windows NT version 3.5, the operation may fail with an Access Denied error (error 5). This can happen even if the pipe was created with a NULL DACL.

NOTE: For more information about placing a NULL DACL on a named pipe, please see the following article in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

ARTICLE-ID: Q102798

TITLE : Security Attributes on Named Pipes

CAUSE

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In Windows NT version 3.1, a process running in the Local System account could connect to a resource using a Null Session. For security reasons, use of the Null Session is restricted by default on Windows NT version 3.5.

RESOLUTION

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You can allow access to a named pipe using the Null Session by adding the pipe name to the following registry entry on the machine that creates the named pipe:

```
\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\LanmanServer\  
Parameters\NullSessionPipes
```

The pipe name added to this entry is the name after the last backslash in the string used to open the pipe. For example, if you use the following string to open the pipe:

```
\\hardknox\pipe\mypipe
```

you would add mypipe to the NullSessionPipes entry on the computer named hardknox.

You must either reboot or restart (stop and then start) the Server service for changes in this entry to take effect. Also, the named pipe will still need to have a NULL DACL.

In Windows NT 3.51, by customer request, it is no longer necessary to reboot. Once a named pipe is added to the key listed above, null-session connections to that pipe will immediately be accessible.

This new functionality allows programs to permit null session access to named pipes that do not have names known prior to booting the system.

MORE INFORMATION

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Usually, when a session is established between a computer supplying a resource (server) and a computer that wants to use the resource (client), the client is identified and credentials are verified. When a Null Session is used, there is no validation of the client; everyone is allowed access.

If you allow a pipe to be used by a Null Session, you should either:

- Verify that the data supplied by the pipe is truly public.

-or-

- Use an alternative method for verifying clients.

REFERENCES

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The "Windows NT Registry Entries" help file in the Windows NT version 3.5 Resource Kit.

Additional reference words: 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: BseSecurity

Determining the Network Protocol Used By Named Pipes

Article ID: Q126766

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), version 3.5
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This article discusses how to determine or set the network protocol used by named pipes.

Named pipes are implemented using the server message block (SMB) redirector and server. As such, they can use whatever protocols are bound into the server and the client.

Both the redirector and the server maintain independent lists of transports that they are active on. The redirector contacts the remote server. The redirector will use the highest priority transport that both the client and the server support.

The priority for the transports is set using the Network control panel applet. Go into the Bindings button, select Workstation, and use the up and down buttons to rearrange the order that the redirector will use while trying to connect to the remote server.

Additional reference words: 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseIpc

Improve System Performance by Using Proper Working Set Size

Article ID: Q126767

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), version 3.5
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SUMMARY

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While increasing your working set size and locking pages in physical memory can reduce paging for your application, it can adversely affect the system performance. When making decisions for your application, it is important to consider the whole system, and then test your application under a heavily loaded system, such as the users of your application might have.

MORE INFORMATION

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The Win32 SDK provides a tool called the working set tuner (WST.EXE). The working set tuner decreases the working set size, which decreases memory demand. However, you can also choose to set the process working set minimum and maximum using `SetProcessWorkingSetSize()` and/or lock pages into memory with `VirtualLock()`. These APIs should be used with care. Suppose you have a 16-megabyte system and you set your minimum to four megabytes. In effect, this takes away four megabytes from the system. Other applications may be unable to get their minimum working set. You or other applications may be unable to create processes or threads or perform other operations that require non-paged pool. This can have an extremely negative impact on the overall system.

Reducing memory consumption is always a beneficial goal. If you call `SetProcessWorkingSetSize(0xffffffff, 0xffffffff)`, this tells the system that your working set can be released. This does not change the current sizing of the working set, it just allows the memory to be used by other applications. It is a good idea to do this when your application goes into a wait state. When you call `SetProcessWorkingSet(0, 0)`, your working set is reset to the default values. In addition, if you call `VirtualUnlock()` on a range that was not locked, it is used as a hint that those pages can be removed from the working set.

Additional reference words: 3.50

KBCategory: kprg

KBSubcategory: BseMm

How to Design Multithreaded Applications to Avoid Deadlock

Article ID: Q126768

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Debugging a multithreaded application that deadlocks is challenging because the debugger cannot identify for you which thread owns which resource. You would have to track this information in your code. Because it is difficult to debug a deadlock situation, it is important to design your application to avoid deadlock.

This article is a brief introduction to a very complex topic. There are references at the bottom of this article for additional information.

The key point to keep in mind when designing a multithreaded program is that resources must always be requested in the same order.

MORE INFORMATION

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The Win32 API provides `WaitForSingleObject()` and `WaitForMultipleObjects()` for requesting resources with handles. You would use a different method to request other resources, depending on the resource type.

Many deadlocks occur because resources are not requested in the same order by the application threads. For example:

- Thread 1 holds resource A and wants resource B.
- Thread 2 holds resource B and wants resource A.

Both threads block forever, resulting in deadlock. There are many other possible scenarios.

To avoid this problem, identify all of your application's critical resources and order them from least precious to most precious. Design your code such that if a thread needs several resources, it requests them in order, starting with the least precious resource. Resources should be freed in the reverse order and as soon as it is possible. This is not a requirement to avoid deadlock, but it is good practice.

In the example given above, suppose that resource B is more precious than resource A. Here's how the code would resolve the situation:

- Thread 2 already holds B, but because it wants A, it releases B and waits for A.
- Thread 1 grabs B, then begins the task. It releases A when possible.

- Thread 2 grabs A and waits for B.
- Thread 1 finishes the task, then releases B.
- Thread 2 grabs B, finishes the task, then releases A, then releases B.

The reason you should request the least precious resource first is that it doesn't matter as much if you hold it longer while waiting to acquire all the resources that you need. If the resource is precious, you want to hold it for the smallest amount of time possible, so other threads can use it.

REFERENCES

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MSDN Development Library, "Detecting Deadlocks in Multithreaded Win32 Applications", by Ruediger Asche.

For more information, refer to a good book on operating system design.

Additional reference words: 3.50 4.00 95 race condition

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseProcThrd

PRB: CreateProcess() of Windows-Based Application Fails

Article ID: Q127860

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), version 3.5
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SYMPTOMS

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When you spawn a 16-bit Windows-based application using CreateProcess() where neither lpApplicationName and lpCommandLine are NULL, WOW gives a popup saying:

Cannot find file (or one of its components). Check to ensure the path and filename are correct and that all required libraries are available.

CAUSE

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NTVDM expects the first token in the command line (lpCommandLine) to be the program name, although the Win32 subsystem does not. The current design will not be changed.

RESOLUTION

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Make lpApplicationName NULL and put the full command line in lpCommandLine.

STATUS

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This behavior is by design.

MORE INFORMATION

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The documentation for CreateProcess() states:

If the process to be created is an MS-DOS-based or Windows-based application, lpCommandLine should be a full command line in which the first element is the application name.

In this case (lpApplicationName is not NULL), lpCommandLine not only should be a full command line, but it must be a full command line.

Additional reference words: 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: BseProcThrd

PRB: After CreateService() with UNC Name, Service Start Fails
Article ID: Q127862

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), version 3.5
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SYMPTOMS

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When giving a Universal Naming Convention (UNC) name to CreateService(), the call succeeds, but service start fails with ERROR_ACCESS_DENIED (5). The access denied message is given, even though the service runs under an account that has logon as service rights and has full access to the service image path.

CAUSE

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The service control manager calls CreateProcess() to start the service and the service controller runs in the LocalSystem security context. When you call CreateProcess() with a UNC name from a process running in the LocalSystem context, you get ERROR_ACCESS_DENIED. This is because LocalSystem has restricted (less than guest) access to remote machines. A null session is set up for LocalSystem remote access, which has reduced rights (less in Windows NT version 3.5 than in Windows NT version 3.1).

RESOLUTION

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There are two possible solutions:

- When specifying the fully qualified path to the service binary file, do not use a UNC name. It may be desirable to copy the service binary file to the local machine. This has the added benefit that the service will no longer be dependent on network operations.

-or-

- If the service binary is on \\MACHINEA\SHARENAME, add SHARENAME to

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\  
  CurrentControlSet\  
    Services\  
      LanmanServer\  
        Parameters\  
          NullSessionShares
```

on MACHINEA. This will let requests to access this share from null sessions succeed.

WARNING: This will allow everyone access to the share. If you want to maintain security for the share, create an account with the access required.

Additional reference words: 3.50
KBCategory: kbprg kbprb
KBSubcategory: BseService

How to Modify Executable Code in Memory

Article ID: Q127904

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), version 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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Follow the steps in this article to create self-modifying code; that is, to modify code pages while they are in memory and execute them there.

NOTE: Self-modifying code is not advised, but there are cases where you may wish to use it.

Step-by-Step Example

1. Call `VirtualProtect()` on the code pages you want to modify, with the `PAGE_WRITECOPY` protection.
2. Modify the code pages.
3. Call `VirtualProtect()` on the modified code pages, with the `PAGE_EXECUTE` protection.
4. Call `FlushInstructionCache()`.

All four steps are required. The reason for calling `FlushInstructionCache()` is to make sure that your changes are executed. As processors get faster, the instruction caches on the chips get larger. This allows more out of order prefetching to be done. If you modify your code, but do not call `FlushInstructionCache()`, the previous instructions may already be in the cache and your changes will not be executed.

Additional reference words: 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMm

PRB: Messages Sent to Mailslot Are Duplicated

Article ID: Q127905

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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One application creates a mailslot using CreateMailSlot() and reads from it using ReadFile(). A second application opens the mailslot using CreateFile() and writes to it using WriteFile(). The second application writes one message to the mailslot, but the first application receives three duplicates of the message.

CAUSE

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This is expected behavior if you have three network transports loaded. There is no way to know which transport should be used to deliver to a given mailslot on a remote machine, so all transports are used.

RESOLUTION

=====

Send a unique ID at the beginning of each message. The listening end can detect duplicates and delete them. If you have multiple clients sending messages, their messages may be interleaved in the mailslot. You may need to track which client sent which message last, in order to successfully detect duplicates.

STATUS

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This behavior is by design.

Additional reference words: 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: BseIpc

How to Delete Keys from the Windows NT Registry

Article ID: Q127990

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), version 3.5
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There are two ways to delete registry keys: use REGEDT32.EXE or call RegDeleteKey() from your application.

The documentation for RegDeleteKey() points out that the specified key to be deleted must not have subkeys. If the key to be deleted does have subkeys, RegDeleteKey() will fail with access denied. This happens despite the fact that the machine account has delete privileges and the registry handle passed to RegDeleteKey() was opened with delete access. The additional requirement is that the key must have no subkeys.

This limitation does not exist in 16-bit Windows. The difference exists in Windows NT because of atomicity and security considerations that 16-bit Windows does not have.

You can select a key with subkeys and delete it with REGEDT32. This is because REGEDT32 recursively deletes the subkeys for you, making multiple call to RegDeleteKey(). You should use recursive subkey deletion in your application as well, if you need to delete keys that have subkeys.

Additional reference words: 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseMisc

GetLastError() May Differ Between Windows 95 and Windows NT
Article ID: Q127991

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- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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The extended error codes returned by the GetLastError() API are not guaranteed to be the same under Windows 95 and Windows NT. This difference applies to extended error codes generated by calls to GDI, Window Management, and System Services APIs.

The set of potential error codes returned by any particular Win32 API depends on many underlying components, including system kernel-mode components and loaded drivers. The extended error codes are not a part of the Win32 specification. Therefore, they can change as operating system and driver code is changed.

It is impossible to get the error codes for each API in synch across operating system and platforms. Windows NT and Windows 95 have different code bases. Third-party drivers return error codes that are mapped to Win32 error codes. In addition, it would be difficult to accurately maintain error code information in the Win32 Programmer's Reference. Therefore, this information is not included in the documentation.

In general, you should not rely on GetLastError() returning the same values under Windows 95 and Windows NT. Sometimes, an API will fail and GetLastError() will return 0 (ERROR_SUCCESS) under Windows 95. This is because some of the APIs do not set error codes under Windows 95.

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Thread Handles and Thread IDs

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- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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The `CreateThread()` API is used to create threads. The API returns both a thread handle and a thread identifier (ID). The thread handle has full access rights to the thread object created. The thread ID uniquely identifies the thread on the system level while the thread is running. The ID can be recycled after the thread has been terminated. This relationship is similar to that of the process handle and the process ID (PID).

There is no way to get the thread handle from the thread ID. While there is an `OpenProcess()` API that takes a PID and returns the handle to the process, there is no corresponding `OpenThread()` that takes a thread ID and returns a thread handle.

The reason that the Win32 API does not make thread handles available this way is that it can cause damage to an application. The APIs that take a thread handle allow suspending/resuming threads, adjusting priority of a thread relative to its process, reading/writing registers, limiting a thread to a set of processors, terminating a thread, and so forth. Performing any one of these operations on a thread without the knowledge of the owning process is dangerous, and may cause the process to fail.

If you will need a thread handle, then you need to request it from the thread creator or the thread itself. Both the creator or the thread will have a handle to the thread and can give it to you using `DuplicateHandle()`. This requirement allows both applications to coordinate their actions.

NOTE: You can also take full control of the application by calling `DebugActiveProcess()`. Debuggers receive the thread handles for a process when the threads are created. These handles have `THREAD_GET_CONTEXT`, `THREAD_SET_CONTEXT`, and `THREAD_SUSPEND_RESUME` access to the thread.

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FileTimeToLocalFileTime() Adjusts for Daylight Saving Time

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- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), version 3.5
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SUMMARY

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Under NTFS, the API `GetFileTime()` returns the create time, last access time, and last write time for the specified file. The times returned in the `FILETIME` structures are in Universal Coordinated Time (UTC). This is also the time that NTFS uses. You can use `FileTimeToLocalFileTime()` to convert a file time to a local time. However, if you automatically adjust for Daylight Saving Time, `FileTimeToLocalFileTime()` will adjust for Daylight Saving Time based on whether the current date should be adjusted for Daylight Saving Time, not based on whether the date represented by the `FILETIME` structure should be adjusted.

The behavior in this situation is different under FAT, but may be changed to match the behavior under NTFS in a future version of Windows NT.

MORE INFORMATION

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The result of this behavior, which is by design, is that reported file times under NTFS may change with the start and end of Daylight Saving Time. For example, suppose that the file `TEST.C` has a last write `FILETIME` representing Jan 1, 1995 9:00pm (UTC), it is not Daylight Saving Time, and you are in the Pacific time zone. Both the `DIR` command and the following sample code report the file time as 1:00pm (`LocalTime = UTC - 8`).

Sample Code 1

```
#include <windows.h>

void main()
{
    HANDLE hFile;
    FILETIME ftCreate, ftLastAccess, ftLastWrite, ftLocal;
    SYSTEMTIME st;

    char buf[80];

    // Open the file.

    hFile = CreateFile( "test.c",
                       GENERIC_READ,
                       0,
                       NULL,
                       OPEN_EXISTING,
                       FILE_ATTRIBUTE_NORMAL,
                       NULL );
```

```

// Get the file time (in UTC) and convert to local time.

GetFileTime( hFile, &ftCreate, &ftLastAccess, &ftLastWrite );
FileTimeToLocalFileTime( &ftLastWrite, &ftLocal );

// Display the time, as a test.

FileTimeToSystemTime( &ftLocal, &st );
GetTimeFormat( LOCALE_USER_DEFAULT, 0, &st, NULL, buf, sizeof(buf) );
MessageBox( NULL, buf, " FILE TIME", MB_OK );
}

```

Now, set the date to 7/1/95 and enable Automatically Adjust for Daylight Saving Time. The DIR command and the sample code above will report the file time as 2:00pm, because FileTimeToLocalFileTime() has adjusted for Daylight Saving Time (LocalTime = UTC - 7).

The following sample code will correctly report the file time of TEST.C with the date set to 7/1/95 under NTFS. The FILETIME structure is converted to a SYSTEMTIME structure with FileTimeToSystemTime(). Then the time is converted using SystemTimeToTzSpecificLocalTime(). If you need to convert back to a FILETIME structure, use SystemTimeToFileTime() after the conversion to local time.

Sample Code 2

```

#include <windows.h>

void main()
{
    HANDLE hFile;
    FILETIME ftCreate, ftLastAccess, ftLastWrite;
    SYSTEMTIME stUTC, st;
    char buf[80];

    // Open the file.

    hFile = CreateFile( "test.c",
                       GENERIC_READ,
                       0,
                       NULL,
                       OPEN_EXISTING,
                       FILE_ATTRIBUTE_NORMAL,
                       NULL );

    // Get the file time (in UTC) and convert to local time.

    GetFileTime( hFile, &ftCreate, &ftLastAccess, &ftLastWrite );
    FileTimeToSystemTime( &ftLastWrite, &stUTC );
    SystemTimeToTzSpecificLocalTime( NULL, &stUTC, &st);

    // Display the time, as a test.

    GetTimeFormat( LOCALE_USER_DEFAULT, 0, &st, NULL, buf, sizeof(buf) );
    MessageBox( NULL, buf, "FILE TIME", MB_OK );
}

```

```
}
```

The FAT file system stores local time, not UTC. `GetFileTime()` gets cached UTC times from FAT. In this sample, the time stored is 1pm and the cached time is 9pm. When it becomes Daylight Saving Time, sample codes 1 and 2 will demonstrate the same behavior that they do under NTFS, because 9pm is still used. However, when you restart the machine, the new cached time will be 8pm ($UTC = LocalTime + 7$). The call to `FileTimeToLocalFileTime()` cancels the adjustment made by `GetFileTime()` ($LocalTime = UTC - 7$). Therefore, sample code 1 will report the correct time under FAT, but sample code 2 will not.

On the other hand, `FindFirstFile()` on FAT always reads the time from the file (stored as local time) and converts it into UTC, adjusting for DST based on the current date. So if `FindFirstFile()` is called, the date is changed to a different DST season, and then `FindFirstFile()` is called again, the UTC returned by the two calls will be different.

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PRB: Corruption of the Perflib Registry Values

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, version 3.5
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SYMPTOMS

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The Performance Monitoring tool can be affected by a corruption problem in the Perflib key. The following symptoms are evidence of this corruption problem:

- The explain text is not displayed.
- or-
- The objects and counters are not displayed.
- or-
- The explain text, objects, and counters are not displayed.

CAUSE

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When an .INI file, which contains an extra language entry not associated with any specific objects and counters, is passed as a parameter to LODCTR.EXE, the values of 'Last Counter' and 'Last Help' are set to zero. This in turn causes the Performance Monitoring tool to fail.

The following is an example of a problem-causing .INI file:

```
[info]
drivername=SampPerf
symbolfile=sampperf.h

[languages]
009=English
011=OtherLanguage <-- problem area

[text]
SampObj_009_Name=SampPerf
SampObj_009_Help=A sample performance object.

Count_1_009_Name=Tests/sec
Count_1_009_Help=The number of tests completed.
```

A further complication arises when a user attempts to rectify the situation by executing UNLODCTR.EXE. At this point, because Last Counter and Last Help are set to zero, UNLODCTR.EXE only resets '\009\HELP' and '\009\COUNTER' to NULL.

RESOLUTION

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To resolve this corruption problem, you must restore the Registry to its former state by using one of the following five methods:

- Backup and restore the local copy of the Registry by using Windows NT Backup.

-or-

- Copy and restore the data located in the %WINNT%\SYSTEM32\CONFIG directory. This can be done only if Windows NT was installed on a FAT partition.

-or-

- Save and restore the SOFTWARE registry hive.

-or-

- Save and restore the Registry values First Counter, First Help, Last Counter, and Last Help.

-or-

- Save and restore the Registry by using REGBACK.EXE and REGREST.EXE. Both programs are available with the Windows NT Resource Kit (RESKIT).

If the user ran UNLODCTR.EXE to attempt to fix the problem, you will also need to restore \009\HELP and \009\COUNTER, which you can do by simply rebooting the computer running Windows NT.

WARNING: The Registry is a vital part of Windows NT; improper modification of its keys and values can cause Windows NT to malfunction.

Additional reference words: 3.50

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How to Change Hard Error Popup Handling in Windows NT

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT version 3.5
 - Microsoft Windows NT version 3.5
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SUMMARY

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In an unattended environment, you may want to automatically dispatch hard error popups that require user intervention. This article gives you the code you need to change the hard error popup mode.

MORE INFORMATION

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Windows NT allows the user to change the handling of hard error popups that result from application and system errors. Such errors include no disk in the drive and general protection (GP) faults.

Normally, these events cause a hard error popup to be displayed, which requires user intervention to dispatch. This behavior can be modified so that such errors are logged to the Windows NT event log. When the error is logged to the event log, no user intervention is necessary, and the system provides a default handler for the hard error. The user can examine the event log to determine the cause of the hard error.

Registry Entry

The following registry entry controls the hard error popup handling in Windows NT:

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\  
  SYSTEM\  
    CurrentControlSet\  
      Control\  
        Windows\  
          ErrorMode
```

Valid Modes

The following are valid values for ErrorMode:

- Mode 0

This is the default operating mode that serializes the errors and waits for a response.

- Mode 1

If the error does not come from the system, this is the normal operating mode. If the error comes from the system, this logs the error to the event log and returns OK to the hard error. No intervention is required and the popup is not seen.

- Mode 2

This always logs the error to the event log and returns OK to the hard error. Popups are not seen.

In all modes, system-originated hard errors are logged to the system log. To run an unattended server, use mode 2.

Sample Code to Change Hard Error Popup Mode

The following function changes the hard error popup mode. If the function succeeds, the return value is TRUE. If the function fails, the return value is FALSE.

```
BOOL SetGlobalErrorMode(
    DWORD dwErrorMode    // specifies new ErrorMode value
)
{
    HKEY hKey;
    LONG lRetCode;

    // make sure the value passed isn't out-of-bounds
    if (dwErrorMode > 2) return FALSE;

    if (RegOpenKeyEx(HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE,
                    "SYSTEM\\CurrentControlSet\\Control\\Windows",
                    0,
                    KEY_SET_VALUE,
                    &hKey) != ERROR_SUCCESS) return FALSE;

    lRetCode=RegSetValueEx(hKey,
                           "ErrorMode",
                           0,
                           REG_DWORD,
                           (CONST BYTE *) &dwErrorMode,
                           sizeof(DWORD) );

    RegCloseKey(hKey);

    if (lRetCode != ERROR_SUCCESS) return FALSE;

    return TRUE;
}
```

Sample Code to Obtain Hard Error Popup Mode

The following function obtains the hard error popup mode. If the function succeeds, the return value is TRUE. If the function fails, the return value is FALSE. If the function succeeds, dwErrorMode contains the error popup mode. Otherwise, dwErrorMode is undefined.

```

BOOL GetGlobalErrorMode(
    LPDWORD dwErrorMode // Pointer to a DWORD to place popup mode
)
{
    HKEY hKey;
    LONG lRetCode;
    DWORD cbData=sizeof(DWORD);

    if (RegOpenKeyEx(HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE,
                    "SYSTEM\\CurrentControlSet\\Control\\Windows",
                    0,
                    KEY_QUERY_VALUE,
                    &hKey) != ERROR_SUCCESS) return FALSE;

    lRetCode=RegQueryValueEx(hKey,
                             "ErrorMode",
                             0,
                             NULL,
                             (LPBYTE) dwErrorMode,
                             &cbData );

    RegCloseKey(hKey);

    if (lRetCode != ERROR_SUCCESS) return FALSE;

    return TRUE;
}

```

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How to Back Up the Windows NT Registry

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SUMMARY

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This article shows by example how to back up portions of the Windows NT registry to be restored later.

MORE INFORMATION

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This is normally accomplished by enabling the SeBackupPrivilege and calling RegSaveKey. The operation can fail with ERROR_ACCESS_DENIED if the caller does not have access to portions of the key, such as the registry key HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SECURITY.

If you do not have access to the key, but have backup privilege, pass the REG_OPTION_BACKUP_RESTORE flag to RegCreateKeyEx in the dwOptions parameter. This has an effect similar to FILE_FLAG_BACKUP_SEMANTICS with CreateFile, allowing you to open the key for backup. The resultant key handle can be used in a subsequent call to RegSaveKey.

To back up the registry from the root, it is necessary to enumerate the subkeys from the root, opening each subkey with RegCreateKeyEx and saving the subkey with RegSaveKey.

Sample Code

The following sample source code saves the HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE registry key, with each subkey saved to a filename matching the subkey name.

The following function performs the save operation:

```
LONG SaveRegistrySubKey(  
    HKEY hKey,           // handle of key to save  
    LPTSTR szSubKey,    // pointer to subkey name to save  
    LPTSTR szSaveFileName // pointer to save path/filename  
)
```

If the function succeeds, the return value is ERROR_SUCCESS.
If the function fails, the return value is an error value.

```
/* Save HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE registry key, each subkey saved to a file of  
 * name subkey  
 *  
 * this allows us to get around security restrictions which prevent  
 * the use of RegSaveKey() on the root key  
 */
```

```

* the use of REG_OPTION_BACKUP_RESTORE is not documented in the Win32
* documentation at this time.  The documentation will be changed to
* reflect this flag.  This flag is contained in the WINNT.H header file.
*
* the optional target machine name is specified in argv[1]
*
* v1.21
* Scott Field (sfield) 01-Apr-1995
*/

#define RTN_OK 0
#define RTN_USAGE 1
#define RTN_ERROR 13

#include <windows.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

LONG SaveRegistrySubKey(HKEY hKey, LPTSTR szSubKey, LPTSTR szSaveFileName);
void PERR(LPTSTR szAPI, DWORD dwLastError);

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    TOKEN_PRIVILEGES tp;
    HANDLE hToken;
    LUID luid;
    LONG rc;        // contains error value returned by Regxxx()
    HKEY hKey;     // handle to key we are interested in
    LPTSTR MachineName=NULL; // pointer to machine name
    DWORD dwSubKeyIndex=0; // index into key
    char szSubKey[_MAX_FNAME]; // this should be dynamic.
                                // _MAX_FNAME is good because this
                                // is what we happen to save the
                                // subkey as
    DWORD dwSubKeyLength=_MAX_FNAME; // length of SubKey buffer

/*
    if (argc != 2) // usage
    {
        fprintf(stderr,"Usage: %s [<MachineName>]\n", argv[0]);
        return RTN_USAGE;
    }
*/

    // set MachineName == argv[1], if appropriate
    if (argc == 2) MachineName=argv[1];

    //
    // enable backup privilege
    //
    if(!OpenProcessToken(GetCurrentProcess(),
                        TOKEN_ADJUST_PRIVILEGES,
                        &hToken ))
    {
        PERR("OpenProcessToken", GetLastError() );
        return RTN_ERROR;
    }
}

```

```

if(!LookupPrivilegeValue(MachineName, SE_BACKUP_NAME, &luid))

{
    PERR("LookupPrivilegeValue", GetLastError() );
    return RTN_ERROR;
}

tp.PrivilegeCount          = 1;
tp.Privileges[0].Luid      = luid;
tp.Privileges[0].Attributes = SE_PRIVILEGE_ENABLED;

AdjustTokenPrivileges(hToken, FALSE, &tp, sizeof(TOKEN_PRIVILEGES),
                     NULL, NULL );

if (GetLastError() != ERROR_SUCCESS)
{
    PERR("AdjustTokenPrivileges", GetLastError() );
    return RTN_ERROR;
}

// only connect if a machine name specified
if (MachineName != NULL)
{
    if((rc=RegConnectRegistry(MachineName,
                             HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE,
                             &hKey)) != ERROR_SUCCESS)
    {
        PERR("RegConnectRegistry", rc);
        return RTN_ERROR;
    }
}
else hKey=HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE;

while((rc=RegEnumKeyEx(
        hKey,
        dwSubKeyIndex,
        szSubKey,
        &dwSubKeyLength,
        NULL,
        NULL,
        NULL,
        NULL)
       ) != ERROR_NO_MORE_ITEMS) { // are we done?

    if(rc == ERROR_SUCCESS)
    {
        LONG lRetVal; // return value from SaveRegistrySubKey

#ifdef DEBUG
        fprintf(stdout,"Saving %s\n", szSubKey);
#endif

        // save registry subkey szSubKey to filename szSubKey
        if( (lRetVal=SaveRegistrySubKey(hKey, szSubKey, szSubKey)
           ) != ERROR_SUCCESS)
        {

```



```

        PERR("SaveRegistrySubKey", lRetVal);
    }

    // increment index into the key
    dwSubKeyIndex++;

    // reset buffer size
    dwSubKeyLength=_MAX_FNAME;

    // Continue the festivities
    continue;
}
else
{
    //
    // note: we need to watch for ERROR_MORE_DATA
    // this indicates we need a bigger szSubKey buffer
    //
    PERR("RegEnumKeyEx", rc);
    return RTN_ERROR;
}

} // RegEnumKeyEx

// close registry key we have been working with
RegCloseKey(hKey);

// Revoke all privileges this process holds (including backup)
AdjustTokenPrivileges( hToken, TRUE, NULL, 0, NULL, NULL);

// close handle to process token
CloseHandle(hToken);

return RTN_OK;
}

LONG SaveRegistrySubKey(
    HKEY hKey,           // handle of key to save
    LPTSTR szSubKey,    // pointer to subkey name to save
    LPTSTR szSaveFileName // pointer to save path/filename
)
{
    HKEY hKeyToSave;    // Handle of subkey to save
    LONG rc;           // result code from RegXxx
    DWORD dwDisposition;

    if((rc=RegCreateKeyEx(hKey,
        szSubKey, // Name of subkey to open
        0,
        NULL,
        REG_OPTION_BACKUP_RESTORE, // in winnt.h
        KEY_QUERY_VALUE, // minimal access
        NULL,
        &hKeyToSave,
        &dwDisposition)
        == ERROR_SUCCESS)
    {

```

```

    // Save registry subkey.  If the registry is remote, files will
    // be saved on the remote machine
    rc=RegSaveKey(hKeyToSave, szSaveFileName, NULL);

    // close registry key we just tried to save
    RegCloseKey(hKeyToSave);
}

// return the last registry result code
return rc;
}

void PERR(
    LPTSTR szAPI,          // pointer to failed API name
    DWORD dwLastError     // last error value associated with API
)
{
    LPTSTR MessageBuffer;
    DWORD dwBufferLength;

    //
    // TODO get this fprintf out of here!
    //
    fprintf(stderr, "%s error! (rc=%lu)\n", szAPI, dwLastError);

    if(dwBufferLength=FormatMessage(FORMAT_MESSAGE_ALLOCATE_BUFFER |
                                    FORMAT_MESSAGE_FROM_SYSTEM,
                                    NULL,
                                    dwLastError,
                                    LANG_NEUTRAL,
                                    (LPTSTR) &MessageBuffer,
                                    0,
                                    NULL))
    {

        DWORD dwBytesWritten;

        //
        // Output message string on stderr
        //
        WriteFile(GetStdHandle(STD_ERROR_HANDLE),
                 MessageBuffer,
                 dwBufferLength,
                 &dwBytesWritten,
                 NULL);

        //
        // free the buffer allocated by the system
        //
        LocalFree(MessageBuffer);
    }
}

```

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 KBSubcategory: BseMisc BseSecurity CodeSam

PRB: COMM (TTY) Sample Does Not Work on Windows 95
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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) version 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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The Win32 COMM (old TTY) sample that ships with Visual C++ version 2.x and the Windows 95 SDK (pre-release) does not work correctly under Windows 95 M8 builds and later. The problem involves assigning values to the Offset member of the OVERLAPPED structure which is one of the arguments to the WriteFile function call.

The observed behavior is that the COMM sample writes only one byte to the serial port. No other data is transmitted after the first byte.

CAUSE

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The documentation for the OVERLAPPED structure explicitly states that the Offset and OffsetHigh members must be set to 0 when reading from or writing to a named pipe or communications device. This was not done in the sample.

RESOLUTION

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1. Delete the following line from the WriteCommByte() function in the sample:

```
WRITE_OS( npTTYInfo ).Offset += dwBytesWritten ;
```

2. Add the following lines to the CreateTTYInfo() function:

```
WRITE_OS( npTTYInfo ).Offset = 0 ;  
WRITE_OS( npTTYInfo ).OffsetHigh = 0 ;
```

STATUS

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This is a problem with the sample, not with Windows 95. Windows 95 correctly implements WriteFile() and use of the OVERLAPPED structure.

Additional reference words: 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: BseComm

PRB: Description for Event ID Could Not Be Found

Article ID: Q129003

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT version 3.5
 - Microsoft Visual C++, 32-bit Edition, version 2.0
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SYMPTOMS

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After building and executing the Win32 LOGGING sample that accompanies Visual C++ version 2.0 and the Microsoft Developer's Network Library CD, you find that the descriptions for the logged events contain the following:

The Description for Event ID (#) in Source (application name) could not be found. It contains the following string(s):

CAUSE

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The resource file containing the descriptions that correspond to the Event IDs are not bound to the MESSAGES.DLL.

RESOLUTION

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Add the MESSAGES.RC file to the Visual C++ version 2.0 project:

1. Run MAKEMC.BAT first. MAKEMC.BAT creates the MSG00001.BIN, MESSAGES.RC, and MESSAGES.H files.
2. Open Visual C++ version 2.0 and add MESSAGES.RC to the MESSAGES project (MESSAGES.MAK).
3. Rebuild both the MESSAGES and the LOG projects.

NOTE: If you ran the sample a couple of times from different places, you may need to delete the LOG registry key if it contains an incorrect location for the MESSAGES.DLL file.

Additional reference words: 3.50 3.51 Event Logging Log MSDN

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: BseMisc

MoveFileEx Not Supported in Windows 95 But Functionality Is

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) version 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Win32 applications running on Windows NT use MoveFileEx() with the DELAY_UNTIL_REBOOT flag to move, replace, or delete the files currently being used. Examples of such files include device drivers and setup programs. To replace a file that is in use, you would do something like this:

```
MoveFileEx(szDstFile, NULL, MOVEFILE_DELAY_UNTIL_REBOOT);
MoveFileEx(szSrcFile, szDstFile, MOVEFILE_DELAY_UNTIL_REBOOT);
```

Windows 95 does not implement MoveFileEx() but does provide an alternate way for all Win32-, Win16-, and MS-DOS-based applications to move, replace, or delete files that are currently in use. To replace a file that is in use, you would do something like this:

```
GetWindowsDirectory(szTmpName, cchpFullPathBuf);
lstrcat(szTmpName, "\\WININIT.INI");
WritePrivateProfileString("Rename", "NUL", szDstFile, szTmpName);
WritePrivateProfileString("Rename", szDstFile, szSrcFile, szTmpname);
```

MORE INFORMATION

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Although Windows 95 does not implement MoveFileEx(), it provides similar functionality to the DELAY_UNTIL_REBOOT flag through the [rename] section of WININIT.INI. If WININIT.INI is present in the Windows directory, WININIT.EXE processes it when the system boots. Once WININIT.INI has been processed, WININIT.EXE renames it to WININIT.BAK.

The syntax of the [rename] section is:

```
DestinationFileName=SourceFileName
```

NOTE: The source and destination filenames in WININIT.INI must be 8.3 file names. Long filenames are not processed.

The [rename] section can have multiple lines with one file per line. To delete a file, specify NUL as the DestinationFileName.

NOTE: DestinationFileName and SourceFileName cannot be long filenames, because WININIT.INI is processed before the protected mode disk system is loaded, and long filenames are only available when the protected mode disk system is running.

Here are some example entries:

```
[rename]
NUL=C:\TEMP.TXT
C:\NEW_DIR\EXISTING.TXT=C:\EXISTING.TXT
C:\NEW_DIR\NEWNAME.TXT=C:\OLDNAME.TXT
C:\EXISTING.TXT=C:\TEMP\NEWFILE.TXT
```

The first line causes TEMP.TXT to be deleted. The second line causes EXISTING.TXT to be moved to a new directory. The third line causes OLDNAME.TXT to be moved and renamed. The fourth line causes an existing file to be overwritten by NEWFILE.TXT.

Applications should not use WritePrivateProfileString() to write entries to the [rename] section because there can be multiple lines with the same DestinationFileName, especially if DestinationFileName is "NUL." Instead, they should add entries by parsing WININIT.INI and appending them to the end of the [rename] section.

Applications that use WININIT.INI should check for its existence in the Windows directory. If WININIT.INI is present, then another application has written to it since the system was last restarted. Therefore, the application should open it, and add entries to the [rename] section. If WININIT.INI isn't present, the application should create it and add to the [rename] section. Doing so ensures that entries from other applications won't be deleted accidentally by your application.

NOTE: WININIT.INI is not processed until Windows 95 is restarted.

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KBSubcategory: BseFileio

Copying Compressed Files

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.5 and 3.51
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SUMMARY

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It is not possible to copy NTFS compressed files without uncompressing them. This functionality is not available in Windows NT versions 3.5 and 3.51; however, this feature may be included in a future version of Windows NT.

Compressed files are expanded via memory-mapped files. This minimizes the performance hit of expanding the file.

MORE INFORMATION

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One of the new features found in Windows NT 3.51 is file compression. Files or directories can be compressed or decompressed by calling DeviceIoControl() with one of the following compression flags:

FSCTL_SET_COMPRESSION : Sets the compression state of a file or directory.

FSCTL_GET_COMPRESSION : Obtains the compression state of a file or directory.

Two additional FSCTL codes are documented in the Win32 SDK as "not implemented in this release." They are FSCTL_READ_COMPRESSION and FSCTL_WRITE_COMPRESSION. These additional FSCTL codes will be part of the functionality that will allow you to read and write files on an NTFS compressed drive without having to decompress them first. Again, this functionality may be included in a future release of Windows NT.

Additional reference words: 3.50 NTFS File Compression

KBCategory: kbprg kbusage

KBSubcategory: BseFileIo

How to Obtain a Handle to Any Process with SeDebugPrivilege

Article ID: Q131065

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, versions 3.1, 3.5, and 3.51
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SUMMARY

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In Windows NT, you can retrieve a handle to any process in the system by enabling the SeDebugPrivilege in the calling process. The calling process can then call the OpenProcess() Win32 API to obtain a handle with PROCESS_ALL_ACCESS.

MORE INFORMATION

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This functionality is provided for system-level debugging purposes. For debugging non-system processes, it is not necessary to grant or enable this privilege.

This privilege allows the caller all access to the process, including the ability to call TerminateProcess(), CreateRemoteThread(), and other potentially dangerous Win32 APIs on the target process.

Take great care when granting SeDebugPrivilege to users or groups.

Sample Code

The following source code illustrates how to obtain SeDebugPrivilege in order to get a handle to a process with PROCESS_ALL_ACCESS. The sample code then calls TerminateProcess on the resultant process handle.

```
/*++
```

The SeDebugPrivilege allows you to open any process for debugging purposes. After enabling the privilege, you can open a target process by using OpenProcess() with PROCESS_ALL_ACCESS.

By default, this privilege is granted only to SYSTEM and the local Administrators group.

User Manager | Policies | User Rights | Show Advanced User Rights | Debug Programs can be used to grant or revoke this privilege to arbitrary users or groups.

WARNING: This privilege allows all access to a process. A malevolent user could open a system process, create a remote thread in the system process, and execute code in the system security context. Great care must be used when giving out this privilege

```

--*/

#define RTN_OK 0
#define RTN_USAGE 1
#define RTN_ERROR 13

#include <windows.h>
#include <stdio.h>

BOOL SetPrivilege(
    HANDLE hToken,          // token handle
    LPCTSTR Privilege,     // Privilege to enable/disable
    BOOL bEnablePrivilege // TRUE to enable. FALSE to disable
);

void DisplayError(LPTSTR szAPI);

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    HANDLE hProcess;
    HANDLE hToken;
    int dwRetVal=RTN_OK; // assume success from main()

    // show correct usage for kill
    if (argc != 2)
    {
        fprintf(stderr,"Usage: %s [ProcessId]\n", argv[0]);
        return RTN_USAGE;
    }

    if(!OpenProcessToken(
        GetCurrentProcess(),
        TOKEN_ADJUST_PRIVILEGES | TOKEN_QUERY,
        &hToken
    )) return RTN_ERROR;

    // enable SeDebugPrivilege
    if(!SetPrivilege(hToken, SE_DEBUG_NAME, TRUE))
    {
        DisplayError("SetPrivilege");

        // close token handle
        CloseHandle(hToken);

        // indicate failure
        return RTN_ERROR;
    }

    // open the process
    if((hProcess = OpenProcess(
        PROCESS_ALL_ACCESS,
        FALSE,
        atoi(argv[1]) // PID from commandline
    )) == NULL)
    {
        DisplayError("OpenProcess");
        return RTN_ERROR;
    }
}

```

```

    }

    // disable SeDebugPrivilege
    SetPrivilege(hToken, SE_DEBUG_NAME, FALSE);

    if(!TerminateProcess(hProcess, 0xffffffff))
    {
        DisplayError("TerminateProcess");
        dwRetVal=RTN_ERROR;
    }

    // close handles
    CloseHandle(hToken);
    CloseHandle(hProcess);

    return dwRetVal;
}

BOOL SetPrivilege(
    HANDLE hToken,          // token handle
    LPCTSTR Privilege,     // Privilege to enable/disable
    BOOL bEnablePrivilege // TRUE to enable.  FALSE to disable
)
{
    TOKEN_PRIVILEGES tp;
    LUID luid;
    TOKEN_PRIVILEGES tpPrevious;
    DWORD cbPrevious=sizeof(TOKEN_PRIVILEGES);

    if(!LookupPrivilegeValue( NULL, Privilege, &luid )) return FALSE;

    //
    // first pass.  get current privilege setting
    //
    tp.PrivilegeCount      = 1;
    tp.Privileges[0].Luid  = luid;
    tp.Privileges[0].Attributes = 0;

    AdjustTokenPrivileges(
        hToken,
        FALSE,
        &tp,
        sizeof(TOKEN_PRIVILEGES),
        &tpPrevious,
        &cbPrevious
    );

    if (GetLastError() != ERROR_SUCCESS) return FALSE;

    //
    // second pass.  set privilege based on previous setting
    //
    tpPrevious.PrivilegeCount      = 1;
    tpPrevious.Privileges[0].Luid  = luid;

    if(bEnablePrivilege) {
        tpPrevious.Privileges[0].Attributes |= (SE_PRIVILEGE_ENABLED);
    }
}

```

```

    }
    else {
        tpPrevious.Privileges[0].Attributes ^= (SE_PRIVILEGE_ENABLED &
            tpPrevious.Privileges[0].Attributes);
    }

    AdjustTokenPrivileges(
        hToken,
        FALSE,
        &tpPrevious,
        cbPrevious,
        NULL,
        NULL
    );

    if (GetLastError() != ERROR_SUCCESS) return FALSE;

    return TRUE;
}

void DisplayError(
    LPTSTR szAPI    // pointer to failed API name
)
{
    LPTSTR MessageBuffer;
    DWORD dwBufferLength;

    fprintf(stderr, "%s() error!\n", szAPI);

    if (dwBufferLength=FormatMessage(
        FORMAT_MESSAGE_ALLOCATE_BUFFER |
        FORMAT_MESSAGE_FROM_SYSTEM,
        NULL,
        GetLastError(),
        GetSystemDefaultLangID(),
        (LPTSTR) &MessageBuffer,
        0,
        NULL
    ))
    {
        DWORD dwBytesWritten;

        //
        // Output message string on stderr
        //
        WriteFile(
            GetStdHandle(STD_ERROR_HANDLE),
            MessageBuffer,
            dwBufferLength,
            &dwBytesWritten,
            NULL
        );

        //
        // free the buffer allocated by the system
        //
        LocalFree(MessageBuffer);
    }
}

```

```
}  
}
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 OpenProcess TerminateProcess

KBCategory: kbprg kbcode

KBSubcategory: BseSecurity BseMisc CodeSam

How to Assign Privileges to Accounts for API Calls

Article ID: Q131144

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.51
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SUMMARY

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Some new security API calls were added to Win32 in Windows NT version 3.51. Two of these new calls, LogonUser() and CreateProcessAsUser(), require that the calling process have certain privileges. If the calling process is a service running in the Local System account, it will already have these privileges. Otherwise, the required privileges can be added to an account by using the "User Rights Policy" dialog box. Run the User Manager and choose User Rights from the Policies menu to see the dialog box.

NOTE: You must select the "Show Advanced User Rights" check box to see the privileges mentioned in this article.

MORE INFORMATION

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The Win32 API reference documents the required privileges, but it gives their internal string names instead of the display names. The "User Rights Policy" dialog box displays the privileges using the display names.

The following table shows the display names associated with the internal string names:

Privilege	Display Name
SeTcbPrivilege	Act as part of the operating system
SeAssignPrimary	Replace a process level token
SeIncreaseQuota	Increase quotas

Additional reference words:

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: BseSecurity

How to Convert a Binary SID to Textual Form

Article ID: Q131320

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT
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SUMMARY

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It may be useful to convert a binary SID (security identifier) to a readable, textual form, for display or manipulation purposes.

One example of an application that makes use of SIDs in textual form is the Windows NT Event Viewer. If the Event Viewer cannot look up the name associated with the SID of a logged event, the Event Viewer displays a textual representation of the SID.

Windows NT also makes use of textual SIDs when loading user configuration hives into the HKEY_USERS registry key.

Applications that obtain domain and user names can display the textual SID representation when the Win32 API LookupAccountSid fails to obtain domain and user information. Such a failure can occur if the network is down, or the target machine is unavailable.

Sample Code

The following sample code displays the textual representation of the SID associated with the current user. This source code converts a SID using the same algorithm that the Windows NT operating system components use.

```
/*++
```

A standardized shorthand notation for SIDs makes it simpler to visualize their components:

S-R-I-S-S...

In the notation shown above:

- S identifies the series of digits as an SID.
- R is the revision level.
- I is the identifier-authority value.
- S is subauthority value(s).

A SID could be written in this notation as follows:

S-1-5-32-544

In this example, the SID has a revision level of 1, an identifier-authority value of 5, first subauthority value of 32, second subauthority value of 544. (Note that the above SID represents the local Administrators group.)

The GetTextualSid function converts a binary SID to a textual string.

The resulting string will take one of two forms. If the IdentifierAuthority value is not greater than 2³², then the SID will be in the form:

```
S-1-5-21-2127521184-1604012920-1887927527-19009
  ^ ^ ^^ ^^^^^^^^^^^ ^^^^^^^^^^^ ^^^^^^^^^^^ ^^^^^^^
  | | |   |           |           |           |
  +--+-----+-----+-----+-----+---- Decimal
```

Otherwise, the SID will take the form:

```
S-1-0x206C277C6666-21-2127521184-1604012920-1887927527-19009
  ^ ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^ ^^ ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^ ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^ ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^ ^^^^^^^
  |           |           |           |           |           |
  |   Hexadecimal |           |           |           |           |
  +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+---- Decimal
```

If the function succeeds, the return value is TRUE. If the function fails, the return value is FALSE. To get extended error information, call the Win32 API GetLastError().

```
--*/
```

```
#define RTN_OK 0
#define RTN_ERROR 13
```

```
#include <windows.h>
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
BOOL GetTextualSid(
    PSID pSid,           // binary SID
    LPSTR TextualSID,   // buffer for textual representation of SID
    LPDWORD dwBufferLen // required/provided TextualSid buffersize
);
```

```
int main(void)
{
```

```
    #define MY_BUFSIZE 256 // all allocations should be dynamic
    HANDLE hToken;
    TOKEN_USER ptgUser[MY_BUFSIZE];
    DWORD cbBuffer=MY_BUFSIZE;
    char szTextualSid[MY_BUFSIZE];
    DWORD cbSid=MY_BUFSIZE;
    BOOL bSuccess;
```

```
    //
    // obtain current process token
    //
    if(!OpenProcessToken(
        GetCurrentProcess(), // target current process
        TOKEN_QUERY,        // TOKEN_QUERY access
        &hToken              // resultant hToken
    ))
```

```
    {
        fprintf(stderr, "OpenProcessToken error! (rc=%lu)\n",
```



```

        GetLastError() );
    return RTN_ERROR;
}

//
// obtain user identified by current process's access token
//
bSuccess=GetTokenInformation(
    hToken, // identifies access token
    TokenUser, // TokenUser info type
    ptgUser, // retrieved info buffer
    cbBuffer, // size of buffer passed-in
    &cbBuffer // required buffer size
);

// close token handle. Do this even if error above
CloseHandle(hToken);

if(!bSuccess)
{
    fprintf(stderr, "GetTokenInformation error! (rc=%lu)\n",
        GetLastError() );
    return RTN_ERROR;
}

//
// obtain the textual representaion of the SID
//
if(!GetTextualSid(
    ptgUser->User.Sid, // user binary SID
    szTextualSid, // buffer for TextualSid
    &cbSid // size/required buffer
))
{
    fprintf(stderr, "GetTextualSid error! (rc=%lu)\n",
        GetLastError() );
    return RTN_ERROR;
}

// display the TextualSid representation
fprintf(stdout, "%s\n", szTextualSid);

return RTN_OK;
}

BOOL GetTextualSid(
    PSID pSid, // binary SID
    LPSTR TextualSID, // buffer for textual representaion of SID
    LPDWORD dwBufferLen // required/provided TextualSid buffersize
)
{
    PSID_IDENTIFIER_AUTHORITY psia;
    DWORD dwSubAuthorities;
    DWORD dwSidRev=SID_REVISION;
    DWORD dwCounter;
    DWORD dwSidSize;

```

```

//
// test if SID passed in is valid
//
if(!IsValidSid(pSid)) return FALSE;

// obtain SidIdentifierAuthority
psia=GetSidIdentifierAuthority(pSid);

// obtain sidsubauthority count
dwSubAuthorities=*GetSidSubAuthorityCount(pSid);

//
// compute buffer length
// S-SID_REVISION- + identifierauthority- + subauthorities- + NULL
//
dwSidSize = 15 + 12 + (12 * dwSubAuthorities) + 1;

//
// check provided buffer length.
// If not large enough, indicate proper size and setlasterror
//
if (*dwBufferLen < dwSidSize)
{
    *dwBufferLen = dwSidSize;
    SetLastError(ERROR_INSUFFICIENT_BUFFER);
    return FALSE;
}

//
// prepare S-SID_REVISION-
//
wsprintf(TextualSID, "S-%lu-", dwSidRev );

//
// prepare SidIdentifierAuthority
//
if ( (psia->Value[0] != 0) || (psia->Value[1] != 0) )
{
    wsprintf(TextualSID + lstrlen(TextualSID),
             "0x%02hx%02hx%02hx%02hx%02hx%02hx",
             (USHORT)psia->Value[0],
             (USHORT)psia->Value[1],
             (USHORT)psia->Value[2],
             (USHORT)psia->Value[3],
             (USHORT)psia->Value[4],
             (USHORT)psia->Value[5]);
}
else
{
    wsprintf(TextualSID + lstrlen(TextualSID), "%lu",
             (ULONG)(psia->Value[5] ) +
             (ULONG)(psia->Value[4] << 8) +
             (ULONG)(psia->Value[3] << 16) +
             (ULONG)(psia->Value[2] << 24) );
}

//

```

```
// loop through SidSubAuthorities
//
for (dwCounter=0 ; dwCounter < dwSubAuthorities ; dwCounter++)
{
    wsprintf(TextualSID + lstrlen(TextualSID), "-%lu",
             *GetSidSubAuthority(pSid, dwCounter) );
}

return TRUE;
}
```

Additional reference words: Convert LookupAccountSid SID String
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: BseSecurity BseMisc CodeSam

Printing in Windows Without Form Feeds

Article ID: Q11915

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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A Windows-based application cannot print directly to a printer without issuing a form feed. In 16-bit Windows, the NEWFRAME escape is required to start the print spooler. This escape, in turn, sends a form feed to the printer. Without the NEWFRAME escape, the spooler never runs, and nothing is output to the printer. Win32-based applications should use EndPage(), which replaces the NEWFRAME escape.

MORE INFORMATION

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It is possible to drive the spooler directly by using the spooler functions documented in the Windows Device Development Kit (DDK). This allows the printer driver to be bypassed. However, by doing this, the ability to use GDI output functions and Windows's device-independent capabilities will be lost.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiPrn

Maximum Brush Size

Article ID: Q12071

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows, versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, version 4.0
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The maximum size of a brush is determined by the OEM driver. In theory, any brush size can be created. However, the brushes are realized by the OEM driver. The only requirement the driver must satisfy is that it must be able to handle 8 x 8 brushes.

If the driver realizes variable sizes, passing any bitmap is acceptable. The driver decides what to do with brushes larger than 8 x 8.

Currently, sample drivers use the top left 8 x 8 piece of the pattern; however, if the OEM wants to use the whole pattern, that also is proper. The limit of the current device drivers is 8 x 8 because of a performance trade-off.

The amount of pattern realized is a display driver-dependent issue.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiPnbr

PRB: Area Around Text and Remainder of Window Different Colors
Article ID: Q22242

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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When text is painted into a window, an area around the text is a different color than the remainder of the window.

CAUSE

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The area around the text is painted with a solid color while the remainder of the window is painted using a dithered color.

RESOLUTION

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To make the area around the text and the remainder of the window have the same color, perform one of the following two steps:

- Use a solid color for the window background, and use the same color for the text background. To ensure that a color is a solid color, use the `GetNearestColor` function. This function returns the nearest solid color available to represent the specified color.

-or-

- Call the `SetBkMode` function to specify `TRANSPARENT` mode for the text. Doing so prevents Windows from painting the area behind the text. The window background color shows through instead.

MORE INFORMATION

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By default, when an application paints text into its window, Windows fills the area around the character with the current background color. Windows always uses a solid color for this purpose.

When an application registers a window class, it specifies a handle to a brush that Windows uses to paint the window background. On some output devices, brushes can create dithered colors. On one of these devices, the area behind painted text might have a different color than the remainder of the window.

The following code specifies the window background color:

```
#define ELANGREEN 0x003FFF00
```

```
pTemplateClass->hbrBackground = CreateSolidBrush((DWORD)ELANGREEN);
```

The following code specifies the color used to paint around text and draws some text into a device context:

```
#define SZ -1  
SetBkColor(hDC, (DWORD)ELANGREEN);  
DrawText(hDC, (LPSTR)"text", SZ, (LPRECT)&Rect, DT_BOTTOM);
```

The color used to paint the area around the text has a yellow cast, which gives it a slightly different appearance than the window background color.

A brush may be able to represent a wider color range than the solid colors because a brush covers an area while a solid color may be used to paint nominal-width lines (for example, lines that are one device unit wide) that must be the same color at all locations and angles. Therefore, the device-driver writer has the option of providing dithered colors for brushes, but has no such freedom when it comes to the solid colors for drawing lines.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: GdiDraw

Displaying on the Screen What Will Print

Article ID: Q22553

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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It is possible for an application to closely simulate on the screen how an block of text will appear when printed. This article provides some references and techniques to accomplish this goal.

NOTE: WYSIWYG functionality can be attained in Windows 3.1 by using TrueType fonts. The following information should be used with non-TrueType fonts.

MORE INFORMATION

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To create a what-you-see-is-what-you-get (WYSIWYG) screen image, the application must combine the services of the Windows graphics device interface (GDI), the printer, the display, and fonts. The following three references provide information that may be helpful:

1. "Pocket Pal -- A Graphic Arts Production Handbook" from International Paper Company; discusses issues related to type and typesetting.
2. "Bookmaking" by Marsha Lee; discusses issues related specifically to making books.
3. "Phototypesetting, A Design Manual" by James Craig.

These books contain information about type, fonts, and stringing characters together to make text. The following are three points to remember:

1. Printer manufacturers produce excellent fonts on their printers. Use printer fonts as much as possible.
2. GDI must provide some fonts for use with font-deficient display drivers.
3. Displays (even high-end ones) have much lower resolution than printers.

The best displays attached to microcomputers are approximately 120 dots-per-inch (dpi), while the typical laser printer is 300 dpi. To produce the same size image (for example, a 9-point capital A), the printer will illuminate/paint more of its pixels than will the screen.

In particular, the printer will more closely match the requested size than the display. This leads to integer round-off errors.

Most graphics output devices are raster devices. Due to integer round-off errors associated with sampling the ideal "A" for different device resolutions, the origin of characters and words and the ends of lines on the display will seldom be the same as on a printer. For example, using a 75-dpi display and 300-dpi printer, the display might choose a 6 pixel-width for the character "A", while the printer might choose a 25 or 23 pixel-width for that same character. This mismatch necessitates adjusting the text on the display to match the output on the printer.

GDI provides various approaches to find the information needed to perform the adjustments. The following applications perform this task with increasing sophistication:

1. Windows Notepad application (does a less-than-ideal job)
2. Windows Write application (does better; however, the point at which various screen lines word wrap with different fonts is jagged)
3. Word for Windows (does an excellent job of handling text)

The first two applications are included with the Windows operating environment.

When Windows starts up, GDI asks each device whether it can support any fonts. For devices that provide some intrinsic (driver-based) fonts, GDI enumerates the available fonts and creates a table that describes them. When an application requests a font from GDI (using the CreateFont and SelectObject functions), GDI selects the font in its table that most closely matches the requested font. If no device font matches well, GDI will attempt to use one of its own fonts.

Ideally, the requested font will be available for all devices. More realistically, GDI provides a similar font, within the limits of the device capabilities.

The best way to imitate the appearance of printer fonts on a display is to assume that the printer has more fonts and greater resolution than the display. The following nine steps describe one way to implement a WYSIWYG display:

1. Open a device context (DC) and enumerate the fonts available on the printer. Use information from the GetDeviceCaps function with the TEXTCAPS parameter to determine how the device can alter the appearance of the fonts it provides. Together, the EnumFonts and GetDeviceCaps functions will allow the application to determine which fonts the device and GDI can provide. The text capabilities of the device serve as a filter in the enumeration process.
2. Provide a user interface in the application to allow the user to choose one of the fonts (this will result in "printer-centered WYSIWYG"). If appropriate, provide a method to choose between sizes and other attributes (bold, italic, and so forth). Fonts are most commonly selected by point size. One point equals 1/72 of an inch.

Enumerating fonts returns LOGFONT and TEXTMETRIC structures. The quantities in these structures are in logical units that depend on the current mapping mode. Assuming that MM_TEXT (the default mapping mode) is selected, one logical unit equals one device unit (pixel, or pel). Font height and internal leading define the point size of the font as follows:

$$\text{point_size} = \frac{72 * (\text{tmHeight} - \text{tmInternalLeading})}{\text{GetDeviceCaps}(\text{hDC}, \text{LOGPIXELSY})}$$

3. Create a LOGFONT structure for the selected font. To ensure successful selection of that font into the printer DC, the lfHeight, lfWeight, and lfFacename fields must be specified. Weight and face name can be copied directly from the LOGFONT structure that was returned during the enumeration. The height should be computed using the following formula:

$$\text{lfHeight} = -(\text{point_size} * \text{GetDeviceCaps}(\text{hDC}, \text{LOGPIXELSY}) / 72)$$

In normal situations, set lfWidth to zero.

4. Once a font has been chosen, select it into the printer DC. Use GetTextMetrics and GetTextFace to verify the selection. If the steps above are followed, the process should fail only when very little memory is available in the system.
5. Create a device context for the display. Use the equation listed in step 2 above to compute the logical height for the font to be selected into the screen DC. Use CreateFont and SelectObject to select this logical font into the display DC, and use GetTextMetrics and GetTextFace to retrieve a TEXTMETRIC data structure and the face name for the selected font.
6. The font selected for the display is generally not the same as the font selected for the printer. To achieve WYSIWYG and the highest possible quality of the printed output, it is best to perform all page layout computations based on the metrics obtained from the printer DC, and force the output on the screen to match the printer output as closely as possible. This process generally causes some degradation of quality. It is assumed in the remainder of this discussion that text quality is most important.
7. Check whether either device supports the GDI escape codes that enhance the usability of fonts. One escape code, for example, returns the width table for proportionally spaced fonts. These escapes are listed in chapter 12 of the "Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit Reference, Volume 2." Use the escape code QUERYESCSUPPORT to discover whether a device supports a particular escape code. The width tables provide data to determine the physical extent of character strings to be sent to the printer and how to match that extent on the display.
8. If the devices do not support those GDI escapes, select the desired font into a printer DC and use the GetTextExtent function to get the extent a string will occupy when printed.

9. With the methods outlined in steps 7 and 8, the dimensions of any string can be computed for the printer device. This information is used to compute page breaks and line breaks. Once the placement and extent of a string of text have been determined on the printed page, it is possible to create a scaled image on the screen. There are three methods of forcing a match between printer and screen:
 - a. Take no special action. Put the text on the screen based on screen DC text metrics. With this method, only minimal matching is obtained.
 - b. Use either the `GetTextExtent` function or the combination of the `GetCharWidths`, `SetTextJustification`, and `SetTextCharacterExtra` functions to create the same line breaks and justification on the screen as on the printed page. This method uses white space (usually the space character) to stretch or shrink a string of text (action of `SetTextJustification`) and adds a constant value to the width of every character in the font (action of `SetTextCharExtra`). This method achieves reasonable WYSIWYG.
 - c. Use the `ExtTextOut` function and pass a width array to achieve the exact placement of each and every character in the string. This method provides the highest degree of WYSIWYG; however, it also requires character placement algorithms that do not degrade the speed of text output too much.

The following functions related to this article are documented in chapter 4 of the "Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit Reference, Volume 1:"

- CreateFont
- CreateFontIndirect
- EnumFonts
- Escape
- GetCharWidths
- GetDeviceCaps
- GetTextExtent
- GetTextFace
- GetTextMetrics
- SelectObject
- SetMappingMode
- SetViewportExtent
- SetViewportOrigin
- SetWindowExtent
- SetWindowOrigin

The LOGFONT and TEXTMETRIC data structures are documented in Chapter 7 of the SDK reference, volume 2.

The following device escape functions are documented in Chapter 12 of the SDK reference, volume 2:

- ENABLEPAIRKERNING
- ENABLERELATIVewidths
- EXTTEXTOUT
- GETEXTENDEDTEXTMETRICS
- GETTEXTENTTABLE

GETPAIRKERNTABLE
GETTRACKKERNTABLE
QUERYESCSUPPORT
SETKERNTRACK

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KBCategory: kbprg
KSubcategory: GdiPrn

PRB: Dotted Line Displays as Solid Line

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows, versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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When an application creates a dotted line using a dotted pen and the R2_NOT mode, a solid line is drawn on the screen.

CAUSE

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The background mode is OPAQUE. This is the default background mode. In this mode, the line is painted with the background color first, followed by the pen.

RESOLUTION

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Use the SetBkMode() function to set the mode to TRANSPARENT. In this mode, only the pen is used; the background is not disturbed.

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KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: GdiPnbr

Determining Available RGB Values of an Output Device

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The best way to determine the colors supported by a device is to enumerate the solid pens from a device context (DC) associated with that device. The EnumObjects function enumerates the pens supported by a specified device and calls a callback function for each pen. To do so, EnumObjects requires three parameters: a device context associated with the desired device as the hdc parameter, OBJ_PEN as the value of the nObjectType parameter, and the procedure-instance address of a callback function as the lpObjectFunc parameter.

MORE INFORMATION

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The first parameter for the callback function, lpLogObject, points to a LOGPEN data structure that describes each enumerated pen. When the lopnStyle field of the LOGPEN structure contains the PS_SOLID value, the application can retrieve and store the value of the lopnColor field.

NOTE: For true color devices (devices that support more than 8 bits-per-pixel of color resolution), Windows enumerates only a subset of the supported pens. These devices support almost any color.

The following code demonstrates the process described above:

```
int cMaxRGB, nCnt, nSolid; // Global variables for system RGB colors

void GetColorList(HWND hWnd)
{
    HDC hdc;
    FARPROC lpProcCallback;
    HANDLE hmem;
    BYTE FAR *lpmem;

    nCnt = nSolid = 0;
    hdc = GetDC(hWnd);
    cMaxRGB = GetDeviceCaps(hdc, NUMCOLORS);
    if (cMaxRGB >= 0x7FFF)
        return; // All colors available. Enumeration not required.

    lpProcCallback = MakeProcInstance(Callback, hInst);

    // Allocate space for color table
    hmem = GlobalAlloc(GHND, sizeof(COLORREF) * cMaxRGB);
```

```

lpmem = GlobalLock(hmem);

EnumObjects(hdc, OBJ_PEN, lpProcCallback, lpmem);

FreeProcInstance(lpProcCallback);

// Use the color table stored in the first nSolid entries of a
// COLORREF array stored in lpmem.

GlobalUnlock(hmem);
GlobalFree(hmem);
ReleaseDC(hWnd, hdc);
return;
}

```

The source for the enumeration callback function is below. The callback function must be listed in the EXPORTS section of the module definition (DEF) file.

```

int FAR PASCAL Callback(LPLOGPEN lpLogPen, LPSTR lpData)
{
    nCnt++;
    if (lpLogPen->lopnStyle == PS_SOLID) // solid pen
    {
        COLORREF FAR *lpDest = (COLORREF FAR *)lpData + nSolid++;

        *lpDest = lpLogPen->lopnColor; // remember the solid color
    }

    if (nCnt >= cMaxRGB)
        return 0;
    return 1;
}

```

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: GdiPal

Specifying Windows "Bounding Box" Coordinates

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
- Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0

SUMMARY

GDI functions, such as Rectangle, Ellipse, RoundRect, Chord, and Pie, have parameters that specify the coordinates of a "bounding box" into which the figure is drawn. Windows draws the figure up to, but not including, the right and bottom coordinates.

MORE INFORMATION

Suppose the following call is made:

```
Rectangle(hdc, 1, 1, 5, 3)
```

Assuming that the device context is using the MM_TEXT mapping mode (in which case logical units map directly to physical pixels), the resulting rectangle will be 4 pixels wide and 2 pixels tall. The following diagram shows which pixels are affected:

```

-----0-----1-----2-----3-----4-----5-----6-
|               |               |               |               |               |
0               |               |               |               |               |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|               |               |               |               |               |
1               |   X   |   X   |   X   |   X   |               |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|               |               |               |               |               |
2               |   X   |   X   |   X   |   X   |               |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|               |               |               |               |               |
3               |               |               |               |               |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|               |               |               |               |               |
4               |               |               |               |               |
```

It may be helpful to think of the display as a grid, with each pixel contained in a grid cell. The X1, Y1, X2, and Y2 parameters to the Rectangle function specify an imaginary "bounding box" drawn on the grid. The rectangle is drawn within the bounding box.

The height, width, and area of the resulting rectangle have the following useful properties:

Height = X2 - X1
Width = Y2 - Y1
Area = Height * Width

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiDrw

Converting Colors Between RGB and HLS (HBS)

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows, versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The code fragment below converts colors between RGB (Red, Green, Blue) and HLS/HBS (Hue, Lightness, Saturation/Hue, Brightness, Saturation).

MORE INFORMATION

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/* Color Conversion Routines --

RGBtoHLS() takes a DWORD RGB value, translates it to HLS, and stores the results in the global vars H, L, and S. HLStoRGB takes the current values of H, L, and S and returns the equivalent value in an RGB DWORD. The vars H, L, and S are only written to by:

1. RGBtoHLS (initialization)
2. The scroll bar handlers

A point of reference for the algorithms is Foley and Van Dam, "Fundamentals of Interactive Computer Graphics," Pages 618-19. Their algorithm is in floating point. CHART implements a less general (hardwired ranges) integral algorithm.

There are potential round-off errors throughout this sample. $((0.5 + x)/y)$ without floating point is phrased $((x + (y/2))/y)$, yielding a very small round-off error. This makes many of the following divisions look strange.

*/

```
#define HLSMAX RANGE /* H,L, and S vary over 0-HLSMAX */
#define RGBMAX 255 /* R,G, and B vary over 0-RGBMAX */
/* HLSMAX BEST IF DIVISIBLE BY 6 */
/* RGBMAX, HLSMAX must each fit in a byte. */
```

```
/* Hue is undefined if Saturation is 0 (grey-scale) */
/* This value determines where the Hue scrollbar is */
/* initially set for achromatic colors */
#define UNDEFINED (HLSMAX*2/3)
```

```
void RGBtoHLS(LRGBColor)
```

```
DWORD LRGBColor;
```

```
{
```

```
WORD R,G,B; /* input RGB values */
```

```
BYTE cMax,cMin; /* max and min RGB values */
```

```

WORD Rdelta,Gdelta,Bdelta; /* intermediate value: % of spread from max
*/

/* get R, G, and B out of DWORD */
R = GetRValue(lRGBColor);
G = GetGValue(lRGBColor);
B = GetBValue(lRGBColor);

/* calculate lightness */
cMax = max( max(R,G), B);
cMin = min( min(R,G), B);
L = ( ((cMax+cMin)*HLSMAX) + RGBMAX )/(2*RGBMAX);

if (cMax == cMin) {          /* r=g=b --> achromatic case */
    S = 0;                  /* saturation */
    H = UNDEFINED;         /* hue */
}
else {                      /* chromatic case */
    /* saturation */
    if (L <= (HLSMAX/2))
        S = ( ((cMax-cMin)*HLSMAX) + ((cMax+cMin)/2) ) / (cMax+cMin);
    else
        S = ( ((cMax-cMin)*HLSMAX) + ((2*RGBMAX-cMax-cMin)/2) )
            / (2*RGBMAX-cMax-cMin);

    /* hue */
    Rdelta = ( ((cMax-R)*(HLSMAX/6)) + ((cMax-cMin)/2) ) / (cMax-cMin);
    Gdelta = ( ((cMax-G)*(HLSMAX/6)) + ((cMax-cMin)/2) ) / (cMax-cMin);
    Bdelta = ( ((cMax-B)*(HLSMAX/6)) + ((cMax-cMin)/2) ) / (cMax-cMin);

    if (R == cMax)
        H = Bdelta - Gdelta;
    else if (G == cMax)
        H = (HLSMAX/3) + Rdelta - Bdelta;
    else /* B == cMax */
        H = ((2*HLSMAX)/3) + Gdelta - Rdelta;

    if (H < 0)
        H += HLSMAX;
    if (H > HLSMAX)
        H -= HLSMAX;
}
}

/* utility routine for HLStoRGB */
WORD HueToRGB(n1,n2,hue)
WORD n1;
WORD n2;
WORD hue;
{
    /* range check: note values passed add/subtract thirds of range */
    if (hue < 0)
        hue += HLSMAX;

    if (hue > HLSMAX)
        hue -= HLSMAX;
}

```

```

/* return r,g, or b value from this tridrant */
if (hue < (HLSMAX/6))
    return ( n1 + (((n2-n1)*hue+(HLSMAX/12))/(HLSMAX/6)) );
if (hue < (HLSMAX/2))
    return ( n2 );
if (hue < ((HLSMAX*2)/3))
    return ( n1 + (((n2-n1)*(((HLSMAX*2)/3)-hue)+(HLSMAX/12))/(HLSMAX/6))
);
else
    return ( n1 );
}

```

```

DWORD HLStoRGB(hue,lum,sat)
WORD hue;
WORD lum;
WORD sat;
{
    WORD R,G,B;          /* RGB component values */
    WORD Magic1,Magic2;  /* calculated magic numbers (really!) */

    if (sat == 0) {      /* achromatic case */
        R=G=B=(lum*RGBMAX)/HLSMAX;
        if (hue != UNDEFINED) {
            /* ERROR */
        }
    }
    else {                /* chromatic case */
        /* set up magic numbers */
        if (lum <= (HLSMAX/2))
            Magic2 = (lum*(HLSMAX + sat) + (HLSMAX/2))/HLSMAX;
        else
            Magic2 = lum + sat - ((lum*sat) + (HLSMAX/2))/HLSMAX;
        Magic1 = 2*lum-Magic2;

        /* get RGB, change units from HLSMAX to RGBMAX */
        R = (HueToRGB(Magic1,Magic2,hue+(HLSMAX/3))*RGBMAX +
(HLSMAX/2))/HLSMAX;
        G = (HueToRGB(Magic1,Magic2,hue)*RGBMAX + (HLSMAX/2)) / HLSMAX;
        B = (HueToRGB(Magic1,Magic2,hue-(HLSMAX/3))*RGBMAX +
(HLSMAX/2))/HLSMAX;
    }

    return(RGB(R,G,B));
}

```

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 color RGB HLS HBS

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiPal

Drawing Outside a Window's Client Area

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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When an application uses the `BeginPaint` or `GetDC` function to obtain a device context (DC) for its client window and draws into this DC, Windows clips the output to the edge of the client window. While this is usually the desired effect, there are circumstances where an application draws outside the client area of its window.

MORE INFORMATION

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The `GetWindowDC` function provides a DC that allows an application to draw anywhere within its window, including the nonclient area.

In the Windows environment, the display is a scarce resource that is shared by all applications running in the system. Most of the time, an application should restrict its output to the area of the screen it has been assigned by the user. However, an application can use the `CreatedDC` function to obtain a DC for the entire display, as follows:

```
hDC = CreatedDC("DISPLAY", NULL, NULL, NULL);
```

Device contexts are another scarce resource in the Windows environment. When an application creates a DC in response to a `WM_PAINT` message, it must call the `DeletedDC` function to free the DC before it completes processing of the message.

Painting in the nonclient area of a window is not recommended. If an application changes the nonclient area of its window, the user can become confused because the familiar Windows controls change appearance or are not available. An application should not corrupt other windows on the display.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiDc

Creating Lines with a Nonstandard Pattern

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The Microsoft Windows graphical environment provides six predefined pens for drawing dotted, dashed, and solid lines. However, an application cannot draw fine gray lines, such as those on a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet, with these pens. This article describes how to create such lines.

MORE INFORMATION

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An application can use the LineDDA function to produce any type of patterned line. Based on the endpoints of a line, LineDDA calculates each point on the line and calls an application-defined callback function for each point. The callback function is free to use the calculated points in any manner desired. An application can draw a gray line similar to those used in Excel by calling the the SetPixel function in the callback function to draw every other point.

For example, the following code calculates all points on the line from coordinates (30, 40) to (100, 100). Then it calls the function pointed to by the lpfnLineProc variable with the points and the handle to a device context (hDC) as parameters:

```
LineDDA(30, 40, 100, 100, lpfnLineProc, (LPSTR)hDC);
```

For more information on this function, see pages 4-272 and 4-273 of the "Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit Reference, Volume 1" for Windows 3.0 or pages 568 and 569 of the "Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit: Programmer's Reference, Volume 2: Functions" for Windows 3.1. Charles Petzold's book "Programming Windows 3" (Microsoft Press, 1990) demonstrates using the LineDDA function in a programming example on pages 593 through 598.

The following code fragment draws 50 random Excel-style lines. Note that the LineProc function must be listed as an EXPORT in the module definition (DEF) file:

```
case WM_PAINT:
{
    HDC hDC;
    int nIndex;
    PAINTSTRUCT ps;

    hDC = BeginPaint(hWnd, &ps);
```

```
    for (nIndex = 0; nIndex < 50; nIndex++)
        LineDDA(rand() / 110, rand() / 110, rand() / 110,
                rand() / 110, lpfnLineProc, (LPSTR)hDC);

    EndPaint(hWnd, &ps);
    break;
}
```

```
void FAR PASCAL LineProc(x, y, lpData)
short x, y;
LPSTR lpData;
{
    static short nTemp = 0;

    if (nTemp == 1)
        SetPixel((HDC)lpData, x, y, 0L);

    nTemp = (nTemp + 1) % 2;
}
```

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KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: GdiDrw

Background Colors Affect BitBlt() from Mono to Color

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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When using BitBlt() to convert a monochrome bitmap to a color bitmap, GDI transforms all white bits (1) to the background color of the destination device context (DC). GDI transforms all black bits (0) to the text (or foreground) color of the destination DC.

When using BitBlt() to convert a color bitmap to a monochrome bitmap, GDI sets to white (1) all pixels that match the background color of the source DC. All other bits are set to black (0).

These features are mentioned in the BitBlt() documentation manual.

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KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiBmp

Printing Monochrome and Color Bitmaps from Windows

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The format of a display bitmap determines the procedure that an application uses to print it. The two display bitmap formats available under Windows are device-dependent bitmaps (DDBs) and device-independent bitmaps (DIBs). DIBs and DIB functions should be used for printing color bitmaps.

MORE INFORMATION

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An application can use the BitBlt() or StretchBlt() function to print or display a monochrome bitmap. Both printer drivers and display drivers can process monochrome DDBs. However, an application must account for the difference in resolution between a typical display and a typical laser printer. The StretchBlt() function enables an application to appropriately change the size of a monochrome bitmap.

When the display bitmap is a color DDB, printing is more difficult because the display DDB format may not match the printer DDB format. Because Windows supports a wide variety of devices, this situation is quite common. When the formats DDB differ, the application must convert the display DDB into a print DDB or a DIB.

DIBs are designed to ease the process of transferring images between devices. When an application uses a DIB, the GDI or the output driver performs any conversions required for the device. The ShowDIB sample application, provided in the Windows SDK and the Win32 SDK, demonstrates converting a DDB to a DIB and other common manipulations. The file DIB.C is of particular interest. It contains the functions that perform the manipulations. This code can be incorporated into other applications.

For more information, please see the Windows SDK 3.1 DIBView sample or the Win32 SDK WinCap32 sample.

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KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiPrn

Use of NULL_PEN, NULL_BRUSH, and HOLLOW_BRUSH

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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GDI contains several "NULL" stock objects: NULL_BRUSH, HOLLOW_BRUSH, and NULL_PEN. These objects are defined in WINDOWS.H (16-bit SDK) or in WINGDI.H (32-bit SDK). These header files define HOLLOW_BRUSH as NULL_BRUSH, so they are the same objects.

Note that NULL_BRUSH and NULL_PEN are NOT identical to the value NULL. The value NULL is defined as 0 (zero) in WINDOWS.H and is not a valid stock object.

Many GDI functions use the current brush to fill interiors and the current pen to draw lines. In some cases, an application may not want to modify the areas normally affected by the pen or brush. Selecting a NULL_PEN or NULL_BRUSH into the device context tells GDI not to modify the normally affected areas. In short, "NULL_" objects do not draw anything.

For example, the Rectangle() function uses the current brush to fill the interior of the rectangle and the current pen to draw the border. If NULL_PEN is selected into the device context, no border is drawn. If NULL_BRUSH or HOLLOW_BRUSH is selected, the interior of the rectangle is not painted. If both NULL_PEN and NULL_BRUSH are selected, the rectangle will not be drawn.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 hollow

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiPnbr

How to Use a DIB Stored as a Windows Resource

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Device-independent bitmaps (DIBs) are a very useful tool for displaying graphic information in a variety of device environments. With the appropriate device drivers, Windows can display a DIB with varying results on any video display or on a graphics printer.

This article discusses the differences between two methods that can be used to access a DIB from a resource.

MORE INFORMATION

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Bitmaps retrieved from resources are very similar to those stored in .BMP files on disk. The header information is the same for each type of bitmap. However, depending upon the method used to retrieve the bitmap from the resource, the bitmap may be a device-independent bitmap (DIB) or a device-dependent bitmap (DDB).

When the LoadBitmap() function is used to obtain a bitmap from a resource, the bitmap is converted to a DDB. Typically, the DDB will be selected into a memory device context (DC) and blt'ed to the screen for display.

NOTE: If a 256-color bitmap with a palette is loaded from a resource, some colors will be lost. To display a bitmap with a palette correctly, the palette must be selected into the destination DC before the image is transferred to the DC. LoadBitmap() cannot return the palette associated with the bitmap; therefore, this information is lost. Instead, the colors in the bitmap are mapped to colors available in the default system palette, and a bitmap with the system default color depth is returned.

For example, if LoadBitmap() loads a 256-color image into an application running on a VGA display, the 256 colors used in the bitmap will be mapped to the 16 available colors, and a 4 bits-per-pixel bitmap will be returned. When the display is a 256-color 8514 unit, the same action will map the 256 bitmap colors into the 20 reserved system colors, and an 8 bits-per-pixel bitmap will be returned.

If, instead of calling LoadBitmap(), the application calls FindResource() (with RT_BITMAP type), LoadResource(), and LockResource(), a pointer to a packed DIB will be the result. A packed DIB is a BITMAPINFO structure followed by an array of bytes containing the bitmap bits.

NOTE: If the resource was originally stored as a DDB, the bitmap returned

will be in the DDB format. In other words, no conversion is done.

The BITMAPINFO structure is a BITMAPINFOHEADER structure and an array of RGBQUADS that define the colors used in the DIB. The pointer to the packed DIB may be used in the same manner as a bitmap read from disk.

NOTE: The BITMAPFILEHEADER structure is NOT present in the packed DIB; however, it is present in a DIB read from disk.

REFERENCES

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For sample code demonstrating how to use FindResource() with RT_BITMAP, LoadResource(), and LockResource(), please see the following article in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

ARTICLE-ID: Q124947

TITLE : Retrieving Palette Information from a Bitmap Resource

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiBmp

SetBkColor() Does Not Support Dithered Colors

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The syntax for the SetBkColor function is documented in the Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) as follows:

```
DWORD SetBkColor(HDC hDC, COLORREF crColor);
```

SetBkColor sets the current background color of the specified device context (DC) to the color that the crColor parameter references, or to the nearest physical color if the device cannot represent the RGB color value that the crColor parameter specifies. In other words, SetBkColor cannot be used to set the background to a dithered color and defaults to the physical color that is closest to the requested crColor value.

MORE INFORMATION

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This behavior can cause unexpected results for an application that changes the background color of a control to a color that cannot be represented by a color provided by the display device.

Specifically, when an application specifies a dithered color for the background of an edit control, and specifies the same color for the text background, Windows paints the control in two distinct colors.

For example, using the standard VGA display driver, the following call, in which COLOR_INACTIVEBORDER is a green/gray specified by RGB(64, 128, 128), sets the background color to gray (RGB(128, 128, 128)) rather than the dithered green/gray that is desired:

```
SetBkColor(wParam, GetSysColor(COLOR_INACTIVEBORDER));
```

To illustrate, if the application uses the function call while processing the WM_CTLCOLOR message to change the color of an edit control, the window background is painted green/gray, and the text background defaults to the nearest physical color, which is gray. This produces a gray rectangle inside a green/gray rectangle rather than the desired green/gray for the entire edit control.

This behavior can also occur with other controls such as option buttons and list boxes. However, an application can avoid this problem by using the SetBkMode function to set the background mode to TRANSPARENT. This allows the dithered brush pattern to show through beneath the text to achieve the desired results. That solution is not

practical with a multiline edit control because if text is inserted, and the background mode has been set to TRANSPARENT, the text that is pushed to the right by the inserted text leaves its image behind. The result is text superimposed on top of other text, which quickly becomes unreadable.

To partially work around this situation for a multiline edit control, use the GetNearestColor function to determine the nearest physical color to the desired color, as in the code fragment below. In this case, the entire edit control is gray:

```
case WM_CREATE:
{
    HDC hDC;
    hDC = GetDC(hWnd);
    hGrayBrush = CreateSolidBrush(GetNearestColor(hDC,
        RGB(64, 128, 128)));
    ReleaseDC(hWnd, hDC);
    hWndEdit = CreateWindow( ... ES_MULTILINE ... );
}
break;

case WM_CTLCOLOR:
    if (HIWORD(lParam) == CTLCOLOR_EDIT)
    {
        // The following call creates the nearest physical
        // color; therefore, it will be the same as the
        // hGrayBrush created above.
        SetBkColor(wParam, RGB(64, 128, 128));
        SetTextColor(wParam, RGB(255, 0, 0)); // red text
        return (DWORD)hGrayBrush;
    }
    else
        return DefWindowProc(hWnd, identifier, wParam, lParam);
break;
```

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KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: GdiDraw

Inverting Color Inverts Palette Index, Not RGB Value

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- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Performing any bitwise logical operator on a color, such as inversion, does not modify the color's RGB value; it instead changes the index into the system palette. This applies also to the ROP codes associated with the blt functions (BitBlt, StretchBlt, and PatBlt) and in the SetROP2 function. For display devices with hardware palettes [generally, devices with fewer than 24 bits-per-pixel (BPP)], this can produce unexpected or undesirable results.

MORE INFORMATION

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Suppose the system palette contained the following colors:

	Entry #							
Color	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Red	= 0	0x80	0	0	0x80	0x80	0	0x80
Green	= 0	0	0x80	0	0x80	0	0x80	0x80
Blue	= 0	0	0	0x80	0	0x80	0x80	0x80

	Entry #							
Color	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
Red	= 0xC0	0xFF	0	0	0xFF	0xFF	0	0xFF
Green	= 0xC0	0	0xFF	0	0xFF	0	0xFF	0xFF
Blue	= 0xC0	0	0	0xFF	0	0xFF	0xFF	0xFF

The inversion of colors would look like this:
(Half = half intensity, Full = full intensity)

Color	Index	Inverse Color	Index
Black	0	White	F
Half Red	1	Full Cyan	E
Half Green	2	Full Magenta	D
Half Blue	3	Full Yellow	C
Half Yellow	4	Full Blue	B
Half Magenta	5	Full Green	A
Half Cyan	6	Full Red	9
Dark Gray	7	Light Gray	8

This obviously is not the desired effect. Inverting a full-intensity color such as red will not invert to full-intensity cyan; instead, it

is inverted to half-intensity cyan.

This is also true for any logical operations performed on the bits of a bitmap, pen, or flood fill through ROP codes. All operations are done on the index of the color and not its RGB value.

Note that when using custom palettes on a palette capable device, the application does not have control over the precise mapping between logical palette indexes and system palette indexes. The results of bitwise logical operations are unpredictable in such a case.

The only way for an application to precisely control color mixing is to perform the operation on RGB values, then translate the RGB result back into the most appropriate palette index.

For example, one way to do this is to mix colors in a 24 BPP device-independent bitmap (DIB), then set the DIB bits into the device context (DC) again when finished. Another method is to query the RGB color of pixels to modify, do the mixing, and then use the SetPixel function to apply the change to the DC.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiPal

Windows Regions Do Not Scale

Article ID: Q71229

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows, versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The coordinates of Windows regions are in device units, not logical units. Therefore, if the mapping mode is not `MM_TEXT`, region coordinates do not scale as would be expected. This causes particular problems in metafiles because metafiles often use `MM_ISOTROPIC` or `MM_ANISOTROPIC` modes to make pictures appear the same on devices with different resolutions.

To work around this problem, applications should avoid using regions if the mapping mode is changed from `MM_TEXT`. Regions should also be avoided in metafiles, unless the application knows the scaling factor and can adjust region coordinates itself.

MORE INFORMATION

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If the applications that will read and write the metafile are developed together, the writing application can include an `MFCOMMENT` escape in the metafile to store the region components. This information can be used by the reading application to scale the metafile.

However, this comment is not standard across all applications. This method would not be expected to work if the metafile is imported into a commercial application.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiDc

Stroke Fonts Marked as OEM Character Set Are ANSI

Article ID: Q72020

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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There are three stroke (or vector) fonts packaged with Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1 and Windows NT: Roman, Script, and Modern. These fonts are marked as belonging to the OEM character set when, in fact, they belong to the ANSI character set. NOTE: Windows 95 provides only the Modern vector font. The Roman and Script fonts are included in the True Type fonts shipped with the system.

The OEM character set is the character set used by the hardware device on which Windows is running (for example, the IBM PC). The IBM PC OEM character set and ANSI character set are listed in "Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit Reference Volume 2" for the Windows SDK version 3.0 and in "Programmer's Reference, Volume 3: Messages, Structures, and Macros" for the Windows SDK version 3.1.

The fonts were marked in this manner for two reasons. First, in previous versions of Windows, the stroke fonts did include non-ANSI characters. Second, mismarking the character set ensures proper font mapping. The character-set attribute of a font is assigned a very high penalty weight in the font mapping scheme. If stroke fonts were not marked as using the OEM character set, a stroke font might be chosen by the font mapper [during a SelectObject() call] instead of a raster font when a requested raster font size is not available. This behavior occurs because most raster fonts belong to the ANSI character set, character size has much lower penalty weight than character set, and stroke fonts can be scaled to any desired size. Some raster fonts can be scaled; however, they can be scaled only to specific sizes.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiFnt

Using Device-Independent Bitmaps and Palettes

Article ID: Q72041

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The method Windows version 3.x uses to transfer colors from the color table of a device-independent bitmap (DIB) to a device-dependent bitmap (DDB) on a machine that supports palette operations depends on the value of the wUsage parameter specified in calls to the CreateDIBitmap or SetDIBits functions.

Specifying DIB_RGB_COLORS matches the colors in the DIB color table to the logical palette associated with the device context (DC) listed in the function call.

Specifying DIB_PAL_COLORS causes the entries in the DIB color table to not be treated as RGB values; instead, they are treated as word indexes into the logical palette associated with the DC listed in the function call.

To create a device-dependent (displayable) bitmap from a DIB that retains the same colors, follow these five steps:

1. Extract the colors from the DIB header.
2. Use the CreatePalette function to make a logical palette with those colors.
3. Use the SelectPalette function to select the logical palette into a device context.
4. Use the RealizePalette function to map the logical palette into the device context.
5. Call the CreateDIBitmap function using the device context that has the logical palette selected.

Because the CreateDIBitmap function creates a bitmap compatible with the device, to create a device-dependent monochrome bitmap from a DIB, call the CreateBitmap function with the desired width and height, specifying one color plane and one bit per pixel. Then call the SetDIBits function to render the image in the newly created monochrome bitmap.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiPal

Background, Foreground, and System Palette Management

Article ID: Q72386

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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On a device that supports the Microsoft Windows palette management APIs, an application can create a logical palette, select the palette into a device context (DC), and realize the palette. Realizing a logical palette maps its colors to the system (hardware) color palette. The `GetDeviceCaps()` API is available to inform an application whether the device is capable of supporting palette management functions and, if so, the size of its system palette. This article discusses the different types of logical palettes and the effect of each on the system palette when a logical palette is realized.

MORE INFORMATION

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When a logical palette is selected into a DC, it can be selected as either a foreground or a background palette. Setting the `bForceBackground` parameter of the `SelectPalette()` API to `TRUE` selects the palette as a background palette. If this parameter is `FALSE`, the palette can be selected as a foreground palette. A palette will be selected as a foreground palette only if the DC into which the palette is selected is one of the five cached DCs managed by the `GetDC()` API and the DC is retrieved on behalf of the active window. If the DC is returned by `CreateDC()` or `CreateCompatibleDC()` or if the window is not the active window, the palette will be forced into the background.

The status as a foreground or a background palette affects how the colors in the logical palette are mapped into the system palette when the logical palette is realized.

When a foreground palette is realized, every entry in the system palette that can be modified by an application is accessible to the logical palette. Logical palette entries are mapped into the system palette starting at the first available entry. Because a logical palette entry that exactly matches a reserved system palette entry is mapped to that system entry, it does not consume a separate palette slot. If the logical palette has more entries than available slots in the system palette, the available slots are filled, in order, from the logical palette. The remaining logical palette entries are mapped to the closest colors already present in the system palette. There is one exception to this rule: if a logical palette entry is marked with the `PC_RESERVED` flag, no colors will be mapped to that entry. If all available system palette entries are reserved, additional colors will not be mapped to any entry and will be displayed as black on the screen.

A palette entry marked as PC_NOCOLLAPSE will always take a separate slot if available, just as for PC_RESERVED. Unlike a PC_RESERVED color, if no slots are available, it will map to the nearest color, and other colors may map onto it.

The first available entry in the system palette is the first palette entry not marked as used. For example, assume a device with 256 palette entries, 20 of which are reserved for the system. An application realizes a palette of 36 colors on this device; therefore, the first 36 entries are marked used. Another application realizes a 100-entry palette; therefore, the next 100 entries are marked used. If a third application receives the input focus and realizes a foreground palette with 236 entries, Windows maps the first 100 colors into the remainder of the system palette. Each of the remaining 136 colors of the logical palette is mapped into the closest color available in the system palette.

When a background palette is realized, any empty positions in the system palette are filled. Any colors that remain are mapped to the closest color in the system palette. A background palette entry cannot overlay a foreground entry in the system palette; however, a foreground palette entry can overlay a background entry in the system palette.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiPal

How to Determine If a Device Is Palette Capable

Article ID: Q72387

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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On a device that supports the Windows palette management function, an application can create a logical palette, select the palette into a device context (DC), and realize the palette, which maps its colors into the system (hardware) palette. The GetDeviceCaps() API informs an application whether a given device is capable of performing palette manipulation and, if so, the size of the palette. This article discusses the GetDeviceCaps() API and how it is used.

MORE INFORMATION

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To determine whether a device can perform palette operations, call the GetDeviceCaps() API with the RASTERCAPS parameter. If the RC_PALETTE bit of the return is set, the device supports the palette management functions.

To determine how many colors in the system palette are available for the application to use, the following parameters can be used in a GetDeviceCaps() call:

Parameter	Description
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SIZEPALETTE	Total number of entries in the system palette
NUMRESERVED	Number of reserved (static) colors in the system palette

This functionality is demonstrated in the MyPal sample code that is included on the Windows version 3.x Software Development Kit (SDK) Source Code 2 disk. For a demonstration, start MyPal and click the right mouse button.

The reserved colors are entries in the system palette that are used by Windows and cannot be changed by an application [except by using SetSystemPaletteUse(), which is not recommended]. The reserved colors are used for the following purposes:

- Active border
- Active caption
- Background color MDI applications
- Desktop background color
- Push button faces
- Push button edges
- Push button text

Caption text
Disabled (gray) text
Highlight color in controls (to highlight items in the control)
Highlight text color
Inactive border
Inactive caption
Inactive caption text (new to Windows version 3.1)
Menu background
Menu text
Scroll-bar gray area
Window background
Window frame
Window text

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KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: GdiPal

Considerations for CreateCursor() and CreateIcon()

Article ID: Q73667

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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An application can use the CreateCursor() and CreateIcon() APIs to create icons and cursors on the fly. The application determines the shape at run time.

When the shape of the icons and the cursors is known in advance, an application should use LoadIcon() and LoadCursor().

An application that uses CreateIcon() must call DestroyIcon() to free the memory used by the icon when it is no longer needed. An application that uses CreateCursor() must call DestroyCursor() to release the memory used by the cursor when it is no longer needed.

An application can call DestroyIcon() and DestroyCursor() only when the icon or the cursor is not in use. For example, if the cursor created by CreateCursor() has been specified in a SetCursor call, it must not be destroyed until it has been released by another SetCursor() call.

An application can only use DestroyIcon() and DestroyCursor() to destroy icons and cursors created by CreateIcon() and CreateCursor(). It should not try to destroy icons and cursors loaded with LoadIcon() and LoadCursor().

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiCurico

Calculating Text Extents of Bold and Italic Text

Article ID: Q74298

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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GetTextExtent() can be used to calculate the extent of a string. The value returned may need to be adjusted, depending upon the style of the font. When an italic or bold font is requested and none are available, the graphics device interface (GDI) may simulate those styles using an existing raster or vector font.

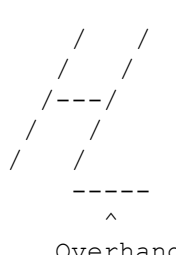
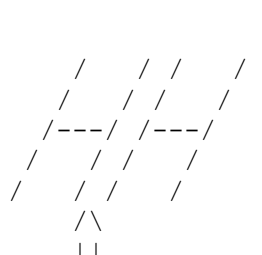
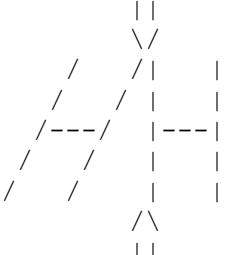
MORE INFORMATION

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GDI-simulated bold and italic fonts both include overhangs. The overhang is specified in a TEXTMETRIC structure obtained by calling the GetTextMetrics function. The proper method for calculating the extent of a line of italic or bold text is shown below:

```
dwExtent = GetTextExtent(hdc, lpString, nCount);
GetTextMetrics(hdc, &tm);
xExtent = LOWORD(dwExtent) - tm.tmOverhang;
```

Listed below are examples of italic text alignment. If the next character is not italic, the overhang should not be subtracted from the extent returned from the GetTextExtent function. The overhang needs to be subtracted only when the next character has the same style.

		GetTextExtent yields this as the extent:
		
Overhang		
	Because the next character is italic, start the next character within the overhang of the current character	Start the nonitalic H here because it does not slant and would partially overwrite the previous italic character.

The overhang for bold characters synthesized by GDI is generally 1 because GDI synthesizes bold fonts by outputting the text twice, offsetting the second output by one pixel, effectively increasing the width of each character by one pixel. Calculating the extent of the bold text is similar to the method for italic text. The `GetTextExtent` function always returns the extent of the text plus 1 for bold text. Thus by subtracting the `tmOverhang(1)`, the proper extent is achieved.

```
||  ||
||  ||
||===||
||  ||
||  ||
    ---<= This line represents the "extra" overhang of 1.
      /\
      ||
    GetTextExtent yields
    this as the extent of the
    bold H.
```

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: GdiFnt

Calculating The Logical Height and Point Size of a Font

Article ID: Q74299

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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To create a font in the Microsoft Windows graphical environment given only the required point size, an application must calculate the logical height of the font because the `CreateFont()` and `CreateFontIndirect()` functions use logical units to specify height.

To describe a font to the user, an application can calculate a font's point size, given its height. This article provides the formulas required to perform these calculations for the `MM_TEXT` mapping mode. You will have to derive a new equation to calculate the font size in another mapping mode.

MORE INFORMATION

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To calculate the logical height, use the following formula:

$$\text{height} = \text{Internal Leading} + \frac{\text{Point Size} * \text{LOGPIXELSY}}{72}$$

`LOGPIXELSY` is the number of pixels contained in a logical inch on the device. This value is obtained by calling the `GetDeviceCaps()` function with the `LOGPIXELSY` index. The value 72 is significant because one inch contains 72 points.

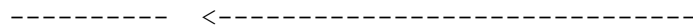
The problem with this calculation is that there is no method to determine the internal leading for the font because it has not yet been created. To work around this difficulty, use the following variation of the formula:

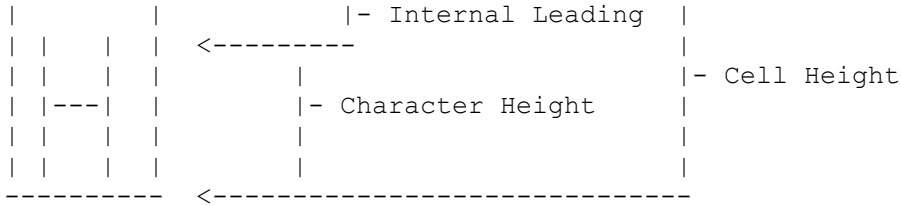
$$\text{height} = \frac{-(\text{Point Size} * \text{LOGPIXELSY})}{72}$$

This formula may also be written as follows:

```
plf->lfHeight = -MulDiv (nPtSize, GetDeviceCaps (hdc, LOGPIXELSY), 72);
```

When an application calls the `CreateFont()` or `CreateFontIndirect()` functions and specifies a negative value for the height parameter, the font mapper provides the closest match for the character height rather than the cell height. The difference between the cell height and the character height is the internal leading, as demonstrated by the following diagram:





The following formula computes the point size of a font:

$$\text{Point Size} = \frac{(\text{Height} - \text{Internal Leading}) * 72}{\text{LOGPIXELSY}}$$

The Height and Internal Leading values are obtained from the TEXTMETRIC data structure. The LOGPIXELSY value is obtained from the GetDeviceCaps function as outlined above.

Round the calculated point size to the nearest integer. The Windows MulDiv() function rounds its result and is an excellent choice to perform the above calculation.

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 KBCategory: kbprg
 KSubcategory: GdiFnt

Calculating the Point Size of a Font

Article ID: Q74300

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The generic formula listed below can be used to compute the point size of a font in the MM_TEXT mapping mode. Any other mapping mode will require a different equation, because the Height will be in a different unit.

MORE INFORMATION

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$$\text{Point Size} = \frac{(\text{Height} - \text{Internal Leading}) * 72}{\text{LOGPIXELSY}}$$

Height - Cell height obtained from the TEXTMETRIC structure.

Internal Leading - Internal leading obtained from TEXTMETRIC structure.

72 - One point is 1/72 of an inch.

LOGPIXELSY - Number of pixels contained in a logical inch on the device. This value can be obtained by calling the GetDeviceCaps() function and specifying the LOGPIXELSY index.

The value returned from this calculation should be rounded to the nearest integer. The Windows MulDiv() function rounds its result and is an excellent choice for performing the above calculation.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiFnt

Using GDI-Synthesized Italic Fonts

Article ID: Q74467

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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In the Microsoft Windows graphical environment, when an application uses an italic font synthesized by the graphics device interface (GDI), each character and its whole character cell are "sheared," or slanted, to the right, which can cause some unexpected results.

MORE INFORMATION

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The capital H in the example below illustrates how GDI synthesizes an italic font:

```
.....                               .....
.   .                               .   .
. |  | .                             . |  | .
. |  | .                             . |  | .
. |----| . italicizes to . |----| .
. |  | .                             . |  | .
. |  | .                             . |  | .
.   .                               .   .
.....                               .....
```

Note two items in this case:

1. If the text background color is changed so that it does not match the window background color, the text background color occupies the sheared character cell (in other words, it is also slanted). Gaps occur in the background where normal text is adjacent to italic text.
2. The italic character is farther to the right in relation to the lower-left corner of the character cell than is the normal character. Therefore, if normal and italic text start at the same x coordinate on different lines, the italic text appears farther to the right.

To determine the number of units by which the character cell is sheared, call the `GetTextMetrics` function to fill a `TEXTMETRIC` data structure with information about the font. The `tmOverhang` member describes the amount of shear.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiFnt

Simulating CreatePatternBrush() on a High-Res Printer

Article ID: Q74793

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, version 4.0
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SUMMARY

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When a pattern brush is used to fill an area of the page on the printer, the printer's high resolution will cause a fine pattern to lose definition and appear as a shade of gray.

Brushes that are created with the CreatePatternBrush() function are 8 pixels by 8 pixels (8 x 8 pixels) in size. On a 300 dots-per-inch (dpi) laser printer, the pattern will be 0.027 inches wide.

To create a pattern that gives similar effects on the screen as on the printer, it is necessary to compare the screen resolution to the printer resolution, and to compensate for the differences.

For example, if the video display is 100 dpi (typical of a VGA), and the printer is 300 dpi (a typical laser printer), the bit must be three times larger in each direction. The following compares a screen bitmap and a printer bitmap:

10101010	111000111000111000111000	
01010101	111000111000111000111000	
10101010	111000111000111000111000	
01010101	000111000111000111000111	
10101010	000111000111000111000111	and so forth
01010101	000111000111000111000111	
10101010	111000111000111000111000	
01010101	111000111000111000111000	
	111000111000111000111000	
Video	000111000111000111000111	
	000111000111000111000111	
	000111000111000111000111	
	111000111000111000111000	
	111000111000111000111000	
	111000111000111000111000	
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Printer

However, since the pattern brush is always 8 x 8 pixels, a different approach must be used when printing:

1. Use the StretchBlt() function to create, from the video bitmap, the 24 x 24 pixel bitmap for the printer.

2. Manually "tile" this bitmap into the region to be painted.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiPrn

Using RLE Bitmaps for Animation Applications In Windows

Article ID: Q75214

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Animation that uses a "brute-force" animation scheme, displaying successive complete bitmaps, can be slow and choppy. The alternative approach, displaying an initial frame and then modifying the elements that change, can save a great deal of time, memory, and disk space.

MORE INFORMATION

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Animation applications typically use a very simple algorithm to display a sequence of bitmaps, or frames, one right over another, on the same display surface. When the application stores an entire frame in the device-independent bitmap (DIB) format, it suffers from three particular bottlenecks:

1. With large frames or long sequences, the storage file becomes quite large.
2. Loading an entire sequence requires a large amount of memory.
3. Available Windows functions, such as BitBlt or SetDIBitsToDevice, may be too slow to animate the sequence smoothly.

For an animation sequence of bitmaps with a consistent set of colors, preprocessing the animation sequence and storing it in the run-length-encoded (RLE) format enables an application to run faster with a smaller storage file and memory requirement. Note that this RLE file is different from an RLE compressed DIB. This RLE format consists of several frames that are compressed according to the differences between frames. This process is straightforward and consists of five steps:

1. Select the first frame in the sequence and store it in the DIB format.
2. Compare the DIB bitmaps of consecutive frames. Due to the nature of animation sequences, the number of differences is often quite small compared to the size of the entire frame.
3. Encode the set of changed pixels into RLE format. The encoded frame will contain information only on the pixels that change, the delta records will skip the unchanged pixels. The RLE bitmap is stored instead of the latter frame. For example, the RLE-encoded difference between the first and second frames is stored as the

second frame.

4. When the entire sequence is preprocessed, bring each frame into the system as a BITMAPINFO structure and stream of bits. Since only the first frame is in the DIB format, the memory requirement is quite low. Moreover, frames that contain an identical set of colors can share the BITMAPINFO structure, only the biCompression and biSizeImage fields must be changed.
5. At display time, load the first frame as a DIB. Then use the SetDIBitsToDevice function to display subsequent frames in the sequence. Because this function requires much less information, the sequence can be animated much more quickly and smoothly.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 rle

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiBmp

Using the DRAWPATTERNRECT Escape in Windows

Article ID: Q75380

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The DRAWPATTERNRECT escape is implemented by the PCL/HP driver for Hewlett-Packard (HP) LaserJet printers and compatibles. The escape is used to draw a patterned rectangle without using the graphics banding bitmap. Using this escape can enhance the performance for many applications, particularly when a majority of users have LaserJet-compatible printers.

MORE INFORMATION

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The HP LaserJet Plus and all later LaserJets implement a command called a rule. A rule is a rectangle filled with some pattern, such as a black rule, a quasi-half-tone gray scale, or a hatch pattern.

The output does not go through the graphics banding bitmap (it is actually sent to the printer in the text band). The DRAWPATTERNRECT escape can be used to print line and block graphics in the text band without using graphics banding at all. Because many applications use only horizontal and vertical lines or blocks, this is a significant optimization.

An application should determine support for rules using the QUERYESCSUPPORT escape. In particular, the application should not check for the PCL/HP driver, since other page printer drivers may implement the escape as well.

There are some limitations to the escape. First, rules drawn with DRAWPATTERNRECT are not subject to clipping regions in the Device Context (DC). Second, rules cannot be opaqued; no white pixel in the graphics band will erase a pixel drawn by a rule (the same limitation occurs for PCL text). Once a rule is drawn, it cannot be erased.

If these limitations are acceptable, if all graphics on the page are likely to be horizontal and vertical lines, and if a significant number of users are expected to have LaserJet-type printers (which is the case for most Windows-based applications), the DRAWPATTERNRECT escape should be used.

If for any reason DRAWPATTERNRECT cannot be used, then the application should generally use the PatBlt function. If the device is a plotter, the Rectangle function should be used. In the case of the PatBlt function, if a black rectangle is to be printed, the BLACKNESS raster operator (ROP) should be used to avoid the overhead of

selecting and later deselecting a black brush into the printer DC.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 HPPCL HP-PCL

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiPrn

An Efficient Animation Algorithm

Article ID: Q75431

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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An application that shows an animated image cannot rely solely on Windows graphical device interface (GDI) functions because they will be too slow. Instead, the application must create its own set of bitmaps. This article discusses the process required and provides tips to improve performance and memory use.

This information applies to any type of animation or fast drawing, from painting the game pieces in Reversi to updating the time each second in Clock.

MORE INFORMATION

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There are three major steps to this process:

1. Allocate the bitmap.

It is preferable to allocate a single bitmap to store all the different "cels"--the components of the animated scene. The contents of the bitmap should be arranged in a column that is wide enough to hold a single cel; the height is determined by the number of cels. To improve memory usage, the bitmap should be discardable.

For example, given the definitions of the three constants below, the following code allocates the correct size bitmap:

```
X_SIZE = width of the cel
Y_SIZE = height of the cel
NUM_CELS = number of cels in the animated sequence

HBITMAP hbm;

hbm = CreateDiscardableBitmap(hDC, X_SIZE, NUM_CELS * Y_SIZE);
if (!hbm)
{
    // error - could not allocate bitmap
}
```

2. Prepare the bitmaps.

To draw into the bitmap, it must be selected into a display context (DC). Allocate a (temporary) compatible DC for this purpose:

```

if (hTmpDC = CreateCompatibleDC(hDC))
{
    HBITMAP hOldBm;

    hOldBm = SelectObject(hTmpDC, hbm);
    // and so forth
}

```

In many cases, all cels will share the same background. Rather than drawing this background several times onto the bitmap, draw it once onto the first cel and copy it to the other cels, as the following code demonstrates:

```

// GDI calls to draw to hbm from (0, 0) to (X_SIZE, Y_SIZE)

for (i = 1; i < NUM_CELS; i++) // Perform the copy
    BitBlt(hTmpDC, 0, i * Y_SIZE, X_SIZE, Y_SIZE, hTmpDC, 0, 0,
           SRCCOPY);

```

After the background is copied, draw the foreground on each cel, using regular GDI calls (in TRANSPARENT drawing mode). The coordinates for cel "i" in bitmap hbm are:

```

x_pos: 0 to (X_SIZE - 1)
y_pos: (i * Y_SIZE) to ((i + 1) * Y_SIZE) - 1)

```

If the cels in the bitmap contain sequential images, animating to the screen is simplified.

To finish this step, release the temporary DC.

```

SelectObject(hTmpDC, hOldBm);
DeleteDC(hTmpDC);

```

3. Animate.

A temporary, off-screen DC is required to allow the application to select the bitmap. Note that selecting the object may fail if the bitmap has been discarded. If this has occurred, another bitmap must be allocated (if memory allows) and the bitmap must be initialized (as outlined in step 2, above).

```

if ((hTmpDC = CreateCompatibleDC(hDC)) != NULL)
{
    HBITMAP hOldBm;

    if (!(hOldBm = SelectObject(hTmpDC, hbm))
        // must re-allocate bitmap. Note that this MAY FAIL!!!

```

At this point, call the BitBlt() function to copy the various stages of the animation sequence to the screen. If the cels in the bitmap contain sequential images, a simple loop will do the job nicely, as the following code demonstrates:

```

for (i = 0; i < NUM_CELS; i++)
{
    BitBlt (hDC, x_pos, y_pos, X_SIZE, Y_SIZE, hTmpDC, 0,
           i * Y_SIZE, SRCCOPY);
}

```

```
    // Some form of delay goes here. A real-time wait, based on
    // clock ticks, is recommended.
}
```

When the drawing is done, delete the temporary DC:

```
SelectObject(hTmpDC, hOldBm);
DeleteDC(hTmpDC);
```

It is important to cancel the selection of the bitmap between passes through the for loop. This allows the bitmap to be discarded if the system runs low on memory.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 animation
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: GdiBmp

Accurately Showing on the Screen What Will Print

Article ID: Q75469

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Many applications have an option where the screen display is set to closely correspond to the printed output. This article discusses some of the issues involved in implementing this feature.

MORE INFORMATION

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If a screen font is available that exactly matches (or at least very closely corresponds to) the chosen printer font, then the process is very straightforward and consists of seven steps:

1. Retrieve a device context (DC) or an information context (IC) for the printer.
2. Call EnumFontFamilies() to obtain a LOGFONT structure for the chosen printer font. The nFontType parameter to the EnumFontFamilies() callback function specifies if a given font is a device font.
3. Get a DC for the screen.
4. Convert the lfHeight and lfWidth members of the LOGFONT structure from printer resolution units to screen resolution units. If a mapping mode other than MM_TEXT is used, round-off error may occur.
5. Call CreateFontIndirect() with the LOGFONT structure.
6. Call SelectObject(). GDI will select the appropriate screen font to match the printer font.
7. Release the printer device context or information context and the screen device context.

If a screen font that corresponds to the selected printer font is not available, the process is more difficult. It is possible to modify the character placement on the screen to match the printer font to show justification, line breaks, and page layout. However, visual similarity between the printer fonts and screen fonts depends on a number of factors, including the number and variety of screen fonts available, the selected printer font, and how the printer driver describes the font. For example, if the printer has a serifed Roman-style font, one of the GDI serifed Roman-style fonts will appear to be very similar to the printer font. However, if the printer has a decorative Old English-style font, no corresponding screen font will

typically be available. The closest available match would not be very similar.

To have a screen font that matches the character placement of a printer font, do the following:

1. Perform the seven steps above to retrieve an appropriate screen font.
2. Get the character width from the TEXTMETRIC structure returned by the EnumFonts function in step 2 above. Use this information to calculate the page position of each character to be printed in the printer font.
3. Allocate a block of memory and specify the spacing between characters. Make sure that this information is in screen resolution units.
4. Specify the address of the memory block as the lpDx parameter to ExtTextOut(). GDI will space the characters as listed in the array.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 WYSIWYG

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiPrn

GetDeviceCaps (hDC, RASTERCAPS) Description

Article ID: Q75912

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows version 3.1
- Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0

SUMMARY

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GetDeviceCaps(hDC, RASTERCAPS) returns the raster capabilities bit field in the GDIINFO structure, which indicates the raster capabilities of the device. The RASTERCAPS index of the GetDeviceCaps() function is documented in the "Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit Reference Volume 1" on page 4-168. The flags available include: RC_BANDING, RC_BITBLT, RC_BITMAP64, RC_DI_BITMAP, RC_DIBTODEV, RC_GDI20_OUTPUT, RC_PALETTE, RC_SCALING, RC_STRETCHBLT, and RC_STRETCHDIB. The GDIINFO structure itself is documented in the "Microsoft Windows Device Development Kit Device Driver Adaptation Guide."

An application should use GetDeviceCaps() to query the printer driver for device capabilities. For example, before printing a bitmap larger than 64K, the application should query the driver using GetDeviceCaps() with the index RASTERCAPS and the flag RC_BITMAP64. If the application fails to test for the capability and prints a bitmap larger than 64K, unexpected printer output may occur if the driver does not support bitmaps larger than 64K.

In particular, if the driver does not support a capability, GDI will attempt to simulate it using a more fundamental capability of the driver. However, the resulting GDI simulation is usually slower, is of lower quality, or differs in some way from a device driver implementation of the capability.

Field Name	Capability or Function	GDI Call to Invoke Capability or Function	Differences in Functionality Resulting from Supporting or not Supporting Capability
0	BitBlt		?
1	Requires banding		?
2	Requires scaling		?
3	Supports >64K bitmaps		?
4	Supports ExtTextOut, FastBorder,	ExtTextOut	GDI will call StrBlt() once for each character to simulate the ExtTextOut()

	GetCharWidth		function's ability to position proportionally-spaced characters. This can be very slow. GDI simulates bold text by overstriking one or more times. This fails on laser printers. Laser printer drivers that support ExtTextOut() offset the text before overstriking.
		FastBorder	
		GetCharWidth	Returns 0 if driver does not support GetCharWidth; otherwise, it calls ExtTextOut() or StrBlt() with count = -1 to obtain the width of each individual character.
5	Has state block		
6	Saves bitmaps in shadow memory		
7	RC_DI_BITMAP	Supports Get and Set DIBs and RLEs	<p>If GDI is called upon to copy a RLE bitmap that contains a transparent window (region not defined by the bitmap), the window will be filled by the current background color.</p> <p>The destination for any GDI DIB operation is a monochrome bitmap.</p> <p>Unidrv offers a variety of halftone dithering techniques to simulate a range of intensities on black and white and color printers. GDI does not. Unidrv offers intensity adjustment to darken and lighten halftone output. Unidrv does not support RLE DIBs at present.</p>
8	RC_PALETTE	Performs color palette management	
9	RC_DIBTODEV	Supports	See comments above for

		SetDIBitsToDevice	RC_DI_BITMAP
10	RC_BIGFONTS	Supports Windows 3.0 FONTINFO structure format	This flag specifies the format of the FONTINFO structure passed between GDI's SelectObject() call and the driver's RealizeFont() function. If a bit is set, the Windows 3.0 format is used. Otherwise, the Windows 2.0 font file format is used.
11	RC_STRETCHBLT	Supports StretchBlt	
12	RC_FLOODFILL	Supports flood fill	
13	RC_STRETCHDIB	Supports StretchDIBits	See comments above for RC_DI_BITMAP. Additionally, Unidrv has these limits on the degree of stretching and shrinking supported: The X and Y axes may be scaled independently. The maximum scale-up factor is 256. The maximum product of the X and Y scale-down factors is 256. Therefore, if both axes are scaled down equally, the maximum scale-down factor for each axis is 16.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiDc

Raster and Stroke Fonts; GDI and Device Fonts

Article ID: Q77126

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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NOTE: The information contained in this article does not address TrueType fonts. For information on TrueType fonts, please see chapter 18 of "Guide to Programming" for the Windows SDK version 3.1.

In Windows version 3.0, there are two different ways that the graphical device interface (GDI) can generate characters for a font. For a raster font, GDI displays the font by copying bitmaps to the output device. For a stroke font, GDI displays the font by drawing lines between a series of points that describe each character. Each font is owned by either GDI or by a specific device. Type and ownership information can be determined by enumerating the fonts. This article discusses the two font types and two font ownership types.

MORE INFORMATION

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A raster font stores its characters as a series of bitmaps; a stroke font stores its characters as a set of vector operations that describe the characters. When a character from a raster font is drawn, the bitmap is copied onto the device. When a character from a stroke font is displayed, the lines are drawn connecting the points that describe the character. Examples of raster fonts provided with Windows are Courier and Helv; examples of stroke fonts are Script and Roman.

Raster fonts are only available in specific sizes. Some devices can scale installed raster fonts to integer multiples of their size. Use the `GetDeviceCaps()` function to determine whether the device has this capability. The Windows GDI will scale its raster fonts as required regardless of the device capability. Stroke fonts can be scaled to any size and can also be rotated.

GDI fonts are owned by the GDI; they are available to all devices. Device fonts are fonts that are owned by a particular device; they are available only on that device.

By enumerating the fonts, an application can determine which ones are raster or stroke fonts, and which are GDI or device fonts. The callback function used with `EnumFonts()` has the parameter `nFontType`. As stated on page 4-118 of the "Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit Reference Volume 1," the bitwise AND (&) operator can be used with the constants `RASTER_FONTTYPE` and `DEVICE_FONTTYPE` to determine the font type. If the `RASTER_FONTTYPE` bit is set, the font is a raster font; otherwise, it is a stroke font. If the `DEVICE_FONTTYPE` bit is set, the font is owned by the

device that corresponds to the display context handle (HDC) used in the EnumFont() call; otherwise it is a GDI font.

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KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiFnt

Rotating a Bitmap by 90 Degrees

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows version 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, version 4.0
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SUMMARY

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There are no Windows functions that directly rotate bitmaps. All techniques for rotating bitmaps in Windows involve copying the rows from a source bitmap into the columns of a destination bitmap. The following contains code for rotating a bitmap using GetPixel() and SetPixel(), and contains an outline of code for rotating device independent bitmaps (DIB).

MORE INFORMATION

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A device dependent bitmap (DDB) can be rotated using the GetPixel() and SetPixel() functions. To rotate the bitmap, use the following code:

```
HRESULT Rotate90(HDC hDC, HBITMAP hSourceBitmap)
{
    HBITMAP hOldSourceBitmap, hOldDestBitmap, hDestBitmap;
    HDC hMemSrc, hMemDest;
    int height, width;
    int i, j;
    BITMAP iSrcBitmap;

    // Step 1: Create a memory DC for the source and destination bitmaps
    //           compatible with the device used.

    hMemSrc = CreateCompatibleDC(hDC);
    hMemDest = CreateCompatibleDC(hDC);

    // Step 2: Get the height and width of the source bitmap.

    GetObject(hSourceBitmap, sizeof(BITMAP), (LPSTR)&SrcBitmap);
    width = SrcBitmap.bmWidth;
    height = SrcBitmap.bmHeight;

    // Step 3: Select the source bitmap into the source DC. Create a
    //           destination bitmap, and select it into the destination DC.

    hOldSourceBitmap = SelectObject(hMemSrc, hSourceBitmap);
    hDestBitmap = CreateBitmap(height, width, SrcBitmap.bmPlanes,
                              SrcBitmap.bmBitsPixel, NULL);

    if (!hDestBitmap)
        return(hDestBitmap);
}
```



```

hOldDestBitmap = SelectObject(hMemDest, hDestBitmap);

// Step 4: Copy the pixels from the source to the destination.
for (i = 0; i < width; ++i)
    for (j = 0; j < height; ++j)
        SetPixel(hMemDest, j, width - 1 - i,
                GetPixel(hMemSrc, i, j));

// Step 5: Destroy the DCs.

SelectObject(hMemSrc, hOldSourceBitmap);
SelectObject(hMemDest, hOldDestBitmap);
DeleteDC(hMemDest);
DeleteDC(hMemSrc);

// Step 6: Return the rotated bitmap.

return(hDestBitmap);
}

```

If the bitmap is larger, using `GetPixel()` and `SetPixel()` may be too slow. If this is the case, there are two options:

1. If the contents of the bitmap do not change, create two versions of the bitmap, the normal version and one that is rotated by 90 degrees. Load the appropriate bitmap as required.

-or-

2. Find some way to manipulate the bits of the bitmap that is faster than using `SetPixel()` and `GetPixel()`. The best way to do this is to convert the bitmap to a device independent bitmap. The following four steps detail how to create the DIB and to perform the rotation:
 - a. Use `GetDIBits()` to convert the bitmap to a device independent format. It is necessary to create a `BITMAPINFO` structure appropriate for the bitmap. This will write the bitmap as a series of scanlines. Each scanline is padded so that it is `DWORD` aligned.
 - b. Allocate memory for the destination bitmap. This bitmap requires as many scanlines as the width of the source bitmap. Each scanline is as many pixels wide as the height of the source bitmap. Also, the scanlines must be `DWORD` aligned.
 - c. For each scanline in the source bitmap, copy the pixels to the appropriate column in the destination bitmap. NOTE: The format for each scanline depends upon the number of bits per pixel. See the `BITMAPINFO` documentation for a description of the possible formats.

- d. Use SetDIBits() to copy the device independent bits into a device dependent bitmap. Another BITMAPINFO structure, appropriate for the destination device is required for this step.

The four steps of this method require much more work than is required if GetPixel() and SetPixel() are used; however, this method may be faster because it directly manipulates the bits in the bitmap.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiBmp

wsprintf() Buffer Limit in Windows

Article ID: Q77255

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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The `wsprintf(lpOutput, lpFormat [, argument] ...)` and `wvsprintf()` functions format and store a series of characters and values in a buffer specified by the first parameter, `lpOutput`. This buffer is limited to 1K (1024 bytes); in other words, the largest buffer that `wsprintf` can use is 1K.

If an application tries to use a buffer larger than 1K, the string will be truncated automatically to a length of 1K.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiDrw

Do Not Call the Display Driver Directly

Article ID: Q77402

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK (Windows 95 only)
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SUMMARY

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In general, a Windows-based application cannot call the Windows display driver directly to perform graphics primitives. This article details the reasons this restriction is in place.

MORE INFORMATION

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The Windows display driver communicates with the Graphics Device Interface (GDI) to perform primitive graphics operations. The parameters of the entry points (or exported functions) in the display driver are set up according to the standard interface between GDI and the display driver. The parameters passed by GDI to the display driver are only meaningful to GDI and to the display driver. A Windows-based application has no way to obtain these parameters. For example, the parameter most-commonly passed by GDI to the display driver is a pointer to a structure called PDEVICE. Memory for this structure is allocated by GDI, and its contents are specified by the display driver during the driver's initialization. The pointer to the PDEVICE structure is private to GDI; furthermore, the structure of PDEVICE varies among display drivers.

To give another example, when a primitive is to be done to a memory bitmap, instead of passing a pointer to PDEVICE, GDI passes to the display driver a pointer to a structure; the structure is usually referred to as a physical bitmap. Note that this physical bitmap structure is also called "BITMAP"; do not confuse it with the BITMAP structure defined in the Windows Software Development Kit. Again, this physical bitmap structure is not designed to be used by a Windows-based application. Although the information described in this structure is somewhat related to the bitmap that the application uses, the pointer to the physical bitmap structure is private to GDI and cannot be obtained by the application.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiMisc

Processing WM_PALETTECHANGED and WM_QUERYNEWPALETTE
Article ID: Q77702

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows, versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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An application that manipulates the system palette should process the WM_PALETTECHANGED and WM_QUERYNEWPALETTE messages to maintain its appearance during system palette and input focus changes.

MORE INFORMATION

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The WM_PALETTECHANGED message informs all windows that the window with input focus has realized its logical palette, thereby changing the system palette. This message allows a window without input focus that uses a color palette to realize its logical palettes and update its client area.

This message is sent to all windows, including the one that changed the system palette and caused this message to be sent. The wParam of this message contains the handle of the window that caused the system palette to change. To avoid an infinite loop, care must be taken to check that the wParam of this message does not match the window's handle. The following sample code demonstrates how to process WM_PALETTECHANGED:

```
case WM_PALETTECHANGED:
{
    HDC hDC;           // Handle to device context
    HPALETTE hOldPal; // Handle to previous logical palette

    // If this application did not change the palette, select
    // and realize this application's palette
    if (wParam != hWnd)
    {
        // Need the window's DC for SelectPalette/RealizePalette
        hDC = GetDC(hWnd);

        // Select and realize hPalette
        hOldPal = SelectPalette(hDC, hPalette, FALSE);
        RealizePalette(hDC);

        // When updating the colors for an inactive window,
        // UpdateColors can be called because it is faster than
        // redrawing the client area (even though the results are
        // not as good)
        UpdateColors(hDC);
    }
}
```

```

        // Clean up
        if (hOldPal)
            SelectPalette(hDC, hOldPal, FALSE);
        ReleaseDC(hWnd, hDC);
    }
}
break;

```

NOTE: The WM_PALETTECHANGED message is sent to all top-level and overlapped windows; therefore, if any child window uses a color palette, this message must be passed on to it.

The WM_QUERYNEWPALETTE message informs a window that it is about to receive input focus. In response, the window receiving focus should realize its palette as a foreground palette and update its client area. If the window realizes its palette, it should return TRUE; otherwise, it should return FALSE. The following sample code demonstrates processing WM_QUERYNEWPALETTE:

```

case WM_QUERYNEWPALETTE:
{
    HDC hDC;           // Handle to device context
    HPALETTE hOldPal; // Handle to previous logical palette

    // Need the window's DC for SelectPalette/RealizePalette
    hDC = GetDC(hWnd);

    // Select and realize hPalette
    hOldPal = SelectPalette(hDC, hPalette, FALSE);
    RealizePalette(hDC);

    // Redraw the entire client area
    InvalidateRect(hWnd, NULL, TRUE);
    UpdateWindow(hWnd);

    // Clean up
    if (hOldPal)
        SelectPalette(hDC, hOldPal, FALSE);
    ReleaseDC(hWnd, hDC);

    // Message processed, return TRUE
    return TRUE;
}

```

NOTE: The WM_QUERYNEWPALETTE message is sent to all top-level and overlapped windows; therefore, if any child window uses a color palette, this message must be passed on to it.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95
 KBCategory: kbprg
 KSubcategory: GdiPal

PRB: PaintRgn() Fills Incorrectly with Hatched Brushes

Article ID: Q82169

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, version 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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When the TRANSPARENT background mode and a mapping mode other than MM_TEXT are selected and an application calls the PaintRgn() API to fill a complex region with a hatched brush, a disconnected pattern results.

CAUSE

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The Windows Graphics Device Interface (GDI) draws a complex region by filling the individual rectangles that make up the region. The code to compute the position of each rectangle on the screen fails when the screen coordinates are not in units of pixels. The error is visible when a hatched brush style is used in TRANSPARENT mode.

RESOLUTION

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When a hatched brush and TRANSPARENT background mode are required, use the MM_TEXT mapping mode.

Additional reference words: 3.10 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: GdiDraw

PRB: Device and TrueType Fonts Rotate Inconsistently

Article ID: Q82932

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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In an application for the Microsoft Windows graphical environment that uses a mapping mode other than MM_TEXT and a text alignment other than the default (TA_LEFT, TA_TOP), device fonts and TrueType fonts rotate in the opposite directions. Device fonts may exhibit other unusual behaviors. Differences in rotated text may appear on the screen or in printed output.

RESOLUTION

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To create a font that rotates based on the coordinate system in which the font is used, the application must set the CLIP_LH_ANGLES (0x10) bit in the lfClipPrecision field of the LOGFONT data structure. This technique is backward-compatible with Windows 3.0 because the CLIP_LH_ANGLES bit is ignored in version 3.0.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: GdiTt

PRB: CreateEllipticRgn() and Ellipse() Shapes Not Identical
Article ID: Q83807

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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When CreateEllipticRgn() is used to create a region in the shape of an ellipse and Ellipse() is called with the same parameters to draw an ellipse on the screen, the calculated region does not match the drawn ellipse identically.

CAUSE

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Ellipse() includes the lower-right point of the bounding rectangle in its calculations, while the CreateEllipticRgn function excludes the lower-right point.

RESOLUTION

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To draw a filled ellipse on the screen that matches an elliptic region, create the region with CreateEllipticRgn() and call FillRgn() to fill the region with the currently selected brush.

MORE INFORMATION

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The region created by the CreateEllipticRgn() is slightly smaller than the elliptical area created by Ellipse(). Unfortunately, decreasing the width and height of the bounding rectangle by 1 pixel does not solve the problem. Although changing the parameters of the Ellipse() API in this way produces a smaller ellipse, the new ellipse does not match the region created with CreateEllipticRgn().

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: GdiDraw

Retrieving Font Styles Using EnumFontFamilies()

Article ID: Q84131

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK), version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Windows version 3.1 introduces the concept of a font style. In previous versions of Windows, a font could have the bold, italic, underline, and strikethrough properties, which were supported by respective members in the LOGFONT and TEXTMETRIC structures. Windows 3.1 also supports these properties, as well as a style name for TrueType fonts. The article describes how to obtain the font style name during font enumeration, using the EnumFontFamilies function. For more information about obtaining style information without enumerating the fonts, query on the following words in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

prod(winsdk) and getoutlinetextmetrics

MORE INFORMATION

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In Windows 3.1, "style" refers to the weight and slant of a font. Windows supports a wide range of weights in the lfWeight member of the LOGFONT structure. (Two examples of weights are FW_BOLD, which is defined as 700, and FW_THIN, which is defined as 100). Very few applications, however, use any weights other than FW_BOLD and FW_DONTCARE (defined as 0).

Windows 3.1 builds on the support presently in Windows for these variations in weight and slant. Style names are NOT used in the LOGFONT structure except when the fonts are enumerated with EnumFontFamilies.

The ChooseFont dialog box in the common dialog boxes dynamic-link library (COMMDLG.DLL) demonstrates how style names are used. The ChooseFont dialog box has two list boxes: Font and Font Style. The Font list box lists the face names for all fonts installed and the Font Style list box lists the font styles for the currently selected face. For example, if any non-TrueType font (such as MS Sans Serif) is selected, the following styles appear in the Font Style list box:

Regular
Bold
Italic
Bold Italic

TrueType fonts may have these or more elaborate styles. For example, the "Lucida Sans" face includes the following style names:

Regular
Italic
Demibold Roman
Demibold Italic

In the case of Lucida Sans with the style of Demibold Roman or Demibold Italic, the `lfWeight` value is 600 (`FW_DEMIBOLD`).

In Windows 3.1, the `EnumFontFamilies` function can be used to obtain the style name of a font during font enumeration. The `EnumFontFamilies` function works in a manner very similar to the Windows 3.0 `EnumFonts` function.

`EnumFontFamilies` is prototyped as:

```
int EnumFontFamilies(HDC hdc, LPCSTR lpszFamily,
                    FONTENUMPROC lpfnEnumProc, LPARAM lpData)
```

The `lpszFamily` parameter points to a null-terminated string that specifies the family name (or typeface name) of the desired fonts. If this parameter is `NULL`, `EnumFontFamilies` selects and enumerates one font of each available font family. For example, to enumerate all fonts in the "Arial" family, `lpszFamily` points to a string buffer containing "Arial."

The following table illustrates the meanings of the terms, "typeface name," "font name," and "font style:"

Typeface Name	Font Name	Font Style
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Arial	Arial	Regular
	Arial Bold	Bold
	Arial Italic	Italic
	Arial Bold Italic	Bold Italic
Courier New	Courier New	Regular
	Courier New Bold	Bold
	Courier New Italic	Italic
	Courier New Bold Italic	Bold Italic
Lucida Sans	Lucida Sans	Regular
	Lucida Sans Italic	Italic
	Lucida Sans Demibold Roman	Demibold Roman
	Lucida Sans Demibold Italic	Demibold Italic
MS Sans Serif	MS Sans Serif	Regular
	MS Sans Serif	Bold
	MS Sans Serif	Italic
	MS Sans Serif	Bold Italic

The first three typefaces in the above table are TrueType faces, the remaining typeface is MS Sans Serif. The typeface name is also sometimes referred to as the family name.

When dealing with non-TrueType fonts, typeface name and font name are the same. However, it is important to recognize the distinction when

dealing with a TrueType font.

For example, `CreateFont` takes a pointer to a string containing the typeface name of the font to create. It is not valid to use `Arial Bold` as this string because `Arial` is a TrueType font and `Arial Bold` is a font name, not a typeface name.

If `EnumFontFamilies` is called with the `lpszFamily` parameter pointing to a valid TrueType typeface name, the callback function, which is specified in `fontenmprc`, will be called once for each font name for that typeface name. For example, if `EnumFontFamilies` is called with `lpszFamily` pointing to `Lucida Sans`, the callback function will be called four times; once for each font name.

If the `lpszFamily` parameter points to the typeface name of a non-TrueType font, such as `MS Sans Serif`, the callback will be called once for each face size supported by the font. The number of face sizes supported by the font can vary from font to font and from device to device. Note that the callback is called for different sizes, not for different styles. This behavior is identical to that found using the `EnumFonts` function.

Remember that, because TrueType fonts are continuously scalable, there is no reason for the callback function to be called for each size. If the callback function was called for each size that a TrueType font supported, the callback function would be called an infinite number of times!

The `EnumFontFamilies` callback function is prototyped as follows:

```
int CALLBACK EnumFontFamProc(LPNEWLOGFONT lpnlf,
                             LPNEWTEXTMETRIC lpntm,
                             int FontType, LPARAM lpData)
```

The `lpnlf` parameter points to a `LOGFONT` structure that contains information about the logical attributes of the font. If the typeface being enumerated is a TrueType font [(`nFontType` | `TRUETYPE_FONTTYPE`) is `TRUE`], this `LOGFONT` structure will have two additional members appended to the end of the structure, as follows:

```
char    lfFullName[LF_FACESIZE*2];
char    lfStyleName[LF_FACESIZE];
```

It is important to remember that these two additional fields are used *only* during enumeration with `EnumFontFamilies` and nowhere else in Windows. The documentation for the `EnumFontFamilies` function on pages 266-268 of the "Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit: Programmer's Reference, Volume 2: Functions" manual refers to the `NEWLOGFONT` structure which contains the additional members listed above. However, the `NEWLOGFONT` structure is not defined in the `WINDOWS.H` header file. To address this situation, use the `ENUMLOGFONT` structure which is defined in the `WINDOWS.H` file but is not listed in the Windows SDK documentation.

To retrieve the style name and full name of a font without using enumeration, use the `GetOutlineTextMetrics` function.

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KBSubcategory: GdiTt

Retrieving the Style String for a TrueType Font

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Windows version 3.1 introduces the concept of a font style. In previous versions of Windows, a font could have bold, italic, underline, and strikethrough properties, which were supported by corresponding members of the LOGFONT and TEXTMETRIC structures. Windows 3.1 continues to support these properties, however, it also supports the concept of a style name for TrueType fonts.

Windows use of style names can be demonstrated by the ChooseFont dialog box in the common dialog boxes dynamic-link library (COMMDLG.DLL). The ChooseFont dialog box contains two list boxes named Font and Font Style. The Font list box contains a list of all face names and the Font Style list box contains a list of font styles for the currently selected face. For example, if any non-TrueType font (such as MS Sans Serif) is selected, the following styles will appear in the style list box:

```
Regular
Bold
Italic
Bold Italic
```

TrueType fonts may have these or more elaborate styles. For example, the "Lucida Sans" face includes the following style names:

```
Regular
Italic
Demibold Roman
Demibold Italic
```

MORE INFORMATION

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As part of the TrueType support, the GetOutlineTextMetrics function can be used to retrieve metric information for TrueType fonts, including the style name.

GetOutlineTextMetrics is prototyped as follows:

```
DWORD GetOutlineTextMetrics(HDC hdc, UINT cbData,
                             LPOUTLINETEXTMETRIC lpotm);
```

The hdc parameter identifies the device context. GetOutlineTextMetrics retrieves the metric information for the font currently selected into the specified device context. For GetOutlineTextMetrics to succeed,

the font must be a TrueType font. The sample code given below shows how to synthesize the style name for a non-TrueType font.

The `cbData` parameter specifies the size, in bytes, of the buffer in which information is returned.

The `lpotm` parameter points to an `OUTLINETEXTMETRIC` structure. If this parameter is `NULL`, the function returns the size of the buffer required for the retrieved metric information.

The `OUTLINETEXTMETRIC` structure contains most of the font metric information provided with the TrueType format. The relative parts of the structure are listed below:

```
typedef struct tagOUTLINETEXTMETRIC {
    .
    .
    .
    PSTR    otmpFamilyName;
    PSTR    otmpFaceName;
    PSTR    otmpStyleName;
    PSTR    otmpFullName;
} OUTLINETEXTMETRIC;
```

While these four members of the `OUTLINETEXTMETRIC` structure are defined as near pointers to strings (`PSTR`), they are actually offsets into the structure from the beginning of the structure. Because the length of these strings is not defined, an application must allocate space for them above and beyond the space allocated for the `OUTLINETEXTMETRIC` structure itself. The sample code below demonstrates this. It also demonstrates using `GetOutlineTextMetrics` in an application that will also work with Windows 3.0.

```
#include <windows.h>
#include <windowsx.h>
.
.
.
HFONT          hFont;
LPOUTLINETEXTMETRIC potm;
TEXTMETRIC     tm;
int            cbBuffer;

hFont = CreateFont( ..... );

hFont = SelectObject(hDC, hFont);

/*
 * Call the GetTextMetrics function to determine whether or not the
 * font is a TrueType font.
 */
GetTextMetrics(hDC, &tm);

/*
 * GetOutlineTextMetrics is a function implemented in Windows 3.1
 * and later. Assume fWin30 was determined by calling GetVersion.
 */
```

```

if (!fWin30 && tm.tmPitchAndFamily & TMPF_TRUETYPE)
{
    WORD (WINAPI *lpfnGOTM)(HDC, UINT, LPOUTLINETEXTMETRIC);

    /*
     * GetOutlineTextMetrics is exported from
     * GDI.EXE at ordinal #308
     */
    lpfnGOTM = GetProcAddress(GetModuleHandle("GDI"),
                              MAKEINTRESOURCE(308));

    /*
     * Call GOTM with NULL to retrieve the size of the buffer.
     */
    cbBuffer = (*lpfnGOTM)(hDC, NULL, NULL);

    if (cbBuffer == 0)
    {
        /* GetOutlineTextMetrics failed! */
        hFont = SelectObject(hDC, hFont);
        DeleteObject(hFont);
        return FALSE;
    }

    /*
     * Allocate the memory for the OUTLINETEXTMETRIC structure plus
     * the strings.
     */
    potm = (LPOUTLINETEXTMETRIC)GlobalAllocPtr(GHND, cbBuffer);

    if (potm)
    {
        potm->otmSize = cbBuffer;

        /*
         * Call GOTM with the pointer to the buffer. It will
         * fill in the buffer.
         */
        if (!(*lpfnGOTM)(hDC, cbBuffer, potm))
        {
            /* GetOutlineTextMetrics failed! */
            hFont = SelectObject(hDC, hFont);
            DeleteObject(hFont);
            return FALSE;
        }

        /*
         * Do something useful with the string buffers. NOTE: To access
         * the string buffers, the otmp???Name members are used as
         * OFFSETS into the buffer. They *ARE NOT* pointers themselves.
         */
        OutputDebugString((LPSTR)potm + (UINT)potm->otmpFamilyName);
        OutputDebugString((LPSTR)potm + (UINT)potm->otmpFaceName);
        OutputDebugString((LPSTR)potm + (UINT)potm->otmpStyleName);
        OutputDebugString((LPSTR)potm + (UINT)potm->otmpFullName);

        /* Don't forget to free the memory! */
    }
}

```



```

    GlobalFreePtr(potm);
}
else
{
    /* GlobalAllocPtr failed */
    hFont = SelectObject(hDC, hFont);
    DeleteObject(hFont);
    return FALSE;
}
}
else
{
    /*
     * It was not a TrueType font, or Windows 3.0 is running.
     */
    LOGFONT lf;
    char    szStyle[LF_FACESIZE];
    LPSTR   p;

    GetObject(hFont, sizeof(LOGFONT), &lf);

    /*
     * Fabricate a style string. Important note! The strings
     * "Italic", "Bold", and "Regular" are only valid in English. On
     * versions of Windows localized for other countries, these
     * strings will differ.
     */
    szStyle[0] = '\0';

    if (lf.lfWeight >= FW_BOLD)
        lstrcpy(szStyle, "Bold ");

    /*
     * If it's "Bold Italic," concatenate.
     */
    p = szStyle + lstrlen(szStyle);

    if (lf.lfItalic)
        lstrcpy(p, "Italic");

    if (!lstrlen(szStyle))
        lstrcpy(szStyle, "Regular");

    /*
     * szStyle now holds what is equivalent to the otmpStyleName
     * member.
     */
    OutputDebugString(szStyle);
}

hFont = SelectObject(hDC, hFont);
DeleteObject(hFont);

```

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KBSubcategory: GdiTt

Changing Print Settings Mid-Job

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK), version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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In Windows 3.1 and later, print settings can be changed on a page-by-page basis through the ResetDC() API.

MORE INFORMATION

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An application can pass a new DEVMODE structure (containing new print settings) to ResetDC() between pages to change the print settings. For example, this function makes it possible to change the paper bin or paper orientation for each page in a print job. Note that ResetDC() cannot be used to change the driver name, device name, or the output port.

Before calling ResetDC(), the application must ensure that all objects (other than stock objects) that were previously selected into the printer device context are selected out.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 dmOrientation
dmDefaultSource
dmPaperSize hDC WM_DEVMODECHANGE ExtDeviceMode
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: GdiPrn

PRB: Saving/Loading Bitmaps in .DIB Format on MIPS

Article ID: Q85844

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, and 3.51
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SYMPTOMS

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In Win32, saving or loading a bitmap in .DIB file format is basically the same as in Win16. However, care must be taken in DWORD alignment, especially on the MIPS platform.

An exception occurs when loading or saving a bitmap on the MIPS platform. In NTSD, the following error message is received:

```
data mis-alignment
```

CAUSE

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A non-DWORD aligned actual parameter was passed to a function such as GetDIBits().

The .DIB file format contains the BITMAPFILEHEADER followed immediately by the BITMAPINFOHEADER. Notice that the BITMAPFILEHEADER is not DWORD aligned. Thus, the structure that follows it, the BITMAPINFOHEADER, is not on a DWORD boundary. If a pointer to this DWORD misaligned structure is passed to the sixth argument of GetDIBits(), an exception will occur.

RESOLUTION

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To resolve this problem, copy the data in the structure over to a DWORD-aligned memory and pass the pointer to the latter structure to the function instead. See the sample code LOADBMP.C for detail.

MORE INFORMATION

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There is a sample to illustrate this process. Refer to the LOADBMP.C file in the MANDEL sample that comes with the Win32 SDK.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: GdiBmp

Using GetDIBits() for Retrieving Bitmap Information

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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When saving a bitmap in .DIB file format, the GDI function is used to retrieve the bitmap information. The general use of this function and the techniques for saving a bitmap in .DIB format are largely unchanged; however, this article provides more details on the use of the Win32 API version of the GetDIBits() function.

MORE INFORMATION

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The function can be used to retrieve the following information:

- Data in the BitmapInfoHeader (no color table and no bits)
- Data in the BitmapInfoHeader and the color table (no bits)
- All the data (BitmapInfoHeader, color table, and the bits)

The fifth and the sixth parameters of the function are used to tell the graphics engine exactly what the application wants it to return. If the fifth parameter is NULL, then no bits will be returned. If the biBitCount is 0 (zero) in the sixth parameter, then no color table will be returned. In addition, the biSize field of the BitmapInfoHeader must be set to either the size of BitmapInfoHeader or BitmapCoreHeader for the function to work properly.

Refer to the SAVEBMP.C file in the MANDEL sample for details. This sample is included with the Win32 SDK.

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KBSubcategory: GdiBmp

PRB: UnrealizeObject() Causes Unexpected Palette Behavior
Article ID: Q86800

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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In an application for the Microsoft Windows graphical environment, when a logical palette (HPALETTE) is used with a device-dependent bitmap (DDB) and the application realizes the palette, the DDB is painted in incorrect colors.

CAUSE

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The UnrealizeObject function was previously called to unrealize the palette.

RESOLUTION

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Modify the code to remove the call to UnrealizeObject()/

MORE INFORMATION

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Because the colors of a DDB are stored using indices into the system palette rather than explicit RGB colors, proper DDB rendering depends on the colors of the system palette being set properly. An application sets up the system palette to display a DDB by realizing a logical palette. The realization process changes the colors in the system palette and creates a mapping between entries in the logical palette and entries in the system palette.

When an application first renders a logical palette with RealizePalette(), Windows sets an internal flag to indicate that the palette has been realized and stores the current mapping from logical palette entries to physical palette entries. When an application realizes the palette again (for example, after another application modifies the palette), Windows restores the effected entries of the system palette to the state they had when the logical palette was realized for the first time.

This mechanism allows a bitmap first realized with a specific palette to display correctly when the same palette is realized subsequently.

If the application calls UnrealizePalette() on a logical palette, Windows discards the stored state information for the palette. If the application realizes the palette subsequently, its colors may map into new locations in the system palette. Because the bitmap contains indices into the old system palette, it may display incorrectly.

To address this situation, do not call `UnrealizeObject()` on a palette if the application has a DDB that depends on that palette.

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KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: GdiPal

GetGlyphOutline() Native Buffer Format

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- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The GetGlyphOutline function provides a method for an application to retrieve the lowest-level information about a glyph in the TrueType environment. This article describes the format of the data the GetGlyphOutline function returns.

MORE INFORMATION

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A glyph outline is a series of contours that describe the glyph. Each contour is defined by a TTPOLYGONHEADER data structure, which is followed by as many TTPOLYCURVE data structures as are required to describe the contour.

Each position is described by a POINTFX data structure, which represents an absolute position, not a relative position. The starting and ending point for the glyph is given by the pfxStart member of the TTPOLYGONHEADER data structure.

The TTPOLYCURVE data structures fall into two types: a TT_PRIM_LINE record or a TT_PRIM_QSPLINE record. A TT_PRIM_LINE record is a series of points; lines drawn between the points describe the outline of the glyph. A TT_PRIM_QSPLINE record is a series of points defining the quadratic splines (q-splines) required to describe the outline of the character.

In TrueType, a q-spline is defined by three points (A, B, and C), where points A and C are on the curve and point B is off the curve. The equation for each q-spline is as follows (xA represents the x-coordinate of point A, yA represents the y-coordinate of point A, and so on)

$$\begin{aligned}x(t) &= (xA-2xB+xC)*t^2 + (2xB-2xA)*t + xA \\y(t) &= (yA-2yB+yC)*t^2 + (2yB-2yA)*t + yA\end{aligned}$$

where t varies from 0.0 to 1.0.

The format of a TT_PRIM_QSPLINE record is as follows:

- Point A on the q-spline is the current position (either pfxStart in the TTPOLYGONHEADER, the starting point for the TTPOLYCURVE, or the ending point of the previous TTPOLYCURVE).
- Point B is the current point in the record.

- Point C is as follows:

- If the record has two or more points following point B, point C is the midpoint between point B and the next point in the record.
- Otherwise, point C is the point following point B.

The following code presents the algorithm used to process a TT_PRIM_QSPLINE record. While this code demonstrates how to extract q-splines from a TT_PRIM_QSPLINE record, it is not appropriate for use in an application.

```
pfxA = pfxStart;           // Starting point for this polygon

for (u = 0; u < cpx - 1; u++) // Walk through points in spline
{
    pfxB = apfx[u];         // B is always the current point
    if (u < cpx - 2)       // If not on last spline, compute C
    {
        pfxC.x = (pfxB.x + apfx[u+1].x) / 2; // x midpoint
        pfxC.y = (pfxB.y + apfx[u+1].y) / 2; // y midpoint
    }
    else                    // Else, next point is C
        pfxC = apfx[u+1];

    // Draw q-spline
    DrawQSpline(hdc, pfxA, pfxB, pfxC);
    pfxA = pfxC;           // Update current point
}
```

The algorithm above manipulates points directly, using floating-point operators. However, points in q-spline records are stored in a FIXED data type. The following code demonstrates how to manipulate FIXED data items:

```
FIXED fx;
long *pl = (long *)&fx;

// Perform all arithmetic on *pl rather than on fx
*pl = *pl / 2;
```

The following function converts a floating-point number into the FIXED representation:

```
FIXED FixedFromDouble(double d)
{
    long l;

    l = (long) (d * 65536L);
    return *(FIXED *)&l;
}
```

In a production application, rather than writing a DrawQSpline function to draw each q-spline individually, it is more efficient to calculate points on the q-spline and store them in an array of POINT data structures. When the calculations for a glyph are complete, pass the POINT array to the PolyPolygon function to draw and fill the

glyph.

The following example presents the data returned by the GetGlyphOutline for the lowercase "j" glyph in the 24-point Arial font of the 8514/a (Small Fonts) video driver:

```
GetGlyphOutline GGO_NATIVE 'j'
  dwrc      = 208      // Total native buffer size in bytes
  gmBlackBoxX, Y = 6, 29 // Dimensions of black part of glyph
  gmptGlyphOrigin = -1, 23 // Lower-left corner of glyph
  gmCellIncX, Y   = 7, 0  // Vector to next glyph origin

TTPOLYGONHEADER #1      // Contour for dot on "j"
  cb      = 44      // Total size of dot polygon
  dwType  = 24      // TT_POLYGON_TYPE
  pfxStart = 2.000, 20.000 // Start at lower-left corner of dot

TTPOLYCURVE #1
  wType  = TT_PRIM_LINE
  cpx    = 3
  pfx[0] = 2.000, 23.000
  pfx[1] = 5.000, 23.000
  pfx[2] = 5.000, 20.000 // Automatically close to pfxStart

TTPOLYGONHEADER #2 // Contour for body of "j"
  cb      = 164      // Total size is 164 bytes
  dwType  = 24      // TT_POLYGON_TYPE
  pfxStart = -1.469, -5.641

TTPOLYCURVE #1 // Finish flat bottom end of "j"
  wType  = TT_PRIM_LINE
  cpx    = 1
  pfx[0] = -0.828, -2.813

TTPOLYCURVE #2 // Make hook in "j" with spline
                // Point A in spline is end of TTPOLYCURVE #1
  wType  = TT_PRIM_QSPLINE
  cpx    = 2 // two points in spline -> one curve
  pfx[0] = -0.047, -3.000 // This is point B in spline
  pfx[1] = 0.406, -3.000 // Last point is always point C

TTPOLYCURVE #3 // Finish hook in "j"
                // Point A in spline is end of TTPOLYCURVE #2
  wType  = TT_PRIM_QSPLINE
  cpx    = 3 // Three points -> two splines
  pfx[0] = 1.219, -3.000 // Point B for first spline
                // Point C is (pfx[0] + pfx[1]) / 2
  pfx[1] = 2.000, -1.906 // Point B for second spline
  pfx[2] = 2.000, 0.281 // Point C for second spline

TTPOLYCURVE #4 // Majority of "j" outlined by this polyline
  wType  = TT_PRIM_LINE
  cpx    = 3
  pfx[0] = 2.000, 17.000
  pfx[1] = 5.000, 17.000
  pfx[2] = 5.000, -0.250
```

```
TTPOLYCURVE #5    // start of bottom of hook
  wType  = TT_PRIM_QSPLINE
  cpfx   = 2          // One spline in this polycurve
  pfx[0] = 5.000, -3.266 // Point B for spline
  pfx[1] = 4.188, -4.453 // Point C for spline
```

```
TTPOLYCURVE #6    // Middle of bottom of hook
  wType  = TT_PRIM_QSPLINE
  cpfx   = 2          // One spline in this polycurve
  pfx[0] = 3.156, -6.000 // B for spline
  pfx[1] = 0.766, -6.000 // C for spline
```

```
TTPOLYCURVE #7    // Finish bottom of hook and glyph
  wType  = TT_PRIM_QSPLINE
  cpfx   = 2          // One spline in this polycurve
  pfx[0] = -0.391, -6.000 // B for spline
  pfx[1] = -1.469, -5.641 // C for spline
```

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TrueType Font Converters and Editors

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- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The text below lists a number of commercial software tools that convert existing fonts to TrueType fonts or help build new fonts. The tools are listed in alphabetical order by name. None of these tools is recommended over any other, nor over any that are absent from the list. Each of the tools has its own strengths and weaknesses. Before making any purchase, examine the tool and its documentation to see if it meets your needs. This list will be updated as more tools become available.

Some of the following tools run on an Apple Macintosh while others run on an IBM PC/AT or compatible computer. The same TrueType font can run on a Macintosh or with Microsoft Windows operating system version 3.1.

To convert a font from the Macintosh to Windows 3.1, save the data fork from a Macintosh font to a file, copy the file to an MS-DOS-formatted disk, give the file a .TTF file extension, and use the Windows 3.1 Control Panel to install the font.

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MORE INFORMATION

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FONT CONVERSION UTILITIES

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AllType for MS-DOS

Author: Atech Software
5964 La Place Court, Suite 125
Carlsbad, CA 92008
(619) 438-6883

Description: Character-based application running under MS-DOS. Converts almost any font format to any other. Supported formats include TrueType, Type-1, Type-3, Nimbus-Q, and Intellifont.

Evolution 2.0 for Macintosh

Author: Image Club Graphics, Inc.
1902 11th St. SE, Suite 5
Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2G 3G2
(403) 262-8008

Description: Converts almost any font format to any other. Supported
formats include TrueType, Type-1, and Type-3.

FontMonger for Windows
FontMonger for Macintosh

Author: Ares Software
561 Pilgrim Drive, Suite D
Foster City, CA 94404
(415) 578-9090

Description: Converts almost any font format to any other. Supported
formats include TrueType, Type-1, Type-3, and
Intellifont. Also provides minor font editing by
creating composite characters or rearranging the
characters in a font.

Incubator for Windows

Author: Type Solutions, Inc.
91 Plaistow Rd
Plaistow, NH 03865
(603) 382-6400

Description: Supports adding effects to TrueType fonts. Contact Type
Solutions for more information.

Metamorphosis Professional for Macintosh

Author: Altsys Corp.
269 W. Renner Rd
Richardson, TX 75080
(214) 680-2060

Description: Converts almost any font format to any other. Supported
formats include TrueType, Type-1, Type-3, and PICT
format. One interesting feature allows the user to read
a Type-1 font from the ROM of an Apple LaserWriter
printer and convert the font to another format.

FONT EDITORS
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Fontographer 3.5 for Windows
Fontographer 4.1 for Macintosh

Author: Altsys Corp.
269 W. Renner Rd
Richardson, TX 75080
(214) 680-2060

Description: A complete font editing tool. Supports creating a font from scratch and modifying existing fonts. Supports a variety of formats including TrueType and Type-1. Includes an autohinter.

FontStudio 2.0 for Macintosh

Author: Letraset Graphic Design Software
40 Eisenhower Dr
Paramus, NJ 07653
(800) 343-TYPE or (201) 845-6100

Description: A complete font editing tool. Supports creating fonts from scratch and modifying existing fonts. Supports a variety of formats including TrueType and Type-1. Includes an autohinter.

TypeMan 1.0 for Macintosh

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Description: Designed for font foundries, this tool provides precise control over the hints in a font and includes an autohinter. Supports specifying a font in a high-level programming language, which the tool compiles to the binary TrueType format.

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KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: GdiTt

Mapping Modes and Round-Off Errors

Article ID: Q89215

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Mapping modes, window extents/origins, and viewport extents/origins allow for very powerful coordinate manipulation, such as scaling or moving objects. However, you should be aware that there are cases when using mapping modes other than MM_TEXT results in improper painting due to round-off errors.

Round-off errors occur when one logical unit does not equal one device unit, and an application requests the graphics device interface (GDI) to perform an action that would result in a nonintegral number of pixels needing to be drawn, scrolled, blt'd, and so on.

Round-off errors can manifest themselves in many ways, including unpainted portions of a client area when scrolling, gaps between objects that shouldn't have gaps (or vice versa), objects that shrink or grow one pixel depending on where they are on the screen, objects of unexpected sizes, and so on.

MORE INFORMATION

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To better understand round-off errors, consider the following code:

```
SetMapMode (hDC, MM_ANISOTROPIC);
SetWindowExt (hDC, 2, 2);
SetViewportExt (hDC, 3, 3);
PatBlt (hDC, 0, 0, 5, 2, BLACKNESS);
```

This code tells the GDI to treat two logical units (the coordinates used by most GDI functions), in both the vertical and horizontal direction, as being equal to three device units (pixels). It then asks the GDI to draw what amounts to a black rectangle five logical units wide by three logical units tall starting at the logical point (0,0).

The GDI would translate this request into a request to draw a rectangle 7.5 ($5 * 3/2 = 7.5$) pixels wide by 3 ($2 * 3/2 = 3$) pixels tall. However, display cards cannot draw half a pixel, so the GDI would either have to round the width up to 8 or truncate it to 7. If an application relied on one behavior or the other, improper painting could occur.

Note that using mapping modes, window origins/extents, and viewport origins/extents does not mean that an application will have round-off errors. The occurrence of round-off errors depends on what these

features are used for, the structure of the application, and other factors. Many applications take advantage of mapping modes, window origins/extents, and viewport origins/extents without ever encountering adverse round-off errors.

If an application exhibits round-off errors, there are a number of ways to prevent them, some which are described below.

Method 1

Only use MM_TEXT mapping mode, where one logical unit always equals one device unit. However, the application must do all its own scaling and moving of objects. The benefit of this approach is that the application has strict control over how objects are scaled and moved; you can look at your code to see the algebra that leads to round-off errors, and counter these errors appropriately. The drawback to this approach is that it makes the code more complicated and harder to read than it might be if the SetMapMode, SetWindowOrg, SetWindowExt, SetViewportOrg, and SetViewportExt functions were used.

Method 2

Mix MM_TEXT mapping mode with the mapping mode required. Sometimes applications only have round-off problems with certain types of objects. For example, in a graphing program, the application might want to set a certain mapping mode to draw a bar graph; this mapping mode might cause the fonts that the application draws to be of the wrong size.

To work around problems like this, mix MM_TEXT mapping mode with your mapping mode of choice. You could use MM_TEXT when dealing with objects that need exact sizes or placement and the other mapping mode for other drawing.

The benefits and drawbacks of this method are almost the same as those for method 1. However, with method 2, applications can take advantage of mapping modes for some of the scaling and moving of objects.

Method 3

If window/viewport origins/extents are set at compile time, be sure to only do operations that would result in no round-off errors. For example, take the fraction WindowExt over ViewportExt, and reduce this fraction. Then only do operations that involve multiples of the reduced WindowExt values. For example, given the following

```
WindowExt    = ( 6, 27)
ViewportExt  = (50, 39)
```

turn this into a fraction and reduce it. It yields:

```
in x direction:  6/50 = (2 * 3) / (2 * 5 * 5) = 3/25
in y direction: 27/39 = (3 * 3 * 3) / (3 * 13) = 9/13
```

Therefore, anything done in the x direction could be done using a multiple of three logical units; anything done in the y direction could be done using a multiple of nine logical units. For example, if the application wanted to scroll the window horizontally, it could scroll 3, 6, 9, 12, and so on logical units without having to deal with rounding errors. By using these values, the application will never have round-off errors.

One benefit of this method is that an application can take advantage of window origins/extents and viewport origins/extents. A disadvantage is that the application is limited to a certain set of origins/extents (that is, those built into the application at compile time).

Method 4

Applications can perform method 3 on-the-fly. This allows the application to deal with arbitrary window origins/extents and viewport origins/extents. To determine the minimum number of logical units an application could use given arbitrary extent values, the following code might prove useful (the code shown is for determining the value to use in the horizontal direction):

```
int GetMinWinXFactor (HDC hDC)
{
    int nMinX, xWinExt, xViewExt, nGCD;

    xWinExt = LOWORD (GetWindowExt (hDC));
    xViewExt = LOWORD (GetViewportExt (hDC));
    while ((nGCD = GreatestCommonDivisor (xWinExt, xViewExt)) != 1)
    {
        xWinExt /= nGCD;
        xViewExt /= nGCD;
    }
    return xWinExt;
}

int GreatestCommonDivisor (int i, int j)
{
    while (i != j)
        if (i > j)
            i -= j;
        else
            j -= i;
    return i;
}
```

The return value from the GetMinWinXFactor function above can then be used just like in method 3 (that is, the application can do all output based on multiples of this value).

Final Notes

The discussion above did not take into account the window origin, which can contribute to round-off errors. How origins and extents affect the coordinates that GDI uses is summed up in "Programmer's

Reference.

Developers using mapping modes are encouraged to study the equations presented in the programmer's reference. The GDI uses these equations when converting between logical and device units. When round-off errors occur in an application, it is always a good idea to run the numbers through these equations to try to determine the cause of the errors.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 rounding

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiDc

Transparent Blts in Windows NT

Article ID: Q89375

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, and 3.51
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SUMMARY

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In order to perform a transparent blt in Microsoft Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1, the BitBlt() function must be called two or more times. This process involves nine steps. (For more information on this process, see article Q79212 in the Microsoft Knowledge Base.)

Windows NT introduces a new method of achieving transparent blts. This method involves the use of the MaskBlt() function. The MaskBlt() function lets you use any two arbitrary ROP3 codes (say, SRCCOPY and BLACKNESS) and apply them on a pel-by-pel basis using a mask.

MORE INFORMATION

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For this example, the source and target bitmaps contain 4 BPP. The call to the MaskBlt() function is as follows:

```
MaskBlt(hdcTrg, // handle of target DC
        0, // x coord, upper-left corner of target rectangle
        0, // y coord, upper-left corner of target rectangle
        15, // width of source and target rectangles
        15, // height of source and target rectangles
        hdcSrc, // handle of source DC
        0, // x coord, upper-left corner of source rectangle
        0, // y coord, upper-left corner of source rectangle
        hbmMask, // handle of monochrome bit-mask
        0, // x coord, upper-left corner of mask rectangle
        0, // y coord, upper-left corner of mask rectangle
        0xAACC0020 // raster-operation (ROP) code
    );
```

The legend is as follows

```
'.' = 0,
'@' = 1,
'+' = 2,
'*' = 3,
'#' = 15
```

Source Bitmap	Mask Bitmap	Target Bitmap	Result
*****@.....	#####	#####*
*****@@@.....	#####	#####**
*****@@@@.....	#####	#####***

```

+++*****+++*****
...@.@.@.@.@... ##.....## ##..*+*+*+*+*..##
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+++*****+++***** .@.@.@.@.@.@.@.@.@... ##.....## ##+*+*+*+*+*+*+*+*##
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```

Note that the ROP "AA" is applied where 0 bits are in the mask and the ROP "CC" is applied where 1 bit is in the mask. This a transparency.

When creating a ROP4, you can use the following macro:

```
#define ROP4(fore,back) (((back) << 8) & 0xFF000000) | (fore))
```

This macro can be used to call the MaskBlt() function as follows:

```
MaskBlt(hdcDest, xTrgt, yTrgt,
        cx, cy,
        hdcSrc, xSrc, ySrc,
        hbmMask, xMask, yMask,
        ROP4(PATCOPY, NOTSRCCOPY)
        );
```

This call would draw the selected brush where 1 bit appears in the mask and bitwise negation of the source bitmap where 0 bits appear in the mask.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 pixel

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiBmp

PSTR's in OUTLINETEXTMETRIC Structure

Article ID: Q90085

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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The OUTLINETEXTMETRIC structure ends with four fields of type PSTR. The four fields in question are not actually absolute pointers. They are offsets from the beginning of the OUTLINETEXTMETRIC structure to the strings in question, as the documentation indicates:

otmpFamilyName

Specifies the offset from the beginning of the structure to a string specifying the family name for the font.

otmpFaceName

Specifies the offset from the beginning of the structure to a string specifying the face name for the font. (This face name corresponds to the name specified in the LOGFONT structure.)

otmpStyleName

Specifies the offset from the beginning of the structure to a string specifying the style name for the font.

otmpFullName

Specifies the offset from the beginning of the structure to a string specifying the full name for the font. This name is unique for the font and often contains a version number or other identifying information.

The only difference between this structure in Windows 3.1 and Windows NT is that the strings may be stored in either Unicode or ASCII under Windows NT.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiMisc

PRB: IsGdiObject() Is Not a Part of the Win32 API

Article ID: Q91072

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0

SYMPTOMS

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There is no IsGdiObject() function in the Win32 API.

CAUSE

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The function was added to the Windows 3.1 API because passing a handle to a non-GDI object to a GDI function causes a GP fault under Windows 3.0. Windows NT and Windows 95 detect whether the APIs are passed an inappropriate handle, so the function can return an error.

RESOLUTION

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IsGdiObject() is not needed on Windows NT or Windows 95.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: GdiMisc

PRB: Average & Maximum Char Widths Different for TT Fixed Font
Article ID: Q92410

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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The `tmAveCharWidth` and `tmMaxCharWidth` fields of the `TEXTMETRIC` structure are not equal for a fixed-pitch TrueType (TT) font such as Courier New.

RESOLUTION

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This is by TrueType design. The `tmMaxCharWidth` denotes the maximum possible ink width of the font rather than maximum cell width of the font.

MORE INFORMATION

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TrueType fonts use ABC character spacing. The "A" width is the distance that is added to the current position before placing the TrueType glyph. The "B" width is the width of the black part (ink width) of the TT glyph. The "C" width is the distance from the end of the "B" width to the beginning of the next character. Advanced width (cell width) is equal to $A+B+C$.

The physical TT fonts that are passed to drivers have just the "B" part of the characters, so all fonts at the level of the driver appear to be proportional width fonts. The `tmMaxCharWidth` is the least width in which the "B" part of all characters will fit. The `tmAveCharWidth` is the average advance width ($A+B+C$). For a fixed-pitch TT font such as Courier New, the $A+B+C$ width is the same for all characters; however, the maximum width as defined above can be different.

`tmMaxCharWidth` is greater than `tmAveCharWidth` only if $A+C$ is negative. This is possible for a fixed-pitch font.

Please see section 18.2.4.1 of the Windows 3.1 SDK "Guide to Programming" for more information about ABC character spacing.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: GdiTt

Use of DocumentProperties() vs. ExtDeviceMode()

Article ID: Q92514

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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Windows-based applications have used ExtDeviceMode() to retrieve or modify device initialization information for printer drivers. The Win32 API introduces a new function DocumentProperties() that applications can use to configure the settings of the printer.

Note that ExtDeviceMode() calls DocumentProperties(); therefore, it is faster for applications to use DocumentProperties() directly.

Specifying the DM_UPDATE mask allows an application to change printer settings when using DocumentProperties(). Applications should be aware that the GetProcAddress() function is now case sensitive.

Windows-based applications running on Windows NT (WOW) can call ExtDeviceMode(). The spooler's ExtDeviceMode() entry is intended for WOW use.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiPrn

Using Device Contexts Across Threads

Article ID: Q94236

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, and 3.51
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A window created with the CS_OWNDC style retains its device context (DC) attributes across GetDC() calls.

However, the DC attributes are not retained if the GetDC() calls are called from different threads. This is by design because DCs are thread-based. In the Win32 user interface, if the calling thread is not the owner of the window, then GetDC() returns a cache DC instead of the owned DC handle.

To save attributes across threads, one must create a routine to initialize DC attributes, which is then called from threads not owning the given window.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiDc

Advantages of Device-Dependent Bitmaps

Article ID: Q94918

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0

SUMMARY

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A DDB (device-dependent bitmap) is much faster than a DIB (device independent-bitmap) to BitBlt(). For this reason, it is often a good strategy under Win32 (as well as under Windows 3.1) to create a DDB from a DIB when caching or calling *Blt() functions.

The slight drawback of memory overhead for the DDB is handled well by Win32. Under Windows 3.1, the DDB memory could be marked as discardable. Under Win32, the memory will be paged out if system resources become tight (at least until the next repaint); if the memory is marked as PAGE_READONLY, it can be efficiently reused, [see VirtualProtect() in the Win32 application programming interface (API) Help file].

However, saving the DDB to disk as a mechanism for transfer to other applications or for later display (another invocation) is not recommended. This is because DDBs are driver and driver version dependent. DDBs do not have header information, which is needed for proper translation if passed to another driver or, potentially, to a later version of the driver for the same card.

MORE INFORMATION

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Windows 95 and Windows NT 3.5 and later support DIBSections. DIBSections are the fastest and easiest to manipulate, giving the speed of DDBs with direct access to the DIB bits. NOTE: Win32s does not support DIBSections.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiBmp

Win32 Software Development Kit Buglist

Article ID: Q95804

The information in this article applies to:

- FastTips for the Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT version 3.5
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INSTRUCTIONS

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Additional reference words: DSKBGuide 3.50

KBCategory: kbref kbtlc

KBSubcategory: BseMisc GdiMisc NtwkMisc UsrMisc

DEVMODE and dmSpecVersion

Article ID: Q96282

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0

SUMMARY

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The dmSpecVersion field of the DEVMODE structure is intended for printer driver use only; no application programs should test this field. The purpose of this field is for new printer drivers to be able to recognize and handle DEVMODE structures created according to previous DEVMODE structure specification.

MORE INFORMATION

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The DEVMODE structure is used for printer and (occasionally) display drivers when initializing. This structure is tied to the driver--not the operating system. The dmSpecVersion field does not allow an application to determine which platform (Windows version 3.1, Windows on Windows, Win32) the application is running in.

When an application fills a DEVMODE structure, it should set the dmSpecVersion field to DM_SPECVERSION. This identifies the version of the DEVMODE structure the application is generating.

If the application is querying to understand an unknown device, then special attention should be paid to the dmFields, dmSize, and dmDriverExtra fields. These fields are a reliable means of understanding what fields in the DEVMODE structure are readable.

The DEVMODE structure consists of public and private parts. The dmSpecVersion field applies to the public part. Any previously defined fields are not altered when the DEVMODE specification is updated--more fields are merely added to the end of the structure. This can mean fields used in the previous specification are ignored in a later specification. This functionality is managed by one bitfield describing what fields a driver actually uses. The new drivers just switch off the obsolete fields.

Applications using DEVMODE should always use the dmSize and dmDriverExtra fields for allocating/storing/manipulating the structure. These fields define the sizes of the public and private parts of the structure, respectively.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiPrn

Complete Enumeration of System Fonts

Article ID: Q99672

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK), version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Complete enumeration of system fonts is a two-phase process. Applications should first call EnumFontfamilies with NULL as the family name to enumerate all the font face names in the system. Applications should then take each font face name and call EnumFontFamilies again to obtain the style names (for TrueType fonts only) or the supported point sizes (for raster fonts only). The style names are not supported for the raster and vector fonts. Because TrueType and vector fonts are continuously scalable, their point sizes are not enumerated.

MORE INFORMATION

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The following steps detail the enumeration:

1. Call EnumFontFamilies with NULL as the family name (lpszFamily) to list one font from each available font family.
2. In the EnumFontFamProc callback function, look at the nFontType parameter.
3. If nFontType has the TRUETYPE_FONTTYPE flag set, then call EnumFontFamilies with the family name set to the font's type face name (lfFaceName of the ENUMLOGFONT structure). The callback function is called once for each style name. This enumeration is useful if the application is interested in finding a TrueType font with a specific style name (such as "Outline"). Because a TrueType font is continuously scalable, it is not necessary to enumerate a given font for point sizes. An application may use any desired point size. If the application is listing the enumerated TrueType fonts, it can simply choose some representative point sizes in a given range. The point sizes recommended by "The Windows Interface: An Application Design Guide" (page 159, Section 8.4.1.4) are 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 36, 48, and 72. All TrueType fonts are available on both displays and printers, so an application can be sure that the font appears the same on the display and the printer.
4. If nFontType has the RASTER_FONTTYPE flag set, then call EnumFontFamilies with the family name set to the font's type face name. The callback function is called once for each available point size. Raster fonts can be scaled only in multiples of the available point sizes. Because scaled raster fonts are usually not appealing to the user, applications may choose to limit themselves to the available sizes. Because Microsoft Windows version 3.1 does not

define style names for raster fonts, there is no need to enumerate for style names.

If the `nFontType` also has the `DEVICE_FONTTYPE` flag set, then the current font is a raster font available to the printer driver for use with the printer. The printer may have these fonts in hardware or be capable of downloading them when necessary. Applications that use such fonts should be aware that similar raster fonts may not be available on the display device. The converse is also true. If the `DEVICE_FONTTYPE` flag is not set, then applications should be aware that a similar font may not be available on the printer. Fonts generated by font packages such as Adobe Type Manager (ATM) are listed as device fonts.

5. If `nFontType` has neither the `TRUETYPE_FONTTYPE` nor the `RASTER_FONTTYPE` flags set, then the enumerated font is a vector font. Vector fonts are also continuously scalable so they do not have to be enumerated for point sizes. Because Windows 3.1 does not support style names for vector fonts, there is no need to enumerate them for style names. Vector fonts are generally used by devices such as plotters that cannot support raster fonts. These fonts generally have a poor appearance on raster devices, so many applications avoid them.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiFnt

Use 16-Bit .FON Files for Cross-Platform Compatibility

Article ID: Q100487

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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The `AddFontResource()` function installs a font resource in the GDI font table. Under Windows NT and Windows 95, the module can be a .FON file or a .FNT file. Under Windows 3.1, the module must be a .FON file. When using Win32s, `AddFontResource()` passes its argument to the Win16 `AddFontResource`, and therefore .FON files should be used for portability.

In addition, when running under Windows NT or Windows 95, the module can be either a 32-bit "portable executable" or a 16-bit .FON file. However, if the same Win32 executable is run under Win32s, the call to `AddFontResource()` fails if the .FON is not in 16-bit format. Therefore, for compatibility across platforms, use 16-bit .FON files. These can be created using the Windows 3.1 Software Development Kit (SDK).

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiFnt

Tracking Brush Origins in a Win32-based Application

Article ID: Q102353

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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When writing to the Win32 API on Windows NT, it is no longer necessary to keep track of brush origins yourself. GDI32 keeps track of the brush origins by automatically recognizing when the origin has been changed. In Windows, you have to explicitly tell GDI to recognize the change by calling `UnrealizeObject()` with a handle to the brush. When a handle to a brush is passed to `UnrealizeObject()` in Windows NT, the function does nothing, therefore, it is still safe to call this API.

Win32s and Windows 95 require that you track the brush origins yourself, just as Windows 3.x does.

In Windows 3.1, the default brush origin is the screen origin. In Windows NT, the default origin is the client origin.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiPnbr

Calculating the TrueType Checksum

Article ID: Q102354

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0

SUMMARY

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To calculate a TrueType checksum:

1. Sum all the ULONGS in the .TTF file, except the checkSumAdjust field (which contains the calculated checksum). Note that TrueType files are big-endian, while Windows and Windows NT are little-endian, so the bytes must be swapped before they are summed.
2. Subtract the result from the magic number 0xb1b0afba.

MORE INFORMATION

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Example

1. Open the SYMBOL.TTF distributed with Windows NT. It is 64492 bytes long.
2. Step through the 16123 ULONGS, summing each one, except for the checkSumAdjust field for the file (which in this case is 0xa7a81151).
3. Subtract the result from 0xb1b0afba. The result is 0xa7a81151.

The TrueType font file specification is available from several sources, including the Microsoft Software Library (query on the word TTSPEC1).

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiFnt

Creating a Logical Font with a Nonzero lfOrientation

Article ID: Q104010

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, and 3.51
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SUMMARY

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To create a font that writes in a direction other than left to right, an application should specify a nonzero lfEscapement in the LOGFONT structure that is passed to CreateFontIndirect(). This method works under Windows NT regardless of the graphics mode of the device context.

To create a font where the characters themselves are rotated, the application should specify a nonzero lfOrientation in the LOGFONT structure that is passed to CreateFontIndirect(). However, this setting is ignored in Windows NT unless the graphics mode is set to GM_ADVANCED.

Therefore, to successfully create a logical font with a nonzero lfOrientation, use

```
SetGraphicsMode( hDC, GM_ADVANCED )
```

to set the graphics mode of the device context to GM_ADVANCED.

MORE INFORMATION

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The TTFONTS sample program is a good way to quickly and easily see the effects of the lfEscapement and lfOrientation fields. However, TTFONTS does not set the graphics mode of its test window HDC to GM_ADVANCED. As a result, the lfOrientation field apparently is ignored. It is easy to modify the DISPLAY.C module of TTFONTS in order to set the graphics mode of the window HDC to GM_ADVANCED.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiFnt

Creating a Font for Use with the Console

Article ID: Q105299

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.5
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It is possible to use FontEdit to create a font that can be used by the console. The following must be true:

- The face name must be System, Terminal, or Courier
- The font size must be different from any of the other console fonts
- The font must be fixed pitch
- The font must not be italic

In addition, in the U.S. market, the font should support codepage 437.

Install the font from the Control Panel. After rebooting, the font will be available to the console.

An EnumFonts() call is made by the console during its initialization to determine what fonts are available. The console saves a set of one-to-one mappings between the font sizes listed and a set of LOGFONTs. The console never has direct knowledge of what file is used.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiFnt

ClipCursor() Requires WINSTA_WRITEATTRIBUTES

Article ID: Q106384

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT version 3.1
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SUMMARY

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The documentation for ClipCursor() states that the calling process must have WINSTA_WRITEATTRIBUTES access to the window station. However, this permission does not have to be enabled programmatically because the system always grants the Local Login SID (the interactive user) WINSTA_WRITEATTRIBUTES access, regardless of the permission groups to which the user belongs.

MORE INFORMATION

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The following code shows how to confine the cursor to the application window during WM_ACTIVATE processing. Note that the clip cursor region must be restored to its previous state each time the application deactivates.

Sample Code

```
static RECT rcOldClip;
.
.
.

case WM_ACTIVATE:{
    short fActive = LOWORD( wParam );

    if( fActive ){
        RECT rcNewClip;

        /* Record the area in which the cursor can move. */
        GetClipCursor( &rcOldClip );

        /* Get the dimensions of the application's client area. */
        GetClientRect( hWnd, &rcNewClip);

        /* Convert to screen coordinates. */
        MapWindowPoints( hWnd, NULL, (LPPOINT)&rcNewClip, 2 );

        /* Confine the cursor to the application's window. */
        ClipCursor( &rcNewClip );
    }
    else{
        /* Restore the cursor to its previous area. */
        ClipCursor( &rcOldClip );
    }
}
```

```
        break;  
    }
```

Additional reference words: 3.10
KBCategory: kbprg
KSubcategory: GdiCurico

Querying Device Support for MaskBlt

Article ID: Q108929

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, and 3.51
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The Win32 documentation for MaskBlt() states:

Not all devices support the MaskBlt function. An application should call the GetDeviceCaps function to determine whether a device supports this function.

To query support for MaskBlt(), an application should query the device for BitBlt support by passing RC_BITBLT constant to GetDeviceCaps().

MaskBlt() implements transparent blts in Windows NT. For more information, please see the following article in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

ARTICLE-ID: Q89375
TITLE : Transparent Blts in Windows NT

GDI implements this application programming interface (API) by calling BitBlt(). Because BitBlt() is implemented at the driver level, applications that calls MaskBlt() should check for BitBlt() support on the device.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiBmp

Drawing a Rubber Rectangle

Article ID: Q114471

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK), version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Most drawing software uses what is termed a "rubber rectangle". This term is used to describe the situation where

1. the left mouse button is held down, defining one corner of the rectangle
2. the mouse is dragged and released at the point defining the opposite corner of the rectangle
3. the rectangle is drawn while the mouse is being dragged, so that it looks like the rectangle is being stretched and contracted, like a rubber band

MORE INFORMATION

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The key to making this work is in the following call, which should be made in the WM_LBUTTONDOWN case:

```
SetROP2( hDC, R2_NOT )
```

On each WM_MOUSEMOVE message, the rectangle is redrawn in its previous position. Because of the ROP code, the rectangle appears to be erased. The new position for the rectangle is calculated and then the rectangle is drawn.

Note that Windows will only let you draw in the invalid area of the window if you use a DC returned from BeginPaint(). If you want to use the DC returned from BeginPaint(), you must first call InvalidateRect() to specify the region to be updated.

With the DC returned from GetWindowDC(), Windows will restrict your drawing to the client and non-client areas. With the hDC returned from CreateDC(), you can write on the entire display, so you must be careful.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiDraw

Printing Offset, Page Size, and Scaling with Win32

Article ID: Q115762

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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The Win32 documentation for the `Escape()` function says that the `GETPHYSPAGE_SIZE`, `GETPRINTINGOFFSET`, and `GETSCALINGFACTOR` escapes are obsolete, but it fails to mention the recommended way to get this information.

The information retrieved by all three escapes can now be retrieved by calling `GetDeviceCaps()` with the appropriate index:

- For the `GETPHYSPAGE_SIZE` escape, the indexes to be used with `GetDeviceCaps()` are `PHYSICALWIDTH` and `PHYSICALHEIGHT`.
- For `GETPRINTINGOFFSET`, the indexes are `PHYSICALOFFSETX` and `PHYSICALOFFSETY`.
- For `GETSCALINGFACTOR`, the indexes are `SCALINGFACTORX` and `SCALINGFACTORY`.

All six new indexes are defined in the file `WINGDI.H`, though they are missing from the `GetDeviceCaps()` documentation.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiPrn

Limitations of WINOLDAP's Terminal Fonts

Article ID: Q117742

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows, version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, version 3.1
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SUMMARY

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The MS-DOS prompt window (WINOLDAP) uses a set of private "Terminal" fonts. Applications developed for the Windows Graphical Environment should not rely on these fonts.

MORE INFORMATION

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WINOLDAP uses Terminal-like fonts to present its output in the Enhanced mode. The font resources are loaded when WINOLDAP is launched and are removed when it terminates. To verify this, run a ChooseFont common dialog box (such as the one in FONTEST sample in the SAMPLES directory of the Windows 3.1 SDK) when WINOLDAP is not running. Launch WINOLDAP and notice that "Terminal" fonts are added to the list of fonts in the common dialog box.

Developers whose applications benefit from Terminal-like fonts may try to use Terminal fonts out of convenience. However, it is important to realize that these fonts (DOSAPP.FON, EGA40WOA.FON, EGA80WOA.FON, CGA40WOA.FON, AND CGA80WOA.FON) are unlike the standard fonts in that they are shipped for use by WINOLDAP. The standard Windows fonts are guaranteed to be available in future versions of Windows; such guarantees do not apply to the Terminal fonts. The Terminal fonts have actually been altered from version 3.0 to version 3.1 of Microsoft Windows. A simple resolution to this lack of guarantee is to ship the fonts along with the application. These fonts, however, may not be shipped freely with third-party applications without permission from Microsoft.

The paragraph above may lead you to believe that applications running exclusively under Microsoft Windows version 3.1 can rely on the Terminal fonts for the applications' displays because all Windows-based applications, by default, have the above fonts installed. However, a bug in WINOLDAP denies applications that benefit: When the last WINOLDAP session exits, it removes the DOSAPP.FON module twice. Any application with the DOSAPP.FON module loaded then loses the fonts without prior notice.

Additional reference words: 3.10

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiFnt

PRB: SelectClipRgn() Cannot Grow Clip Region in WM_PAINT

Article ID: Q118472

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK), version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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Setting a smaller clipping region in WM_PAINT by using SelectClipRgn() works fine; however, setting a larger clipping region seems to have no effect. GetClipBox() can be used to verify this after calling SelectClipRgn().

CAUSE

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When you call SelectClipRgn() within a BeginPaint()/EndPaint() block in an application's WM_PAINT case, the maximum size to which you can set your clipping region is the size of the update region of your paint structure. This is because the resulting clip region is the intersection of the update region and the region specified in the call to SelectClipRgn(). In other words, you can use SelectClipRgn() to shrink your update region, but not to grow it. This behavior is by design.

RESOLUTION

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Invalidate the clipping region area you want before calling BeginPaint(). For example:

```
case WM_PAINT:
    InvalidateRect(hWnd, ...); // Invalidate the size you'll want
                               // for the clip region.

    BeginPaint()
    SelectClipRgn();
    ... paint away ...
    EndPaint();
    break;
```

Something similar could be done in the Microsoft Foundation Classes (MFC), such as:

```
void CMyView::OnPaint()
{
    InvalidateRect(...); // Invalidate the size you'll want.
    CPaintDC dc(this);   // CPaintDC wraps BeginPaint()/EndPaint().
    // Do drawing here...
}
```

MORE INFORMATION

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This is addressed in the documentation for the Windows NT SDK version 3.1 [Section 20.1.5, "Window Regions" in Chapter 20, "Painting and Drawing" in the "Microsoft Win32 Programmer's Reference, Volume 1" or in the Win32 API Reference online help (search on "Window Regions")] which states:

In addition to the update region, every window has a visible region that defines the window portion visible to the user. The system changes the visible region for the window whenever the window changes size or whenever another window is moved such that it obscures or exposes a portion of the window. Applications cannot change the visible region directly, but Windows automatically uses the visible region to create the clipping region for any display DC retrieved for the window.

The clipping region determines where the system permits drawing. When the application retrieves a display DC using the `BeginPaint`, `GetDC`, or `GetDCEX` function, the system sets the clipping region for the DC to the intersection of the visible region and the update region. Applications can change the clipping region by using functions such as `SelectClipPath` and `SelectClipRgn`, to further limit drawing to a particular portion of the update area.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 `SelectClipRegion` big small large
KBCategory: kbprg kbprb
KBSubcategory: GdiMisc

Using the Document Properties Dialog Box

Article ID: Q118622

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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A number of applications display a printer-configuration dialog box titled "Document Properties" when the user chooses File from the application menu, chooses Print, and then chooses the Setup button.

The DocumentProperties() API is used to display this dialog box. You need to call DocumentProperties() with the DM_IN_PROMPT bit set in the last parameter (fMode). You also need to call OpenPrinter() before calling DocumentProperties().

MORE INFORMATION

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The following code demonstrates how to call DocumentProperties():

Sample Code

```
HDC          hPrnDC;
LPDEVMODE    lpDevMode = NULL;
LPDEVNAMES   lpDevNames;
LPSTR        lpszDriverName;
LPSTR        lpszDeviceName;
LPSTR        lpszPortName;
PRINTDLG     pd;
HANDLE       hPrinter;
int          nDMSize;
HANDLE       hDevMode;
NPDEVMODE    npDevMode;
DEVMODE      DevModeIn;

// Get the defaults without displaying any dialog boxes.

pd.Flags = PD_RETURNDEFAULT;
pd.hDevNames = NULL;
pd.hDevMode = NULL;
pd.lStructSize = sizeof(PRINTDLG);
PrintDlg((LPPRINTDLG) &pd);

lpDevNames = (LPDEVNAMES) GlobalLock(pd.hDevNames);
lpszDriverName = (LPSTR) lpDevNames + lpDevNames->wDriverOffset;
lpszDeviceName = (LPSTR) lpDevNames + lpDevNames->wDeviceOffset;
lpszPortName = (LPSTR) lpDevNames + lpDevNames->wOutputOffset;

OpenPrinter(lpszDeviceName, &hPrinter, NULL);
```

```

// A zero for last param returns the size of buffer needed.

nDMSize = DocumentProperties (hWnd,hPrinter,lpszDeviceName,NULL,NULL,0);
if ((nDMSize < 0) || !(hDevMode = LocalAlloc (LHND, nDMSize)))
    return NULL;

npDevMode = (NPDEVMODE) LocalLock (hDevMode);

// Fill in the rest of the structure.

lstrcpy (DevModeIn.dmDeviceName, lpszDeviceName);
DevModeIn.dmSpecVersion    = 0x300;
DevModeIn.dmDriverVersion  = 0;
DevModeIn.dmSize           = sizeof (DevModeIn);
DevModeIn.dmDriverExtra    = 0;

// Display the "Document Properties" dialog box.

DocumentProperties (hWnd,hPrinter,lpszDeviceName,npDevMode,&DevModeIn,
    DM_IN_PROMPT|DM_OUT_BUFFER);

// Get the printer DC.

hPrnDC = CreateDC
(lpszDriverName,lpszDeviceName,lpszPortName, (LPSTR) npDevMode);
LocalUnlock (hDevMode);

// Use the printer DC.

...

```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: GdiPrn

PRB: EndPage() Returns -1 When Banding

Article ID: Q118873

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK), version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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When an application that implements banding calls EndPage(), EndPage() returns SP_ERROR (-1).

CAUSE

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EndPage() returns -1 if there has been no corresponding call to StartPage(). Windows keeps track of whether StartPage() has been called by maintaining an internal flag that is set when StartPage() is called and then is cleared when EndPage() is called.

This flag is also cleared when the NEXTBAND escape is called and there are no more bands on the page to be printed. At this point, Windows clears the internal flag and tells the device that a page has been finished. Because the internal flag has been cleared, a subsequent call to EndPage() returns -1.

RESOLUTION

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Though EndPage() returns -1 when it is called from printing code that implements banding, it does no harm. An application can safely call StartPage() and EndPage() when banding and ignore the -1 error returned from EndPage().

NOTE: It is not recommended that a Win32-based application use banding. Windows NT, spools in a journal file and Windows 95 spools in an enhanced metafile, so all GDI calls are supported without banding.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 NEWFRAME

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: GdiPrn

Use of Polygon() Versus PolyPolygon()

Article ID: Q119164

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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Polygon() draws a polygon, while PolyPolygon() draws a series of polygons. Using multiple calls to Polygon() can offer better performance than using a single call to PolyPolygon(); this is because PolyPolygon() does not consider the polygons to be independent, but considers them to be one polygon with multiple disjointed edges. However, there are times when PolyPolygon() is preferable, particularly if the number of polygons is small.

MORE INFORMATION

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PolyPolygon() batches polygons in a single call, so there is less call overhead than there is for multiple calls to Polygon(). However, to perform one combined fill, PolyPolygon() has to work with all the edges in all of the polygons simultaneously, resulting in sorting overhead. The overhead involved in sorting becomes quite expensive when there are a lot of polygons, causing a net loss of performance in comparison to Polygon().

GDI batches multiple Polygon() calls to be more efficient. Setting the batch limit higher than the default of 10 with GdiSetBatchLimit() improves performance even further. GDI and some drivers optimize convex polygons, but will only optimize a single polygon drawn with either Polygon() or PolyPolygon().

Because PolyPolygon() treats all edges as part of one big polygon, it also draws every pixel to be filled exactly once; this may be a performance advantage if a lot of overlapping polygons are drawn, because Polygon() draws every pixel in each polygon only once, even where there is an overlap.

PolyPolygon() considers all the polygons when applying the current fill mode, as set by calling SetPolyFillMode(). Consequently, if any polygons overlap, the result of one PolyPolygon() call may be different than the result of the equivalent multiple Polygon() calls. If the polygons overlap and the raster operation takes the destination pixel values into account, or if you want the fill rule to be applied to overlapping areas, then it is preferable to use PolyPolygon().

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiDraw

PRB: RoundRect() and Ellipse() Don't Match Same Shaped Regions
Article ID: Q119455

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows, version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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When CreateRoundRectRgn() is used to create a region with the shape of a rectangle that has rounded corners and RoundRect() is called with the same parameters to draw the same rectangle that has rounded corners, the calculated region does not match the drawn rectangle. The same can be said of the ellipses created by CreateEllipticRgn() and Ellipse().

CAUSE

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This behavior is because of the design on Windows. The mismatch between fills and frames is because of the way that the boundaries and fills must be specified in order to get polygons to fit together properly. Windows NT duplicates this behavior for compatibility.

RESOLUTION

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Perform the fill first, then draw the frame. Some of the frame pixels will overwrite fill pixels and some will not; however, there will be no gap between the frame and the fill, and the fill will not extend past the frame. Use CreateRoundRectRgn() or CreateEllipticRgn() for the fill and RoundRect() or Ellipse, respectively, for the frame. Use the same parameters for both the region API and the filled-shape API.

NOTE: If you use a NULL pen when drawing the filled shape, the pixels will match those drawn by creating a region through the corresponding region API and then calling FillRgn() with the same parameters. It draws the frame with the pen from the filled-shape API that causes the discrepancy.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: GdiDraw

PRB: Unable to Choose Kanji Font Using CreateFontIndirect
Article ID: Q119914

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Japanese Windows 95
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SYMPTOMS

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You have difficulty getting the Japanese font handle in Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Japanese Windows 95. If you use CreateFontIndirect() to create the font handle, only the English font is selected. You are unable to select Kanji (the main system of writing in Japan) fonts such as MS Mincho and MS Gothic.

CAUSE

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The lfCharSet field in the LOGFONT structure is not set to "SHIFTJIS_CHARSET".

RESOLUTION

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Specify SHIFTJIS_CHARSET as the value for lfCharSet field.

MORE INFORMATION

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In Windows 95, Japanese fonts cannot be selected without the lfCharSet field being set to SHIFTJIS_CHARSET. This standard was not enforced in Japanese Windows NT and Japanese Windows 3.1, So an application with lfCharSet set to a value other than SHIFTJIS_CHARSET might be able to select Japanese fonts under Japanese Windows NT and Japanese Windows version 3.1 using CreateFontIndirect(), but not under Japanese Windows 95.

ShiftJIS is a double-byte character set (DBCS) unique to the Japanese version of Windows NT, Windows 95, and Windows version 3.1. It requires a specialized font, keyboard input, and DBCS string-handling support.

Additional reference words: 4.00 kbprb

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: GdiFnt WIntlDev

Alternative to PtInRegion() for Hit-Testing

Article ID: Q121960

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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It may be useful to perform hit-testing on an object that is defined by a polygon. To accomplish this, you could call `CreatePolygonRgn()` to create a region from the polygon, and then call `PtInRegion()` to determine if the point falls within the region. However, this method can be expensive both in terms of GDI resources, and in terms of speed. If a polygon is complex, `CreatePolygonRgn()` will often fail due to lack of memory in Windows because regions are in GDI's heap.

The code below provides a better method. Use it to determine if a point lies within a polygon. It is fast and does not use regions. The trick lies in determining the number of times an imaginary line drawn from the point you want to test crosses edges of your polygon. If the line crosses edges an even number of times, the point is outside the polygon. If it crosses an odd number of times it is inside. The line is drawn horizontally from the point to the right.

MORE INFORMATION

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The following code is based on an algorithm presented in "Algorithms" by Robert Sedgewick, Addison-Wesley, 1988, 2nd ed. ISBN 0201066734. The algorithm is on p.354, in the section "Inclusion in a Polygon" in the chapter "Elementary Geometric Methods." It is also discussed in "Computer Graphics" by Foley, van Dam, Feiner and Hughes, Addison-Wesley, 1990, 2nd ed. ISBN 0201121107, chapter 2, section 1, p.34.

Sample Code

```
#include "windows.h"
#include "limits.h"
BOOL G_PtInPolygon(POINT *rgpts, WORD wnumpts, POINT ptTest,
                  RECT *prbound) ;
BOOL G_PtInPolyRect(POINT *rgpts, WORD wnumpts, POINT ptTest,
                   RECT *prbound) ;
```

```

BOOL Intersect(POINT p1, POINT p2, POINT p3, POINT p4) ;
int  CCW(POINT p0, POINT p1, POINT p2) ;

/*****

* FUNCTION:   G_PtInPolygon
*
* PURPOSE
* This routine determines if the point passed is in the polygon. It uses
* the classical polygon hit-testing algorithm: a horizontal ray starting
* at the point is extended infinitely rightwards and the number of
* polygon edges that intersect the ray are counted. If the number is odd,
* the point is inside the polygon.
*
* RETURN VALUE
* (BOOL) TRUE if the point is inside the polygon, FALSE if not.
*****/

BOOL G_PtInPolygon(POINT *rgpts, WORD wnumpts, POINT ptTest,
                   RECT *prbound)
{
    RECT    r ;
    POINT   *ppt ;
    WORD    i ;
    POINT   pt1, pt2 ;
    WORD    wnumintsct = 0 ;

    if (!G_PtInPolyRect(rgpts, wnumpts, ptTest, prbound))
        return FALSE ;

    pt1 = pt2 = ptTest ;
    pt2.x = r.right + 50 ;

    // Now go through each of the lines in the polygon and see if it
    // intersects
    for (i = 0, ppt = rgpts ; i < wnumpts-1 ; i++, ppt++)
    {
        if (Intersect(ptTest, pt2, *ppt, *(ppt+1)))
            wnumintsct++ ;
    }

    // And the last line
    if (Intersect(ptTest, pt2, *ppt, *rgpts))
        wnumintsct++ ;

    return (wnumintsct&1) ;
}

/*****

* FUNCTION:   G_PtInPolyRect
*
* PURPOSE
* This routine determines if a point is within the smallest rectangle

```

```

* that encloses a polygon.
*
* RETURN VALUE
* (BOOL) TRUE or FALSE depending on whether the point is in the rect or
* not.
*****/

BOOL G_PtInPolyRect(POINT *rgpts, WORD wnumpts, POINT ptTest,
                    RECT *prbound)
{
    RECT r ;
    // If a bounding rect has not been passed in, calculate it
    if (prbound)
        r = *prbound ;
    else
    {
        int    xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax ;
        POINT *ppt ;
        WORD   i ;

        xmin = ymin = INT_MAX ;
        xmax = ymax = -INT_MAX ;

        for (i=0, ppt = rgpts ; i < wnumpts ; i++, ppt++)
        {
            if (ppt->x < xmin)
                xmin = ppt->x ;
            if (ppt->x > xmax)
                xmax = ppt->x ;
            if (ppt->y < ymin)
                ymin = ppt->y ;
            if (ppt->y > ymax)
                ymax = ppt->y ;
        }
        SetRect(&r, xmin, ymin, xmax, ymax) ;
    }
    return (PtInRect(&r,ptTest)) ;
}

/*****

* FUNCTION:   Intersect
*
* PURPOSE
* Given two line segments, determine if they intersect.
*
* RETURN VALUE
* TRUE if they intersect, FALSE if not.
*****/

BOOL Intersect(POINT p1, POINT p2, POINT p3, POINT p4)
{
    return ((( CCW(p1, p2, p3) * CCW(p1, p2, p4)) <= 0)
            && (( CCW(p3, p4, p1) * CCW(p3, p4, p2) <= 0) )) ;
}

```

```

/*****
* FUNCTION:   CCW (CounterClockWise)
*
* PURPOSE
* Determines, given three points, if when travelling from the first to
* the second to the third, we travel in a counterclockwise direction.
*
* RETURN VALUE
* (int) 1 if the movement is in a counterclockwise direction, -1 if
* not.
*****/

```

```

int CCW(POINT p0, POINT p1, POINT p2)
{
    LONG dx1, dx2 ;
    LONG dy1, dy2 ;

    dx1 = p1.x - p0.x ; dx2 = p2.x - p0.x ;
    dy1 = p1.y - p0.y ; dy2 = p2.y - p0.y ;

    /* This is basically a slope comparison: we don't do divisions because
       * of divide by zero possibilities with pure horizontal and pure
       * vertical lines.
       */
    return ((dx1 * dy2 > dy1 * dx2) ? 1 : -1) ;
}

```

```

/*****
* The above code might be tested as follows:
*****/

```

```

void PASCAL TestProc( HWND hWnd )
{
    POINT rgpts[] = {0,0, 10,0, 10,10, 5,15, 0,10};
    WORD wnumpts = 5;
    POINT ptTest = {3,10};
    RECT prbound = {0, 0, 20, 20};
    BOOL bInside;

    bInside = G_PtInPolygon(rgpts, wnumpts, ptTest, &prbound);

    if (bInside)
        MessageBox(hWnd, "Point is inside!", "Test", MB_OK );
    else
        MessageBox(hWnd, "Point is outside!", "Test", MB_OK );
}
/* code ends */

```

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 hittest hit-test fails
KBCategory: kbprg kbcode
KBSubcategory: GdiMisc

Prototypes for SetSystemCursor() & LoadCursorFromFile()

Article ID: Q122564

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.5
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SUMMARY

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The function prototypes for SetSystemCursor() and LoadCursorFromFile() were inadvertently omitted from the Win32 SDK header files. These APIs are resolved by linking for USER32.LIB.

Additionally, the use of the OCR_* constants as described in the online help for LoadCursorFromFile() is not currently implemented. However, this functionality is available through LoadCursor().

MORE INFORMATION

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The correct function prototypes are given below. NOTE: These prototypes were included correctly in the Win32 SDK 3.51/4.0 documentation.

To use these functions, add the prototypes to a file in your project after including WINDOWS.H.

```
#ifndef __cplusplus
extern "C" {
#endif /* __cplusplus */

/* SetSystemCursor prototype */
WINUSERAPI BOOL WINAPI SetSystemCursor (HCURSOR hcur, DWORD id);

/* LoadCursorFromFile prototypes - UNICODE aware */
WINUSERAPI HCURSOR WINAPI LoadCursorFromFileA (LPCSTR lpFileName);
WINUSERAPI HCURSOR WINAPI LoadCursorFromFileW (LPCWSTR lpFileName);

#ifdef UNICODE
#define LoadCursorFromFile LoadCursorFromFileW
#else
#define LoadCursorFromFile LoadCursorFromFileA
#endif // !UNICODE

#ifdef __cplusplus
}
#endif /* __cplusplus */
```

Additional reference words: 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg kbdocerr

KBSubcategory: GdiCurico

Using Printer Escapes w/PS Printers on Windows NT & Win32s

Article ID: Q124135

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.1, 1.15, 1.15a, and 1.2
 - Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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To identify and print to PostScript printers from a Win32-based application under Windows NT and under Win32s, you need to special-case your code. This is because the printer drivers respond to different Printer Escapes under Windows NT and Windows/Win32s.

This article discusses how to identify and print to PostScript printers on both Windows NT and Win32s.

MORE INFORMATION

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Identification

To identify the printer as a PostScript printer, use this code:

```
int gPrCode = 0; // Set according to platform.

if( Win32s ) // Using the Win16 driver.
{
    gPrCode = PASSTHROUGH;
    if( Escape(printerIC, GETTECHNOLOGY, NULL, NULL, (LPSTR)szTech) &&
        !strcmp(szTech, "PostScript") &&
        Escape(printerIC, QUERYESCSUPPORT, sizeof(int),
            (LPSTR)gPrCode, NULL )
        {
            // The printer is PostScript.
            ...
        }
}
else // Using Win32 driver under Windows NT.
{
    gPrCode = POSTSCRIPT_PASSTHROUGH; // Fails with Win16 driver
    if( Escape(printerIC, QUERYESCSUPPORT, sizeof(int), (LPSTR)gPrCode,
        NULL))
    {
        // The printer is PostScript.
        ...
    }
}
```

Printing

To send PostScript data to the printer on either platform, use this code:

```
// Assuming a buffer, szPSBuf, of max size MAX_PSBUF containing
// nPSData bytes of PostScript data.

    char szBuf[MAX_PSBUF+sizeof(short)];

// Store length in buffer.
    *((short *)szBuf) = nPSData;

// Store data in buffer.
    memcpy( (char *)szBuf + sizeof(short), szPSBuf, nPSData );

// Note that gPrCode (set when identifying the printer) depends on
// the platform.
    Escape( printerDC, gPrCode, (int) nPSData, szBuf, NULL );
```

However, your output may appear scaled or translated incorrectly or data may be transformed off the page under Win32s.

The origin and scale for Windows printer drivers is not the PostScript default (bottom left/72 dpi) but is instead at the upper left and at the device scale(300 dpi). Therefore, before sending data to the printer, you may need to send a couple of PostScript commands to scale or translate the matrix. For example, for scaling, send the following escape to scale the PostScript transform to 72 dpi:

```
    xres = GetDeviceCaps(printerDC, LOGPIXELSX);
    yres = GetDeviceCaps(printerDC, LOGPIXELSY);

// Two leading spaces for the following operation.
    wsprintf(szBuf, "  %d 72 div %d 72 div scale\n", xres, yres);

// Put actual size into buffer
    *((short *)szBuf) = strlen(szBuf)-2;
    Escape( printerDC, gPrCode, strlen(szBuf)-2, szBuf, NULL );
```

Additional reference words: 1.10 1.20 3.10 3.50
KBCategory: kbprg kbprint kbcode
KBSubcategory: GdiPrn W32s

XFONT.C from SAMPLES\OPENGL\BOOK Subdirectory

Article ID: Q124870

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, version 3.5
 - Microsoft Visual C++ for Windows NT, version 2.0
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SUMMARY

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XFONT.C from the SAMPLES\OPENGL\BOOK subdirectory is not in the MAKEFILE, and subsequently is never built.

MORE INFORMATION

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XFONT.C should not be built because the sample uses X Windows system-specific functions. To use fonts with Windows NT version 3.5 OpenGL, use the wglUseFontBitmaps() and glCallLists() functions as described in the OpenGL online reference. Another alternative is to use auxDrawStr(). Note that auxDrawStr is defined in GLAUX.H as:

```
#ifdef UNICODE
#define auxDrawStr auxDrawStrW
#else
#define auxDrawStr auxDrawStrA
#endif
void APIENTRY auxDrawStrA(LPCSTR);
void APIENTRY auxDrawStrW(LPCWSTR);
```

REFERENCES

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For further information on using fonts with OpenGL, please refer to the OpenGL online reference titled "Fonts and Text."

Additional reference words: 3.50

KBCategory: kbgraphic kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiOpenGL

Retrieving Palette Information from a Bitmap Resource

Article ID: Q124947

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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You may sometime need to create a logical palette from a bitmap resource in order to display the bitmap with the maximum number of available colors. For example, on an 8 bit-per-pixel display, a logical palette is necessary to draw a 256-color bitmap on a device context for that display. The LoadBitmap function does not return or take a palette as one of its parameters; thus, for example, there is no way to incorporate a palette with a 256-color bitmap loaded with LoadBitmap. Therefore, an application must load the resource as a device-independent bitmap (DIB), rather than a device-dependent bitmap (DDB), in order to retrieve the bitmap's color information. An application can use the FindResource, LoadResource, and LockResource functions to do this.

MORE INFORMATION

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A bitmap (.BMP file) is stored in an application's resources as a (DIB), along with a color table if one exists. When a DIB is loaded from an application's resources with the LoadBitmap function, a DDB is returned. This DDB is a bitmap compatible with the screen. Routines such as CreateDIBitmap and SetDIBits that convert DIBs to DDBs take a handle to a device context as their first parameter. This tells the routine what kind of DDB to create. If this device context currently has a palette selected into it, then CreateDIBitmap or SetDIBits can use this palette to create the DDB. Without a palette, the routines are restricted to system colors when matching the DIB's colors to the DDB's colors. For example, on an 8 bit-per-pixel display, the resulting DDB can have only up to 20 different colors. With a logical palette, the resulting bitmap could have had up to 256 different colors.

If the bitmap is loaded as a DIB from the resource, then an application can query the DIB's color table and create a logical palette for the DIB. Then, it can call either CreateDIBitmap or SetDIBits, along with a device context with that palette selected, to obtain a DDB compatible with that palette. To load a bitmap from a resource as a DIB, you can use the FindResource function with the RT_BITMAP flag set and then use the LoadResource function to load it. You can lock the resource with the LockResource function.

The following code demonstrates how to use the above technique to load a DIB from an application's resources, create a palette for it, and then create a DDB out of it. The LoadResourceBitmap function below can be used in place of the LoadBitmap function. The only additional parameter needed is the address of a logical palette handle. The palette handle referenced will contain a handle to a logical palette after the function is called.

```

HBITMAP LoadResourceBitmap(HINSTANCE hInstance, LPSTR lpString,
HPALETTE FAR* lphPalette)
{
    HRSRC hRsrc;
    HGLOBAL hGlobal;
    HBITMAP hBitmapFinal = NULL;
    LPBITMAPINFOHEADER lpbi;
    HDC hdc;
    int iNumColors;

    if (hRsrc = FindResource(hInstance, lpString, RT_BITMAP))
    {
        hGlobal = LoadResource(hInstance, hRsrc);
        lpbi = (LPBITMAPINFOHEADER)LockResource(hGlobal);

        hdc = GetDC(NULL);
        *lphPalette = CreateDIBPalette ((LPBITMAPINFO)lpbi, &iNumColors);
        if (*lphPalette)
        {
            SelectPalette(hdc, *lphPalette, FALSE);
            RealizePalette(hdc);
        }

        hBitmapFinal = CreateDIBitmap(hdc,
            (LPBITMAPINFOHEADER)lpbi,
            (LONG)CBM_INIT,
            (LPSTR)lpbi + lpbi->biSize + iNumColors *
sizeof(RGBQUAD),

            (LPBITMAPINFO)lpbi,
            DIB_RGB_COLORS );

        ReleaseDC(NULL, hdc);
        UnlockResource(hGlobal);
        FreeResource(hGlobal);
    }
    return (hBitmapFinal);
}

HPALETTE CreatedIBPalette (LPBITMAPINFO lpbmi, LPINT lpiNumColors)
{
    LPBITMAPINFOHEADER lpbi;
    LPLOGPALETTE lpPal;
    HANDLE hLogPal;
    HPALETTE hPal = NULL;
    int i;

    lpbi = (LPBITMAPINFOHEADER)lpbmi;
    if (lpbi->biBitCount <= 8)
        *lpiNumColors = (1 << lpbi->biBitCount);
    else
        *lpiNumColors = 0; // No palette needed for 24 BPP DIB

    if (*lpiNumColors)
    {
        hLogPal = GlobalAlloc (GHND, sizeof (LOGPALETTE) +

```

```

        sizeof (PALETTEENTRY) * (*lpiNumColors));
lpPal = (LPLOGPALETTE) GlobalLock (hLogPal);
lpPal->palVersion = 0x300;
lpPal->palNumEntries = *lpiNumColors;

for (i = 0; i < *lpiNumColors; i++)
{
    lpPal->palPalEntry[i].peRed = lpbmi->bmiColors[i].rgbRed;
    lpPal->palPalEntry[i].peGreen = lpbmi->bmiColors[i].rgbGreen;
    lpPal->palPalEntry[i].peBlue = lpbmi->bmiColors[i].rgbBlue;
    lpPal->palPalEntry[i].peFlags = 0;
}
hPal = CreatePalette (lpPal);
GlobalUnlock (hLogPal);
GlobalFree (hLogPal);
}
return hPal;
}

```

Here is an example of how you might use the above function to load a bitmap from a resource and display it using a logical palette:

```

{
HBITMAP hBitmap,hOldBitmap;
HPALETTE hPalette;
HDC hMemDC, hdc;
BITMAP bm;

hBitmap = LoadResourceBitmap(hInst,"test", &hPalette);
GetObject(hBitmap, sizeof(BITMAP), (LPSTR)&bm);
hdc = GetDC(hWnd);
hMemDC = CreateCompatibleDC(hdc);
SelectPalette(hdc,hPalette,FALSE);
RealizePalette(hdc);
SelectPalette(hMemDC,hPalette,FALSE);
RealizePalette(hMemDC);
hOldBitmap = SelectObject(hMemDC,hBitmap);
BitBlt(hdc,0,0,bm.bmWidth,bm.bmHeight,hMemDC,0,0,SRCCOPY);
DeleteObject(SelectObject(hMemDC,hOldBitmap));
DeleteDC(hMemDC);
ReleaseDC(hWnd,hdc);
DeleteObject(hPalette);
}

```

REFERENCES

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For more information on DIB-related functions, please review the Microsoft Windows SDK sample DIBVIEW.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiBmp GdiBmpFormat

Printer Escapes Under Windows 95

Article ID: Q125692

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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SUMMARY

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Printer escapes are used to access special printer device features and have been used widely in Windows version 3.x. With Windows 95, Microsoft is encouraging application developers to move away from these escapes by providing GDI functionality to replace them.

For example, a Win32-based application should not call the NEXTBAND and BANDINFO escapes. Banding is no longer needed in Windows 95. Most of these escapes, however, are still provided for 16-bit-based applications for backwards compatibility. The only recommended escapes for 32-bit, Windows 95-based applications are the QUERYESCSUPPORT and PASSTHROUGH escapes.

MORE INFORMATION

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Applications written for Windows version 3.x can use the QUERYESCSUPPORT and the PASSTHROUGH escapes, as well as the following 10 escapes. It is important to note that these escapes are only supported for backwards compatibility. All new Windows 95-based applications should use Win32 API that replaces these escapes:

ABORTDOC
ENDDOC
GETPHYSPAGESIZE
GETPRINTINGOFFSET
GETSCALINGFACTOR
NEWFRAME
NEXTBAND
SETABORTPROC
SETCOPYCOUNT
STARTDOC

The following functions should always be used in place of a printer escape:

Function	Printer Escape Replaced
AbortDoc	ABORTDOC
EndDoc	ENDDOC
EndPage	NEWFRAME
SetAbortProc	SETABORTPROC
StartDoc	STARTDOC

Windows 95 provides six new indexes for the GetDeviceCaps function that replace some additional printer escapes:

Index for GetDeviceCaps Printer Escape Replaced

PHYSICALWIDTH	GETPHYSPAGE SIZE
PHYSICALHEIGHT	GETPHYSPAGE SIZE
PHYSICALOFFSETX	GETPRINTINGOFFSET
PHYSICALOFFSETY	GETPRINTINGOFFSET
SCALINGFACTORX	GETSCALINGFACTOR
SCALINGFACTORY	GETSCALINGFACTOR

Although a lot of the escapes have been replaced with Win32 GDI equivalent APIs, not all device-dependent escapes have been replaced. It is up to the printer driver manufacturer to decide whether or not its Windows 95-based driver will contain device-specific escapes that were present in its Windows version 3.x driver. An example of a device-specific escape would be the Windows version 3.x PostScript driver's POSTSCRIPT_IGNORE escape. Before calling any of these escapes, an application must first call the QUERESCSUPPORT escape to find out if the escape is supported or not.

Additional reference words: 4.00

KBCategory: kbprint

KBSubcategory: GdiPrnMisc

StartPage/EndPage Resets Printer DC Attributes in Windows 95
Article ID: Q125696

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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When you print under Windows version 3.x, the printer device context attributes, including things like mapping modes, current pen, current brush, and so on, are reset to their defaults for the device when the end of a page is reached. The escapes NEWFRAME and NEXTBAND and the API EndPage all cause the printer device context to be reset.

When you print under Windows NT version 3.x, the printer device context attributes are not reset during a print job.

When you print under Windows 95, the point at which the printer device context is reset to the default attributes depends on what version the executable was marked as. For executables marked as 3.x, the printer device context will be reset when EndPage is called. For executables marked as 4.0, the printer device context will be reset when StartPage is called. This applies to both 16-bit-based and Win32-based executables running under Windows 95.

A 16-bit-based executable's version can be set by using the Resource compiler's /xx switch where xx is 30, 31, or 40. A Win32-based executable's version can be set by using the /SUBSYSTEM:windows,x.x linker switch.

Additional reference words: 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiPrn

Primitives Supported by Paths Under Windows 95

Article ID: Q125697

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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Windows 95 supports the full set of Win32 path APIs. However, only a limited set of primitives can be used to build a path. Windows 95 supports the following primitives to build paths:

ExtTextOut
LineTo
MoveToEx
PolyBezier
PolyBezierTo
Polygon
Polyline
PolylineTo
PolyPolygon
PolyPolyline
TextOut

All other Win32 primitives will be ignored if used in a path. As with other Win32 primitives in Windows 95, paths are not mapped pixel-by-pixel to Windows NT; they support only 16-bit coordinates.

Additional reference words: 4.00 GDI

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiMisc

GDI Objects and Windows 95 Heaps

Article ID: Q125699

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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Under Windows version 3.1, GDI allocates all resources from a single 64K heap. This limit has caused many applications to run out of GDI resources, especially when using objects that can really take up a lot of the heap, like elliptical regions. This caused GDI resources to be dangerously low when executing several applications at once.

Windows 95 has now introduced a combination of a 16-bit heap and an additional 32-bit heap. The 16-bit heap is still limited to 64K but the 32-bit heap can grow as large as available memory.

As in Windows version 3.1, the 16-bit GDI.EXE of Windows 95 continues to have a 16-bit DGROUP segment with a local heap within it, and most logical objects are still stored in this local heap. The data structures that describe brushes, bitmap headers, and pens, for example, stay in the 16-bit heap. All physical objects, like fonts and bitmaps, are now stored in the 32-bit heap. GDI regions have also been moved to the 32-bit heap. Moving these GDI resources to the 32-bit heap takes the pressure off of the 64K 16-bit heap.

Regions can take up a large amount of resources and were the main source of problems with GDI memory in Windows version 3.1. This will not be a limitation in Windows 95 because regions are stored in the 32-bit heap. Applications will be able to use much more complex regions, and regions will be more useful now that they are not limited to a local 64K heap.

Windows 95, like Windows NT, will free all GDI resources owned by a 32-bit process when that process terminates. Windows 95 will also clean up any GDI resources of 16-bit processes marked as a 4.0 application. Because GDI objects were sharable between applications in Windows version 3.1, Windows 95 will not immediately clean up GDI resources for 16-bit applications marked with a version less than 4.0. However, when all 16-bit applications have finished running, all GDI resources allocated by previous 16-bit applications will be cleaned up.

Additional reference words: 4.00 Heaps

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiGeneral

PRB: Most Common Cause of SetPixelFormat() Failure

Article ID: Q126019

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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SetPixelFormat() will fail with incorrect class or window styles.

CAUSE

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Win32-based applications that use Microsoft's implementation of OpenGL to render onto a window must include WS_CLIPCHILDREN and WS_CLIPSIBLINGS window styles for that window.

RESOLUTION

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Include WS_CLIPCHILDREN and WS_CLIPSIBLINGS window styles when in a Win32-based application, you use Microsoft's implementation of OpenGL to render onto a window.

Additionally, the window class attribute should not include the CS_PARENTDC style. The two window styles can be added to the dwStyles parameter of CreateWindow() or CreateWindowEX() call. If MFC is used, override PreCreateWindow() to add the flags. For example:

```
BOOL CMyView::PreCreateWindow(CREATESTRUCT& cs)
{
    cs.style |= (WS_CLIPCHILDREN | WS_CLIPSIBLINGS);

    return CView::PreCreateWindow(cs);
}
```

For more information, please refer to "comments" section of the online documentation on SetPixelFormat.

STATUS

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This behavior is by design.

Additional reference words: 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbgraphic kbprb

KBSubcategory: GdiOpenGL

PRB: Win32-Based Screen Saver Shows File Name in Control Panel
Article ID: Q126239

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SYMPTOMS

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After writing a Win32-based screen saver, if the `IDS_DESCRIPTION` string is missing from the string table, the file name of the screen saver module is displayed in the desktop control panel applet. This happens even if the `DESCRIPTION` entry is specified in the `.DEF` file of the module.

CAUSE

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Each Windows screen saver has a name, which is a string packed into the screen saver module by the linker. This name is displayed in the screen saver name drop down list box under the desktop applet in the control panel. The user can select different screen savers for the desktop through this list box.

Under 16-bit Windows, the name of a screen saver is specified by the `DESCRIPTION` entry in the `.DEF` file. Under Windows NT, this is no longer true. Instead, a special entry in the string table is used to specify the name of a screen saver. This string must have `IDS_DESCRIPTION` as its string ID. `IDS_DESCRIPTION` is defined in `SCRNSAVE.H`.

If the `DESCRIPTION` entry is missing from the `.DEF` file for a 16-bit screen saver, or the `IDS_DESCRIPTION` is missing from the string table for a 32-bit screen saver, Windows NT displays the file name of the screen saver module in the drop down list box in the Desktop control panel applet.

RESOLUTION

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Place the `DESCRIPTION` entry in `.DEF` file for a 16-bit screen saver, or place the `IDS_DESCRIPTION` in the string table for a 32-bit screen saver.

STATUS

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This behavior is by design.

REFERENCES

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Chapter 14, "Screen Saver Library," Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit, version 3.1, Programmer's Reference, Volume 1: Overview.

Chapter 79, "Screen Saver Library," Microsoft Win32 Programmer's Reference, Volume 2: System Services, Multimedia, Extensions, and Application Notes.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50
KBCategory: kbprg kbprb
KBSubcategory: GdiScrsav

How to Determine the Type of Handle Retrieved from OpenPrinter

Article ID: Q126258

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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OpenPrinter returns a valid handle when a printer name or a server name is passed to it. Sometimes it may be necessary to determine if the returned handle is a handle to a printer because some Win32 spooler functions only accept printer handles and will fail on server handles. The following code determines if a handle is a printer handle:

```
BOOL IsPrinterHandle( HANDLE hPrinter)
{
    DWORD      cbNeeded;
    DWORD      Error;
    BOOL       bRet = FALSE;
    LPPRINTER_INFO_2 pPrinter;
    DWORD      cbBuf;
    HANDLE     hMem = NULL;

    if( !GetPrinter(hPrinter, 2, (LPBYTE)NULL, cbBuf, &cbNeeded ) )
    {
        Error = GetLastError( );

        if( Error == ERROR_INSUFFICIENT_BUFFER )
        {
            hMem = GlobalAlloc(GHND, cbNeeded);
            if (!hMem) return bRet;
            pPrinter = (LPPRINTER_INFO_2)GlobalLock(hMem);
            cbBuf = cbNeeded;
            if(GetPrinter(hPrinter, 2, (LPBYTE)pPrinter, cbBuf, &cbNeeded))
            {
                bRet = TRUE;
                GlobalUnlock(hMem);
                GlobalFree(hMem);
            }
            else SetLastError( ERROR_INVALID_PRINTER_NAME );
        }
        else if( Error == ERROR_INVALID_HANDLE )
        {
            SetLastError( ERROR_INVALID_PRINTER_NAME );
        }
    }
    return bRet;
}
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg kbcode

KBSubcategory: GdiPrn

How to Disable the Screen Saver Programmatically

Article ID: Q126627

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.5 and 3.51

SUMMARY

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Under Windows NT, you can disable the screen saver from your application code. To detect if the screen saver is enabled, use this:

```
SystemParametersInfo( SPI_GETSCREENSAVEACTIVE,  
                      0,  
                      pvParam,  
                      0  
                    );
```

On return, the parameter pvParam will point to TRUE if the screen saver setting is enabled in the System control panel applet and FALSE if the screen saver setting is not enabled.

To disable the screen saver setting, call SystemParametersInfo() with this:

```
SystemParametersInfo( SPI_SETSCREENSAVEACTIVE,  
                      FALSE,  
                      0,  
                      SPIF_SENDWININICHANGE  
                    );
```

MORE INFORMATION

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When the screen saver is activated by the system, it is run on a desktop other than the user's desktop (similar to the login desktop displayed when no one is logged in). Therefore, you cannot use FindWindow() to determine if the screen saver is currently active.

Here are two methods that you can use to detect if the screen saver is currently running:

1. Get the name of the current screen saver from the registry, parse the PE header of the screen saver binary to get the process name, then check for an active process with that name in the performance registry.

-or-

2. Write a screen saver that would be spawned by the system and would in turn spawn the "real" screen saver. The first screen saver could notify your application when the screen saver has been activated or deactivated.

Additional reference words: 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: GdiScrsav

How to Make an Application Display Real Units of Measurement

Article ID: Q127152

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Sometimes you need an application to display things in terms of a real unit of measurement such as an inch or millimeter. When dealing with a printer, resolution is usually given in dots per inch (DPI), which makes it easy to convert pixels to real inches. However, on a video display, resolution is given only in pixels. A given video mode will be some X pixels wide with no information as to the real dimensions of the display area.

Because there is no way to programmatically determine the real dimensions of the viewable area on a video display, it is impossible for a program to determine real output dimensions. Two manual methods for determining real output dimensions are given in this article.

MORE INFORMATION

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When output is destined for a printer, the application can call `GetDeviceCaps()` using `LOGPIXELSX` and `LOGPIXELSY` to determine dots per real inch. However, for a video display, `LOGPIXELSX` and `LOGPIXELSY` are defined by the video driver and may vary wildly. These numbers define a logical inch, which is almost never equal to a real inch.

Applications that need to output real sizes to the video display can use one of the following two methods for determining output size:

1. The application can ask the user what size monitor is attached. Using this value, an application can approximate the actual viewable area, and given the resolution of the output (`GetDeviceCaps`, `HORZRES`, `VERTRES`), the application can approximate real inches. This solution gives only an approximation of a real inch. Several factors can introduce errors into this approximation including the size adjustments on digital monitors.
2. The application can ask the user to hold a measuring device to the screen and measure a given line. This is the only way to guarantee that output on a video display is exactly the expected size, and recalibration would be necessary after any adjustment to the monitor.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbgraphic

KBSubcategory: GdiDisplay

How to Draw a Gradient Background

Article ID: Q128637

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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This article provides source code for drawing a gradient background pattern similar to the one used in Microsoft Setup applications. The code will compile and run on Windows version 3.1, Win32s, and Windows 95.

MORE INFORMATION

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WARNING: ANY USE BY YOU OF THE CODE PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE IS AT YOUR OWN RISK. Microsoft provides this code "as is" without warranty of any kind, either express or implied, including but not limited to the implied warranties of merchantability and/or fitness for a particular purpose.

```
/******  
*                                     *  
* DrawBackgroundPattern()           *  
*                                     *  
* Purpose: This function draws a gradient pattern that *  
*           transitions between blue and black. This is *  
*           similar to the background used in Microsoft *  
*           setup programs.         *  
*                                     *  
*****/  
void DrawBackgroundPattern(HWND hWnd)  
{  
    HDC hDC = GetDC(hWnd); // Get the DC for the window  
    RECT rectFill;        // Rectangle for filling band  
    RECT rectClient;      // Rectangle for entire client area  
    float fStep;          // How large is each band?  
    HBRUSH hBrush;  
    int iOnBand; // Loop index  
  
    // How large is the area you need to fill?  
    GetClientRect(hWnd, &rectClient);  
  
    // Determine how large each band should be in order to cover the  
    // client with 256 bands (one for every color intensity level)  
    fStep = (float)rectClient.bottom / 256.0f;  
  
    // Start filling bands  
    for (iOnBand = 0; iOnBand < 256; iOnBand++) {  
  
        // Set the location of the current band  
        SetRect(&rectFill,
```



```
    0,                                // Upper left X
    (int)(iOnBand * fStep),           // Upper left Y
    rectClient.right+1,               // Lower right X
    (int)((iOnBand+1) * fStep));      // Lower right Y

// Create a brush with the appropriate color for this band
hBrush = CreateSolidBrush(RGB(0, 0, (255 - iOnBand)));

// Fill the rectangle
FillRect(hDC, &rectFill, hBrush);

// Get rid of the brush you created
DeleteObject(hBrush);
};

// Give back the DC
ReleaseDC(hWnd, hDC);
}

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 GRADIENT BACKGROUND DITHER
KBCategory: kbprg kbcode
KBSubcategory: GdiMisc
```

How to Shade Images to Look Like Windows 95 Active Icon

Article ID: Q128786

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.5 and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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This article shows by example how to display an image or an icon in a shaded state, as Windows 95 does for the active icon.

MORE INFORMATION

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Step-by-Step Procedure

To obtain the shaded look for your image or icon, follow these six steps:

1. Create a compatible DC and bitmap.
2. Create a monochrome pattern brush with every other pixel on.
3. Fill the memory image with the pattern.
4. BitBlt the source image over the pattern using SRCAND so that only the 'on' destination pixels are transferred.
5. Color the destination with the pattern, using the highlight color for the 'off' pixels and using black for the 'on' pixels.
6. Copy the filtered original from the memory DC to the destination using SRCPAINT so that only the 'on' pixels are transferred.

This results in the destination having the original image with every other pixel colored with the highlight color.

Sample Code

The following function implements these six steps to shade a rectangular area on a device context:

```
// ShadeRect
// hDC      : the DC on which the area is to be shaded
// lpRect   : the coordinates within which to shade
BOOL ShadeRect( HDC hDC, LPRECT lpRect )
{
    COLORREF  crHighlightColor, crOldBkColor, crOldTextColor;
    HBRUSH    hBrush, hOldBrush;
    HBITMAP   hBitmap, hBrushBitmap, hOldMemBitmap;
    int       OldBkMode, nWidth, nHeight;
    HDC       hMemDC;
```

```

RECT        rcRect = { 0, 0, 0, 0};
// The bitmap bits are for a monochrome "every-other-pixel"
//        bitmap (for a pattern brush)
WORD        Bits[8] = { 0x0055, 0x00aa, 0x0055, 0x00aa,
                       0x0055, 0x00aa, 0x0055, 0x00aa };

// The Width and Height of the target area
nWidth = lpRect->right - lpRect->left + 1;
nHeight = lpRect->bottom - lpRect->top + 1;

// Need a pattern bitmap
hBrushBitmap = CreateBitmap( 8, 8, 1, 1, &Bits );
// Need to store the original image
hBitmap = CreateCompatibleBitmap( hDC, nWidth, nHeight );
// Need a memory DC to work in
hMemDC = CreateCompatibleDC( hDC );
// Create the pattern brush
hBrush = CreatePatternBrush( hBrushBitmap );

// Has anything failed so far? If so, abort!
if( (hBrushBitmap==NULL) || (hBitmap==NULL) ||
    (hMemDC==NULL) || (hBrush==NULL) )
{
    if( hBrushBitmap != NULL ) DeleteObject(hBrushBitmap);
    if( hBitmap != NULL ) DeleteObject( hBitmap );
    if( hMemDC != NULL ) DeleteDC( hMemDC );
    if( hBrush != NULL ) DeleteObject( hBrush );
    return FALSE;
}

// Select the bitmap into the memory DC
hOldMemBitmap = SelectObject( hMemDC, hBitmap );

// How wide/tall is the original?
rcRect.right = nWidth;
rcRect.bottom = nHeight;

// Lay down the pattern in the memory DC
FillRect( hMemDC, &rcRect, hBrush );

// Fill in the non-color pixels with the original image
BitBlt( hMemDC, 0, 0, nWidth, nHeight, hDC,
lpRect->left, lpRect->top, SRCAND );

// For the "Shutdown" look, use black or gray here instead
crHighlightColor = GetSysColor( COLOR_HIGHLIGHT );

// Set the color scheme
crOldTextColor = SetTextColor( hDC, crHighlightColor );
crOldBkColor = SetBkColor( hDC, RGB(0,0,0) );
SetBkMode( hDC, OPAQUE );

// Select the pattern brush
hOldBrush = SelectObject( hDC, hBrush );
// Fill in the color pixels, and set the others to black
FillRect( hDC, lpRect, hBrush );
// Fill in the black ones with the original image

```

```
BitBlt( hDC, lpRect->left, lpRect->top, nWidth, nHeight,
        hMemDC, 0, 0, SRCPAINT );

// Restore target DC settings
SetBkMode( hDC, OldBkMode );
SetBkColor( hDC, crOldBkColor );
SetTextColor( hDC, crOldTextColor );

// Clean up
SelectObject( hMemDC, hOldMemBitmap );
DeleteObject( hBitmap );
DeleteDC( hMemDC );
DeleteObject( hBrushBitmap );
SelectObject( hDC, hOldBrush );
DeleteObject( hBrush );

return TRUE;
}
```

Additional reference words: 3.50 4.00 hatch darken shadow
KBCategory: kbgraphic kbcode
KBSubcategory: GdiMisc

How to Set the Current Normal Vector in an OpenGL Application

Article ID: Q131130

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT version 3.5
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SUMMARY

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In a Microsoft Win32 OpenGL application, it is common practice to construct objects with the `glBegin` function followed by several calls to `glVertex`. For example, to create a flat polygon in three-dimensional space, you could write this code:

```
glBegin(GL_POLYGON);
glVertex3f(.....);
glVertex3f(.....);
glVertex3f(.....);
. . .
. . .
glEnd();
```

Now, if you want to implement a light source or multiple light sources in your OpenGL application, it is important that you include a call to the `glNormal` function between the calls to `glBegin` and `glEnd` so that the normal vector can be used by OpenGL when calculating the color to use when filling the polygon.

You can perform a vector cross product on two vectors to obtain a third vector that is perpendicular to the plane containing the two vectors. Using a vector cross product, you can calculate the vector normal to the polygon and use that value in your call to `glNormal`.

MORE INFORMATION

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Using cross product math on two vectors of a polygon, you can obtain a vector that is perpendicular to the polygon. Two sides of a polygon describe two vectors in the plane of the polygon. With those two vectors, you can calculate a vector that is perpendicular to the polygon. The length of the normal vector calculated will not be unit length, and the normal vector needs to be unit length. Therefore, you need to call `glEnable(GL_NORMALIZE)` when you initialize your OpenGL application, so that normal vectors specified with `glNormal` are scaled to unit length after transformation.

Code Sample

You can use the following function to calculate a normal vector for a polygon. You need to give it three points of the polygon and the points should be given in clock-wise order when you are facing the front of the polygon:

```

//*****
// Function: CalculateVectorNormal
//
// Purpose: Given three points of a 3D plane, this function calculates
//           the normal vector of that plane.
//
// Parameters:
//   fVert1[] == array for 1st point (3 elements are x, y, and z).
//   fVert2[] == array for 2nd point (3 elements are x, y, and z).
//   fVert3[] == array for 3rd point (3 elements are x, y, and z).
//
// Returns:
//   fNormalX == X vector for the normal vector
//   fNormalY == Y vector for the normal vector
//   fNormalZ == Z vector for the normal vector
//
// Comments:
//
// History:  Date      Author      Reason
//           3/22/95   GGB         Created
//*****

```

```

GLvoid CalculateVectorNormal(GLfloat fVert1[], GLfloat fVert2[],
                             GLfloat fVert3[], GLfloat *fNormalX,
                             GLfloat *fNormalY, GLfloat *fNormalZ)
{
    GLfloat Qx, Qy, Qz, Px, Py, Pz;

    Qx = fVert2[0]-fVert1[0];
    Qy = fVert2[1]-fVert1[1];
    Qz = fVert2[2]-fVert1[2];
    Px = fVert3[0]-fVert1[0];
    Py = fVert3[1]-fVert1[1];
    Pz = fVert3[2]-fVert1[2];

    *fNormalX = Py*Qz - Pz*Qy;
    *fNormalY = Pz*Qx - Px*Qz;
    *fNormalZ = Px*Qy - Py*Qx;
}

```

Code to Call and Use the CalculateVectorNormal Function

Here is an example of how you might call and use the function:

```

glBegin(GL_POLYGON);
glVertex3fv(fVert1);
glVertex3fv(fVert2);
glVertex3fv(fVert3);
glVertex3fv(fVert4);

// Calculate the vector normal coming out of the 3D polygon.
CalculateVectorNormal(fVert1, fVert2, fVert3, &fNormalX,
                     &fNormalY, &fNormalZ);
// Set the normal vector for the polygon
glNormal3f(fNormalX, fNormalY, fNormalZ);

```

```
glEnd();
```

Additional reference words: 3.50 graphics

KBCategory: kbprg kbcode

KBSubcategory: GdiOpenGL

Windows Socket API Specification Version

Article ID: Q85965

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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The Windows Sockets API Specification version 1.1 is now available in two formats. WINSOCK.DOC is a Word for Windows, version 2.0, document and WINSOCK.TXT is an ASCII-text-format document.

These files contain the Windows Sockets API Specification version 1.1, which defines a standard binary interface for tcp/ip transports based on the Berkeley Sockets interface originally in Berkeley UNIX with Windows-specific extensions. This specification has been endorsed by 20 leading companies, and defines the sockets interface in Windows NT. The specification will be supported by various vendors in their upcoming tcp/ip product releases for Windows for MS-DOS.

The Windows Sockets API Specification is contained in a file called WINSOCK (contains ASCII text version) and a file called WINSOCKW (contains a Word for Windows version) which is located in the Microsoft Software Library.

Download WINSOCK.EXE, a self-extracting file, from the Microsoft Software Library (MSL) on the following services:

- CompuServe
 - GO MSL
 - Search for WINSOCK.EXE
 - Display results and download
- Microsoft Download Service (MSDL)
 - Dial (206) 936-6735 to connect to MSDL
 - Download WINSOCK.EXE
- Internet (anonymous FTP)
 - ftp ftp.microsoft.com
 - Change to the \softlib\mslfiles directory
 - Get WINSOCK.EXE

Download WINSOCKW.EXE, a self-extracting file, from the Microsoft Software Library (MSL) on the following services:

- CompuServe
 - GO MSL
 - Search for WINSOCKW.EXE
 - Display results and download
- Microsoft Download Service (MSDL)
 - Dial (206) 936-6735 to connect to MSDL
 - Download WINSOCKW.EXE
- Internet (anonymous FTP)
 - ftp ftp.microsoft.com

Change to the \softlib\mslfiles directory
Get WINSOCKW.EXE

Additional reference words: 1.00 1.10 3.10 3.50 4.00 95
KBCategory: kbref
KSubcategory: NtwkWinsock

PRB: WSAAsyncSelect() Notifications Stop Coming

Article ID: Q94088

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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I have set a WSAAsyncSelect() call to notify me of read (FD_READ) and disconnection (FD_CLOSE). When a read call is posted on my message queue, I continually read from the socket until there are no more characters waiting. After each read, I use a select() call to determine if more data needs to be read. However, after a while, the notifications stop coming. Why is this?

CAUSE

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The message queue must be cleared of extraneous notification messages for each read notification message.

RESOLUTION

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Call WSAAsyncSelect(sockt, hWnd, 0, 0) to clear the message queue for each read notification.

MORE INFORMATION

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Sample Code

WSA_READCLOSE:

```
if (WSAGETSELECTEVENT( lParam ) == FD_READ) {

    FD_ZERO( &readfds );
    FD_SET( sockt, &readfds);

    timeout.tv_sec = 0;
    timeout.tv_usec = 0;

    /* Clear the queue of any extraneous notification messages. */

    WSAAsyncSelect( sockt, hWnd, 0, 0);

    while (select(0, &readfds, NULL, NULL, &timeout) != 0) {
        recv(sockt, &ch, 1, 0);
    }

    /* Reset the message notification. */
```

```
WSAAsyncSelect( sockt, hWnd, WSA_READCLOSE, FD_READ | FD_CLOSE);  
}
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: NtwkWinsock

NetBIOS Name Table and NCBRESET

Article ID: Q95944

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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The Windows NT NetBIOS implementation conforms to the IBM NetBIOS 3.0 specifications, with several enhancements discussed in this article.

MORE INFORMATION

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Name Table

Under Windows NT, the name table is maintained on a per-process basis, which means that names added by one process are not visible by a different process. This also means that for two processes to establish a session, both processes must register two different NetBIOS names. However, sessions can be established by two threads in the same process using the same NetBIOS name.

NCBRESET

The IBM NetBIOS 3.0 specifications defines four basic NetBIOS environments under the NCBRESET command. Win32 follows the OS/2 Dynamic Link Routine (DLR) environment. This means that the first NCB issued by an application must be a NCBRESET, with the exception of NCBENUM. The Windows NT implementation differs from the IBM NetBIOS 3.0 specifications in the NCB_CALLNAME field.

In the "IBM Local Area Network Technical Reference," under the section on NetBIOS 3.0, the NCB_CALLNAME field is defined as the following:

REQ_SESSIONS at NCB_CALLNAME+0 (1-byte field)

The number of sessions requested by the application program.

If zero, the default of 16 is used.

REQ_COMMANDS at NCB_CALLNAME+1 (1-byte field)

The number of commands requested by the application program.

If zero, the default of 16 is used.

REQ_NAMES at NCB_CALLNAME+2 (1-byte field)

The number of names requested by the application program. This does not include a reservation for NAME_NUMBER_1.

If zero, the default of 8 is used.

REQ_NAME_ONE at NCB_CALLNAME+3 (1-byte field)

A request to reserve NAME_NUMBER_1 for this application program.

If 0, NAME_NUMBER_1 is not requested.
If not 0, NAME_NUMBER_1 is desired to be reserved for this application.

Under the Windows NT implementation, the REQ_COMMANDS (NCB_CALLNAME+1) field is ignored. Instead, an application is bound by the amount of memory the process can allocate.

For more information on the differences between the Windows NT implementation and the IBM NetBIOS 3.0 specifications, see "The NetBIOS Function" in the "Win32 API Reference" Help file.

For more information on version 3.0 of NetBIOS, contact IBM and order the "IBM Local Area Network Technical Reference."

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 NCBRESET
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: NtwkNetbios

Using RPC Callback Functions

Article ID: Q96781

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The standard remote procedure call (RPC) model has a server containing one or more exported function calls, and a client, which calls the server's exported functions. However, Microsoft's implementation of RPC defines callbacks as a special interface definition language (IDL) attribute allowing a server to call a client function.

Callbacks can be used only in the context of a server call. Thus, a server may call a client's callback function only when the server is performing a client's remote procedure call (before it returns from processing). For example:

CLIENT	SERVER
-----	-----
Client makes RPC call. --->	
	<--- Server calls callback procedure.
Client returns from callback. --->	
	<--- Server calls callback procedure.
Client returns from callback. --->	
	<--- Server returns from original RPC call.

MORE INFORMATION

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Callbacks are declared in the RPC .IDL file and defined in the source of the client. The following demonstrates how callbacks are declared and defined:

```
[ SAMPLE.IDL ]
[
    uuid(9FEE4F51-0396-101A-AE4F-08002B2D0065),
    version(1.0),
    pointer_default( unique )
]

{
void RPCProc( [in, string] unsigned char *pszStr );
[callback] void CallbackProc([in,string] unsigned char *pszStr);
}

[ SAMPLEC.C (Client) ]
/*
    Callback RPC call (initiated from server, executed on client).
```

```

*/
void CallbackProc( unsigned char *pszString )
{
    printf("Call from server, printed on client: %s", pszStr );
}

[ SAMPLES.C (Server)]
/*
    "Standard" RPC call (initiated from client, executed on server).
    Makes a call to client callback procedure, CallbackProc().
*/
void RPCProc( unsigned char *pszStr )
{
    printf("About to call Callback() client function.."
        CallbackProc( pszStr );
    printf("Called callback function.");
}

```

In the makefile for the sample, the "-ms_ext" switch must be used for the MIDL compile. For example:

```
midl -ms_ext -cpp_cmd $(cc) -cpp_opt "-E" sample.idl
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: NtwkRpc

RPC Can Use Multiple Protocols

Article ID: Q100009

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1, 3.5, and 4.0
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Microsoft Remote Procedure Call (RPC) does not rely on a single protocol. An RPC server can be written to use all available protocols on the server, and a client can be written in the same manner. Thus, the server or client does not have to know which protocols it supports explicitly.

RPC protocols supported by Windows 3.1 and 3.5 are:

ncacn_ip_tcp	(TCP/IP)
ncacn_nb_nb	(NetBIOS over NetBEUI)
ncacn_nb_tcp	(NetBIOS over TCP)
ncacn_np	(Named Pipes)
ncalrpc	(LPC)

RPC protocols supported by Windows 3.5 only are:

ncadg_ipx	(Datagram - IPX)
ncacn_spx	(SPX)
ncadg_ip_udp	(Datagram - UDP)
ncacn_nb_ipx	(Netbios over IPX)

RPC protocols supported by Windows 95 are:

ncacn_ip_tcp
ncacn_nb_nb
ncacn_np
ncacn_spx
ncalrpc

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: NtwkRpc

Location of WNet* API Functions

Article ID: Q102381

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0

The WNet* API routines are implemented in MPR.DLL. When linking an application that uses these routines, link with the import library MPR.LIB. For a list of which APIs can be resolved with which import libraries, see the file WIN32API.CSV, which is included in the Win32 SDK and the Visual C++ 32-bit edition.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubCategory: NtwkWinnet

PRB: RPC Installation Problem

Article ID: Q104315

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT version 3.1
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SYMPTOMS

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There is a problem with the Remote Procedure Call (RPC) service installation. Setup searches the Windows directory for WINSOCK.DLL. If the file is found, Setup installs RPC16C3.DLL.

This is a problem if you are dual booting a machine between Windows 3.1 and Windows NT because Windows 3.1 uses an older TCP/IP interface, which is called RPC16C3X.DLL on the distribution disks. When you run Windows NT, you will want to use the newer TCP/IP interface, called RPC16C3.DLL.

WORKAROUND

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If you are dual booting and using RPC, a workaround to this problem is to rename your WINSOCK.DLL file to something else, such as WINSOCK.XXX. This will cause Setup to copy the correct version of the TCP/IP dynamic-link library (DLL).

Additional reference words: 3.10

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: NtwkRpc

RpcNsxxx() APIs Not Supported by Windows NT Locator

Article ID: Q104318

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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The RpsNSxxx group and profile name service application programming interfaces (APIs), such as `RpcNsProfileEltAdd()`, are supported by our RPC run time; however, they are not supported by the Windows NT Locator, which is the default RPC name service provider. If you attempt to make a call to one of these APIs, an error 1764, "request not supported," will be returned. Because the `RpcNSxxx` APIs are supported in the run time, name service providers other than the Locator, such as the DCE CDS, can be accessed.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: NtwkRpc

Using ReadFile() and WriteFile() on Socket Descriptors

Article ID: Q104536

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, versions 3.1 and 3.5
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Socket handles for Windows NT sockets are object handles. For example, you can pass a socket handle in the appropriate state to the ReadFile(), ReadFileEx(), WriteFile(), or WriteFileEx() application programming interface (API) to receive and send data. The socket descriptor passed to the file APIs must be a connected, TCP descriptor.

NOTE: There is no way to specify send and receive out-of-band data.

To use a Windows Sockets handle, the ReadFile() and WriteFile() APIs must use asynchronous access. That is, you must specify the overlapped parameter in the call to ReadFile() and WriteFile(). This will allow you to be notified when the I/O has completed.

This functionality is based upon the implementation of Windows Sockets and may not be available to all implementations. For example, although this works in the Win32 subsystem, it is not supported under Win32s.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: NtwkWinsock

Host Name May Map to Multiple IP Addresses

Article ID: Q110703

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0

The sockets function `gethostname()` returns a string that identifies the name of the local host. Each host has only one "official" name, regardless of how many IP addresses it has, but there may be several "aliases" for the host.

In TCP/IP, there is not a one-to-one mapping between host name and IP address. The mapping is one-to-many: one host name can have multiple IP addresses.

The sockets function `getsockname()` returns the `sockaddr` that the socket is bound to.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: NtwkWinsock

Windows NT Support for the MS-DOS LAN Manager APIs

Article ID: Q110776

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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There is no list that shows specifically which MS-DOS LAN Manager APIs (application programming interfaces) are supported in a VDM (virtual DOS machine) on Windows NT. This article discusses what influenced whether or not an API would be implemented.

The set of APIs that is supported is relatively small. It was necessary to implement named pipes, mailslots, NetServerEnum(), and the NetUseXXX APIs. The APIs that are commonly used in shipping applications were implemented, if possible. There were certain APIs that were impossible to implement from the VDM. The remaining APIs were not added either because Microsoft did not feel that they were used in applications or because they did not make sense in this context, such as the NetServiceXXX APIs.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: NtwkLmapi

Availability of Microsoft Network SDKs

Article ID: Q115604

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK), version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
 - Windows for Workgroups SDK, version 3.11
 - Microsoft LAN Manager SDK
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SUMMARY

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The following SDKs are available for programmers writing network applications on Microsoft platforms:

Microsoft Windows for Workgroups SDK

This is available on the April 1994 (and later) Microsoft Developer Network (MSDN) Level 2 CDs.

The SDK, documentation, debug kernel, and other files for network programmers on Windows for Workgroups, version 3.11 are available on the April 1994 MSDN. This SDK includes APIs for the network extensions to Windows for Workgroups, version 3.11.

Microsoft LAN Manager SDK

This is available on CompuServe:

Forum: msnet
Section: 3 (LM on OS/2)

The libraries in this section contain the SDK.

The SDK for LAN Manager programming on MS-DOS, Windows, and OS/2 is available on CompuServe.

The documentation is available in two books:

- "Microsoft LAN Manager, A Programmer's Guide," Ralph Ryan, Microsoft Press, ISBN 1-55615-166-7.
- "Microsoft LAN Manager Programmer's Reference," Microsoft Corporation, Microsoft Press, ISBN 1-55615-313-9.

This SDK includes APIs for writing distributed applications and administration programs for Microsoft LAN Manager.

LAN Manager APIs for Windows NT

The file DOC\SDK\MISC\LMAPI.HLP on the CD describes the ported LAN Manager

APIs APIs. Windows NT supports 32-bit equivalents of most of the LAN Manager APIs.

The LAN Manager APIs are included in the header file LMACCESS.H and in the import library NETAPI32.LIB. These APIs are described in the Win32 API help file.

Windows Sockets APIs

The Windows Sockets APIs are available through the SDKs. The file WINSOCK.HLP gives the details.

The files needed to support Windows Sockets APIs (conforming to the Windows Sockets specifications) for Microsoft LAN Manager may be obtained in the following locations:

- CompuServe (lib 10 in the MSNETWORKS forum, titled LMSOCK.ZIP).

-or-

- Internet (FTP.MICROSOFT.COM, ADVSYS\LANMAN\SUP-ED\WINSOCK).

The Windows Sockets specifications, libraries, header files and samples may also be obtained from the Internet location mentioned above, in the ADVSYS\WINSOCK directory.

Microsoft Remote Procedure Call (RPC)

The support for RPC is included in the Win32 SDKs. The Win32 API help file includes the RPC APIs. The RPC.HLP file gives the details of RPC support.

RPC support files for MS-DOS and Microsoft Windows may be obtained from the Win32SDK CD-ROM. The directory MSTOOLS\RPC_DOS has the required files.

NOTE: Microsoft also provides other kinds of network APIs. For example, the NetBIOSCall() API provides a mechanism to write NetBIOS applications on Microsoft Windows; on Windows NT this is accomplished with the Netbios() API. Information on these other APIs may be obtained from the Windows and Win32 SDK documentation.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 3.11 msdn12

KBCategory: kbref

KBSubcategory: NtwkMisc

MIDL 1.0 and MIDL 2.0 Full Pointers Do Not Interoperate

Article ID: Q115830

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, version 3.5
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Microsoft Remote Procedure Call (RPC), version 1.0, has minimal support for full pointers, so the version of the MIDL compiler with Microsoft RPC version 1.0 (MIDL 1.0) treats full pointers (specified with the ptr attribute) as unique pointers (specified with the unique attribute).

The MIDL compiler with Microsoft RPC, version 2.0 (MIDL 2.0), supports full pointers. Because of the way Microsoft RPC, version 1.0, handles the on-wire representation of pointers, applications compiled using MIDL 2.0 full pointers cannot operate interactively with applications compiled using MIDL 1.0 full pointers.

The workaround is to recompile the MIDL 2.0 application to use unique pointers.

Additional reference words: 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: NtwkRpc

Getting the MAC Address for an Ethernet Adapter

Article ID: Q118623

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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To get the Media Access Control (MAC) address for an ethernet adapter programmatically, you can use NetBIOS if your card is bound to NetBIOS. Use the Netbios() NCBASTAT command and provide a "*" as the name in the NCB.ncb_CallName field. This is demonstrated in the sample code below.

With the NetBEUI and IPX transports, the same information can be obtained at a command prompt by using:

```
net config workstation
```

The ID given is the MAC address.

Sample Code

```
-----  
  
#include <windows.h>  
#include <wincon.h>  
#include <stdlib.h>  
#include <stdio.h>  
#include <time.h>  
  
typedef struct _ASTAT_  
{  
    ADAPTER_STATUS adapt;  
    NAME_BUFFER    NameBuff [30];  
}ASTAT, * PASTAT;  
  
ASTAT Adapter;  
  
void main (void)  
{  
    NCB Ncb;  
    UCHAR uRetCode;  
    char NetName[50];  
  
    memset( &Ncb, 0, sizeof(Ncb) );  
    Ncb.ncb_command = NCBRESET;  
    Ncb.ncb_lana_num = 0;  
  
    uRetCode = Netbios( &Ncb );  
    printf( "The NCBRESET return code is: 0x%x \n", uRetCode );  
  
    memset( &Ncb, 0, sizeof( Ncb) );  
    Ncb.ncb_command = NCBASTAT;  
    Ncb.ncb_lana_num = 0;  
  
    strcpy( Ncb.ncb_callname, "*" );  
}
```

```
Ncb.ncb_buffer = (char *) &Adapter;
Ncb.ncb_length = sizeof(Adapter);

uRetCode = Netbios( &Ncb );
printf( "The NCBASTAT return code is: 0x%x \n", uRetCode );
if ( uRetCode == 0 )
{
    printf( "The Ethernet Number is: %02x%02x%02x%02x%02x%02x\n",
           Adapter.adapt.adapter_address[0],
           Adapter.adapt.adapter_address[1],
           Adapter.adapt.adapter_address[2],
           Adapter.adapt.adapter_address[3],
           Adapter.adapt.adapter_address[4],
           Adapter.adapt.adapter_address[5] );
}
}
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: NtwkNetbios

Enumerating Network Connections

Article ID: Q119216

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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From the MS-DOS prompt, you can enumerate the network connections (drives) by using the following command:

```
net use
```

Programmatically, you would call WNetOpenEnum() to start the enumeration of connected resources and WNetEnumResources() to continue the enumeration.

MORE INFORMATION

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The following sample code enumerates the network connections:

Sample Code

```
#include <windows.h>
#include <stdio.h>

void main()
{
    DWORD dwResult;
    HANDLE hEnum;
    DWORD cbBuffer = 16384;
    DWORD cEntries = 0xFFFFFFFF;
    LPNETRESOURCE lpnrDrv;
    DWORD i;

    dwResult = WNetOpenEnum( RESOURCE_CONNECTED,
                            RESOURCETYPE_ANY,
                            0,
                            NULL,
                            &hEnum );

    if (dwResult != NO_ERROR)
    {
        printf( "\nCannot enumerate network drives.\n" );
        return;
    }

    printf( "\nNetwork drives:\n\n" );

    do
    {
```

```

    lpnrDrv = (LPNETRESOURCE) GlobalAlloc( GPTR, cbBuffer );

    dwResult = WNetEnumResource( hEnum, &cEntries, lpnrDrv, &cbBuffer
);

    if (dwResult == NO_ERROR)
    {
        for( i = 0; i < cEntries; i++ )
        {
            if( lpnrDrv[i].lpLocalName != NULL )
            {
                printf( "%s\t%s\n", lpnrDrv[i].lpLocalName,
                        lpnrDrv[i].lpRemoteName );
            }
        }
    }
    else if( dwResult != ERROR_NO_MORE_ITEMS )
    {
        printf( "Cannot complete network drive enumeration" );
        GlobalFree( (HGLOBAL) lpnrDrv );
        break;
    }
    GlobalFree( (HGLOBAL) lpnrDrv );
}
while( dwResult != ERROR_NO_MORE_ITEMS );

WNetCloseEnum(hEnum);
}

```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: NtwkWinnet

How to Look Up a User's Full Name

Article ID: Q119670

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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Windows NT workstations can be organized into a domain, which is a collection of computers on a Windows NT Advanced Server network. The domain administrator maintains centralized user and group account information.

MORE INFORMATION

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To find the full name of a user if you have the user name and domain name:

1. Convert the user name and domain name to Unicode, if they are not already Unicode strings. This is a requirement of the ported LAN Manager APIs that are used in the following steps.
2. Look up the name of the domain controller (DC) for the domain name by calling NetServerEnum().
3. Look up the user name by calling NetUserGetInfo().
4. Convert the full user name to ANSI, unless the program is expecting to work with Unicode strings.

The sample code below is a function that takes a user name and a domain name as the first two arguments and returns the user's full name in the third argument.

For information on how to get the current user and domain, please see the following article in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

ARTICLE-ID: Q111544

TITLE : Looking Up the Current User and Domain

Sample Code

```
#include <windows.h>
#include <lm.h>
#include <stdio.h>

/*****\
* Function: GetFullName( char *UserName, char *Domain, char *dest ); *
*
* Parameters: *
*   UserName: the user name *
*   Domain : the domain to which the user belongs *
*****/
```

```

*      dest      : receives the user's full name                                     *
*                                                                                   *
\*****/

BOOL GetFullName(char *UserName, char *Domain, char *dest)
{
    WCHAR  wszUserName[256];           // Unicode user name
    WCHAR  wszDomain[256];
    LPBYTE ComputerName;

    struct _SERVER_INFO_100 *si100;    // Server structure
    struct _USER_INFO_2 *ui;          // User structure

    // Convert ASCII user name and domain to Unicode.

    MultiByteToWideChar( CP_ACP, 0, UserName,
        strlen(UserName)+1, wszUserName, sizeof(wszUserName) );
    MultiByteToWideChar( CP_ACP, 0, Domain,
        strlen(Domain)+1, wszDomain, sizeof(wszDomain) );

    // Get the computer name of a DC for the specified domain.

    NetGetDCName( NULL, wszDomain, &ComputerName );

    // Look up the user on the DC.

    if(NetUserGetInfo( (LPWSTR) ComputerName,
        (LPWSTR) &wszUserName, 2, (LPBYTE *) &ui))
    {
        printf( "Error getting user information.\n" );
        return( FALSE );
    }

    // Convert the Unicode full name to ASCII.

    WideCharToMultiByte( CP_ACP, 0, ui->usri2_full_name,
        -1, dest, 256, NULL, NULL );

    return( TRUE );
}

```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50
KBCategory: kbnetwork kbprg
KBSubcategory: NtwkLmapi

PRB: WINS.MIB & DHCP.MIB Files Missing from Win32 SDK 3.5
Article ID: Q121625

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT version 3.5
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SYMPTOMS

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Two Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) files (WINS.MIB and DHCP.MIB) are missing from the currently released version of the Win32 SDK for Windows NT version 3.5.

The files are two Management Information Base (MIB) files for WINS and DHCP SNMP usage. The two files (WINS.MIB and DHCP.MIB) are used in the generation of a MIB.BIN file for use with the NT SNMP Extensible Agent Management API.

RESOLUTION

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Only developers working on SNMP programming using the SNMP Extensible Agent Management API will need these two .MIB files. To get the two .MIB files:

Download NEWMIB.EXE, a self-extracting file, from the Microsoft Software Library (MSL) on the following services:

- CompuServe
 - GO MSL
 - Search for NEWMIB.EXE
 - Display results and download
- Microsoft Download Service (MSDL)
 - Dial (206) 936-6735 to connect to MSDL
 - Download NEWMIB.EXE
- Internet (anonymous FTP)
 - ftp ftp.microsoft.com
 - Change to the SOFTLIB\MSLFILES directory
 - Get NEWMIB.EXE

The two missing .MIB files will be included with the next release of the Win32 SDK for Windows NT version 3.5.

All licensing and redistribution agreements from the Win32 SDK for Windows NT version 3.5 also apply to these .MIB files. Please consider the two .MIB files part of the Win32 SDK. Please see your licensing agreement for the Win32 SDK for more details.

Additional reference words: 3.50 softlib

KBCategory: kbprg kbfile kbprb

KBSubcategory: NtwkSnmp

Sockets Applications on Microsoft Windows Platforms

Article ID: Q124876

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
 - Microsoft Win32s version 1.2
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SUMMARY

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This article documents the resources necessary to do Winsock development on the different Microsoft Windows platforms. The key components necessary for Winsock programming are:

- TCP/IP networking support
- A Windows Sockets include file
- A Windows Wockets import library
- The Windows Sockets Architecture specification.

NOTE: Some implementations of Windows Sockets may support additional protocols, and TCP/IP will not be strictly necessary. See the documentation from your vendor for more information.

MORE INFORMATION

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Where you get the necessary components for Winsock programming depends on what platform you are using.

Microsoft Windows NT Versions 3.1 and 3.5 and Windows 95

Header filename: WINSOCK.H
Import library name: WSOCK32.LIB

If you are using Microsoft Windows NT version 3.1 or 3.5, the TCP/IP protocol is provided as a component of the operating system. Please see your operating system documentation for more information about installing TCP/IP support for Microsoft Windows NT.

The Winsock header file, import library, and specification are all supplied as part of the Win32 SDK. If you do not have the Win32 SDK, it can be purchased as part of the Microsoft Developer Network Level 2 subscription.

The header file and import library are also supplied with the 32-bit editions of Visual C++. Visual C++ does not include the Windows Sockets specification.

Microsoft Windows for Workgroups Version 3.11

Header filename: WINSOCK.H

Import library name: WINSOCK.LIB

Windows for Workgroups does not include support for the TCP/IP protocol. However, Microsoft does provide a TCP/IP protocol for Windows for Workgroups free of charge. To learn how to obtain the TCP/IP package for Windows for Workgroups, please see the following article in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

ARTICLE-ID: Q111682

TITLE : WFWG 3.11: How to Obtain Microsoft DLC and Microsoft TCP/IP

The Winsock include file, import library, and specification are available from the Microsoft Software library. Download WSA16.EXE, a self-extracting file, from the Microsoft Library (MSL) on the following services:

- CompuServe
 - GO MSL
 - Search for WSA16.EXE
 - Display results and download

- Microsoft Download Service (MSDL)
 - Dial (206) 936-6735 to connect to MSDL
 - Download WSA16.EXE

- Internet (anonymous FTP)
 - ftp ftp.microsoft.com
 - Change to the /softlib/mslfiles directory
 - get WSA16.EXE

The header file and library for Winsock programming are not included with Visual C++ for Windows.

Microsoft Windows Versions 3.0, 3.1, and 3.11

Header filename: Probably WINSOCK.H (determined by vendor)
Import library name: Probably WINSOCK.LIB (determined by vendor)

TCP/IP support on these versions of Microsoft Windows will have to come from the underlying network. Your network vendor can tell you what TCP/IP support is available.

Depending on your network and the TCP/IP implementation, you may also need to get the Winsock header and library files from your vendor. However, while not guaranteed, the files supplied in WSA16.EXE (see above) may work on your implementation.

Microsoft Win32s Version 1.2

Header filename: WINSOCK.H
Import library name: WSOCK32.LIB

A Winsock application running on Win32s will use the networking support of the underlying system. See the appropriate section above for information about TCP/IP support on the host platform.

The header file, import library, and specification will be part of the Win32 SDK from which the Win32s application was created. See the section on Windows NT above for more information.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 1.20 tcpip

KBCategory: kbprg kbfile kbnetwork

KBSubcategory: NtwkWinsock W32s

PRB: Error 1 (NRC_BUFLEN) During NetBIOS Send Call
Article ID: Q124879

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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When making a NetBIOS Send call, the call will fail with error code 1 (NRC_BUFLEN). This error code indicates that the buffer length is invalid.

CAUSE

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NRC_BUFLEN will be returned if the buffer length specified in the NetBIOS Control Block (NCB) is incorrect. Less obvious is the fact that this error will also be returned if the buffer pointed to by the NCB is protected from write operations.

RESOLUTION

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Although the NetBIOS code does not write to the buffer supplied in the NCB, write access is required. You can solve the problem by changing the protection on your buffer to include write access.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbnetwork kbprg kberrmsg

KBSubcategory: NtwkNetbios

List All NetBIOS Names on a Lana

Article ID: Q124960

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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You can get a list of NetBIOS names for a lana by using the Adapter Status NetBIOS request and using the "*" character as the call name. However, on Windows NT, this method lists only the names added by the current process.

If you want to list all of the NetBIOS names on the lana, use a unique local name as the call name. This method causes the Adapter Status to be treated as a remote call, which will disable the "filtering" of names added by other processes. The sample code below demonstrates this technique.

SAMPLE CODE

/* The following makefile may be used to build this sample:

```
!include <ntwin32.mak>

PROJ = test.exe
DEPS = test.obj
LIBS_EXT = netapi32.lib

.c.obj:
    $(cc) /YX $(cdebug) $(cflags) $(cvars) $<

$(PROJ) : $(DEPS)
    $(link) @<<
    $**
    -out:$@
    $(conlibs)
    $(conlflags)
    $(ldebug)
    $(LIBS_EXT)
    <<

*/

#include <windows.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

/*
 * LANANUM and LOCALNAME should be set as appropriate for
 * your system
 */
#define LANANUM 0
#define LOCALNAME "MAKEUNIQUE"
```

```

#define NBCheck(x)  if (NRC_GOODRET != x.ncb_retcode) { \
                    printf("Line %d: Got 0x%x from NetBios()\n", \
                           __LINE__, x.ncb_retcode); \
                    }

```

```

void MakeNetbiosName (char *achDest, LPCSTR szSrc);
BOOL NBAddName (int nLana, LPCSTR szName);
BOOL NBReset (int nLana, int nSessions, int nNames);
BOOL NBListNames (int nLana, LPCSTR szName);
BOOL NBAdapterStatus (int nLana, PVOID pBuffer, int cbBuffer,
                     LPCSTR szName);

```

```

void
main ()
{
    if (!NBReset (LANANUM, 20, 30))
        return;

    if (!NBAddName (LANANUM, LOCALNAME))
        return;

    if (!NBListNames (LANANUM, LOCALNAME))
        return;

    printf ("Succeeded.\n");
}

```

```

BOOL
NBReset (int nLana, int nSessions, int nNames)
{
    NCB ncb;

    memset (&ncb, 0, sizeof (ncb));
    ncb.ncb_command = NCBRESET;
    ncb.ncb_lsn = 0; /* Allocate new lana_num resources */
    ncb.ncb_lana_num = nLana;
    ncb.ncb_callname[0] = nSessions; /* max sessions */
    ncb.ncb_callname[2] = nNames; /* max names */

    Netbios (&ncb);
    NBCheck (ncb);

    return (NRC_GOODRET == ncb.ncb_retcode);
}

```

```

BOOL
NBAddName (int nLana, LPCSTR szName)
{
    NCB ncb;

    memset (&ncb, 0, sizeof (ncb));
    ncb.ncb_command = NCBADDNAME;
    ncb.ncb_lana_num = nLana;

    MakeNetbiosName (ncb.ncb_name, szName);
}

```

```

    Netbios (&ncb);
    NBCheck (ncb);

    return (NRC_GOODRET == ncb.ncb_retcode);
}

/*
 * MakeNetbiosName - Builds a name padded with spaces up to
 * the length of a NetBIOS name (NCBNAMSZ).
 */
void
MakeNetbiosName (char *achDest, LPCSTR szSrc)
{
    int cchSrc;

    cchSrc = lstrlen (szSrc);
    if (cchSrc > NCBNAMSZ)
        cchSrc = NCBNAMSZ;

    memset (achDest, ' ', NCBNAMSZ);
    memcpy (achDest, szSrc, cchSrc);
}

BOOL
NBListNames (int nLana, LPCSTR szName)
{
    int cbBuffer;
    ADAPTER_STATUS *pStatus;
    NAME_BUFFER *pNames;
    int i;

    // Allocate the largest buffer we might need
    cbBuffer = sizeof (ADAPTER_STATUS) + 255 * sizeof (NAME_BUFFER);
    pStatus = (ADAPTER_STATUS *) HeapAlloc (GetProcessHeap (), 0,
                                           cbBuffer);

    if (NULL == pStatus)
        return FALSE;

    if (!NBAdapterStatus (nLana, (PVOID) pStatus, cbBuffer, szName))
    {
        HeapFree (GetProcessHeap (), 0, pStatus);
        return FALSE;
    }

    // The list of names immediately follows the adapter status
    // structure.
    pNames = (NAME_BUFFER *) (pStatus + 1);

    for (i = 0; i < pStatus->name_count; i++)
        printf ("\t%.*s\n", NCBNAMSZ, pNames[i].name);

    HeapFree (GetProcessHeap (), 0, pStatus);

    return TRUE;
}

```

```
BOOL
NBAdapterStatus (int nLana, PVOID pBuffer, int cbBuffer, LPCSTR szName)
{
    NCB ncb;

    memset (&ncb, 0, sizeof (ncb));
    ncb.ncb_command = NCBASTAT;
    ncb.ncb_lana_num = nLana;

    ncb.ncb_buffer = (PUCHAR) pBuffer;
    ncb.ncb_length = cbBuffer;

    MakeNetbiosName (ncb.ncb_callname, szName);

    Netbios (&ncb);
    NBCheck (ncb);

    return (NRC_GOODRET == ncb.ncb_retcode);
}
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50
KBCategory: kbprg kbnetwork
KBSubcategory: NtwkNetios

Windows 95 Support for LAN Manager APIs

Article ID: Q125700

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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Windows 95 supports a subset of the Microsoft LAN Manager API. This is a list of the supported functions:

```
NetAccessAdd
NetAccessCheck
NetAccessDel
NetAccessEnum
NetAccessGetInfo
NetAccessGetUserPerms
NetAccessSetInfo
NetConnectionEnum
NetFileClose2
NetFileEnum
NetSecurityGetInfo
NetServerGetInfo
NetServerSetInfo
NetSessionDel
NetSessionEnum
NetSessionGetInfo
NetShareAdd
NetShareDel
NetShareEnum
NetShareGetInfo
NetShareSetInfo
```

Windows 95 support for these functions differs from Windows NT in two ways. First, since Windows 95 doesn't support Unicode, these functions require ANSI strings. Second, Windows 95 exports the Lan Manager functions from SVRAPI.DLL instead of NETAPI32.DLL. If an attempt is made to run a native Windows NT application on Windows 95, the following error will result:

```
"The <application> file is linked to missing export NETAPI32.DLL
<Net...API>"
```

To handle these differences, applications targeted to both Windows NT and Windows 95 should do the following:

1. Avoid importing Lan Manager functions from NETAPI32.DLL at link time. Instead, applications should do a run time version check and dynamically link to NETAPI32.DLL for Windows NT or SVRAPI.DLL for Windows 95.

For additional information on version checking, please see the following article(s) in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

ARTICLE-ID:Q92395

TITLE :Determining System Version from a Win32-based Application

2. Make sure the application doesn't depend on the presence of unsupported API's.
3. When calling Lan Manager API's, pass strings using a character set appropriate for the host operating system. Use Unicode strings for Windows NT and ANSI strings for Windows 95.

If you are only targetting Windows 95 and wish to use SVRAPI.DLL, SVRAPI.H and SVRAPI.LIB are included in the Windows 95 DDK. NOTE: The formal parameter lists for the LAN Manager APIs may be slightly different between the header files for Windows NT and Windows 95.

Additional reference words: 4.00 95
KBCategory: kbnetwork
KBSubcategory: NtwkLmapi

Windows 95 RPC: Supported Protocol Sequences

Article ID: Q125701

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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The Windows 95 RPC runtime libraries support a subset of the protocol sequences introduced in Microsoft RPC 1.0. Here is the list of supported protocol sequences:

Protocol Sequence	Comments
ncacn_ip_tcp	Requires TCP/IP installation
ncacn_nb_nb	NetBEUI is the only supported NetBIOS transport
ncacn_np	Support for client applications only
ncacn_spx	Requires IPX/SPX installation
ncalrpc	Local communication only

Regarding ncacn_np: Windows 95 does not support server-side named pipes, so ncacn_np is not a valid protocol sequence for RPC servers running on Windows 95. However, ncacn_np is valid for RPC client applications.

Additional reference words: 4.00 NETWORKING

KBCategory: kbnetwork

KBSubcategory: NtwkRpc

Windows 95 Network Programming Support

Article ID: Q125702

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
-

Windows 95 supports the network programming interfaces listed in the table below:

Interface	Comments

Microsoft RPC	Supports a subset of the protocol sequences specified in Microsoft RPC 1.0. For additional information, please see the following article(s) in the Microsoft Knowledge Base: ARTICLE-ID:Q125701 TITLE :Windows 95 RPC: Supported Protocol Sequences
Windows Sockets (WinSock)	Supports the TCP/IP and IPX/SPX network transports. For additional information, please see the following article(s) in the Microsoft Knowledge Base: ARTICLE-ID:Q125704 TITLE :Multiprotocol Support for Windows Sockets
NetBIOS	Supports NetBIOS v3.0, including the Microsoft extension function NCBENUM.
Network DDE (NetDDE)	Includes the NetDDE agent and a 16 bit NetDDE API DLL. 32-bit applications must thunk to NDDEAPI.DLL. For additional information, please see the following article(s) in the Microsoft Knowledge Base: ARTICLE-ID:Q125703 TITLE :Windows 95 Support for Network DDE

Additional reference words: 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg kbnetwork

KBSubcategory: NtwkMisc

Multiprotocol Support for Windows Sockets

Article ID: Q125704

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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SUMMARY

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The Windows Sockets (WinSock) API is based on the Berkeley Sockets programming model, the standard interface for TCP/IP network programming on Windows. However, the WinSock implementations for Windows NT and Windows 95 include support for additional network transports. Here are the network transports supported by Microsoft WinSock implementations, listed by platform. For convenience, the headers and libraries required for application development are also listed.

Platform	Transport	Header*	Lib
Windows NT	TCP/IP	WINSOCK.H	WSOCK32.LIB
	IPX/SPX	WSIPX.H, WSNWLINK.H	""
	NetBEUI (via NetBIOS)	WSNETBS.H	""
	Appletalk	ATALKWSH.H	""
	ISO/TP4	WSHISOTP.H	""
Windows 95	TCP/IP	WINSOCK.H	""
	IPX/SPX	WSIPX.H, WSNWLINK.H	""
Windows for Workgroups version 3.11	TCP/IP	WINSOCK.H	WINSOCK.LIB

* WINSOCK.H is required for all platforms and transports, in addition to other header files.

MORE INFORMATION

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The Windows Sockets API provides a uniform interface to multiple network transports and shields the programmer from most transport level idiosyncracies. However, WinSock does not eliminate the need to learn the basics of the transport protocol used. In particular, the programmer should be familiar with the following aspects of any transport protocol used with Windows Sockets:

1. Addressing.

Each transport uses different address format. For example, the IP socket address structures looks like this:

```
/*  
 * Socket address, internet style.  
 */  
struct sockaddr_in
```

```

{
    short    sin_family;
    u_short  sin_port;
    struct   in_addr sin_addr;
    char     sin_zero[8];
};

struct in_addr
{
    union
    {
        struct { u_char s_b1,s_b2,s_b3,s_b4; } S_un_b;
        struct { u_short s_w1,s_w2; } S_un_w;
        u_long S_addr;
    } S_un;
}

```

In contrast, the IPX address structure looks like this:

```

typedef struct sockaddr_ipx
{
    short sa_family;
    char  sa_netnum[4];
    char  sa_nodenum[6];
    unsigned short sa_socket;
} SOCKADDR_IPX;

```

2. Connection-Oriented vs. Connectionless Transport.

In a connection-oriented transport protocol such as TCP or SPX, applications are required to establish a virtual circuit before data transfer can take place. The following sequences of WinSock functions are required at minimum to establish a virtual circuit:

Server	Client
socket	socket
bind	connect
listen	
accept	

After the virtual circuit is established, the send() and recv() functions are used to transfer data.

In a connectionless transport, a virtual circuit is not established. Both the client and server exchange data by binding a socket and calling sendto() or recvfrom().

3. Virtual circuit termination semantics.

4. Message Oriented vs. Stream-Oriented.

See the Win32 SDK online documentation for information on these topics.

5. Expedited data delivery.

This is data that has been earmarked by the application as urgent data,

and will be sent by the transport as quickly as possible. Not all transports support this feature. The Windows Sockets API provides the ability to request expedited data delivery via the MSG_OOB flag in the send() function.

6. Broadcasts.

Here is an extract from the Win32 SDK online documentation:

"Most connectionless transport protocols support broadcasts in the same fashion, in which any bound socket can send a broadcast if the SO_BROADCAST option is set, and broadcasts sent to the appropriate local endpoint are received without any additional work on the part of the application. NetBIOS transport protocols, however, handle broadcasts somewhat differently. In order to receive broadcasts, an application must bind to the NetBIOS broadcast address, which is an asterisk ("*") followed by 15 blank spaces (ASCII character 0x20). This means two things: A socket must be specially bound to receive broadcasts, and applications cannot depend on receiving broadcasts intended only for a specific application, since all NetBIOS broadcasts are delivered to this address. In other protocols such as UDP/IP and IPX, broadcasts are delivered to a socket only if the broadcast was sent to the same port to which the socket was bound."

For more information on any of the above topics, please see the Win32 SDK online documentation.

Additional reference words: 4.00

KBCategory: kbnetwork

KBSubcategory: NtwkWinsock

PRB: Poor TCP/IP Performance When Doing Small Sends

Article ID: Q126716

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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When doing multiple sends of less than the Maximum Transmission Unit (MTU), you may see poor performance. On an Ethernet network, the MTU for TCP/IP is 1460 bytes.

CAUSE

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When an application does two sends of less than a transport MTU, the second send is delayed until an ACK is received from the remote host. The delay occurs in case the application does another small send. TCP can then coalesce the two small sends into one larger packet. This concept of collecting small sends into larger packets is called Nagling.

RESOLUTION

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There are a number of ways to avoid Nagling in an application. Here are two. The second is more complex but gives a better performance benefit:

- Set the TCP_NODELAY socket option for the socket. This tells TCP/IP to send always, regardless of packet size. This will result in sub-optimal use of the physical network, but it will avoid the delay of waiting for an ACK.
- Send larger blocks of data. The send() API call, when you include the overhead of the other network components involved, costs a couple of thousand instructions. One large send() call will be more efficient than two smaller send() calls, even if you need to do some buffer copies.

Sending larger data blocks will also result in more efficient use of the physical network because packets will typically be larger and less numerous. This option is much better than the first (enabling TCP_NODELAY) and should be used if at all possible.

On Windows NT 3.51, if you are sending files, you should use the new TransmitFile() API. This call reads the file data directly from the file system cache and sends it out over the wire. The TransmitFile() call can also take a data block that will be sent ahead of the file, if desired.

REFERENCES

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More information about Nagling and the Nagle algorithm can be found in RFC 1122.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95
KBCategory: kbprg kbnetwork kbprb
KSubcategory: NtwkWinsock

Intergraph's NFS causes WinSock APIs to return error 10093
Article ID: Q127015

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT version 3.5
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SYMPTOMS

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The presence of Intergraph's NFS (Network File System) may cause Windows Sockets applications to function incorrectly. Specifically, if the 'Choose File' common dialog is displayed in a Windows Sockets application, subsequent Windows Sockets API calls may return error 10093, WSAENOTINITIALIZED.

STATUS

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This problem has been corrected in an updated version of PC-NFS, version 2.0.8.0. The update is available from Intergraph's FTP server or bulletin board (IBBS): (205) 730-7248. For more information, please call Intergraph technical support at (800) 633-7248.

MORE INFORMATION

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Steps to Reproduce Problem

1. Call WSAShutdown(...).
2. Call any WinSock API function to verify that WSOCK32.DLL is initialized.
3. Call GetOpenFileName to display the 'Open File' common dialog.
4. Call any WinSock API function. If Intergraph's NFS implementation is installed, you may receive error 10093.

Additional reference words: 3.50 Windows Sockets
bug CFileDialog
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: NtwkWinsock

SNMP Agent Breaks Up Variable Bindings List

Article ID: Q127870

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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When the SNMP agent receives a request for mutiple variables in a single packet, then for each entry in the variable bindings list, the agent queries the required sub-agent (in this case the .DLL acting as the agent) and packs up the results in a response variable bindings list and returns it in a single packet.

For example, say the varibles requested are:

```
ip.ipInReceives          (Internet MIB II )
tcp.tcpMaxConn           (Internet MIB II )

.iso.org.dod.internet.private.enterprises.lanmanager.lanmgr-2.common.
comVersionMaj           (LanManager MIB II)

icmp.icmpOutErrors       (Internet MIB II )
```

In this case, the agent queries the INETMIB2.DLL file twice, the LMMIB2.DLL once, and the INETMIB2.DLL once. Then it packs the results in a response packet and sends it to the requesting manager. There is no "snapshot" of the MIB.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: NtwkSnmp

Where to Get the Microsoft SNMP Headers and Libraries

Article ID: Q127902

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
 - Microsoft Windows for Workgroups SDK, version 3.11
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The 32-bit SNMP headers and libraries are available in both the Microsoft Win32 SDK and Microsoft Visual C++ version 2.0 and later. These files are for use with the Microsoft implementation of SNMP. They will not work with other implementations because Microsoft does not conform to the WINSNMP standard of management APIs.

The headers and libraries for the SNMP agent (parts of SNMP.H and SNMP.LIB) can be used with Windows NT and Windows 95. The headers and libraries for the Management APIs (parts of SNMP.H, MGMTAPI.H, parts of SNMP.LIB, and MGMTAPI.LIB) are for use with Windows NT only.

Microsoft offers no 16-bit SNMP for Windows for Workgroups, however, there are other companies that do offer SNMP for Windows for Workgroups. Here are two companies that we know of that offer 16-bit SNMP:

Company: NetManage
10725 N. De Anza Blvd.
Cupertino, CA 95014
Product: Chameleon Utilities
Phone: (408) 973-7171
Fax: (408) 257-6405

FTP Software
Corporate Headquarters
2 High Street
North Andover, MA 01845-2620
Phone: (508) 685-4000
Fax: (508) 794-4488

The third-party products discussed here are manufactured by vendors independent of Microsoft; we make no warranty, implied or otherwise, regarding these products' performance or reliability.

Additional reference words: 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg kb3rdparty

KBSubcategory: NtwkSnmp

How to Add an SNMP Extension Agent to the NT Registry

Article ID: Q128729

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT version 3.5
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SUMMARY

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After developing a new extension agent DLL, you must configure the registry so that the SNMP extension agent is loaded when the SNMP service is started. This article shows you how.

MORE INFORMATION

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You can use REGEDT32.EXE to configure the registry, or you can have your SNMP extension agent installation program configure the registry using the Win32 registry APIs.

To configure an SNMP extension agent in the registry, follow these steps:

1. Walk down:

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\  
  SYSTEM\  
    CurrentControlSet\  
      Services\  
        SNMP\  
          Parameter\  
            ExtensionAgents
```

You'll notice at least one entry like this:

```
1:REG_SZ:SOFTWARE\Microsoft\LANManagerMIB2Agent\CurrentVersion
```

Add an entry for the new extension agent. For the SNMP Toaster sample in the SDK, the entry is:

```
3:REG_SZ:SOFTWARE\CompanyName\toaster\CurrentVersion
```

This entry provides a pointer to another registry entry (see step 2) that contains the physical path where the extension agent DLL can be found. Note that "CompanyName" and "toaster" strings can be any other meaningful strings that will be used in Step 2.

2. Go to:

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE
```

Create keys that correspond to the new entry in step 1:

```
CompanyName\toaster\CurrentVersion
```

3. Assign the path of the extension agent DLL as the value to the CurrentVersion key in step 2. For the SNMP toaster sample agent DLL, the entry is:

Pathname:REG_SZ:D:\mstools\samples\snmp\testdll\testdl.dll

4. Note that names and values in the NT registry are case sensitive.
5. Restart the SNMP service from the control panel. The new extension agent DLL will be loaded. Event Viewer in the administrative tools can be used to view errors encountered during the startup process of the SNMP service and extension agents.

REFERENCES

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SNMP.TXT in the \BIN directory of the Win32 SDK.

Windows NT Resource Guide, Chapters 10-14.

Additional reference words: 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: NtwkSnmp

DLC Information on LLC_DIR_SET_MULTICAST_ADDRESS Command
Article ID: Q129022

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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The DLC programming interface for Windows NT supports Ethernet multicast addressing via the LLC_DIR_SET_MULTICAST_ADDRESS command. This command must be successfully issued before Ethernet multicasts can be received. This article shows by example how to use the command.

MORE INFORMATION

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The following function demonstrates the command.

Sample Code

```
BOOL DlcSetMulticastAddress( BYTE bAdapter, BYTE *pbResult, BYTE *pbAddress
)
{
    LLC_CCB Ccb;

    Ccb.uchAdapterNumber = bAdapter;
    Ccb.uchDlcCommand    = LLC_DIR_SET_MULTICAST_ADDRESS;

    // note: Dlc expects Ethernet addresses to be specified in the
    //         non-canonical form.  In other words, reverse the bits
    //         before passing an Ethernet address.
    //
    //         Also, the first byte of the canonical form of an
    //         Ethernet multicast address must be 0x01.

    Ccb.u.pParameterTable = (PLLC_PARMS) pbAddress;

    if(!DlcSyncCall( &Ccb ))
        return FALSE;
    else
    {
        *pbResult = Ccb.uchDlcStatus;
        return TRUE;
    }
}

// AcsLan wrapper function used by DlcSetMulticastAddress

BOOL DlcSyncCall( PLLC_CCB pCcb )
```

```
{
    BOOL fResult = FALSE;
    DWORD dwResult;

    pCcb->hCompletionEvent = CreateEvent(NULL, TRUE, FALSE, NULL);

    if (!pCcb->hCompletionEvent)
        return FALSE;

    int iStatus = (int) Acslan( pCcb, NULL );
    if ( iStatus != ACSLAN_STATUS_COMMAND_ACCEPTED )
        goto done;

    dwResult = WaitForSingleObject( pCcb->hCompletionEvent, INFINITE );

    if ( dwResult == WAIT_OBJECT_0 )
        fResult = TRUE;

done:
    CloseHandle( pCcb->hCompletionEvent );

    return fResult;
}
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50
KBCategory: kbnetwork kbprg kbcode
KBSubcategory: NtwkMisc

PRB: SnmpMgrStrToOid Assumes Oid Is in Mgmt Subtree

Article ID: Q129063

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SYMPTOMS

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When using the SNMP Manager API SnmpMgrStrToOid() and passing it a valid Oid, the application is unable to get the requested variables.

CAUSE

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The SNMP Manager API SnmpMgrStrToOid assumes that the Oid that is supplied to it is under the internet MIB of the mgmt subtree (1.3.6.1.2.1.x).

RESOLUTION

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To get variables that are not under the mgmt subtree, the Oid must be preceded by a period (.). For example, say an application is trying to get the system group and the Oid passed to SnmpMgrStrToOid is this:

1.3.6.1.2.1.1

Then the application will try to get the following, which does not exist:

iso.org.dod.internet.mgmt.1.1.3.6.1.2.1.1

The correct way to get the system group is to pass this:

.1.3.6.1.2.1.1

STATUS

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This behavior is by design.

REFERENCES

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Microsoft Windows/NT SNMP Programmer's Reference (PROGREF.RTF).

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbnetwork kbprb kbdocerr

KBSubcategory: NtwkSnmp

PRB: Getsockopt() Returns IP Address 0.0.0.0 for UDP
Article ID: Q129065

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.11 and 4.0
 - Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SYMPTOMS

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By following the steps listed below, you might think you should get back the interface address over which the connection was made. However, it actually returns the address 0.0.0.0.

1. Open a UDP socket.
2. Bind it to INADDR_ANY.
3. Call connect() to make a UDP connection.
4. Call getsockname() on your socket.

However, if it was a TCP socket, you would get back the IP address of the interface.

CAUSE

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UDP

This is the behaviour expected from some flavors of UNIX, notably those derived from BSD. When an application calls connect() on a UDP socket that is bound to INADDR_ANY, the operating system associates the remote address with the local socket. This saves the programmer from having to specify the remote IP address in each sendto() or recvfrom(). Instead they may use send() and recv(). Note that this is just a convenience provided by the operating system; there is no network traffic associated with this call. At this point, the underlying IP software determines the interface over which packets will be sent. As described earlier, under BSD UNIX, calling getsockname() will return the IP address of the interface to the application.

This however, is not expected behaviour under Windows NT, Windows 95, or Microsoft TCP/IP for Windows for Workgroups version 3.11. Calling getsockname() will return the IP address 0.0.0.0 (INADDR_ANY). Applications should not assume that they can get the IP address of the interface.

TCP

The behaviour is different if it was a TCP socket. In this case, calling

getsockname() on a connected socket that was bound to INADDR_ANY will return the IP address of the interface over which the connection was made. The state of the connection can also be observed by typing 'netstat' at a command prompt.

NOTE: To enumerate all the IP addresses on an IP host, the application should call gethostname(), call gethostbyname(), and then iterate through the h_addr_list[] member of the hostent struct returned by gethostbyname() as in this example:

```
char    Hostname[100];
HOSTENT *pHostEnt;
int     nAdapter = 0;

gethostname( Hostname, sizeof( Hostname ) );
pHostEnt = gethostbyname( Hostname );

while ( pHostEnt->h_addr_list[nAdapter] )
{
    // pHostEnt->h_addr_list[nAdapter] -the current address in host order
    nAdapter++;
}
```

STATUS
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This behavior is by design.

Additional reference words: 3.11 4.00 3.10 3.50 3.51
KBCategory: kbnetwork kbprb
KBSubcategory: NtwkWinsock

PRB: Building SDK SNMP Samples Results in Unresolved Externals
Article ID: Q129240

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT version 3.5
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SYMPTOMS

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Building the SNMP samples in the Win32 SDK for Windows NT version 3.5 (TESTDLL.DLL or SNMPUTIL.EXE) using Visual C++ version 2.0 results in the linker complaining of unresolved externals `__mb_cur_max_dll` and `__pctype_dll`.

CAUSE

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The application was built to use the C run-time in a DLL. In the Win32 SDK, the import library is CRTDLL.LIB, and in Visual C++, the import library is MSVCRT.LIB. The "`__mb_cur_max_dll`" and "`__pctype_dll`" symbols are defined in the CRTDLL.LIB file, but not in the MSVCRT.LIB file.

For more information, please see the following article in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

ARTICLE-ID: Q119503

TITLE : PRB: Unresolved `__mb_cur_max_dll` and `__pctype_dll`

RESOLUTION

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Choose Settings from the Project menu. Then select C/C++, and go to the Code Generation category. For the run-time library listed, use Multithreaded using DLL.

Additional reference words: 3.50

KBCategory: kbnetwork kberrmsg kbprb

KBSubcategory: NtwkSnmp

How to Use WinSock to Enumerate Addresses

Article ID: Q129315

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.5 and 3.51
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SUMMARY

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The `gethostbyname()` and `gethostname()` WinSock database APIs can be used to list IP addresses for a multihomed host. However, these functions work only for IP addresses. This article shows by example how to give addresses for other address families. Two different methods are given.

MORE INFORMATION

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Method One Code Sample

AF_IPX:

This function can be used to give an IPX address:

```
#include <winsock.h>
#include <wsipx.h>
#include <wsnlink.h>

#include <stdlib.h>

// Note: In the interest of clarity, the following code does not check
//       return values or handle error conditions.

void IPXEnum()
{
    int          cAdapters,
                cbOpt  = sizeof( cAdapters ),
                cbAddr = sizeof( SOCKADDR_IPX );

    SOCKET      s;
    SOCKADDR_IPX Addr;

    // Create IPX socket.
    s = socket( AF_IPX, SOCK_DGRAM, NSPROTO_IPX );

    // Socket must be bound prior to calling IPX_MAX_ADAPTER_NUM
    memset( &Addr, 0, sizeof( Addr ) );
    Addr.sa_family = AF_IPX;
    bind( s, (SOCKADDR*) &Addr, cbAddr);

    // Get the number of adapters => cAdapters.
    getsockopt( (SOCKET) s, NSPROTO_IPX, IPX_MAX_ADAPTER_NUM,
                (char *) &cAdapters, &cbOpt );
}
```

```

// At this point cAdapters is the number of installed adapters.
while ( cAdapters > 0 )
{
    IPX_ADDRESS_DATA  IpxData;

    memset( &IpxData, 0, sizeof(IpxData));

    // Specify which adapter to check.
    IpxData.adapternum = cAdapters - 1;
    cbOpt = sizeof( IpxData );

    // Get information for the current adapter.
    getsockopt( s, NSPROTO_IPX, IPX_ADDRESS,
                (char*) &IpxData, &cbOpt );

    // IpxData contains the address for the current adapter.
    cAdapters--;
}
}

```

AF_NETBIOS:

This function uses the EnumProtocols() function to give lana numbers for the available NetBIOS transports. NOTE: This doesn't work under Windows NT 3.5 because of a bug in EnumProtocols(), but it does work under Windows NT 3.51.

```

void NBEnum()
{
    DWORD          cb = 0;
    PROTOCOL_INFO *pPI;
    BOOL           pfLanas[100];

    int            iRes,
                  nLanas = sizeof(pfLanas) / sizeof(BOOL);

    // Specify NULL for lpiProtocols to enumerate all protocols.

    // First, determine the output buffer size.
    iRes = EnumProtocols( NULL, NULL, &cb );

    // Verify the expected error was received.
    assert( iRes == -1 && GetLastError() == ERROR_INSUFFICIENT_BUFFER );
    if (!cb)
    {
        fprintf( stderr, "No available NetBIOS transports.\n");
        break;
    }

    // Allocate a buffer of the specified size.
    pPI = (PROTOCOL_INFO*) malloc( cb );

    // Enumerate all protocols.
    iRes = EnumProtocols( NULL, pPI, &cb );

    // EnumProtocols() lists each lana number twice, once for
    // SOCK_DGRAM and once for SOCK_SEQPACKET. Set a flag in pfLanas

```

```

// so unique lanas can be identified.

memset( pfLanas, 0, sizeof( pfLanas ) );

while ( iRes > 0 )
    // Scan protocols looking for AF_NETBIOS.
    if ( pPI[--iRes].iAddressFamily == AF_NETBIOS )
        // found one
        pfLanas[ pPI[iRes].iProtocol ] = TRUE;

fprintf( stderr, "Available NetBIOS lana numbers: " );
while( nLanas-- )
    if ( pfLanas[nLanas] )
        fprintf( stderr, "%d ", nLanas );

    free( pPI );
}

```

AF_APPLETALK:

Address enumeration is not meaningful for AF_APPLETALK. On a multihomed host with routing disabled, only the default adapter is used. If routing is enabled, a single AppleTalk address is used for all installed network adapters.

Method Two: Code Sample

Listed below is an example of how to use the WinSock database APIs to give IP addresses:

```

void EnumIP()
{
    char        szHostname[100];
    HOSTENT    *pHostEnt;
    int        nAdapter = 0;

    gethostname( szHostname, sizeof( szHostname ) );
    pHostEnt = gethostbyname( szHostname );

    while ( pHostEnt->h_addr_list[nAdapter] )
    {
        // pHostEnt->h_addr_list[nAdapter] is the current address in host
        // order.

        nAdapter++;
    }
}

```

Additional reference words: 3.50

KBCategory: kbnetwork kbcode

KBSubcategory: NtwkWinsock

Tips for Writing Windows Sockets Apps That Use AF_NETBIOS
Article ID: Q129316

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT version 3.5
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SUMMARY
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The six issues listed in this article must be addressed when writing Windows Sockets applications that use the AF_NETBIOS protocol family.

NOTE: Windows 95 does not support AF_NETBIOS.

MORE INFORMATION
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Issues to Address When Writing Windows Sockets Applications

1. When creating an AF_NETBIOS socket, specify -1 times lana for the protocol option.

The Windows NT WinSock library allows the programmer to create a socket that allows communication over a particular lana. The lana number is specified via the protocol option of the socket() function. To create an AF_NETBIOS socket, specify -1 times the lana for the protocol option of the socket() function. For example:

```
SOCKET hSock0 = socket( AF_NETBIOS, SOCK_DGRAM, 0 ); // lana 0;
SOCKET hSock1 = socket( AF_NETBIOS, SOCK_DGRAM, -1 ); // lana 1;
```

The lana numbers are basically indices to the list of transports supported by the NetBIOS implementation. A given host has one unique lana number for every installed transport that supports NetBIOS. For example, listed below are some possible lana numbers for a typical Windows NT configuration:

Lana	Transport
0	TCP/IP // lana 0 is the default NetBIOS transport
1	IPX/SPX w/NetBIOS
3	NetBEUI

In the case of a multihomed host (a machine with multiple network adapters), the number of unique lana numbers equals the number of network transports that support NetBIOS times the number of network adapters. For example, if the machine depicted above contained two network adapters, it would have a total of $3 * 2 = 6$ lana numbers.

Also, please note the WSNETBS.H header included with the Windows NT version 3.5 SDK erroneously defines the NBPROTO_NETBEUI symbol. This symbol cannot be used as a protocol option and should be ignored.

2. Use the `snb_type` values provided by the `WSNETBS.H` header for NetBIOS name registration and deregistration.

When filling out a `sockaddr_nb` structure, you must specify the appropriate value for the `snb_type` field. This field is used during the `bind()` operation to handle NetBIOS name registration. The `WSNETBS.H` header defines several values for this field; however only the following two values are currently implemented:

- `NETBIOS_UNIQUE_NAME`

Registers a unique NetBIOS name. This action is usually performed by a client or a server to register an endpoint.

- `NETBIOS_GROUP_NAME`

Registers a group name. This action is typically performed in preparation for sending or receiving NetBIOS multicasts.

Names are registered during the `bind()` operation.

3. Use the supported socket types of `SOCK_DGRAM` and `SOCK_SEQPACKET`.

Due to the nature of NetBIOS connection services, `SOCK_STREAM` is not supported.

4. Choose a NetBIOS port that does not conflict with your network client software.

The NetBIOS port is an eight-bit value stored in the last position of the `snb_name` that is used by various network services to differentiate various type of NetBIOS names. When you register NetBIOS names, choose port values that do not cause conflicts with existing network services. This is of particular importance if you are registering a NetBIOS name that duplicates a user name or a machine name on the network. The following lists the reserved port values:

`0x00, 0x03, 0x06, 0x1f, 0x20, 0x21, 0xbe, 0xbf, 0x1b,
0x1c, 0x1d, 0x1e`

5. Applications should use all available lana numbers when initiating communication.

Because the NetBIOS interface can take advantage of multiple transport protocols, it is important to use all lanas when initiating communication. Server applications should accept connections on sockets for each lana number, and client applications should attempt to connect on every available lana. In a similar fashion, data gram broadcasts should be sent from sockets created from each lana.

The following diagram depicts the lana mappings for two machines. In order for a client application running on Machine A to communicate with a server application on Host B, the client application must create a socket on lana 3, and the server must create a socket on lana 1. Because the client and the server cannot know in advance which single lana to use, they must create sockets for all lanas.

Host A (Client)		Host B (Server)	
-----		-----	
lana	Transport	lana	Transport
----	-----	----	-----
0	NetBEUI	0	TCP/IP
3	IPX/SPX <=====>	1	IPX/SPX
		3	NetBEUI

The above diagram illustrates several other important points about lanas. First, a transport that has a certain lana number on one host does not necessarily have the same lana number on other machines. Second, lana numbers do not have to be sequential.

The EnumProtocols() function can be used to enumerate valid lana numbers. Listed below is a code fragment that demonstrates this type of functionality:

```
#include <nspapi.h>

DWORD          cb = 0;
PROTOCOL_INFO *pPI;
BOOL           pfLanas[100];

int            iRes,
              nLanas = sizeof(pfLanas) / sizeof(BOOL);

// Specify NULL for lpiProtocols to enumerate all protocols.

// First, determine the output buffer size.
iRes = EnumProtocols( NULL, NULL, &cb );

// Verify the expected error was received.
// The following code must appear on one line.
assert( iRes == -1 && GetLastError() ==
        ERROR_INSUFFICIENT_BUFFER );

if (!cb)
{
    fprintf( stderr, "No available NetBIOS transports.\n");
    break;
}

// Allocate a buffer of the specified size.
pPI = (PROTOCOL_INFO*) malloc( cb );

// Enumerate all protocols.
iRes = EnumProtocols( NULL, pPI, &cb );

// EnumProtocols() lists each lana number twice, once for
// SOCK_DGRAM and once for SOCK_SEQPACKET. Set a flag in pfLanas
// so unique lanas can be identified.

memset( pfLanas, 0, sizeof( pfLanas ) );

while (iRes > 0)
```

```

        // Scan protocols looking for AF_NETBIOS
        if ( pPI[--iRes].iAddressFamily == AF_NETBIOS )
            // found one.
            pfLanas[ pPI[iRes].iProtocol ] = TRUE;

        fprintf( stderr, "Available NetBIOS lana numbers: " );
        while( nLanas-- )
            if ( pfLanas[nLanas] )
                fprintf( stderr, "%d ", nLanas );

        free( pPI );
    }

```

6. Performance: Use of AF_NETBIOS is recommended for communication with down-level clients.

On Windows NT, NetBIOS is a high level emulated interface. Consequently, applications that use the WinSock() function over NetBIOS obtain lower throughput than applications that use WinSock() over a native transport such as IPX/SPX or TCP/IP. However, due to the simplicity of the WinSock interface, it is a desirable interface for writing new 32-bit applications that communicate with NetBIOS applications running on down-level clients like Windows for Workgroups or Novell Netware.

Additional reference words: 3.50
 KBCategory: kbnetwork kbcode
 KBCSubcategory: NtwkWinsock

Client Service For Novell Netware Doesn't Support Named Pipes
Article ID: Q129317

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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The Windows NT Client Service for Novell NetWare does not support named pipes. Consequently, 16-bit Novell NetWare client applications running on Windows NT cannot connect to Novell NetWare named pipe server applications. There are currently no plans to add named pipe support to the Windows NT Client Service for Novell NetWare.

For more information on Novell NetWare named pipes, consult the following Novell documentation:

- NetWare Client for OS/2 User's Guide
- NetWare Client for MS-DOS and Microsoft Windows User's Guide

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbnetwork

KBSubcategory: NtwkMisc

Registering Multiple RPC Server Interfaces

Article ID: Q129975

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, version 3.5
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When registering multiple server interfaces from multiple threads or from a single thread under the same process, the `RpcServerListen()` function should be called only once.

An application process may register two completely separate Remote Procedure Call (RPC) server interfaces from two separate threads or from a single thread. However, when doing so, the `RpcServerListen()` function should be called only once from any thread.

RPC APIs are called on a per process basis. From the perspective of RPC run times, a process can register multiple interfaces using one or more protocol sequences, but must call the `RpcServerListen()` function only once from any one thread. Calling the `RpcServerListen()` function more than once results in the run time generating an exception called `RPC_S_ALREADY_LISTENING`.

Additional reference words: 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg kbnetwork

KBSubcategory: NtwkRpc

How Database WinSock APIs Are Implemented in Windows NT 3.5

Article ID: Q130024

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
versions 3.5 and 3.51
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SUMMARY

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This article describes the ways in which various WinSock database APIs are implemented through the Windows NT versions 3.5 and 3.51 implementation of the WinSock DLL. The article covers the following WinSock database APIs: `gethostbyname()`, `gethostbyaddr()`, `getprotobyname()`, `getprotobynumber()`, `getservbyname()`, and `getservebynumber()`.

MORE INFORMATION

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Following are the steps taken by each API. In a case where more than one step may be taken to resolve the requested information, the process is not carried to the next step if the information is resolved in the current step.

`gethostbyname()`:

1. Check the HOSTS file at `%SystemRoot%\System32\DRIVERS\ETC`.
2. Do a DNS query if the DNS server is configured for name resolution.
3. Query one or more WINS servers.

`gethostbyaddr()`:

1. Check the HOSTENT cache.
2. Check the HOSTS file at `%SystemRoot%\System32\DRIVERS\ETC`.
3. Do a DNS query if the DNS server is configured for name resolution.
4. Do an additional NetBIOS remote adapter status to an IP address for its NetBIOS name table. This step is specific only to the Windows NT version 3.51 implementation.

`getprotobyname()` and `getprotobynumber()`:

1. Check the PROTOCOL file at `%SystemRoot%\System32\DRIVERS\ETC`.

`getservbyname()` and `getservebynumber()`:

1. Check the SERVICES files at `%SystemRoot%\System32\DRIVERS\ETC`.

Additional reference words: 3.50 3.51

KBCategory: kbprg kbnetwork

KBSubcategory: NtwkWinsock

PRB: SNMP Extension Agent Gives Exception on Windows NT 3.51
Article ID: Q130562

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.5 and 3.51
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SYMPTOMS

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An SNMP extension agent built using Windows NT version 3.5 SDK headers and libraries generates an exception when run under Windows NT version 3.51.

For example, the SDK toaster sample (`\MSTOOLS\SAMPLES\WIN32\SNMP\TESTDLL`) works under Windows NT version 3.5 but generates an exception under Windows NT version 3.51.

CAUSE

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The `SNMP.LIB` SDK library has changed between the release of Windows NT version 3.5 and the release of Windows NT version 3.51. Memory is now allocated dynamically with the Win32 API `GlobalAlloc()` rather than the c-runtime `malloc()`. See the `SNMP.H` SDK header file for details.

An SNMP application that is allocating (or freeing) memory that is passed to a function in `SNMP.LIB` should use `SNMP_malloc()` (or `SNMP_free()`). The sample code for the extension DLL provided with the Windows NT version 3.51 beta SDK incorrectly uses `malloc()`.

RESOLUTION

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Rebuild the extension agent with the Win32 SDK headers and libraries for Windows NT version 3.51. Please make sure that the Win32 SDK headers and libraries are used before Visual C++ headers and libraries.

Also, to allocate and free any memory, use the `SNMP_malloc()` and `SNMP_free()` macros. Both are defined in `SNMP.H`.

NOTE: If you are using a beta version of Windows NT version 3.51, please change all references to `malloc()` and `free()` in the samples to `SNMP_malloc()` and `SNMP_free()`. This is a known problem with the `testdll` sample (`MSTOOLS\SAMPLES\WIN32\WINNT\SNMP\TESTDLL`).

STATUS

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This behavior is by design.

REFERENCES

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For more information, please see the following article in the Microsoft

Knowledge Base:

ARTICLE-ID: Q124961

TITLE : BUG: SNMP Sample Generates an Application Error

Additional reference words: 3.50

KBCategory: kbnetwork kbprb

KBSubcategory: NtwkSnmp

PRB: SnmpMgrGetTrap() Fails

Article ID: Q130564

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT version 3.5
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SYMPTOMS

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If an SNMP manager application calls SnmpMgrGetTrap() to receive traps and there are traps available, it returns FALSE. If the application calls GetLastError(), the error code returned is 42 (SNMP_MGMTAPI_TRAP_ERRORS).

RESOLUTION

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The SNMP Manager API SnmpMgrGetTrapListen() must be called before calling SnmpMgrGetTrap(). The event handle returned by SnmpMgrGetTrapListen() can then be ignored to poll for traps.

STATUS

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This behavior is by design.

REFERENCES

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For more information, please see the Microsoft Windows NT SNMP Programmer's Reference (PROGREF.RTF).

Additional reference words: 3.50

KBCategory: kbnetwork kbprb

KBSubcategory: NtwkSnmp

PRB: WSASStartup() May Return WSAVERNOTSUPPORTED on Second Call
Article ID: Q130942

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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If two sections of code within the same process call WSASStartup(), the second call to WSASStartup() fails and returns error WSAVERNOTSUPPORTED unless the second call specifies the version negotiated in the first call.

This happens even if the requested version would normally be accepted. Often the extra calls to WSASStartup() come from one or more DLLs loaded by the process.

RESOLUTION

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If multiple calls are made to WSASStartup(), the second call must request the same version negotiated in the first call.

MORE INFORMATION

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Some specific examples may help. Currently, if the version of Winsock requested is 1.1 or greater, the negotiated version will be 1.1. If a version less than 1.1 is requested, the call fails and returns the WSAVERNOTSUPPORTED error.

Example One

First call : 1.1 requested
Second call: 1.1 requested
Result : Success

Example Two

First call : 2.0 requested
Second call: 1.1 requested
Result : Success

Example Three

First call : 2.0 requested
Second call: 2.0 requested
Result : WSAVERNOTSUPPORTED

Example Four

First call : 1.1 requested
Second call: 2.0 requested
Result : WSAVERNOTSUPPORTED

Additional reference words: 3.50 4.00 95 3.10
KBCategory: kbprg kbprb
KBSubcategory: NtwkWinsock

FIX: Winsock Over Appletalk (DDP) Leaks Memory

Article ID: Q131159

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT version 3.5
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SYMPTOMS

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A memory leak occurs when you open a socket with address family AF_APPLETALK, type SOCK_DGRAM, and protocol IPPROTO_BASE + x (where x is a user-defined number except the ones that are reserved - please refer to the SDK header file ATALKWSH.H); then once a server is located to send data to, you send data to it.

Observing with PerfMon, you can see that non-paged memory use keeps on increasing. It does not decrease even after the application is stopped. If the application is allowed to continue for a long time, the results are unpredictable and it is necessary to restart the computer.

STATUS

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Microsoft has confirmed this to be a bug in the Microsoft products listed at the beginning of this article. This bug was corrected in Windows NT version 3.51.

Additional reference words: 3.50 3.51
KBCategory: kbnetwork kbfixlist kbbuglist
KBSubcategory: NtwkWinsock

How to Broadcast Messages Using NetMessageBufferSend()

Article ID: Q131458

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.5, 3.51
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The NetMessageBufferSend() API can be used to broadcast a message. To broadcast a copy of a particular message to all workstations running messenger service in a particular domain, the LPWSTR msgname parameter needs to be specified as "DOMAINNAME*" - where DOMAINNAME is the name of the domain to which a message is to be sent. In this case, you can use the following piece of code to call this API:

```
#define UNICODE
#define MESGLEN 50
WCHAR awcToName[] = TEXT("DomainName*");
WCHAR awcFromName[] = Text("MyComputer");
WCHAR awcMesgBuffer[MESGLEN] = Text("This ia Test Message");
NET_API_STATUS nasStatus;

nasStatus = NetMessageBufferSend(NULL,
                                awcToName,
                                awcFromName,
                                awcMesgBuffer,
                                MESGLEN);
```

Additional reference words: 3.50 3.51 LanMan

KBCategory: kbprg kbnetwork

KBSubcategory: NtwkMisc

RPC CALLBACK Attribute and Unsupported Protocol Sequences
Article ID: Q131495

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.5
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SUMMARY

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The CALLBACK attribute of RPC does not support connection-less protocol sequences.

MORE INFORMATION

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If an RPC interface has a procedure with the CALLBACK attribute, it can only make use of connection-oriented protocol sequences. The following protocol sequences are not supported:

- ncadg_ip_udp
- ncadg_ipx

If an RPC client tries to call a remote procedure that in turn calls a procedure back on client, the client will be able make the initial call, but when the server tries to call the procedure on client, the RPC run time generates exception 1726: The remote procedure call failed.

Additional reference words: 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg kbnetwork

KBSubcategory: NtwkRpc

How to Set Up and Run the RNR Sample Included in the Win32 SDK

Article ID: Q131505

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.5, 3.51
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SUMMARY

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This article explains how to set up and operate the Service Registration and Resolution (RNR) sample over the TCP and SPX network protocols. The RNR sample comes with the Microsoft Win32 (SDK) versions 3.5 and 3.51. It illustrates the use of the service registration and resolution APIs.

MORE INFORMATION

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How to Set Up the RNR Sample

Run `rnrsetup /ADD` on each client and on the server to call the `SetService` API with `SERVICE_ADD_TYPE`. This call stores the service name type, its associated GUID, and relevant addressing information for the specified name spaces in the registry path:

```
\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE
  \CurrentControlSet
    \Control
      \ServiceProvider
        \ServiceTypes
```

This information is then retrieved by `GetTypeByName()` and `GetAddressByName()` calls respectively to identify the server's address.

How to Operate the RNR Sample

1. Start `rnrsvr` on one machine. After setting listening ports on the available protocols, the RNR server executes the `SetService()` call with the `SERVICE_REGISTER` flag to register the network service with the specified name spaces. For example, it enables advertising the `EchoExample` service name on the SAP protocol.
2. On the other machine, start `rnrclnt` using the following syntax:

```
rnrclnt /?
```

```
Usage: rnrclnt [/name:SVCNAME] [/type:TYPENAME] [/size:N]
        [/count:N] [/rcvbuf:N] [/sndbuf:N]
```

- `TYPENAME` is initially passed to `GetTypeByName()` call to return the GUID value. The GUID value and `SVCNAME` is then passed to `GetAddressByName()` to return the address of the server that the client can connect to. `TYPENAME` is defined as `EchoExample`

for the RNR sample.

- SVCNAME specifies which EchoExample server to connect to. If SVCNAME is specified as the server name in the Internet domain, the TCP protocol will be used. If SVCNAME is specified as EchoServer (the RNR service name advertised on SAP), the SPX protocol will be used.
- The other parameters to the rnrclnt have appropriate default values and are self explanatory.

Additional reference words: 3.50 3.51

KBCategory: kbprg kbnetwork

KBSubcategory: NtwkWinsock

When to Use Synchronous Socket Handles & Blocking Hooks

Article ID: Q131623

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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By default, all socket handles are opened as overlapped handles so that asynchronous I/O can be performed on them. However, in many situations you may find it preferable to have nonoverlapped (synchronous) socket handles.

For example, only nonoverlapped handles can be used with the C run-time libraries or used as standard I/O handles for a process. Under Windows NT and Windows 95, the `SO_OPENTYPE` socket option allows an application to open non-overlapped socket handles.

MORE INFORMATION

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There are some Windows Sockets features that you cannot use with synchronous sockets. Here is an extract from the Winsock Help file:

The `WSAAsyncSelect` call cannot be used with synchronous sockets and will fail with the error `WSAEINVAL`. It is also not possible to set the `SO_SNDTIMEO` and `SO_RCVTIMEO` socket options on synchronous sockets; `setsockopt` with these options on synchronous sockets fails with `WSAEINVAL` as well.

Due to the non-preemptive nature of Windows version 3.1 and Windows for Workgroups version 3.11, the Winsock specification details a mechanism by which a Winsock application can "yield" processor time. For more information, please search for `WSASetBlockingHook()` in the Winsock Help file.

NOTE: Use of a blocking hook is not recommended on a 32-bit platform. If a 32-bit application chooses to install a blocking hook, the blocking hook will be disabled if the application is run under Windows NT, but it will remain enabled if the application is run under Windows 95.

REFERENCES

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Online winsock help file

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00

KBCategory: kbnetwork

KBSubcategory: NtwkWinsock

RW2002 Error "Cannot Reuse String Constants" in RC.EXE

Article ID: Q21569

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The error "Cannot Reuse String Constants" will be returned by the Resource Compiler if you have used the same ID value to define two different string constants.

For example, the following error is returned when compiling the resource file:

```
Cannot Reuse String Constants
```

The file MY.RC may contain the following lines:

MORE INFORMATION

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The following sample code can be used to demonstrate the problem.

Sample Code

```
StringTable
begin
    1, "one"
    2, "two"
    3, "three"
    1, "four"
end
```

Note that "one" and "four" have the same value. This error may be less noticeable if you are using both decimal and hexadecimal notation in your RC file. In the following example, 0x010 and 16 have the same value and generate the error:

```
0x010, "hex 10"
10, "ten"
11, "eleven"
15, "fifteen"
16, "sixteen"
```

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 RW2002 RC2151

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsRc

PRB: Dialog Editor Does Not Modify RC File Dialog Box Resource
Article ID: Q32019

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SYMPTOMS

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If the Windows Dialog Editor (DIALOG.EXE) is used to edit a dialog box, when the associated application is built, the previous version of the dialog box is used.

CAUSE

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The dialog resource used by the program is stored in the application's resource file (which has the extension RC). The Dialog Editor stores the updated dialog box resource in a file with the .DLG extension.

RESOLUTION

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Modify the resource file to use the RCINCLUDE statement to include the updated dialog box resource, as follows:

```
RCINCLUDE DIALOG.DLG
```

MORE INFORMATION

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Suppose an application is written that uses a dialog box. The developer creates a dialog box template manually in the application's resource file. After building the application, the developer decides to modify the dialog box using the Dialog Editor.

When the Dialog Editor edits an existing dialog box, it reads the application's compiled resources stored in a compiled resource file (with the extension .RES). However, when the developer saves any changes, the Dialog Editor creates a file with the .DLG extension.

When the application is built for a second time, the Resource Compiler uses the original definition for the dialog box stored in the resource file. The resolution provided above avoids this problem because the Resource Compiler always includes the latest version of the dialog box template.

For more information about this topic, please see the following article in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

ARTICLE-ID: Q40958

TITLE : PRB: DIALOG.EXE Reads Compiled .RES Files, Not .DLG Files

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbtool kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: TlsDlg

PRB: DIALOG.EXE Reads Compiled .RES Files, Not .DLG Files
Article ID: Q40958

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SYMPTOMS

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Create a dialog box using DIALOG.EXE, the Dialog Editor. From MS-DOS, change an attribute (for example, position of control) of the dialog box by modifying the .DLG file produced by DIALOG.EXE. Invoke DIALOG.EXE again, the changes that were made are not evident.

CAUSE

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The Dialog Editor produces .DLG and .RES files for the dialog box created. When using the Dialog Editor to modify an existing dialog box, the Dialog Editor will look at the .RES file for information about the makeup of the dialog box. The .DLG file is completely ignored at this point. This is why the Dialog Editor does not recognize any .DLG changes.

RESOLUTION

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For the modifications to be recognized, the Resource Compiler (RC) must be used with the -r switch to compile the .DLG file. The new .RES file can then be loaded into the Dialog Editor and the changes will be recognized.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50
KBCategory: kbtool kbprg kbprb
KBSubcategory: TlsDlg

Line Continuation and Carriage Returns in String Tables

Article ID: Q44385

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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The RC compiler does not offer a line-continuation symbol for strings in string tables.

To force a carriage return into a long line of text, use one of the methods described below.

One method is to force the carriage return using `\012\015`. The following example demonstrates the use of `\012\015` and should be considered to be on one continuous line:

```
STRINGTABLE
BEGIN
  IDSLONGSTRING, "This is a long line of text so I would like \012\015
  to force a carriage return."
END
```

For more information on this method, query in the Microsoft Knowledge Base on the following words:

```
STRINGTABLE WinLoadString
```

Another method of forcing a carriage return is to press ENTER and continue the line on the next line. The following example will force a carriage return after the word "like."

```
STRINGTABLE
BEGIN
  IDSLONGSTRING, "This is a long line of text so I would like
  to force a carriage return"
END
```

If you try to use the `\n` or other `\` characters, the RC compiler will ignore them.

NOTE: There is a 255-character limit (per string) in a string table. For more information on this limit, please query on the following words in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

```
STRINGTABLE length 255
```

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsRc

Use Uppercase "K" for Keywords in Windows Help Files

Article ID: Q64050

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The standard keyword list must be defined by using capital "K" footnotes. Lowercase "k" footnotes may not be used for defining either standard or alternate keyword lists.

MORE INFORMATION

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Using lowercase "k" footnotes can result in problems such as the following:

If your application calls WinHelp() using the HELP_KEY option for doing a keyword search and you pass a LPSTR to a keyword defined in a footnote attached to your topic, the Help system displays an "Invalid key word" error message box. For example

```
WinHelp(hWnd,cFileDir,HELP_KEY,(DWORD)(LPSTR)"help");
```

where

```
hWnd      is the handle of the calling window.  
cFileDir  is the directory path and filename of the .HLP file.  
"help"    is the keyword defined in the footnote section of the topic.
```

and the footnote section of the topic is as follows:

```
k sample;help
```

Modifying the footnote for the topic to use an uppercase "K" solves the problem.

```
K sample;help
```

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 key word

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsHlp

Multiple Columns of Text in Windows Help Files

Article ID: Q67895

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Microsoft Windows Help version 3.0 will support multiple columns of information in Help files. Unfortunately, the Table features of Word for Windows are not supported in Help version 3.0. In Windows Help version 3.1, however, Word for Windows tables are supported. Below is an outline of the supported techniques for creating multiple columns in Help files.

MORE INFORMATION

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The best results can be achieved with Help version 3.0 if the text is organized such that one column has the bulk of the text to be presented and the other columns have relatively little text. The text might resemble the following:

```
column1column1 column2 column3column3column3column3column3column3col
column3column3column3...
```

As the size of the Help window is decreased, the text in the third column will wrap to remain displayed for as long as possible. To achieve this effect, format the text as paragraphs with an "outdent," or negative indent, as shown in the following example:

```
First line           Left margin and tab stop
v                   v
column1column1 column2 column3column3column3column3column3column3col
column3column3column3...
```

A typical format for paragraphs of this type is:

```
Left Margin 2.5"
First Line -2.5"
```

It is also necessary to define a tab stop at 2.5 inches.

Having two columns of text in the outdent is merely an example. You can define as many or as few columns in that space as necessary.

If two columns with similar amounts of text in each are required, you can use the side-by-side paragraph formatting of Word for the Macintosh or Word for MS-DOS. Only two paragraphs side-by-side are supported by the Help compiler.

If neither of the tools mentioned above is available, or if more

complicated tables are required, you can format the tables manually. Define appropriate tab stops and use them to align the columns of text. Format each physical line in the table as a separate paragraph. Select the entire table and format the paragraphs as "Keep Together." In the context of a Help system, this paragraph format disables word wrap.

The following is an example of a more complex table. In this example, (P*) is the paragraph mark at the end of a line:

column1column1	column2column2	column3column3column3column3colu(P*)
column1column1	column2coul	column3column3column3column3colu(P*)
column1column1		column3column3column3column3(P*)
column1column1(P*)		
newcol1newcol1	newcol2newcol2	newcol3newcol3newcol3newcol3...(P*)

As the size of the Help window is reduced, the text will not wrap. Instead, you must use the horizontal scroll bar at the bottom of the window to view the remainder of the table.

Support for Word for Windows tables was added in Windows Help version 3.1.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsHlp

Height and Width Limitations with Windows SDK Font Editor
Article ID: Q69081

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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The Microsoft Windows Font Editor (FONTEDIT.EXE) does not allow creation of fonts in which the height or width of the font is greater than 64 pixels. This corresponds to a font-file size of approximately 115K.

This is a limitation of the Font Editor, and not of the fonts themselves. There is no limit to the size of the font file in the font format. Font files created in the Windows version 2.0 font format cannot be larger than 64K.

The Font Editor displays a message box containing one of these two errors if the entered Font Size Character Pixel Width or Character Pixel Height is larger than 64:

Fixed/maximum width must be a number from 1-64

Font height must be a number from 1-64 pixels

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95
KBCategory: kbtool
KBSubcategory: TlsFnt

PRB: Search Button Disabled in Windows Help

Article ID: Q71761

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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When a help file is loaded into the Windows Help program, the Search button is disabled.

CAUSE

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There are two likely causes:

1. The help file defines no keywords for searching.
2. The keywords are defined using a lowercase "k" footnote.

RESOLUTION

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For cause 1, if searching is desired, define some keywords in the file. For cause 2, modify the RTF text to use an uppercase "K" for keyword footnotes.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbtool kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: TlsHlp

PRB: Dialog Editor Does Not Retain Unsupported Styles

Article ID: Q74264

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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The Windows Dialog Editor does not retain control/dialog styles that it does not support.

RESOLUTION

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The styles in question must be manually added to the dialog script before using the resource compiler to compile the resource script.

MORE INFORMATION

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Any style that cannot be explicitly set in the Dialog Editor Styles dialog box will not be present in the script file generated by the the Dialog Editor. For example, the edit control style, ES_OEMCONVERT is not available in the Dialog Editor Styles dialog box. If this style is manually added to the dialog script, compiled, and then loaded into the Dialog Editor, the ES_OEMCONVERT style will be removed.

Any styles that are not supported by the Dialog Editor must be manually added to the dialog script. To modify the dialog script, use a text editor to combine the desired styles using the bitwise OR operator("|"). This modified script should then be included into the application's resource script. If the application's .RES file is later loaded into the Dialog Editor, the unsupported styles will be removed and will need to be added again as described above.

The following is a list of styles that are known not to be supported by the Dialog Editor:

Style

CBS_OEMCONVERT
ES_OEMCONVERT
SBS_BOTTOMALIGN
SBS_LEFTALIGN
SBS_RIGHTALIGN
SBS_SIZEBOX
SBS_SIZEBOXBOTTOMRIGHTALIGN
SBS_SIZEBOXTOPLEFTALIGN
SBS_TOPALIGN
SS_LEFTNOWORDWRAP

SS_NOPREFIX
SS_USERITEM

In addition to the above control styles, any menu definitions added to the dialog script via the MENU resource statement will be deleted by the Dialog Editor.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95
KBCategory: kbtool kbprb
KSubcategory: TlsDlg

PRB: Spy Repeatedly Lists a Single Message

Article ID: Q74278

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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SPY sometimes reports messages as having been sent twice. Messages from DDE conversations, especially the WM_DDE_DATA, WM_DDE_ACK, and WM_DDE_POKE messages, are the most often duplicated. This behavior can be seen by choosing All Windows from Spy's Windows menu, selecting DDE messages in Spy's Options dialog, and then running two applications that communicate using DDE.

CAUSE

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Spy displays a message each time it is retrieved. If an application retrieves a message once by calling PeekMessage() with PM_NOREMOVE, and then again with GetMessage(), Spy will report it twice. Spy cannot determine that the message was already retrieved by the application. Since the application is using the message twice, the message should indeed be shown twice. This is a useful feature for determining how an application is handling the DDE messages sent to it.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbtool kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: TlsSpy

Authoring Windows Help Files for Performance

Article ID: Q74937

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The Windows Help Compiler allows an application developer to create hypertext documentation, richly annotated with color and graphics. This article discusses methods to author help files to achieve maximum performance when the file is used. These comments apply to Windows Help versions 3.06 and later.

This information is subject to change in future versions of the Help Compiler and of the Help application as new technology is incorporated into these products.

There are four major suggestions:

1. Use OPTCDROM=1 for all files destined for CD-ROM (compact-disk read-only memory), and potentially on files where up to an additional 10K of size is not significant.
2. Use bitmaps placed with data for small bitmaps that are referenced only once or infrequently in the help file.
3. Use bitmaps not placed with data for large bitmaps, all bitmaps referenced frequently, or bitmaps referenced by two or more topics that generally will be viewed in succession.
4. Use segmented hypergraphics to generate graphics with multiple hot spots, rather than several bitmaps positioned next to each other.

Coincidentally, suggestions 2, 3, and 4 are also generally space-saving techniques as well.

MORE INFORMATION

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1. Use OPTCDROM=1 for files destined for CD-ROM.

When OPTCDROM is placed in the [OPTIONS] section of the .HPJ file, the topic information in the help file is aligned on 2K boundaries. This option is aimed at maximizing performance on CD-ROM drives, where reading aligned information can be significantly faster.

Estimates indicate that sequential reads from CD-ROM can be up to twice as fast when aligned. While reads are not always sequential, a high percentage can be, depending on how the help file is authored. Minor improvements have also been noted on magnetic media.

This option can cause up to 10K of additional file space to be used.

2. Store small bitmaps with data.

Placing bitmaps with data keeps the graphical and textual information in the same location in the help file. This avoids reading from different locations on disk to display a topic. Seeks to different locations are exceptionally time consuming on CD-ROM, and can be time consuming on magnetic media. Bitmaps with data also help maximize the effects of the OPTCDROM option.

Up to 12K of compressed topic text is buffered in memory. Since bitmaps are kept with the topic text, they take advantage of this buffering. Thus, topics under 12K in compressed size generally do not need to be reread when the window is resized or redrawn.

Note that large bitmaps kept with data may cause performance to become worse. Topics may be laid out twice as part of scroll bar removal. Topics over 12K in size will be read, laid out, and then reread as they are laid out a second time before display. Bitmaps are often the cause of exceeding the 12K size. Bitmaps NOT kept with data are buffered elsewhere (see #3 below), and if the remaining textual data is less than 12K, the topic will be read from disk only once.

Bitmaps with data cost space only when the same bitmap is used more than once in the help file. If a bitmap is used frequently, not placing it "with data" may be more appropriate, unless the performance benefit is determined to outweigh the size hit.

3. Store large and frequently accessed bitmaps separately.

The 50 most recently accessed bitmaps not stored with data are cached in memory. This means that the bitmap may have to be read from disk only once if two successively displayed help topics reference it. Unlike bitmaps stored with data, these cached bitmaps only have to be reread if they are bumped out of the cache by the subsequent display of 50 more bitmaps, or by low memory conditions.

Cached bitmaps not stored with data cost some speed when they are typically displayed by the user only once in a session. Since they are stored in a different portion of the help file from the topic text, an additional seek is required to locate them. This cost, if incurred, is generally negligible on disk, and high on CD-ROM. Note, however, that this cost MAY be less than the cost of reading the topic twice, if the topic is laid out twice as a result of not needing scroll bars, and is larger than 12K.

4. Use segmented hypergraphics.

Segmented hypergraphics is the term used to describe the ability to take a single bitmap, and define several regions that are hot spots. Hot spots can overlap, and can each perform different actions.

The primary benefit of using segmented hypergraphics is that a single bitmap can be used. Previous techniques utilizing several bitmaps carefully placed in the topic text to generate a single image have the drawback of requiring several bitmap-locating operations at display time, which can translate to several disk seeks and reads. On CD-ROM, especially, this can be quite significant.

The only cost involved in using segmented hypergraphics is that the segmented hypergraphics editor must be used to define the hot spots within the bitmaps.

In summary, there are a few simple authoring techniques that can improve performance of help files. While especially significant for CD-ROM hosted help files, they are of benefit to disk-based help files.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsHlp

Changing Hypertext Jump Color in Windows Help

Article ID: Q75111

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The author of a file to be used with Windows Help can alter the default color of hypertext jump strings. This specification overrides both the default behavior of showing these strings as underlined green text and any color preference listed in the WIN.INI file. This article explains the steps required to make this type of modification.

MORE INFORMATION

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This feature must be used with care. There are situations when the user may require a jump color other than the default. The profile strings in the WIN.INI file provide an opportunity to specify a color value appropriate for the particular situation. For more information on these settings, query on the following words:

prod(winsdk) and jumpcolor

To specify the color of a context jump when the RTF Help text is created using Microsoft Word for Windows, follow the six steps listed below. This procedure is a modification of the steps listed on page 17-11 of the "Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit Tools" manual.

1. Place the cursor at the point in the text where the jump term will be entered.
2. Choose Character from the Format menu and specify the double-underline attribute and the desired text color. Word for Windows provides 6 colors, along with auto, black, and white.
3. Type the jump word or words.
4. Choose Character from the Format menu. Turn off the double-underline attribute and choose the default text color and hidden text.
5. Type a percent sign (%), followed by the context string assigned to the topic. For example, JumpText%ContextString, where JumpText is given the desired color and %ContextString is hidden text.
6. Choose Character from the Format menu. Turn off hidden text.

After all topics have been created, save the file as RTF (rich text format) and build the .HLP file. For more information on this process,

refer to Chapters 15 through 19 of the "Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) Tools" manual.

It is also possible to modify the six color values that Word for Windows provides as defaults. This can be done by modifying the color table in the RTF header. To do this, load the RTF file into Word for Windows, however, do not convert the file from RTF. For more information on the RTF color table, refer to page 389 of the "Microsoft Word for Windows Technical Reference" (Microsoft Press).

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsHlp

Conditionally Activating a Button in Windows Help

Article ID: Q76534

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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An application can add buttons to the Windows Help engine button bar. There may be times when the button should be activated or deactivated based on an external condition.

For example, if an application adds a tutorial button to the bar and the user has not chosen to install the tutorial, the button should be dimmed to indicate that the tutorial is not available.

MORE INFORMATION

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The following code fragment demonstrates activating and deactivating buttons using the macro facility:

```
char szMacro[255];
.
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.
/* Bring up the Help engine with the HLP file */
/* This code fragment assumes that a button has */
/* been defined with an ID of TUTORIAL_BUTTON */
WinHelp (hWnd, lpHelpFile, HELP_CONTENTS, 0L)

if (fTutorial)
/* If the tutorial is installed, the macro should enable the button */
    lstrcpy(szMacro, "EnableButton('TUTORIAL_BUTTON')");
else
/* If the tutorial is not installed, the macro should disable the
   button */
    lstrcpy(szMacro, "DisableButton('TUTORIAL_BUTTON')");

/* Run the appropriate macro */
WinHelp (hWnd, lpHelpFile, HELP_COMMAND, (LONG)szMacro);
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 grayed out disabled unavailable

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsHlp

Nesting Quotation Marks Inside Windows Help Macros

Article ID: Q77748

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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In Windows Help macros, strings may be delimited in two ways. The string can be opened and closed by double quotation marks or the string can be opened by a single opening quotation mark and closed by a single closing quotation mark.

Any quoted strings contained in a string delimited with double quotation marks must be enclosed in opening and closing single quotation marks.

The single opening quotation mark is different from the single closing quotation mark. The single opening quotation mark (`) is paired with the tilde (~) above the TAB key on extended keyboards; the single closing quotation mark (') is the same as the apostrophe. For example,

```
CreateButton("time_btn", "&Time", "ExecProgram("clock", 0)")
```

is illegal because the string "clock" uses double quotation marks within the double quotation marks used for the ExecProgram macro. The following example corrects the error by enclosing "clock" in single quotation marks:

```
CreateButton("time_btn", "&Time", "ExecProgram(`clock`, 0)")
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsHlp

PRB: Vertical Scroll Bars Missing from Windows Help

Article ID: Q77841

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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The vertical scroll bars do not appear in Windows Help when the window is sized smaller than the amount of text being displayed.

CAUSE

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The displayed topic is formatted as a nonscrolling region.

RESOLUTION

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Select the topic in the RTF editor and turn off the "Keep Paragraph with Next" formatting. This format is used by the Help Compiler to delimit the nonscrolling regions.

MORE INFORMATION

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To remedy the situation in Microsoft Word for Windows, perform the following three steps:

1. Highlight the entire topic.
2. From the Format menu, choose Paragraph.
3. In the Format Paragraph dialog box, cancel the "With Next" check box.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbtool kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: TlsHlp

Using #include Directive with Windows Resource Compiler

Article ID: Q80945

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The Windows Resource Compiler supports many standard C language preprocessor directives such as "#define" to define symbolic constants, and "#include" to include header and other resource files.

If an application developed for the Windows environment has more than one resource, each resource can be maintained in a separate file. Then, use the #include directive to direct the Resource Compiler to build all the resources into one output file. Using this technique prevents one resource file from becoming unmanageably large with an overwhelming number of resources.

It is important to note that the Resource Compiler treats files with the .C and .H extensions in a special manner. It assumes that a file with one of these two extensions does not contain resources. When a file has the .C or .H file extension, the Resource Compiler ignores all lines in the file except for preprocessor directives (#define, #include, and so forth). Therefore, a file that contains resources that is included in another resource file should not have the .C or .H file extension.

MORE INFORMATION

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The following example demonstrates the implications of this situation. The MSG.H file has the following contents:

```
/*
 * This header file defines message IDs for strings in the
 * stringtable resource. All source files can use this header file
 * to reference specific strings.
 */
#define STRING1 1
#define STRING2 2
#define STRING3 3
```

The STRTABLE.RC file has the following contents:

```
/*
 * This file defines the stringtable resource contents for this
 * application. It should be included in the application's resource
 * file. It requires definitions from the MSG.H header file.
 */
STRINGTABLE
```

```
{
STRING1, "This is string 1."
STRING2, "This is string 2."
STRING3, "This is string 3."
}
```

The APP.RC file has the following contents:

```
/*
 * This is the "main" resource definition file for this
 * application. Among other things, it includes the stringtable
 * resource definition from other header files.
 */

RESOURCE 1 (MENU)
RESOURCE 2 (RAW DATA)
...

#include "MSG.H"
#include "STRTABLE.RC"
```

The Resource Compiler treats both MSG.H and STRTABLE.RC as header files. MSG.H does not include any resources; therefore, it can use the standard .H file extension. However, because STRTABLE.RC includes a resource (a STRINGTABLE), it cannot be named with a .C or .H file extension.

Files that contain resources can have any legal MS-DOS file extension other than .C and .H.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95
KBCategory: kbtool
KBSubcategory: TlsRc

Creating Autosized Tables with Windows Help

Article ID: Q81233

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5 and 3.51
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SUMMARY

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A Windows Help file can contain a table to present information in a consistent manner. Help 3.1 supports "autosized" tables where the relative widths of the columns remain the same, even as the absolute size of the table changes. The absolute size is determined by the size of the Windows Help window.

MORE INFORMATION

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To create an autosized table in the RTF file, create a centered table. Create the text for the table using the minimum possible width for each column. If the Help window is larger, the columns will be wider and Help will compute where the text wraps based on the available width. If the user sizes the Help window smaller than the table's authored size, Help will display a horizontal scroll bar.

In Word for Windows version 1.1, use the Table command on the Format menu to create a centered table. In Word for Windows 2.0, create a table, then choose Row Height from the Table menu and choose the Center button in the Alignment group.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsHlp

Semicolons Cannot Separate Macros in .HPJ File

Article ID: Q83020

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The author of a Help system can combine individual macro commands into a macro string, which the Microsoft Help Compiler processes as a unit. When the macro string is part of an RTF text file, the individual macros in the string are separated from each other with a semicolon character (;). The Help system runs the individual macros of a macro string sequentially.

The author can define a macro string that is run when the user loads a Help file. This macro string is placed into the [CONFIG] section of the Help project (.HPJ) file. However, in the .HPJ file, the individual macros of the string are separated from each other with a colon character (:) because the semicolon character indicates the beginning of a comment.

MORE INFORMATION

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In the following sample [CONFIG] section, a macro adds two buttons to the Help window's button bar. The first button is labeled "Other", which when chosen brings up the About Help dialog box. The second button is labeled "Test". When chosen, it disables the "Other" button and jumps to the topic represented by "context_string." To create the "Test" button, two macros are concatenated to form the macro parameter in the CreateButton call.

[CONFIG]

```
; This first button is added so that the demonstration macro is  
; complete. This macro just creates a button. Choosing the button  
; brings up the About Help dialog box.
```

```
CreateButton("other_button","&Other","About()")
```

```
; This macro also creates a button. Choosing the button disables  
; "other_button", created above, and jumps to the topic represented by  
; "topic_string."
```

```
;  
; Note that the two macros in the CreateButton macro are separated by  
; a colon, not a semicolon.
```

```
;  
; NOTE: The following macro should appear on a single line.
```

```
CreateButton("test_button","&Test","DisableButton(`Other_Button`):  
JumpId(`testhelp.hlp`,`context_string`)")
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95
KBCategory: kbtool
KSubcategory: TlsHlp

Using a Mouse with MEP Under Windows NT

Article ID: Q83300

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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The Microsoft Editor (MEP) included with the Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) can be used with a mouse to position the cursor.

By default, the mouse is not enabled for MEP. It is necessary to add the switch "usemouse:yes" (without the quotation marks) to the TOOLS.INI file under the [m mep] section. The TOOLS.INI file is a text file editable by MEP or Notepad.

To change the position of the cursor, first position the mouse pointer on the new location and then click the left mouse button.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsMep

Windows Help PositionWindow Macro Documented Incorrectly

Article ID: Q83911

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5 and 3.51
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SUMMARY

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In source files for Windows Help, the help author can specify the size, position, and state of a window with the PositionWindow macro.

MORE INFORMATION

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According to page 326 of the "Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit: Programmer's Reference, Volume 4: Resources," the state parameter to the PositionWindow macro is either 0 to specify a normal sized window or 1 to specify a maximized window. This information is incorrect. The state parameter can assume any of ten different values, as follows:

Value	Corresponding Windows Constant	Action
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0	SW_HIDE	Hides the window and passes activation to another window.
1	SW_SHOWNORMAL	Activates and displays a window. If the window is minimized or maximized, Windows restores it to its original size and position.
2	SW_SHOWMINIMIZED	Activates the window and displays it as an icon.
3	SW_SHOWMAXIMIZED	Activates the window and displays it as a maximized window.
4	SW_SHOWNOACTIVATE	Displays a window in its most recent size and position. The window that is currently active remains active.
5	SW_SHOW	Activates a window and displays it in its current size and position.
6	SW_MINIMIZE	Minimizes the specified window and activates the top-level window in the window-manager's list.
7	SW_SHOWMINNOACTIVE	Displays the window as iconic. The window that is currently active remains active.

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|---|------------|--|
| 8 | SW_SHOW | Displays the window in its current state.
The window that is currently active remains active. |
| 9 | SW_RESTORE | Same as SW_SHOWNORMAL. |

Note that these constants are valid only for Windows and may change if Help is ported to another platform.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsHlp

RCDATA Begins on 32-Bit Boundary in Win32

Article ID: Q84081

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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RCDATA is guaranteed to begin on a DWORD boundary. However, the strings and the integers specified in the statement are not aligned by the Resource Compiler (RC)

RCDATA statement:

```
resname RCDATA
BEGIN
```

```
    0,0,
```

```
END
```

The definition of RCDATA is not changed. The strings and integers specified in the statement, 0 in this case, are not aligned on the DWORD boundary. However, the beginning of the data is DWORD-aligned.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsRc

PRB: Number Causes Help Compiler Invalid Context ID Error
Article ID: Q85490

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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When the Windows Help Compiler compiles a help project file, the following error message appears:

 Error P1083: Invalid context identification number

CAUSE

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The representation of the context identification number begins with a zero and contains the digit 8 or 9.

RESOLUTION

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Remove the leading zeros from the number.

MORE INFORMATION

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The Windows Help Compiler parses a number that has a leading zero as an octal number. C compilers also interpret numbers in this manner. Only the digits 0 through 7 are legal in an octal number.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbtool kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: TlsHlp

How to Specify a Full Path in the ExecProgram Macro

Article ID: Q86477

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.51 and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Windows help files (.HLP files) can be written such that selecting a designated topic executes a Windows-based application. This is done with the ExecProgram() macro. If the desired application does not reside in the same directory as the .HLP file, a full path to the .EXE must be specified. An invalid path produces an error.

SYMPTOMS

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Attempting to execute an application with an invalid path causes Windows to display the following Help message box:

Unable to Run Specified File.

CAUSE

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A common mistake is to incorrectly specify the subdirectory delimiters in the path description. This is not a problem with the Windows Help Compiler.

MORE INFORMATION

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The Windows Help Compiler can recognize escape sequences expressed using the backslash (\) character. When using the ExecProgram() macro, four backslashes (\\\) separate each directory in a full path description:

```
ExecProgram( "c:\\\\winapps\\\\excel\\\\excel", 0 )
```

With HC31.EXE version 3.10.505 and HCW.EXE version 4.0, you would use only two backslashes:

```
ExecProgram( "c:\\winapps\\excel\\excel", 0 )
```

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsHlp

PRB: Special Characters Missing from Compiled Help File

Article ID: Q86719

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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In version 2.0 of Microsoft Word for Windows, the RTF (rich-text format) source file for a Microsoft Windows Help file contains curly (smart) single or double quotation marks, bullets, or em or en dash characters. However, even though the specified font contains these special characters, they are missing when the compiled file is viewed in Help.

CAUSE

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Word for Windows stores special RTF tokens for these characters, which the Microsoft Windows Help Compiler cannot process.

RESOLUTION

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In order to avoid these problems do one of the following:

Format the character to use the Symbol font (without using Insert.Symbol).

-or-

Select the desired font (not Symbol) and choose the Symbol option from the Insert menu. Then choose Normal Text in the Symbols From list box. This will format the special character in the desired font.

-or-

Use a bitmap to represent the character or symbol. Use the "bmc" statement to include the bitmap into the text as a character. For more information on the bmc statement, see page 29 of the "Programming Tools" manual provided with version 3.1 of the Microsoft Windows SDK.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 HC HC30.EXE HC31.EXE HCP.EXE
KBCategory: kbtool kbprg kbprb
KBSubcategory: TlsHlp

Dsklayt2 Does Not Support Duplicate Filenames

Article ID: Q87906

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The Dsklayt2 utility in the Microsoft Setup Toolkit for Windows does not support duplicate filenames in the source tree. If two or more files have the same name, Dsklayt2 may place more than one of these files into the root directory of the same setup disk. If this happens, Dsklayt2 generates a warning message when it creates a disk image for the disk that warns that the first file is overwritten.

If two or more files in the source tree for an application share the same name, rename all but one of the files before running the Dsklayt utility. Use the Rename Copied File option in the Dsklayt utility to have the filenames changed back to their original names when SETUP.EXE or _MSTEST.EXE copies the files from the setup disk to the destination disk.

When Dsklayt2 creates a compressed file, it adds an underscore (_) to the end of the file extension, replacing the third character if necessary. Therefore, Dsklayt2 does not support compressed files if the names of the uncompressed files differ only in the third character of the file extension.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 MSSetup tool kit

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsMss

DSKLAYT2 Does Not Preserve Tree Structure of Source Files

Article ID: Q87947

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.5
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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The DSKLAYT2 utility in the Microsoft Setup Toolkit for Windows creates disk images using the files specified in the .LYT file produced by the DSKLAYT utility. The created disk images are flat; all files are placed in the root directory. DSKLAYT2 does not preserve the tree structure of the source files.

Having flat directories on the setup disks is a limitation of only the DSKLAYT2 utility. _MSTEST.EXE, the setup driver spawned by SETUP.EXE, supports a tree structure on the setup disks. Once DSKLAYT2 creates disk images, manually create subdirectories on each disk. Then move files from the root directory of the disk to the appropriate position in the tree structure. (Do not move files between disks.) Make corresponding changes to the .INF file. In the file description line of each moved file, change the filename to indicate the file's new location in the tree structure.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 MSSetup tool kit

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsMss

Setup Toolkit .INF File Format and Disk Labels

Article ID: Q88141

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, version 3.5
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In the Microsoft Setup Toolkit for Windows, the Source Media Descriptions section of the .INF file contains one line for each of the disks you use to install your application. Each of these lines consists of four quoted strings, separated by commas. The second quoted string is the disk label, which you create using the disk-layout utilities. This disk label has nothing to do with the MS-DOS disk label. The disk label in the .INF file comes from the Disk Labels command on the Options menu in DSKLAYOUT.EXE and is arbitrarily chosen by the developer during the disk-layout process.

The Setup Toolkit only uses this disk label to prompt the user for disks. The Setup Toolkit uses the tag filename in the Source Media Descriptions section to determine if the proper disk has been placed in the drive.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 MSSetup tool kit

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsMss

Preventing Word Wrap in Microsoft Windows Help Files

Article ID: Q88142

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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By default, the Microsoft Windows Help application wraps lines of text to reflect the size of its window. However, there are situations (such as a table of information) in which wrapping text is undesirable. The information below presents two methods of preventing a section of text from changing when the Help application window changes sizes. These techniques apply to version 2.0 of the Microsoft Word for Windows-based application.

MORE INFORMATION

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Method 1

This method, which is compatible with versions 3.0 and 3.1 of the Microsoft Windows Help Compiler, involves two steps:

1. Place either a hard or a soft carriage return at the end of each line.
2. Format the section with the "keep lines together" paragraph attribute. From the Format menu, choose Paragraph, and select the Keep Lines Together check box in the Paragraph dialog box.

Method 2

This method, which is compatible only with version 3.1 of the Help Compiler, is to create a one row, one column table in Word for Windows. Set the width of the table as desired and allow the text to wrap within the table normally. Windows Help will duplicate the word breaks in the table provided that the font used to author the table is selected by the Help engine when displaying the table. If Help uses a different font, the text may wrap differently, even though the table keeps the specified width.

Note

When you use either of these methods, if the Windows Help window is not large enough to display the entire width of a topic, Help displays a horizontal scroll bar rather than wrapping the text to make it visible.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 HLP word wrap wordwrap
engine HC31 HC31.EXE HCP HCP.EXE
KBCategory: kbtool
KSubcategory: TlsHlp

PRB: DDESpy Track Conversations Strings Window Empty
Article ID: Q88197

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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In the DDESpy application, provided with version 3.1 of the Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK), DDE messages appear in the main window, while the Track Conversation Strings window remains empty.

CAUSE

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Either the DDESpy application was started after the client and server applications, or neither application uses functions in the Dynamic Data Exchange Management Library (DDEML) to conduct DDE.

RESOLUTION

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Start the DDESpy application before starting the client and server applications. Make sure that the client or the server (or both) uses the DDEML.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbtool kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: TlsSpy

Format for LANGUAGE Statement in .RES Files

Article ID: Q89822

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0

SUMMARY

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The syntax for the LANGUAGE statement in the resource script file is given as follows on page 289 of the Win32 SDK "Tools User's Guide" manual:

LANGUAGE major, minor

major

Language identifier. Must be one of the constants from WINNLS.H

minor

Sublanguage identifier. Must be one of the constants from WINNLS.H

For example, suppose that you want to set the language for the resources in a file to French. For the major parameter, you would choose the following constant from the list of language identifiers

```
#define LANG_FRENCH                0x0c
```

and you would have the choice of any of the sublanguages that begin with SUBLANG_FRENCH in the list of sublanguage identifiers. They are:

```
#define SUBLANG_FRENCH              0x01
#define SUBLANG_FRENCH_BELGIAN     0x02
#define SUBLANG_FRENCH_CANADIAN    0x03
#define SUBLANG_FRENCH_SWISS       0x04
```

RC.EXE does not directly place these constants in the .RES file. It uses the macro MAKELANGID to turn the parameters into a WORD that corresponds to a language ID.

NOTE: The following three combinations have special meaning:

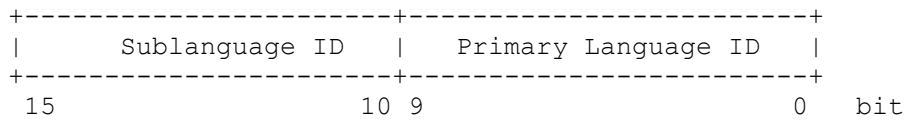
Primary language ID	Sublanguage ID	Meaning
LANG_NEUTRAL	SUBLANG_NEUTRAL	Language neutral
LANG_NEUTRAL	SUBLANG_DEFAULT	User default language
LANG_NEUTRAL	SUBLANG_SYS_DEFAULT	System default language

MORE INFORMATION

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The following information is taken from the WINNLS.H file.

A language ID is a 16-bit value that is the combination of a primary language ID and a secondary language ID. The bits are allocated as follows:



Language ID creation/extraction macros:

```

MAKELANGID    - Construct language ID from primary language ID and
                sublanguage ID.
PRIMARYLANGID - Extract primary language ID from a language ID.
SUBLANGID     - Extract sublanguage ID from a language ID.

```

The macros are defined as follows

```

#define MAKELANGID(p, s)      (((USHORT)(s)) << 10 | (USHORT)(p))
#define PRIMARYLANGID(lgid)  ((USHORT)(lgid) & 0x3ff)
#define SUBLANGID(lgid)     ((USHORT)(lgid) >> 10)

```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsRc

Using Graphics Within a Help File

Article ID: Q90291

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.51 and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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This article explains how to use graphics in a Help file with both the help compiler 3.1 (HC30.EXE, HC31.EXE, and HCP.EXE) and the help compiler 4.0 (HCW.EXE).

MORE INFORMATION

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TYPES OF GRAPHICS

With the Help Compiler, four types of graphics can be displayed within help topics: bitmaps, metafiles, segmented hypergraphics, and multiple resolution bitmaps. With HC30 and HC31, these graphics are limited to 16 colors but it is possible to use embedded windows to create a 256-color bitmap. HCW is capable of displaying 16 million colors.

The following section discusses the details of the graphics formats listed above, and provides details on their advantages and disadvantages.

Bitmaps

A bitmap is an image that is described by a matrix of memory bits that, when copied to a device, define the color and pattern of a corresponding matrix of pixels on the display surface of the device. The advantage to using a bitmap is that drawing a bitmap is very fast. The disadvantage is that the size of a bitmap is very large. Bitmaps can be created with a graphics editor, such as Paintbrush.

Metafiles

A metafile is a collection of GDI commands that creates desired text or images. There are two advantages to using metafiles: the size of the metafile is small, and metafiles are less device-dependent than bitmaps. The disadvantage of using a metafile is that it takes a long time to draw one.

Segmented Hypergraphics

A segmented hypergraphic is a graphic that has hot spots defined in various regions of the graphic. Clicking hot spots either executes a macro or jumps to a context string. To make a segmented hypergraphic, use the segmented

hypergraphic (hot spot) editor (SHED.EXE) included with the Windows 3.1 SDK.

Multiple Resolution Bitmaps

A multiple resolution bitmap is a single bitmap file that contains one or more bitmaps that have been marked for use with specific displays. The advantages of multiple resolution bitmaps are:

1. Bitmaps are prevented from appearing too big or too small on different resolutions.
2. Bitmaps are prevented from looking stretched or compressed from display to display.
3. Colors are mapped correctly on different displays.

The disadvantage of multiple resolution bitmaps is that the files are large. Multiple resolution bitmaps can be created from bitmap files with the multiple resolution bitmap compiler, MRBC.

PLACING GRAPHICS

Direct Pasting

Bitmaps and metafiles can be pasted directly from the clipboard into an RTF source file. This allows the help author to see what the topic will look like while it is being edited. There are several disadvantages to this method. The first disadvantage only applies to HC30 and HC31. It is that any graphic pasted directly into a topic is limited to 64K. This is the result of the help compiler's 64K per paragraph limit when processing RTF source files. The second disadvantage applies to all the help compilers. It is size. If the same graphic is used multiple times within the same source file, then a copy of the graphic is made each time it is placed within the source.

By Reference

All of the graphics can be placed "by reference." To insert a graphic by reference, the help author must type {bm? graphic.ext} where bm? is bml, bmr, or bmc and graphic.ext is the name of the graphic file that the author wants to have placed in the help topic. The bml command is used for a left-justified graphic, the bmr command is used for a right justified graphic, and the bmc command is used for a character justified graphic (that is, the graphic is inserted into the paragraph as if it were a character).

One of the advantages of placing a graphic by reference is that it lifts the 64K limit on a graphic. Also, a graphic placed by reference is actually just a "pointer" to the real graphic. Therefore, if the same graphic is used multiple times, it is only "stored" once within the .HLP file.

The disadvantage of placing graphics by reference is that the help author does not see how the topic will appear while in the RTF editor. The bitmap files inserted by reference must be found in the directory specified by either the ROOT or BMROOT settings in the [OPTIONS] section of the help project file. If the bitmap is not located in one of these directories, then the file must be listed in the [BITMAPS] section of the project file, so the help compiler can locate the bitmap.

Hot Spots and Pop Ups

When placing a graphic into an RTF source file, it can be turned into a hot spot or pop up, similar to other text. Just select the graphic and turn on the double or single underline attribute followed immediately by the hidden text for the context string or macro.

Additional reference words: 3.10 4.00 95 WinHelp
KBCategory: kbtool
KBSubcategory: TlsHlp

PRB: Selecting Overlapping Controls in Dialog Editor

Article ID: Q90384

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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Create a dialog box using the Dialog Editor. Place a button onto the dialog box. Create a frame and place it so that it encompasses the button. It is not possible to select that button with the mouse. However, if the frame is created before the button and then moved or placed over the button, then it is possible to select either the frame or the button.

CAUSE

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This behavior is by design. When controls are overlapped, the control that is selected when the mouse is clicked is the one that comes last in Z-order.

As a special case, it is possible to select a control placed "underneath" a group box.

RESOLUTION

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From the Arrange menu, choose Order/Group. This will bring up a dialog box. Change the Z-order of the button to be after that of the frame. The Z-order may also be changed by manually editing the resource file. The controls that are further down in the file will be "on top."

NOTE: If the frame is selected and is on top of the button, pressing SHIFT+TAB selects the previous control, which will be the button. This does not allow the position of the control to be changed with the mouse; however, it does allow the text and size to be changed.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbtool kbprb

KBSubcategory: TlsDlg

Use of DLGINCLUDE in Resource Files

Article ID: Q91697

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The dialog editor needs a way to know what include file is associated with a resource file that it opens. Rather than prompt the user for the name of the include file, the name of the include file is embedded in the resource file in most cases.

MORE INFORMATION

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Embedding the name of the include file is done with a resource of type RCDATA with the special name DLGINCLUDE. This resource is placed into the .RES file and contains the name of the include file. The dialog editor looks for this resource when it loads a .RES file. If this resource is found, then the include file is opened also; if not, the editor prompts the user for the name of the include file.

In some Windows 3.1 build environments, the dialog editor was used to create dialogs that were placed in more than one .DLG file. These different .DLG files were then included in one .RC file, which was compiled with the resource compiler. Therefore, the resource file gets multiple copies of a RCDATA type resource with the same name, DLGINCLUDE, but the resource compiler and dialog editor don't complain.

In the Win32 SDK, changes were made so that this resource has its own resource type; it was changed from an RCDATA-type resource with the special name, DLGINCLUDE, to a DLGINCLUDE resource type whose name can be specified. The dialog editor would look for resources of the type DLGINCLUDE.

We are being more strict about the need for resources to be unique in the Win32 SDK than the Windows 3.1 SDK. This is good because there was never any guarantee at run time as to which of the two or more resources would be returned by LoadResource().

This means that some applications being ported to Windows NT give an error when their resources are compiled because they have duplicate RCDATA type resources with the same name (DLGINCLUDE). This error is by design. The workaround is straightforward: delete all the DLGINCLUDE RCDATA type resource statements from all the .DLG files.

Finally, because it does not make sense to have the DLGINCLUDE type resources in the executable, the linker will strip them out so that they don't get linked into the EXE.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbtool
KBSubcategory: TlsDlg

Help Fonts Must Use ANSI Character Set

Article ID: Q92422

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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When creating a help file, it is often necessary to access special characters available in certain fonts. However, when the Windows Help engine tries to display the special character, it may not appear correctly.

MORE INFORMATION

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Fonts used to create RTF source files for the Windows Help engine must use the ANSI character set. Fonts that use character sets other than ANSI may not display properly in the Help engine. The only exception to this is the Symbol font, which is also supported in Windows Help version 3.1.

To determine whether a particular font uses the ANSI character set, run the FONTEST sample included with the Windows Software Development Kit (SDK). From the Font menu, choose the Choose Font option. In the Font dialog box, select the font for which you would like to determine the character set. If the font is an ANSI font, then the tmCharSet value displayed in the main window will be zero.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 HC HCP

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsHlp

Localizing the Setup Toolkit for Foreign Markets

Article ID: Q92523

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, version 3.5
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SUMMARY

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There are no localized versions of the Setup Toolkit .DLLs available. However, the resource files for these .DLLs are provided with the Windows 3.1 Software Development Kit (SDK). They can be found in the INTLDLL subdirectory in the MSSETUP directory created by the SDK Setup.

The strings in the STRINGTABLES in these .RC files can be translated. The localized .RC files can then be bound to the .DLLs using the resource compiler.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 MSSETUP tool kit

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsMss

Using the FORCEFONT .HPJ Option

Article ID: Q93395

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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The FORCEFONT Help project file (HPJ) option can only be used with the following font names:

Helv
Helvetica
Courier
Tms Rmn
Times
Symbol

Though Helv, Helvetica, Times, and Tms Rmn are not Windows 3.1 fonts, each of them is mapped to a 3.1 font in the [FontSubstitutes] section of WIN.INI by Windows Setup. They are mapped as follows:

Helv=MS Sans Serif
Tms Rmn=MS Serif
Times=Times New Roman
Helvetica=Arial

To force a Help file to use MS Sans Serif, the FORCEFONT option should be:

FORCEFONT=Helv

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 HC30 HC31 HCP help compiler
MAPFONTSIZE

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsHlp

Using the C Run-Time

Article ID: Q94248

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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This document contains the following sections:

- Section 1: Three Forms of C Run-Time (CRT) Library Are Available
- Section 2: Using the CRT Libraries When Building a DLL
- Section 3: Using NTWIN32.MAK to Simplify the Build Process
- Section 4: Problems Encountered When Using Multiple CRT Libraries
- Section 5: Mixing Library Types

MORE INFORMATION

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Section 1: Three Forms of C Run-Time (CRT) Libraries Are Available

There are three forms of the C Run-time library provided with the Win32 SDK:

- LIBC.LIB is a statically linked library for single-threaded programs.
- LIBCMT.LIB is a statically linked library that supports multithreaded programs.
- CRTDLL.LIB is an import library for CRTDLL.DLL that also supports multithreaded programs. CRTDLL.DLL itself is part of Windows NT.

Microsoft Visual C++ 32-bit edition contains these three forms as well, however, the CRT in a DLL is named MSVCRT.LIB. The DLL is redistributable. Its name depends on the version of VC++ (ie MSVCRT10.DLL or MSVCRT20.DLL). Note however, that MSVCRT10.DLL is not supported on Win32s, while CRTDLL.LIB is supported on Win32s. MSVCRT20.DLL comes in two versions: one for Windows NT and the other for Win32s.

Section 2: Using the CRT Libraries When Building a DLL

When building a DLL which uses any of the C Run-time libraries, in order to ensure that the CRT is properly initialized, either

1. the initialization function must be named DllMain() and the entry point must be specified with the linker option -entry:_DllMainCRTStartup@12

- or -

2. the DLL's entry point must explicitly call CRT_INIT() on process attach

and process detach

This permits the C Run-time libraries to properly allocate and initialize C Run-time data when a process or thread is attaching to the DLL, to properly clean up C Run-time data when a process is detaching from the DLL, and for global C++ objects in the DLL to be properly constructed and destructed.

The Win32 SDK samples all use the first method. Use them as an example. Also refer to the Win32 Programmer's Reference for DllEntryPoint() and the Visual C++ documentation for DllMain(). Note that DllMainCRTStartup() calls CRT_INIT() and CRT_TERMINATE() will call your application's DllMain(), if it exists.

If you wish to use the second method and call the CRT initialization code yourself, instead of using DllMainCRTStartup() and DllMain(), there are two techniques:

1. if there is no entry function which performs initialization code, simply specify CRT_INIT() as the entry point of the DLL. Assuming that you've included NTWIN32.MAK, which defines DLENTY as "@12", add the following option to the DLL's link line:

```
-entry:_CRT_INIT$(DLENTY)
```

- or -

2. if you *do* have your own DLL entry point, do the following in the entry point:
 - a. Use this prototype for CRT_INIT():

```
BOOL WINAPI _CRT_INIT(HINSTANCE hinstDLL, DWORD fdwReason,  
LPVOID lpReserved);
```

For information on CRT_INIT() return values, see the documentation DllEntryPoint; the same values are returned.

- b. On DLL_PROCESS_ATTACH and DLL_THREAD_ATTACH (see "DllEntryPoint" in the Win32 API reference for more information on these flags), call CRT_INIT(), first, before any C Run-time functions are called or any floating-point operations are performed.
 - c. Call your own process/thread initialization/termination code.
 - d. On DLL_PROCESS_DETACH and DLL_THREAD_DETACH, call CRT_INIT() last, after all C Run-time functions have been called and all floating-point operations are completed.

Be sure to pass on to CRT_INIT() all of the parameters of the entry point; CRT_INIT() expects those parameters, so things may not work reliably if they are omitted (in particular, fdwReason is required to determine whether process initialization or termination is needed).

Below is a skeleton sample entry point function that shows when and how to make these calls to CRT_INIT() in the DLL entry point:

```
BOOL WINAPI DllEntryPoint(HINSTANCE hinstDLL, DWORD fdwReason,
```

```

    LPVOID lpReserved)
{
if (fdwReason == DLL_PROCESS_ATTACH || fdwReason == DLL_THREAD_ATTACH)
    if (!_CRT_INIT(hinstDLL, fdwReason, lpReserved))
        return(FALSE);

if (fdwReason == DLL_PROCESS_DETACH || fdwReason == DLL_THREAD_DETACH)
    if (!_CRT_INIT(hinstDLL, fdwReason, lpReserved))
        return(FALSE);
return(TRUE);
}

```

NOTE that this is **not** necessary if you are using DllMain() and -entry:_DllMainCRTStartup@12.

Section 3: Using NTWIN32.MAK to Simplify the Build Process

There are macros defined in NTWIN32.MAK that can be used to simplify your makefiles and to ensure that they are properly built to avoid conflicts. For this reason, Microsoft highly recommends using NTWIN32.MAK and the macros therein.

For compilation, use:

```
$(cvarsdll)          for apps/DLLs using CRT in a DLL
```

For linking, use one of the following:

```
$(conlibsdll)       for console apps/DLLs using CRT in a DLL
$(guilibsdll)       for GUI apps using CRT in a DLL
```

Section 4: Problems Encountered When Using Multiple CRT Libraries

If an application that makes C Run-time calls links to a DLL that also makes C Run-time calls, be aware that if they are both linked with one of the statically-linked C Run-time libraries (LIBC.LIB or LIBCMT.LIB), the .EXE and DLL will have separate copies of all C Run-time functions and global variables. This means that C Run-time data cannot be shared between the .EXE and the DLL. Some of the problems that can occur as a result are:

- Passing buffered stream handles from the .EXE/DLL to the other module
- Allocating memory with a C Run-time call in the .EXE/DLL and reallocating or freeing it in the other module
- Checking or setting the value of the global errno variable in the .EXE/DLL and expecting it to be the same in the other module. A related problem is calling perror() in the opposite module from where the C Run-time error occurred, since perror() uses errno.

To avoid these problems, link both the .EXE and DLL with CRTDLL.LIB or MSVCRT.LIB, which allows both the .EXE and DLL to use the common set of functions and data contained within CRT in a DLL, and C Run-time data such as stream handles can then be shared by both the .EXE and DLL.

Section 5: Mixing Library Types

You can link your DLL with CRTDLL.LIB/MSVCRT.LIB regardless of what your .EXE is linked with if you avoid mixing CRT data structures and passing CRT file handles or CRT FILE* pointers to other modules.

When mixing library types adhere to the following:

- CRT file handles may only be operated on by the CRT module that created them.
- CRT FILE* pointers may only be operated on by the CRT module that created them.
- Memory allocated with the CRT function malloc() may only be freed or reallocated by the CRT module that allocated it.

To illustrate this, consider the following example:

- .EXE is linked with MSVCRT.LIB
- DLL A is linked with LIBCMT.LIB
- DLL B is linked with CRTDLL.LIB

If the .EXE creates a CRT file handle using `_create()` or `_open()`, this file handle may only be passed to `_lseek()`, `_read()`, `_write()`, `_close()`, etc. in the .EXE file. Do not pass this CRT file handle to either DLL. Do not pass a CRT file handle obtained from either DLL to the other DLL or to the .EXE.

If DLL A allocates a block of memory with `malloc()`, only DLL A may call `free()`, `_expand()`, or `realloc()` to operate on that block. You cannot call `malloc()` from DLL A and try to free that block from the .EXE or from DLL B.

NOTE: If all three modules were linked with CRTDLL.LIB or all three were linked with MSVCRT.LIB, these restrictions would not apply.

When linking DLLs with LIBC.LIB, be aware that if there is a possibility that such a DLL will be called by a multithreaded program, the DLL will not support multiple threads running in the DLL at the same time, which can cause major problems. If there is a possibility that the DLL will be called by multithreaded programs, be sure to link it with one of the libraries that support multithreaded programs (LIBCMT.LIB, CRTDLL.LIB or MSVCRT.LIB).

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsMisc

CTYPE Macros Function Incorrectly

Article ID: Q94323

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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When an application that is linked to CRTDLL.LIB is compiled without defining `_MT` and `_DLL`, the CTYPE.H family of macros will not operate correctly.

To define `_MT` and `_DLL` on the CL command line, just add the following to the command line:

```
-D_MT -D_DLL
```

By adding these defines, the CTYPE macros will be properly initialized.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsMisc

Jumping to a Keyword in the Middle of a Help Topic

Article ID: Q94611

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The following information was extracted from the Windows Help Authoring Guide available on the Microsoft Developer's Network CD-ROM:

Placing Keywords in the Topic

When the user goes to a topic by choosing a keyword from the Search dialog box, Help displays the selected topic in the main window, starting from the beginning of the topic. If the information related to the keyword is located in the middle or toward the end of the topic, the user may not be able to see the relevant information without scrolling the topic. This result may not be what you want.

If you want users to be able to go directly to relevant information within a topic (and see it without scrolling), you can place additional keywords with the information you want users to find. Keywords placed within a topic function as spot references (similar to context-string spot references) because they index specific locations, or "spots," within the topic. To access the spot-referenced material, users choose the keyword from the Search dialog box.

In the Search dialog box, all keywords appear the same. The user cannot tell the difference between keywords placed at the beginning of the topic and those placed elsewhere in the topic. However, when the user goes to the topic, Windows Help uses the location of the keyword footnote as a reference point. If the keyword footnote is located in the middle of the topic, Help displays the topic as if the middle location were the "top" of the topic.

NOTE:

Because you cannot insert a title footnote in the middle of a topic, any keywords that you place in the middle of the topic use the main topic title in the Search dialog box.

To define a keyword in the middle of the topic:

1. Place the insertion point where you want to define the keyword. A keyword inserted anywhere except the beginning of the topic is treated as a spot reference.
2. From the Insert menu, choose Footnote. The Footnote dialog box appears.
3. Type an uppercase K as the custom footnote mark, and then choose OK.

A superscript K appears in the text window, and the insertion point moves to the footnote window.

4. Type the keyword(s) to the right of the K in the footnote window. Use only a single space between the K and the first keyword. Separate multiple keywords with a semicolon (;).

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 winhelp hc

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: TlsHlp

Size Comparison of 32-Bit and 16-Bit x86 Applications

Article ID: Q97765

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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It is expected that a 32-bit version of an x86 application (console or GUI) will be larger than the 16-bit version. Much of this difference is due to the flat memory-model addressing of Windows NT. For each instruction, note that the opcodes have not changed in size, but the addresses have been widened to 32 bits.

In addition, the EXE format under Windows NT (the PE format) is optimized for paging; EXEs are demand-loaded and totally mappable. This leads to some internal fragmentation because protection boundaries must fall on sector boundaries within the EXE file.

The MIPS (or any RISC) version of a Win32-based application typically will be larger and require more memory than its x86 counterpart.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsMisc

CTRL+C Exception Handling Under WinDbg

Article ID: Q97858

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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An exception is raised for CTRL+C only if the process is being debugged. The purpose is to make it convenient for the debugger to catch CTRL+C in console applications. For the purposes of this article, the debugger is assumed to be WinDbg.

MORE INFORMATION

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When the console server detects a CTRL+C, it uses `CreateRemoteThread()` to create a thread in the client process to handle the event. This new thread then raises an exception IF AND ONLY IF the process is being debugged. At this point, the debugger either handles the exception or it continues the exception unhandled.

The "gh" command marks the exception as having been handled and continues the execution. The application does not notice the CTRL+C, with one exception: CTRL+C causes alertable waits to terminate. This is most noticeable when executing:

```
while( (c = getchar()) != EOF ) - or - while( gets(s) )
```

It is not possible to get the debugger to stop the wait from terminating.

The "gn" command marks an exception as unhandled and continues the execution. The handler list for the application is searched, as documented for `SetConsoleCtrlHandler()`. The handler is executed in the thread created by the console server.

After the exception is handled, the thread created to handle the event terminates. The debugger will not continue to execute the application if Go On Thread Termination is not enabled (from the Options menu, choose Debug, and select the Go On Thread Termination check box). The thread and process status indicate that the application is stopped at a debug event. As soon as the debugger is given a go command, the dead thread disappears and the application continues execution.

There are three cases where CTRL+C doesn't cause the program to stop executing (instead it causes a "page down"):

1. When CTRL+C is already being handled.
2. When the debugger is in the foreground and a source window has the focus (both must be true).

3. When the CTRL+C exception is disabled (through the Debugger Exceptions dialog box).

This follows the convention of the WordStar/Turbo C/Turbo Pascal editor commands.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsWindbg

Debugging DLLs Using WinDbg

Article ID: Q97908

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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This article describes the process of debugging dynamic-link libraries (DLLs) under WinDbg. As a further example, debugging File Manager extensions under Windows NT is discussed in the "More Information" section in this article.

MORE INFORMATION

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The application and the DLL must be built with certain compiler and linker switches so that debugging information is included. These switches can be found in the \$(cdebug) and \$(ldebug) macros, respectively, which are defined in NTWIN32.MAK.

NOTE: It is important to disable optimization with -Od or locals will not be available in the locals window and line numbers may not match the source.

The application is loaded into WinDbg either by specifying "windbg <filename>" on the command prompt or by starting WinDbg from the program group and specifying <filename> in the Program Open dialog box (from the Program menu, choose Open). Note that <filename> is the name of the application, not the DLL. It is not necessary to specify the name of the DLL to be debugged.

The DLL is loaded either when execution of the application begins or dynamically through a call to LoadLibrary(). In the first case, simply press F8 to begin execution. All DLLs and symbolic information are loaded. To trace through the DLL code, breakpoints can be set in the DLL using a variety of methods:

- From the Debug menu, choose Breakpoints. The dialog box is Program Open.

-or-

- Open the source file and use F9 or the "hand" button on the toolbar.

-or-

- Go to the Command window and type:

```
bp[#] <Options>
```

```
<Options>:
```

```
addr          break at address
@line        break at line
```

In the case that the DLL is dynamically loaded, pressing F8 causes all other DLLs and symbolic information to load. The same methods described above can be used to set breakpoints; however, the user will get a dialog box indicating that the breakpoint was not instantiated. After the call to LoadLibrary() has been executed, all breakpoints are instantiated (it is possible to note the color change if the DLL source window is open) and will behave as expected.

To set a breakpoint in a DLL that is not loaded, specify the context when setting the breakpoint. The syntax for a context specifier is:

```
{proc, module, exe}addr
```

-or-

```
{proc, module, exe}@line
```

Example: {func, module.c, app.exe}0x50987. The first two parameters are optional, so {,,app.exe}0x50987 or {,,app.exe}func could be used instead.

For example, assume that we are trying to debug a File Manager extension under Windows NT that has been built with full debugging information. The procedure to debug the extension is as follows:

1. Open a Command window.
2. Start WinDbg WINFILE.
3. Set a breakpoint on FmExtensionProc().
4. At the Command window, type "g" and press ENTER. The debugger will continue executing the program from the point where it stopped (which could be from the beginning, at the breakpoint, and so on).

WinDbg will start WINFILE and when FmExtensionProc() is executed, WinDbg will break into the WINFILE process.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsWindbg

Watching Local Variables That Are Also Globally Declared

Article ID: Q98288

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1, 3.5.3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Consider debugging the following program in WinDbg:

```
int x = 1;
int y = 2;

void main()
{
    int x = 2;
    x++;
    y++;
}
```

Notice that there is a global variable `x` and a local variable `x`.

Before you step into `main`, if you set watchpoints on `x` and `y`, the Watch window will display a value for `y` but for `x` will say "Expression cannot be evaluated." To see the value for `x`, use `::x` and `x` will evaluate to the local `x` in `main` once you've stepped into `main`.

MORE INFORMATION

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When debugging an application, the X86 C++ evaluator is loaded. Given this, you can use the scope resolution operator in a watch statement to view a hidden global variable. Without the use of the scope resolution operator, there is no way (short of watching it in a memory window) to watch a hidden global variable.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsWindbg

PRB: MS-SETUP Uses \SYSTEM Rather Than \SYSTEM32

Article ID: Q98888

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SYMPTOMS

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Call GetWindowsSysDir() in the SETUP.MST file of a 16-bit setup application. The return value is C:\WINNT\SYSTEM\ instead of C:\WINNT\SYSTEM32\. Note that this doesn't happen with the 32-bit Setup Toolkit.

CAUSE

=====

Windows on Win32 (WOW) returns the SYSTEM directory, not the SYSTEM32 directory, to 16-bit applications such as MS-SETUP. This is done for compatibility reasons.

RESOLUTION

=====

Determine whether the setup code is being run under WOW or Windows version 3.1 by checking the WF_WINNT bit (0x4000) in the return from GetWinFlags(). Choose either the return from GetWindowsSysDir() or <winows dir>\system32 as appropriate.

MORE INFORMATION

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Note that there are additional considerations for network installs for Win32s, because the SYSTEM directory may not be a branch off of the Windows directory.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbtool kbprb

KBSubcategory: TlsMss

Debugging a Service with WinDbg

Article ID: Q98890

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The following steps illustrate how to debug a service under Windows NT using WinDbg, which ships with the Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK). For illustration purposes, this procedure uses the SERVICE sample, which is built with debugging information by default. This sample is located in:

Win32 SDK 3.1:

MSTOOLS\SAMPLES\SERVICE

Win32 SDK 3.5:

MSTOOLS\SAMPLES\WIN32\SERVICE

Win32 SDK 3.51 and 4.0:

MSTOOLS\SAMPLES\WIN32\WINNT\SERVICE

MORE INFORMATION

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1. Build the sample.
2. Install the Simple service with the following command:

Win32 SDK 3.1:

```
instsrv simple <drive>:\mstools\samples\service\simple.exe
```

Win32 SDK 3.5 and later:

```
simple - install
```

Upon success, you will receive the message "CreateService Success".

3. Use the Control Panel's Services application to start the Simple service. With the Win32 SDK 3.5, you can also use

```
sc start simpleservice
```

The SC.EXE is located in MSTOOLS\BIN.

4. Use PView to get the process ID (PID) for the Simple service. For instance, if PView shows the process as simple(0xD5), then the PID is 0xD5.
5. If using SDK versions 3.1 or 3.5, convert the PID from hexadecimal to decimal. For example, 0xD5 is 213 in decimal. Later versions of WinDbg use hexadecimal PIDs.

6. At a command prompt, go to the directory containing the sample and type

```
start windbg
```

to start WinDbg in its own command shell.

7. In WinDbg, choose Open from the File menu and open the source file (SIMPLE.C).

8. Set breakpoints at (for example) lines 326, 335, 337, 344, and 353. The lines will not change color at this point, but the breakpoints are successfully set.

9. Open a command window in WinDbg and type

```
.attach <PID>
```

Note that the lines where breakpoints are set will have changed colors.

10. Type "g" (a go command) in the WinDbg command window to restart after the thread that WinDbg uses to do the .attach terminates.

11. At the command prompt, start the client by typing

```
Win32 SDK 3.1:  
client \\.\pipe\simple boo
```

```
Win32 SDK 3.5 and later:  
client [-pipe <pipename>] [-string <string>]
```

12. Press F5 (a go command) to debug the service. The breakpoint hit will be on line 335. Press F5 again to go to the next breakpoint. Keep pressing F5 until line 326 waits again for a client to connect. Try connecting another client and repeat the same steps.

Exiting WinDbg will kill the service, which must be restarted manually with the Control Panel.

Services must log on as LocalSystem for this to work correctly; otherwise, you will not have permission to debug the service.

The manual translation of the PID from hexadecimal to decimal will not be needed in the future once the .attach command is modified so that it accepts hexadecimal.

NOTE: Under Windows NT 3.5 and later, because services do not have access to the user's desktop by default, one additional step must be taken to debug services with Windbg. In order to debug services, the user must check the startup option "Allow Service to interact with Desktop" in the Services control panel applet. You can do the same thing programmatically by setting HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\<DisplayName>\Type to 0x110.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsWindbg

Source-level Debugging Under NTSD

Article ID: Q99053

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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The following are the steps used for source-level debugging under NTSD:

1. Compile using `-Zi` and `-Od`.
2. Link using `debug:full` and `debugtype:coff`.
3. Load the program into the debugger.
4. Use `s+` to change to source mode.

-or-

Use `s&` to change to mixed mode.

For a console application, type `"g main"` to get to the program start. For a GUI application, type `"g WinMain"` to get to the program start.

Type `"v .<number>"` to list source lines starting at `<number>`. For example, type the following

```
v .20
```

to see all lines starting at line 20.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsMisc

PRB: Debugging the Open Common Dialog Box in WinDbg

Article ID: Q99952

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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When debugging an application that uses the Open common dialog box (created by the `GetOpenFileName()` function) in WinDbg, the program stops and the following information is displayed in the Command window:

```
Thread Terminate: Process=0, Thread=2, Exit Code=1
```

CAUSE

=====

The Open common dialog box causes a thread to be created. At this point in the debugging, that thread has terminated. By default, WinDbg halts whenever a thread terminates.

RESOLUTION

=====

Execute the go command (type "g" at the command prompt). Execution will continue.

MORE INFORMATION

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To prevent WinDbg from halting when a thread is terminated, select Debug from the Options menu and check "Go on thread terminate."

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbtool kbprb

KBSubcategory: TlsWindbg

WinDbg Message "Breakpoint Not Instantiated"

Article ID: Q99953

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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The WinDbg message "Breakpoint Not Instantiated" indicates that the debugger could not resolve an address. This can happen for several reasons:

- A specified symbol does not exist. In this case, check for misspelling and check the state of the "ignore case" option if the symbol contains mixed case.
- or-
- The symbol exists, but the EXE or DLL was built with the wrong debugging information, or none at all. Use the -Zi and -Od compiler options and use the -debug:full, -debugtype:cv, and -pdb:none linker options.
- or-
- The symbol exists, but it is in a module that has not yet been loaded. If the symbol is in a DLL that is dynamically loaded the breakpoint was probably set before the DLL was loaded. The message is harmless, because WinDbg will instantiate the BP when the module is loaded.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsWindbg

PRB: Data Section Names Limited to Eight Characters

Article ID: Q100292

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SYMPTOMS

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Data sections can be named by using #pragma data_seg. This method is commonly used so that the named data sections can be shared using the SECTIONS statement in the DEF file. However, if the length of the name specified in the pragma exceeds eight characters, then the section is not properly shared.

CAUSE

=====

The linker does not support sections with longer names. The longer names require use of the COFF strings table, so the rewrite is not trivial.

MORE INFORMATION

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Note that in addition, the first character of a section name must be a period. Therefore, the section name, as specified in both the pragma and the DEF file, can be a maximum of a period followed by seven characters.

For more information on the shared named-data section, please see the following article in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

ARTICLE-ID: Q89817

TITLE : How to Specify Shared and Nonshared Data in a DLL

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbtool kbprb

KBSubcategory: TlsMisc

Setting Dynamic Breakpoints in WinDbg

Article ID: Q100642

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The WinDbg breakpoint command contains a metacircular interpreter; that is, you can execute commands dynamically once a breakpoint is hit. This allows you to perform complex operations, including breaking when an automatic variable has changed, as described below.

The command interpreter of WinDbg allows any valid C expression to serve as a break condition. For example, to break whenever a static variable has changed, use the following expression in the Expression field of the breakpoint dialog box:

```
&<variablename>
```

In addition, the length should be specified as 4 (the size of a DWORD) in the length field.

This technique does not work for automatic variables because the address of an automatic variable may change depending on the value that the stack pointer has upon entering the function that defines the automatic variable. This is one case where the breakpoint needs to be redefined dynamically.

For this purpose, a breakpoint can be enabled at function start and disabled at function exit, so that the address of the variable is recomputed.

MORE INFORMATION

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Suppose that the name of the function is "subroutine" and the local variable name is "i". The following steps will be used:

1. Start the program and step into the function that defines the automatic variable with the commands:

```
g subroutine
p
bp500 ={subroutine}&i /r4 /C"?i"
```

The breakpoint number is chosen to be large so that the breakpoint will be well out of range of other breakpoints. Note that /r4 indicates a length of 4 because i is an integer. Make this number larger for other data types. The command "?i" prints out the value of i.

2. Next, disable this first breakpoint with the command

bd500

because the address of `i` may change. The breakpoint will be enabled when in the scope of function subroutine.

3. The second breakpoint definition is set at the entry point of the function:

```
bp .<FirstLine> /C"be 500;g"
```

This is where the breakpoint is enabled. Note that `<FirstLine>` is the line number of the first statement in the function subroutine.

4. The last breakpoint is set at the end of the function

```
bp .<LastLine> /C"bd 500;g"
```

and will disable the breakpoint again. Note that `<LastLine>` is the line number of the last statement in the function subroutine.

Note that if the function has more than one exit point, multiple breakpoints may have to be defined.

Program execution stops when breakpoint #500 is hit (for example, the value of `i` changes), but execution will continue after the other two breakpoints because they contain `go ("g")` commands.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsWindbg

PRB: Debugging an Application Driven by MS-TEST

Article ID: Q100957

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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When an application driven by MS-TEST is being debugged by WinDbg or NTSD (for example, after an exception has occurred), both the application and the debugger hang.

CAUSE

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The debugger is hooked and ends up hanging.

RESOLUTION

=====

It is not possible to use NTSD or WinDbg to debug an application that is driven by MS-TEST. Use Dr. Watson (drwtsn32) instead. Note that you must turn off Visual Notification.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbtool kbprb

KBSubcategory: TlsWindbg

Interpreting Executable Base Addresses

Article ID: Q101187

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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LINK.EXE and DUMPBIN.EXE (from Visual C++ 32-bit edition) can be used to dump the portable executable (PE) header of an executable file. Below is a fragment of a dump:

```
7300 address of entry point
7000 base of code
B000 base of data
----- new -----
10000 image base
```

The "image base" value of 10000 is the address where the program begins in memory. The value associated with "base of code," "base of data," and "address of entry point" are all offsets from the image base.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsMisc

Debugging Console Apps Using Redirection

Article ID: Q102351

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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To redirect the standard input (STDIN) for a console application named APP.EXE from a file named INPUT.TXT, the following syntax is used:

```
app < input.txt
```

However, the following syntax will not work when attempting to debug this application using WinDbg with STDIN redirected:

```
windbg app < input.txt
```

To debug the application as desired, use

```
windbg cmd /c "app < input.txt"
```

MORE INFORMATION

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This will allow WinDbg to debug whatever goes on in the cmd window. A dialog box will be displayed that says "No symbolic Info for Debuggee." This message refers to CMD.EXE; dismiss this dialog box. When the child process (APP.EXE) is started, the command window will read "Stopped at program entry point." To continue, type "g" at the command window. Note that APP.EXE will begin executing, then you can open the source file and set breakpoints.

This technique is also useful when debugging an application that behaves differently when run with a debugger than it does when it is run in the command window.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsWindbg

MS Setup Disklay2 Utility Calls COMPRESS.EXE Internally
Article ID: Q103071

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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The Disklay2 utility that comes with the Microsoft Setup Toolkit calls the COMPRESS.EXE application internally to compress files. If this utility cannot be found during the execution of Disklay2, the infamous "Bad Command or Filename" error results. The screen dump of the results of Disklay2's progress will contain this error message. The solution is to ensure COMPRESS.EXE is available in the path.

COMPRESS.EXE is a component of the Windows Software Development Kit (SDK).

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 mssetup tool kit

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsMss

Choosing the Debugger That the System Will Spawn

Article ID: Q103861

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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With Windows NT version 3.1, it is possible to have the system spawn a debugger whenever an application faults. The capability is controlled by the following Registry key:

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\  
    SOFTWARE\  
        Microsoft\  
            Windows NT\  
                CurrentVersion\  
                    AeDebug
```

This key contains the following values:

```
    Auto  
    Debugger
```

If the value of Auto is set to "0" (zero), then the system will generate a pop-up window, and if the user chooses Cancel, spawn the debugger that is specified in the Debugger value. If the value of Auto is set to "1", then the system will automatically spawn the debugger that is specified in the Debugger value.

After installing Windows NT 3.1, the Debugger value is set to DRWTSN32 -p %ld -e %ld -g and the Auto value is set to 1.

If the Win32 SDK is installed, then the Debugger value is changed to <MSTOOLS>\BIN\WINDBG -p %ld -e %ld and the Auto value is set to 0.

MORE INFORMATION

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The DRWTSN32 debugger is a post-mortem debugger similar in functionality to the Windows 3.1 Dr. Watson program. DRWTSN32 generates a log file containing fault information about the offending application. The following data is generated in the DRWTSN32.LOG file:

- Exception information (exception number and name)
- System information (machine name, user name, OS version, and so forth)
- Task list
- State dump for each thread (register dump, disassembly, stack walk, symbol table)

A record of each application error is recorded in the application event log. The application error data for each crash is stored in a log file

named DRWTSN32.LOG, which by default is placed in your Windows directory.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsMisc

Cannot Load <exe> Because NTVDM Is Already Running

Article ID: Q103863

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, versions 3.1 and 3.5
-

WinDbg can debug 16-bit Windows-based applications running on Windows NT, under the Win16 VDM (virtual MS-DOS machine), NTVDM. By default, each 16-bit Windows-based application run as a thread in NTVDM. On Windows NT 3.5, each application can be run in a separate address space.

If NTVDM is running when the debugger tries to start the application, you get the following error message:

```
Cannot load <exe> because NTVDM is already running
```

Under Windows NT 3.5, to work around this problem, go to the WinDbg Options menu, choose Debug, and check Separate WOW VDM, to allow the debuggee to be run in a different address space.

Alternatively, you could terminate NTVDM. On Windows NT 3.1, your only choice is to terminate NTVDM, because separate address spaces for 16-bit Windows-based application are not supported.

To terminate NTVDM, run PView, select NTVDM, and choose "Kill Process." Note that there may be two NTVDM processes. The one that you want to terminate has one thread for each Windows-based application (plus a few more).

The Windows NT WinLogon is set up to automatically start WoWExec, which automatically starts the Win16 VDM. This behavior can be changed by removing WoWExec from:

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\  
    Software\  
        Microsoft\  
            Windows NT\  
                CurrentVersion\  
                    Winlogon\  
                        Shell
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsWindbg

Viewing Globals Out of Context in WinDbg

Article ID: Q105583

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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When viewing global variables (either with the ? command or via the Watch window) and the variables go out of context, their values become:

```
CXX0017 Error: symbol not found
```

An example of this is when a common dialog box is open in the application. If you break into an application that is inside COMDLG32.DLL and try to do a ?gVar, where gVar is a global variable in the application, WinDbg will not find the symbol because the context is wrong. To view the value of gVar in MYAPP, use the following:

```
?{,,myapp}gVar
```

WinDbg will then have no trouble locating the symbolic information.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsWindbg

Debugging the Win32 Subsystem

Article ID: Q105677

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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The instructions on page 1-18 of Part II of the Win32 "Programmer's Guide" included with the Win32 Device Driver Kit (DDK) says to use NTSD -d -p -1 to attach to the Win32 subsystem process and enable debugging of its user-mode drivers. This results in the error:

```
NTSD: cannot debug PID -1
error = 5
```

To enable this procedure to work properly, change the GlobalFlag value under:

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\
  SYSTEM\
    CurrentControlSet\
      Control\
        Session Manager
```

Remove the flag 0x00080000 from 0x211a0000 to make it 0x21120000. The 0x00080000 flag disables the ability to debug CSRSS.EXE (the client server run time subsystem), which is specified by the "-p -1" parameter.

It is also possible to debug CSRSS using "WinDbgRm -c -p-1" instead of NTSD. Make sure that WinDbgRm defaults to debugging using TLPIPE.DLL as its transport layer, then run "windbgm -c -p-1" on the debuggee.

On the debugger machine, make sure that CSRSS.EXE and any dynamic-link libraries (DLLs) that you are debugging in association with it are in the same directory, and run WinDbg. To set the transport DLL, choose Debug from the Options menu, choose Transport DLLs, and set the transport DLL to TLPIPE. Set the host name entries to be the machine name of the debuggee.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsMisc

Differences Between the Win32 3.1 SDK and VCNT 1.0

Article ID: Q105679

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Visual C++ 32-bit Edition, version 1.0
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SUMMARY

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The following is a list of items included in the retail Win32 SDK that are not included in the 32-bit Edition of Visual C++ (Intel only):

MORE INFORMATION

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Tools

WinDbg/WinDbgRM
Process Walker
Working Set Tuner (WST)
WinObj
Setup Toolkit
Microsoft Test
Software Compatibility Test (SCT)
API Profilers: CAP and WAP
Symedit
masm386
Font Editor

Documentation

LM API Reference (LMAPI.HLP)
SNMP Programmer's Reference (SNMP.TXT)
Generic Thunks (GENTHUNK.TXT)
File Formats (CUSTCNTL.TXT, ENHMETA.TXT, PE.TXT, RESFMT.TXT)

Samples

BNDBUF	MFEDIT
BOB (named EXITWIN in VC++)	MIDIMON
CDTEST	MINREC
CPL	MSGTABLE
DYNDLG	NTFONTS
GUIGREP	NTSD
LARGEINT	PDC
LOGGING	RESDLL
LOWPASS	REVERSE
MANDEL	SCRNSAVE
MAPI	SEMAPHOR
MAZELORD	SPINCUBE

MCITEST

WINNET

Other

Device Driver Kit (DDK) headers and libraries
Checked build of Windows NT
RPC Toolkit
POSIX headers and libraries
Microsoft Foundation Classes (MFC) 1.0

The following is a list of items included in the 32-bit Edition of Visual C++ that are not included in the retail Win32 SDK (Intel only):

Tools

Visual Workbench/AppStudio/Wizards
bscmake
Pharlap TNT DOS-Extender
Spy++
Source Profiler
CodeView for Win32S

Samples

BOUNCE
CVTMAKE
EXITWIN (named BOB in the SDK)

Other

MFC 2.0

The preliminary Win32 SDK contained the compiler tools, while the retail Win32 SDK does not. In addition, the preliminary Win32 DDK was available separately, while the retail DDK is bundled with the retail SDK.

The Win32 SDK has a separate "Win32s Programmer's Reference," while VC++ has the same chapters as part of the "Programming Techniques" manual.

There are tools whose names have changed and tools that are no longer needed. The SDK linker is LINK32, the VC++ linker is LINK. The SDK librarian is LIB32, the VC++ librarian is LIB. CVTRES existed in the SDK to convert the .RES file produced by RC so that it could be used by the linker, while VC++ has this functionality built into its linker. These changes may affect your makefiles.

For more information on switching from the Win32 SDK to 32-bit VC++, see the VC++ file MIGRATE.HLP.

Additional reference words: 3.10
KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsMisc

Listing the Named Shared Objects

Article ID: Q105764

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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Included with the Win32 SDK is an object viewer utility called WinObj that be used to list named objects, devices, dynamic-link libraries (DLLs), and so forth. To find objects such as pipes, memory, and semaphores, start WinObj and select the folder BaseNamedObjects.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsMisc

PRB: RW1004 Error Due to Unexpected End of File (EOF)

Article ID: Q106064

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0

SYMPTOMS

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The resource compiler generates the following errors when the .RC file includes a .H file whose last line is a define (that is, there was no final carriage return at the end of the #define statement):

fatal error RC1004: unexpected EOF

CAUSE

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The resource compiler preprocessor follows C syntax. A newline character is required on a #define statement.

RESOLUTION

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Add a carriage return following the #define.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbtool kbprb

KBSubcategory: TlsRc

Additional Remote Debugging Requirement

Article ID: Q106066

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0

The printed and online documentation for remote debugging with WinDbgRm fail to mention one requirement. The binaries must be in the same drive and directory on both the target machine and the development machine.

WinDbg also expects to find the source files in the same directory in which the the binary file was built, but will browse for the source if it is not found in this location. WinDbg will automatically locate the source if the files are specified to the compiler with fully qualified paths.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsWindbg

PRB: Problems with the Microsoft Setup Toolkit

Article ID: Q106382

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SYMPTOMS

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1. When the /zi option is used with the Win32 DSKLAYT2.EXE to provide compression, it causes an access violation.
2. The Win32 Setup Toolkit does not contain a setup bootstrapper to copy the needed setup files to a temp drive and run the Setup program. Setup runs from floppy disks.
3. Install programs for applications that may run on Win32s must be created with the 16-bit version of the Setup Toolkit if the installation program will install Win32s. However, the 16-bit DSKLAY2.EXE cannot read the version information in a Win32 binary.
4. The Win32 DSKLAYT.EXE only shows 8.3 names in the list box.
5. The Setup program reports "out of memory" during installation, but there seems to be plenty of memory.
6. Installation fails from a CD-ROM. If the same files are copied from the CD to the hard disk, installation succeeds.
7. Setup programs created with the 32-bit setup toolkit will not run under Win32s.

RESOLUTIONS

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1. The fix for this problem is available in the Alpha SDK Update and later.

Note that COMPRESS.EXE has been updated to use a better compression algorithm, and therefore /zi is no longer recommended for best compression. The option has been kept for compatibility reasons.

2. The bootstrapper is not necessary in a 32-bit environment. It is required for Windows because it is not possible to remove the floppy disk of a currently running Win16 application (the resources could not all be preloaded and locked). If you want to use a bootstrapper for compatibility, a 32-bit version is available on CompuServe.
3. If a Win32s installation is provided on a separate disk, the install program can be developed with the Win32 Setup Toolkit.
4. The program is actually a 16-bit program, and therefore it can display only the 8.3 name. Use 8.3 names for the source names and

specify that the files be renamed (using the long names) when they are installed.

5. This error can be caused when a DLL on disk 1 is needed when when a different disk is currently inserted. To work around this problem, use LoadLibrary() to load the DLL.
6. This problem was corrected in the Win32 3.5 SDK.
7. This problem was corrected in the Win32 3.5 SDK.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbtool kbprb

KBSubcategory: TlsMss

Changes to the MStest WfndWndC()

Article ID: Q108227

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1 and 3.5
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A change made to MS-TEST WfndWnd() and WfndWndC() may cause them not to work as they did previously. Specifically, treatment of the first parameter of WfndWnd() and WfndWndC() has changed.

Previously, "" and NULL resulted in the caption of the window being ignored. Now, "" means the window must have an empty caption and NULL means to ignore the caption altogether.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsMisc

PRB: Quotation Marks Missing from Compiled Help File

Article ID: Q110540

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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After upgrading from Word for Windows 2.x to Word for Windows 6.x and rebuilding a Windows Help file with HCP.EXE or HC31.EXE, all of the quotation marks are missing from the Help file.

CAUSE

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Word 6.x uses a special .RTF keyword to represent the quotation mark character, and the Help compiler does not understand the new .RTF keyword so it drops the character. The same problem occurs for the curly double quotation mark, single quotation mark, en dash (char 150), em dash (char 151), and the bullet character (char 149).

RESOLUTION

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You can prevent this problem by turning off the "Smart Quotes" option in Word for Windows. The following three steps accomplish this:

1. Choose Options from Tools menu.
2. Select the AutoFormat tab.
3. In the Replace group box, clear the "Straight Quotes with Smart Quotes" check box, and choose OK.

If you wish to include smark quotes, bullets, em-dashes, and en-dashes in a Help file, you can open the file as text only and replace the RTF keywords with their ANSI hexadecimal equivalents, which are recognized by the help compiler.

Find String	Replace String
-----	-----
\emdash	\'97"
\endash	\'96"
\bullet	\'95"
\rdblquote	\'94"
\ldblquote	\'93"
\rquote	\'92"
\lquote	\'91"

Make sure that there is a blank character included at the end of the Find String, but not in the Replace String.

This replacement must be made every time you edit and convert the text from

document to RTF format.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00

KBCategory: kbtool kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: TlsHlp

PRB: Double Quotes Not in Help Files Compiled From Word 6 RTF
Article ID: Q114604

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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When using the Microsoft Windows Help Compiler (any version) to compile a .RTF file generated by Microsoft Word for Windows version 6.0, any double quotation marks (") in the text may not show up in the compiled help file.

CAUSE

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Microsoft Word for Windows 6.0 automatically replaces double quotation marks with "smart quotes". This causes your .RTF file to contain the \ldblquote and \rdblquote tokens rather than the double quotation mark characters. The Help Compiler does not recognize these tokens and therefore ignores them.

RESOLUTION

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1. Replace existing \ldblquote and \rdblquote tokens with quotation mark characters by loading your .RTF file into a text editor (such as notepad) and performing a search and replace. That is, search for \ldblquote and replace with the quote character (") (without the parenthesis).
2. Stop Word for Windows from replacing quotation mark characters in the future by unchecking the "Replace Simple Quotes with Smart Quotes" check box under both of the following dialog boxes:
 - a. Choose Options from the Tools menu, then choose Auto Format.
 - b. Choose Auto Correct from the Tools menu.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 WINHELP HC HC31 HC30 HCP
KBCategory: kbtool kbprg kbprb
KBSubcategory: TlsHlp

PRB: DSKLAYT2 May Create Too Many Files on a Disk Image
Article ID: Q114605

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, version 3.1
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SYMPTOMS

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The DSKLAYT2 program may create a disk image with more than 224 files on a single disk when many small files are part of your product. When trying to copy this image to a floppy disk, MS-DOS gives an error message indicating it cannot create all of the files.

CAUSE

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MS-DOS allows approximately 224 files to be placed in the root directory of a floppy disk. Therefore, if DSKLAYT2 creates a disk image with more than 224 files, MS-DOS will generate an error message when trying to copy this disk image to an actual floppy disk. DSKLAYT2, however, will not provide any warnings about the potential problem.

RESOLUTION

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The MS-DOS 224-file limit only applies to the root directory of the floppy disk, and therefore the solution involves creating a subdirectory on the floppy disk and copying some of the files to the subdirectory. The .INF file must also be modified to reflect the new locations of the files.

Perform the following steps:

1. Create your disk images as normal.
2. When copying the problem disk image to a floppy disk, create a subdirectory on the floppy disk to receive most of the files. For example, suppose your target disk is in drive A:. Use

```
md a:\files
```

to create the subdirectory. Then, when copying the image files to the floppy disk, be sure to copy all the Setup Toolkit files (for example, SETUP.EXE, MSTEST.EXE, SETUPAPI.INC, and so forth) to the root directory of the floppy disk and all the other files to the "files" subdirectory.

3. Modify the .INF file and place the new copy in the root of disk 1. Your .INF file must be modified to reference the new subdirectory as follows:

Before

[Files]

1, myfile1.exe,,,,,1992-01-30,,,,,,,,,ROOT,,,13833,,6,,,

After

[Files]

1, files\myfile1.exe,,,,,1992-01-30,,,,,,,,,ROOT,,,13833,,6,,,

This modification is easy using the global search and replace capabilities of a good editor. For example, if disk 2 is the problem disk, search for all occurrences of "2, " and replace them with "2, files\".

4. Change the "STF_ROOT" line in the [Default File Settings] section of your .INF to read:

```
"STF_ROOT" = "YES"
```

If your .LST file specifies a compressed .INF file, you must use COMPRESS.EXE to compress your modified .INF file before copying it to disk 1.

Additional reference words: 3.10 MSSETUP

KBCategory: kbtool kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: TlsMss

How to use ExitExecRestart to Install System Files

Article ID: Q114606

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, version 3.5
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SUMMARY

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Some installation procedures require the installation of files (such as CTL3D.DLL, COMMDLG.DLL, and fonts) that may be in use by Windows at the time the setup program is run. Windows is likely to have these files open, so they cannot be installed without causing sharing violations. The Setup Toolkit provides features to exit Windows, install these files, and then restart Windows when complete.

MORE INFORMATION

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The Setup Toolkit accomplishes the installation of system files as follows:

1. Before the Setup Toolkit copies a system file, it checks to see if the file is currently open. If it is, it copies the file to the destination directory, but under a different file name. It then adds this file to the "restart list".
2. When CopyFilesInCopyList() is complete, the Setup Toolkit checks the "restart list" and generates a .BAT file (named _MSSETUP.BAT) in the "restart directory". This .BAT file contains commands which delete the system files which were open (in step #1) and rename the new versions to their correct names.
3. Windows is exited, the .BAT file executed, then Windows restarted.
4. The .BAT file is then deleted.

NOTE: The "restart directory" is not deleted. Hence, you should use your application's installation directory as your restart directory.

Hence, to install system files, perform the following steps:

1. Mark the system files as "system" in the DSKLAYT program. This is accomplished by highlighting all the system files (clicking with the CTRL key down) and placing a check in the "System File" check box under "File Attributes".
2. Before calling CopyFilesInCopyList() specify the name of your "restart directory". Assuming the target directory for your application is stored in DEST\$ (as in the samples), use the following line:

```
SetRestartDir DEST$
```

The specified directory does not need to exist. It will be created if necessary.

3. After your installation is complete, execute the following code before exiting your setup script. Normally this code will be placed at the end of the Install subroutine.

```
if RestartListEmpty ()=0 then
    ' The following two lines must go on one line.
    MessageBox hwndFrame (), "Windows will now be exited and
restarted.", "Sample Setup Script", MB_OK+MB_ICONINFORMATION
eer:
    i%=ExitExecRestart ()
    ' The following three lines must go on one line.
    MessageBox hwndFrame (), "Windows cannot be restarted because
MS-DOS-based applications are active. Close all MS-DOS-based
applications, and then click OK.", "Sample Setup Script",
    MB_OK+MB_ICONSTOP
    goto eer
end if
```

NOTE: In order to use the MessageBox() function you must add the following lines at the beginning of your setup script:

```
const MB_ICONINFORMATION = 64
' The following two lines must go on one line.
declare sub MessageBox lib "user.exe" (hwnd%, message$,
title$, options%)
```

4. Add the file _MSSETUP.EXE to your source directory and lay it out on Disk #1 in DSKLAYT.
5. Add a reference to _MSSETUP.EXE to the [files] section of your .LST file. For example,

if you marked _MSSETUP.EXE to be compressed,

```
[files]
    _mssetup.ex_ = _mssetup.exe
```

if you did not mark it as compressed,

```
[files]
    _mssetup.exe = _mssetup.exe
```

NOTES:

1. If ExitExecRestart () is successful, your script will be exited. That is, ExitExecRestart () will not return. If it does return, an error has occurred.
2. This functionality is not available under Windows 3.0. If the user runs the above setup script on Windows 3.0, they will receive the message that MS-DOS-based applications are running and they will not be able to complete the setup. If this is a concern, check the version of Windows before executing the above code.

3. If `_MSSETUP.EXE` is not in your `.LST` file or not laid out in `DSKLAYT`, you will receive an "assertion failure" message when calling `ExitExecRestart ()`.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 setup toolkit mssetup

KBCategory: kbtool kbsetup kbprg kbcode

KBSubcategory: TlsMss

PRB: Setup Toolkit File Copy Progress Gauge not Updated

Article ID: Q114609

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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The following may be noticed during the execution of a setup program created with the Setup Toolkit:

1. The copy progress bar appears frozen even though the user may be prompted to change disks.
2. The filename shown at the top of the copy progress dialog box does not change for long periods of time.

CAUSE

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The "gas gauge" copy progress dialog box (or Copy Gauge dialog box described on pages 106-107 of the "Setup Toolkit for Windows" manual) is updated only when files are actually being copied to the hard disk. The Setup Toolkit does not update the copy progress dialog box when it checks the version of an existing file. This version check can take a significant amount of time under certain circumstances. A version check is only performed if "Check For Version" is marked in the DSKLAYT program AND the file has a version information resource.

RESOLUTION

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There is no way to change this behavior. The dialog box is managed by CopyFilesInCopyList(). The only way to avoid this behavior is to avoid marking files with "Check For Version" in DSKLAYT.

MORE INFORMATION

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Under certain circumstances, a file may need to be copied to the temporary directory before its version can be checked. This occurs when the version information in the .INF file matches the version information (exactly) in the file already residing on the hard drive. In this case, the file will be copied from the Setup disks to a temporary location (decompressed if necessary), and other version information will be verified. This can be a time-consuming process and the copy progress dialog box will not be updated while this is occurring.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 MSSETUP CopyFilesInCopyList
KBCategory: kbtool kbprg kbprb
KBSubcategory: TlsMss

PRB: "Out of Memory Error" in the Win32 SDK Setup Sample
Article ID: Q114610

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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When a dialog box is shown using `UIStartDlg()` or a billboard is switched during the file copy operation, you may receive an "out of memory" error. The error will also occur in any setup program based on a modified version of the SDK sample.

CAUSE

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The dialog box and billboard templates are stored as resources in `MSCUISTF.DLL`. This DLL (Dynamic Link Library) is not loaded at the beginning of the setup program but is rather loaded and unloaded [using `LoadLibrary()` and `FreeLibrary()`] around each call to `UIStratDlg()` and when billboards are switched. Hence, each time a dialog or billboard is displayed, floppy disk #1 has the potential of being accessed. If disks have been swapped due to the installation process such that disk #1 is no longer in the drive, you will receive an out of memory error when `LoadLibrary()` is called on `MSCUISTF.DLL`.

RESOLUTION

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To solve the problem, call `LoadLibrary()` at the beginning of `WinMain()` and call `FreeLibrary()` at the end of `WinMain()`. This way the DLL is always in use and will never be unloaded until the setup is done.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbtool kbprb

KBSubcategory: TlsMss

Using the Call-Attributed Profiler (CAP)

Article ID: Q118890

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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The call-attributed profiler (CAP) allows you to profile function calls within an application.

MORE INFORMATION

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To profile an application using CAP, perform the following steps:

1. Replace the Windows NT system DLLs that your application uses with DLLs that contain debugging information. To find out which DLLs your application uses, run the APF32CVT.EXE utility provided with the Win32 SDK. The syntax to use is as follows:

```
apf32cvt <application>
```

This will list the DLLs to which your program is linked. The system DLLs that contain debugging information can be found in the \SUPPORT\DEBUGDLL\i386 of the Win32 SDK CD. Rename the DLLs in your WINNT\SYSTEM32 directory and copy the debugging DLLs to the WINNT\SYSTEM32 directory. You will need to reboot the machine to use the DLLs.

2. Recompile your application. If you are using the NTWIN32.MAK file in your makefile, all you need to do is to set the environment variable PROFILE=on. Otherwise, add /Gh and /Zd to the compiler options yourself and be sure that you are linking with the options "-debugtype:coff" and "-debug:partial,mapped".
3. Place a CAP.INI file in either the root directory of the drive, the application directory, the WINDOWS directory, or the root of the C drive. The CAP.INI file specifies the applications for which the profiler will gather information. At minimum, CAP.ini must contain the following:

```
[EXES]
<app>.exe
[PATCH IMPORTS]
<app>.exe
[PATCH CALLERS]
```

where <app> is the application to be profiled. The file CAP.TXT included in the \BIN directory of the SDK provides an excellent example.

4. Run the application. The profiling information is gathered and stored in a file with the same base name as the application and a .END extension. This information is in an ASCII format and can be viewed by any text editor. You can also use the CAPVIEW sample to view a graphical representation of the information.

Walter Oney points out in "Removing Bottlenecks from Your Program with Windows NT Performance-tuning Tools," from the April 1994 edition of "Microsoft Systems Journal," that the Visual C++ linker does not correctly generate debugging information that CAP can use. This is not correct. The problem is that the SDK 3.1 linker uses "-debug:mapped" by default, but the Visual C++ linker does not. Adding the switch to the link line (as in step 2, above) corrects this problem.

A common problem is for the profiling output to have "??? : ???" in place of the function names from your application. For example:

```

1   ??? : ??? (Address=0x77889a1b)      1           4717           4717
      4717           4717           4717           n/a           n/a

```

This occurs if you use the wrong linker options. You should use "-debug:coff" and "-debug:partial,mapped".

Another common problem is to have function pointers instead of the Win32 API names. For example:

```

1   0x77e9b10f                1           1577           1577
      1577           1577           1577           n/a           n/a

```

This happens when you do not replace the system DLLs that your application calls with the DLLs that contain debugging information.

REFERENCES

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The release notes for CAP.TXT can be found in the MSTOOLS\BIN directory.

The best source of information is "Optimizing Windows NT" by Russ Blake in the "Windows NT Resource Kit, Vol. 3".

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsMisc

How to Specify Filenames/Paths in Viewer/WinHelp Commands

Article ID: Q120251

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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Both WinHelp and Viewer have commands such as `JumpId()` that take a filename as a parameter. Depending on the circumstances under which such commands are called, the number of backslashes (`\`) included in the filename as part of the path may have to be doubled for the command to work correctly. For example, if `JumpId()` is called from a `HotSpot`, you need to use two backslashes to separate the subdirectory names as in this example:

```
JumpId("C:\\MYAPP\\HLPFILE\\MYHLP.HLP","topicx")
```

But if `JumpId()` is used as the command associated with a menu item, you need to use four backslashes to separate the subdirectory names within the `JumpId` command, which is itself part of an `InsertItem()` command. For example:

```
InsertItem("MNU_FILE","my_id","Jump",  
  "JumpId('C:\\\\MYAPP\\\\HLPFILE\\\\MY HLP.HLP','topicx')",0)
```

To avoid having to modify the filename parameter depending on how the function is called, Microsoft recommends that you use a single forward slash (`/`) to separate subdirectory names within the filename. For example:

```
JumpId("C:/MYAPP/HLPFILE/MYHLP.HLP","topicx")
```

A single forward slash will work regardless of how the command is called.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95
KBCategory: kbtool
KBSubcategory: TlsHlp

Differences Between the Win32 3.5 SDK and Visual C++ 2.0

Article ID: Q125474

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), version 3.5
 - Microsoft Visual C++ 32-bit Edition, version 2.0
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SUMMARY

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Microsoft Visual C++ version 2.0 contains the compiler tools, headers, and libraries necessary to develop Win32-based applications. In addition, it has an integrated development environment (Microsoft Foundation Classes (MFC) version 3.0) and Wizards to make programming easier. However, there is still a separate Win32 SDK available through MSDN Level II.

This article lists the things that are included in the Win32 SDK that are not included in Visual C++ version 2.0.

MORE INFORMATION

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The following is a list of items included in the retail Win32 SDK that are not included in Visual C++ version 2.0 (Intel only):

Tools

WinDbg/WinDbgRM
Process Walker
Working Set Tuner
Software Compatibility Test
Microsoft Test
API Profilers
POSIX headers and libraries
Help Indexing
masm386

Toolkits

RPC Toolkit (and samples)
Setup Toolkit

Documentation

SNMP Programmer's Reference (PROGREF.RTF)
Generic Thunks (GENTHUNK.TXT)
Multicast Extensions to Windows Sockets for Win32
Windows Sockets for Appletalk
File Formats (CUSTCNTL.TXT, ENHMETA.HLP, PE.TXT, RESFMT.TXT)
Writing Great 32-bit Applications for Windows
POSIX Conformance Document

Microsoft Windows NT Version 3.5 Hardware Compatibility List

Additional Samples

Win32:

BNDBUF	NTSD
CDTEST	RASBERRY
CPL	REBOOT
DYNDLG	RNR
GLOBCHAT	SD_FLPPY
INTEROP	SERVENUM
IOCOMP	SIMPLEX
IPXCHAT	SNMP
LARGEINT	SOCKETS
MANDEL	SPINCUBE
MSGTABLE	WDBGEXTS
NETDDE	

Multimedia:

AVIEDI32	MIXAPP
AVIVIEW	MOVPLAY
CAPTEST	MPLAY
DSEQFILE	PALMAP
ICMAPP	REVERSE
ICMWALK	TEXTOUT
LANGPLAY	WAVEFILE
MCIPLAY	WRITEAVI
MCIPUZZL	

SDK Tools:

ANIEDIT	RSHELL
FONTEEDIT	TLIST
IMAGE	UCONVERT
IMAGEDIT	WALKER
NETWATCH	WINAT
REMOTE	

Additional reference words: 2.00 3.50

KBCategory: kbtool

KBSubcategory: TlsMisc

PRB: Errors When Windbg Switches Not Set for Visual C++ App
Article ID: Q131111

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT version 3.5
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SYMPTOMS

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If two switches are not set correctly, Windbg gives the following error message when the module is loaded:

(symbol format not supported)

In addition, Windbg gives the following error message for any breakpoints set in the module:

Unresolved Breakpoint

CAUSE

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For Windbg to understand the symbolic format generated from Microsoft Visual C++ version 2.0, two linker switches have to be set correctly:

- /DEBUG is set in the Project Settings dialog box, under the Link tab. Choose the Debug category. Then select the Generate Debug Info check box, and choose Microsoft Format.
- /PDB:none is set in the Project Settings dialog box, under the Link tab. Choose the Customize category. Then clear the Use Program Database check box.

STATUS

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This behavior is by design.

Additional reference words: 3.50

KBCategory: kbtool kbprb

KBSubcategory: TlsWindbg

Using Extra Fields in Window Class Structure

Article ID: Q10841

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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In order to generate several child windows of the same class, each having its own set of static variables and independent of the sets of the variables in the sibling windows, you need to use the `cbWndExtra` field in `WNDCLASS`, the window-class data structure, when registering a window; then, use `SetWindowWord()` (or `Long`) and `GetWindowWord()` (or `Long`). These functions will either get or set additional information about the window identified by `hWnd`.

Use positive offsets as indexes to access any additional bytes that were allocated when the window class structure was created, starting at zero for the first byte of the extra space. Similarly, if you want to refer to bytes already defined by Windows within the structure, use offsets defined with the `GWW` and `GWL` prefixes.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCls

PRB: Dialog Box and Parent Window Disabled

Article ID: Q11337

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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When an application uses one of the DialogBox family of functions to create a modal dialog box, both the parent window and the dialog box are disabled (unable to accept keyboard or mouse input).

CAUSE

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In the application's resource file, the dialog box resource has the WS_CHILD style.

RESOLUTION

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To avoid this problem, use the WS_POPUP style instead of the WS_CHILD style.

MORE INFORMATION

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When an application creates a modal dialog box using one of the DialogBox family of functions, Windows disables the dialog box's parent window. If the parent window has any child windows, the child windows are also disabled.

An application can use the WS_CHILD style for dialog boxes created by one of the CreateDialog family of functions. However, problems and inconsistencies arise if the application uses the IsDialogMessage function to process dialog box input for either the parent or the child.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95
CreateDialogIndirect CreateDialogIndirectParam CreateDialogParam
DialogBoxIndirect DialogBoxIndirectParam DialogBoxParam
KBCategory: kbprg kbprb
KBSubcategory: UsrDlgs

Creating a List Box Without a Scroll Bar

Article ID: Q11365

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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When LBS_STANDARD is used as follows

```
LBS_NOTIFY | LBS_SORT | WS_BORDER | LBS_STANDARD
```

the following results (as defined in WINDOWS.H):

```
LBS_STANDARD = #00A00003;  
/* LBS_NOTIFY | LBS_SORT | WS_VSCROLL | WS_BORDER */
```

To create a dialog box that contains a list box without the vertical scroll bar, use NOT WS_VSCROLL as the style for creating a list box control without a vertical scroll bar, as follows:

```
(LBS_STANDARD & ~WS_VSCROLL) // NOT WS_VSCROLL
```

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 listbox

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Translating Client Coordinates to Screen Coordinates

Article ID: Q11570

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The `GetClientRect` function always returns the coordinates (0, 0) for the origin of a window. This behavior is documented in the "Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) Programmer's Reference" manual.

MORE INFORMATION

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To determine the screen coordinates for the client area of a window, call the `ClientToScreen` function to translate the client coordinates returned by `GetClientRect` into screen coordinates. The following code demonstrates how to use the two functions together:

```
RECT rMyRect;

GetClientRect(hwnd, (LPRECT)&rMyRect);
ClientToScreen(hwnd, (LPPOINT)&rMyRect.left);
ClientToScreen(hwnd, (LPPOINT)&rMyRect.right);
```

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrWndw

Windows Dialog-Box Style DS_ABSALIGN

Article ID: Q11590

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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The Windows dialog-box style DS_ABSALIGN (used in WINDOWS.H) means "Dialog Style ABSolute ALIGN." Specifying this style in the dialog template tells Windows that the dtX and dtY values of the DLGTEMPLATE struct are relative to the screen origin, not the owner of the dialog box. When this style bit is not set, the dtX and dtY fields are relative to the origin of the parent window's client area.

Use this term if the dialog box must always start in a specific part of the display, no matter where the parent window is on the screen.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrDlgs

Use of Allocations w/ cbClsExtra & cbWndExtra in Windows

Article ID: Q11606

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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The following is an explanation of the use of the allocations with cbClsExtra and cbWndExtra?:

1. cbClsExtra -- extra bytes to allocate to CLASS data structure in USER.EXE local heap when RegisterClass() is called. Accessed by Get/Set CLASS Word/Long ();.
2. cbWndExtra -- extra bytes to allocate to WND data structure in USER.EXE local heap when CreateWindow() is called. Accessed by Get/Set WND Word/Long ();.

You can use these structures at your discretion and for any purpose you desire.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrcCls

Panning and Scrolling in Windows

Article ID: Q11619

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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When using bitmaps, the mapping mode is ignored and physical units (in other words, MM_TEXT pixels) are used. It is not necessary to use the extent/origin routines to keep track of the logical origin.

If scrolling is desired and if there are no child windows in the client area, it is best to BitBlt the client area to scroll it, and PatBlt the uncovered area with the default brush.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrPnt

Clipboard Memory Sharing in Windows

Article ID: Q11654

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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The following are questions and answers on the topic of Clipboard memory sharing:

Q. Does the Clipboard UNLOCK before freeing the handle when I tell it to SetClipboardData()?

A. Yes, the Clipboard UNLOCKS before freeing the handle when you SetClipboardData().

Q. Does the Clipboard actually copy my global storage to another block, or does it just retain the value of my handle for referencing my block?

A. The Clipboard is sharable; it retains the value of the handle.

Q. Does GetClipboardData() remove the data from the Clipboard, or does it allow me to reference the data without removing it from the Clipboard?

A. The data handle returned by GetClipboardData() is controlled by the Clipboard, not by the application. The application should copy the data immediately, instead of relying on the data handle for long-term use. The application should not free the data handle or leave it locked. To remove data from the Clipboard, call SetClipboardData().

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrClp

Customizing a Pop-Up Menu

Article ID: Q12118

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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The following are three methods to customize a pop-up menu:

1. Use the word SEPARATOR in a pop-up menu, to produce a horizontal bar.
2. Use the word MENUBREAK, to start the menus on another column.
3. Place the vertical bar symbol in the menu string to display a vertical bar on the menu.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrMen

Placing a Caret After Edit-Control Text

Article ID: Q12190

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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The EM_SETSEL message can be used to place a selected range of text in a Windows edit control. If the starting and ending positions of the range are set to the same position, no selection is made and a caret can be placed at that position. To place a caret at the end of the text in a Windows edit control and set the focus to the edit control, do the following:

```
hEdit = GetDlgItem( hDlg, ID_EDIT );    // Get handle to control
SetFocus( hEdit );
SendMessage( hEdit, EM_SETSEL, 0, MAKELONG(0xffff,0xffff) );
```

It is also possible to force the caret to a desired position within the edit control. The following code fragment shows how to place the caret just to the right of the Nth character:

```
hEdit = GetDlgItem( hDlg, ID_EDIT );    // Get handle to control
SetFocus( hEdit );
SendMessage( hEdit, EM_SETSEL, 0, MAKELONG(N,N) );
// N is the character position
```

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Using SendMessage() As Opposed to SendDlgItemMessage()

Article ID: Q12273

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1 and 3.5
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The following information describes under what circumstances it is appropriate to use either the SendMessage() or SendDlgItemMessage() function.

Both SendMessage() and SendDlgItemMessage() can be used to add strings to a list box. SendMessage() is used to send a message to a specific window using the handle to the list box. SendDlgItemMessage() is used to send a message to the child window of a given window using the list box resource ID. SendDlgItemMessage() is most often used in dialog box functions that have a handle to the dialog box and not to the child window control.

The SendDlgItemMessage() call

```
SendDlgItemMessage (hwnd, id, msg, wParam, lParam)
```

is equivalent to the following SendMessage() call:

```
hwnd2 = GetDlgItem (hwnd, id);  
SendMessage (hwnd2, msg, wParam, lParam);
```

Please note that PostMessage() should never be used to talk to the child windows of dialog boxes for the following reasons:

1. PostMessage() will only return an error if the message was not posted to the control's message queue. Since many messages are sent to control return information, PostMessage() will not work, since it does not return the information to the caller.
2. 16-bit only: Messages such as the WM_SETTEXT message that include a far pointer to a string can potentially cause problems if posted using the PostMessage() function. The far pointer may point into a buffer that is inside the DS (data segment). Because PostMessage() does not process the message immediately, the DS might get moved. If the DS is moved before the message is processed, the far pointer to the buffer will be invalid.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrMsg

BeginPaint() Invalid Rectangle in Client Coordinates

Article ID: Q19963

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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The `BeginPaint()` function returns a pointer to a `PAINSTRUCT` data structure through its second parameter. The `rcPaint` field of this structure specifies the update rectangle in client-area coordinates (relative to the upper-left corner of the window client area).

This update rectangle also serves as the clipping area for painting in the window, unless the invalid area of the window is expanded using the `InvalidateRect()` function.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.5 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrPnt

Length of STRINGTABLE Resources

Article ID: Q20011

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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In order to find the length of a string in the STRINGTABLE you need to do a FindResource() and then a SizeofResource() to find the total size in bytes of the current block of 16 strings. Remember that STRINGTABLEs are stored specially; to FindResource() you will ask for RT_STRING as the Type, and the (string number / 16) + 1 as the name.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrRsc

SetClipboardData() and CF_PRIVATEFIRST

Article ID: Q24252

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The documentation for SetClipboardData() states that CF_PRIVATEFIRST can be used to put private data formats on the clipboard. It also states that data of this format is not automatically deleted. However, that is apparently not true. That is, the data is removed automatically when the clipboard is emptied (sending a WM_DESTROYCLIPBOARD message) and the new item is set into the clipboard. The old item is shown; however, the handle now is invalid because GlobalFree() is called on it.

MORE INFORMATION

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GlobalFree() was not called on this handle. If you try to use the other handle to this memory, you will find that the one you initially received from GlobalAlloc() is still valid. Only the clipboard handle has been invalidated by the call to EmptyClipboard().

The documentation states that "Data handles associated (with CF_PRIVATEFIRST) will not be freed automatically." This statement refers to the memory associated with that data handle. When SetClipboardData() is called under standard data types, it frees the block of memory identified by hMem. This is not the case for CF_PRIVATEFIRST. Applications that post CF_PRIVATEFIRST items on the clipboard are responsible for the memory block containing those items.

This is not intended to imply that items placed on the clipboard will remain on the clipboard if they are CF_PRIVATEFIRST. When a call is made to EmptyClipboard(), all objects will be removed.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrClp

Captions for Dialog List Boxes

Article ID: Q24646

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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To place text into the caption bar specified for a list box, use the SetWindowText() function. First, use GetDlgItem() to get the handle of the list box, then call SetWindowText() to set the list box caption.

MORE INFORMATION

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The following code fragment illustrates the necessary steps. Note: The list box includes the WS_CAPTION window style.

```
...
BOOL FAR PASCAL TemplatedDlg(hWndDlg, message, wParam, lParam)
...
    switch (message)
    {
        case WM_INITDIALOG:
            ...
            /* The following line sets the Listbox caption */
            SetWindowText( GetDlgItem(hWndDlg, IDDLISTBOX),
                (LPSTR)"Caption");
            for (i = 0; i < CSTR; i++) {
                LoadString(hInstTemplate, IDSSTR1+i, (LPSTR)szWaters, 12);
                SendDlgItemMessage(hWndDlg, IDDLISTBOX, LB_ADDSTRING, 0,
                    (LONG)(LPSTR)szWaters);
            }
            SendDlgItemMessage(hWndDlg, IDDLISTBOX, LB_SETCURSEL, iSel, 0L);
            ...
            return TRUE;

        case WM_COMMAND:
            ...
    }
}
```

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 listbox

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

PRB: Windows REQUEST Function Not Working With Excel

Article ID: Q26234

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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The REQUEST function does not work correctly with Excel. The request message is received, however, Excel does not process the WM_DDE_DATA message that is sent back.

RESOLUTION

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The fResponse bit must also be set in the WM_DDE_DATA message (bit 12). This bit tells Excel that the data message is in reply to a REQUEST function and not an ADVISE function. If "lpddeup->fResponse=1" is added, the REQUEST function should work correctly.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: UsrDde

Location of the Cursor in a List Box

Article ID: Q29961

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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There is no way to determine which item in the list box has the cursor when the LBN_DBLCLK message is received. You must keep track of which item has the cursor as it moves among the items. When you receive the double-click message, you will know which box has the cursor.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

CS_SAVEBITS Class Style Bit

Article ID: Q31073

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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If the CS_SAVEBITS style is included when registering a pop-up window, a bitmap copy of the screen image that the window will obscure is saved in memory when the window is displayed.

The bitmap is redisplayed at its original location and no WM_PAINT messages are sent to the obscured windows if the following is true when the window is removed from the display:

- The memory used by the saved bitmap has not been discarded.
- Other screen actions have not invalidated the image that has been stored.

As a general rule, this bit should not be set if the window will cover more than half the screen; a lot of memory is required to store color bitmaps.

The window will take longer to be displayed because memory needs to be allocated. The bitmap also needs to be copied over each time the window is shown.

Use should be restricted to small windows that come up and are then removed before much other screen activity takes place. Any memory calls that will discard all discardable memory, and any actions that take place "under" the window, will invalidate the bitmap.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrPnt

The Clipboard and the WM_RENDERFORMAT Message

Article ID: Q31668

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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The clipboard sends a WM_RENDERFORMAT message to an application to request that application format the data last copied to the clipboard in the specified format, and then pass a handle to the formatted data to the clipboard.

If an application cannot supply the requested data, it should return a NULL handle. Because most applications provide access to the actual data (not rendered) through the CF_TEXT format, applications that use the clipboard can get the applicable data when rendering fails.

If the application cannot render the data because the system is out of memory, the application can call GlobalCompact(-1) to discard and compress memory, then try the memory allocation request again.

If this fails to provide enough memory, the application can render the data into a file. However, applications that use this technique must cooperate in order to know that the information is in a file, the name of the file, and the format of the data.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrClp

Using SetClassLong Function to Subclass a Window Class

Article ID: Q32519

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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It is possible to subclass an entire window class by using the SetClassLong() function. However, doing so will only subclass windows of that class created after the call to the SetClassLong() function. Windows created before the call to the SetClassLong() function are not affected.

NOTE: In Win32, SetClassLong() only affects Windows in the same address space. For example, if you subclass EDIT, only edit controls created in your application will be subclassed.

MORE INFORMATION

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Calling the SetClassLong() function with the GCL_WNDPROC index changes the class function address for that window class, creating a subclass of the window class. When a subsequent window of that class is created, the new class function address is inserted into its window structure, subclassing the new window. Windows created before the call to the SetClassLong() function (in other words, before the class function address was changed) are not subclassed.

An application should not use the SetClassLong() function to subclass standard Windows controls such as edit controls or buttons. If, for example, an application were to subclass the entire "edit" class, then subsequent edit controls created by other applications would be subclassed.

An application can subclass individual standard Windows controls that it has created by calling the SetWindowLong() function.

Additional reference words: listbox scrollbar 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrWndw

Placing Text in an Edit Control

Article ID: Q32785

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows, versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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Text is placed into an edit control by calling `SetDlgItemText()` or by sending the `WM_SETTEXT` message to the edit control window, with `lParam` being a pointer to a null-terminated string. This message can be sent in two ways:

1. `SendMessage(hwndEditControl, WM_SETTEXT, ...)`
2. `SendDlgItemMessage(hwndParent, ID_EDITCTL, WM_SETTEXT...)`

NOTE: `hwndParent` is the window handle of the parent, which may be a dialog or window. `ID_EDITCTL` is the ID of the edit control.

Text is retrieved from an edit control by calling `GetDlgItemText()` or by sending the `WM_GETTEXT` message to the edit control window, with `wParam` being the maximum number of bytes to copy and `lParam` being a far pointer to a buffer to receive the text. This message can be sent in two ways:

1. `SendMessage(hwndEditControl, WM_GETTEXT, ...)`
2. `SendDlgItemMessage(hwndParent, ID_EDITCTL, WM_GETTEXT...)`

NOTE: `hwndParent` is the window handle of the parent, which may be a dialog or window. `ID_EDITCTL` is the ID of the edit control.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Using the GetWindow() Function

Article ID: Q33161

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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An application can use the GetWindow function to enumerate the windows that have a specified relationship to another window. For example, an application can determine the windows that are children of the application's main window.

MORE INFORMATION

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The GetWindow function returns NULL when no more windows match the specified criteria. Given a window handle, hWnd, the following code determines how many siblings the associated window has:

```
int CountSiblings(HWND hWnd)
{
    HWND hWndNext;
    short nCount = 0;

    hWndNext = GetWindow(hWnd, GW_HWNDFIRST);
    while (hWndNext != NULL)
    {
        nCount++;
        hWndNext = GetWindow(hWndNext, GW_HWNDNEXT);
    }

    return nCount;
}
```

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrWndw

PRB: Cannot Alter Messages with WH_KEYBOARD Hook

Article ID: Q33690

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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After creating a program that uses the WH_KEYBOARD hook function to intercept a user's keystrokes and changing the wParam value before passing the hook code on to DefHookProc(), whichever application currently has the focus still receives the original character typed in rather than the translated character.

CAUSE

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Keyboard messages cannot be altered with the WH_KEYBOARD hook. All that can be done is to "swallow" the message (return TRUE) or have the message passed on (FALSE). In a keyboard hook function, when you return DefHookProc(), you are passing the event to the next hook procedure in the potential hook chain, and giving it a chance to look at the event to decide whether or not to discard it. You are not passing the message to the system as if you had called DefWindowProc() from a Window procedure.

RESOLUTION

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NOTE: In the discussion below, ignore the references to the WH_CALLWNDPROC hook for Win32-based applications. Win32 does not allow an application to change the message in a CallWndProc, as 16-bit Windows does.

To change the value of wParam (and hence the character message that is received by the window with the focus), you must install the WM_GETMESSAGE and WH_CALLWNDPROC hooks. The WH_GETMESSAGE hook traps all messages retrieved via GetMessage() or PeekMessage(). This is the way actual keyboard events are received: the message is placed in the queue by Windows and the application retrieves it via GetMessage() or PeekMessage(). However, because applications can send keyboard messages with SendMessage(), it is best to also install the WH_CALLWNDPROC hook. This hook traps messages sent to a window via SendMessage().

These hooks pass you the address of the message structure so you can change it. In Windows 3.0, when you return DefHookProc() within a WH_GETMESSAGE or WH_CALLWNDPROC hook procedure, you are passing the address of the (potentially altered) contents of the message structure on to the next hook function in the chain. In Windows 3.1, you should use the CallNextHookEx() function to pass the hook information to the next hook function. If you alter the wParam before passing on the message, this will change the character message eventually received by the application with the focus.

NOTE: For Windows 3.0, keep in mind that the hook callback procedure must be placed in a DLL with fixed code so that it will be below the EMS line and thus will always be present. If the hook callback procedure is not in a fixed code segment, it could be banked out when it is called, and this would crash the system. System-wide hooks in Windows 3.1, however, must still reside in a DLL.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: UsrHks

Allocating and Using Class and Window Extra Bytes

Article ID: Q34611

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The WNDCLASS structure contains two fields, cbClsExtra and cbWndExtra, which can be used to specify a number of additional bytes of memory to be allocated to the class structure itself or to each window created using that class.

MORE INFORMATION

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Every application that uses class extra bytes and window extra bytes must specify the appropriate number of bytes before the window class is registered. If no bytes are specified, an attempt to store information in extra bytes will cause the application to write into some random portion of Windows memory, causing data corruption.

Windows version 3.1 will FatalExit if extra bytes are used improperly.

If an application does not use class extra bytes or window extra bytes, it is important that the cbClsExtra and cbWndExtra fields be set to zero.

Class and window extra bytes are a scarce resource. If more than 4 extra bytes are required, use the GlobalAlloc function to allocate a block of memory and store the handle in class or window extra bytes.

Class Extra Bytes

For example, setting the value of the cbClsExtra field to 4 will cause 4 extra bytes to be added to the end of the class structure when the class is registered. This memory is accessible by all windows of that class. The number of additional bytes allocated to a window's class can be retrieved through the following call to the GetClassWord function:

```
nClassExtraBytes = GetClassWord(hWnd, GCW_CBCLSEXTRA);
```

The additional memory can be accessed one word at a time by specifying an offset, in BYTES (starting at 0), as the nIndex parameter in calls to the GetClassWord function. These values can be set using the SetClassWord function.

The GetClassLong and SetClassLong functions perform in a similar manner and get or set four bytes of memory respectively:

```
nClassExtraBytes = GetClassLong(hWnd, GCL_CBCLSEXTRA);
```

NOTE: A Win32-based application should use GetClassLong and SetClassLong, because the GCW_ indices are obsolete under Win32.

Window Extra Bytes

Assigning a value to cbWndExtra will cause additional memory to be allocated for each window of the class. If, for example, cbWndExtra is set to 4, every window created using that class will have 4 extra bytes allocated for it. This memory is accessible only by using the GetWindowWord and GetWindowLong functions, and specifying a handle to the window. These values can be set by calling the SetClassWord or SetClassLong functions. As with the class structures, the offset is always specified in bytes.

An example of using window extra bytes would be a text editor that has a variable number of files open at once. The file handle and other file-specific variables can be stored in the window extra bytes of the corresponding text window. This eliminates the requirement to always consume memory for the maximum number of handles or to search a data structure each time a window is opened or closed.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrWndw

Method for Sending Text to the Clipboard

Article ID: Q35100

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Sending text to the Clipboard is usually a cumbersome process of allocating and locking global memory, copying the text to that memory, and sending the Clipboard the memory handle. This method involves many pointers and handles and makes the entire process difficult to use and understand.

Clipboard I/O is easily accomplished with an edit control. If a portion of text is highlighted, an application can send the edit control a WM_COPY or WM_CUT message to copy or cut the selected text to the Clipboard. In the same manner, text can be pasted from the Clipboard by sending a WM_PASTE message to an edit control.

The following example demonstrates how to use an edit control transparently within an application to simplify sending and retrieving text from the Clipboard. Note that this code will not be as fast as setting or getting the Clipboard data explicitly, but it is easier from a programming standpoint, especially if the text to be sent is already in an edit control. Note also that the presence of the edit window will occupy some additional memory.

MORE INFORMATION

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For simplified Clipboard I/O, do the following:

1. Declare a global HWND, hEdit, which will be the handle to the edit control.
2. In WinMain, use CreateWindow() to create a child window edit control. Use the style WS_CHILD, and give the control dimensions large enough to hold the most text that may be sent to or received from the Clipboard. CreateWindow() returns the handle to the edit control that should be saved in hEdit.
3. When a Cut or Copy command is invoked, use SetWindowText() to place the desired string in the edit control, then use SendMessage() to select the text and copy or cut it to the Clipboard.
4. When a Paste command is invoked, use SetWindowText() to clear the edit control, then use SendMessage() to paste text from the Clipboard. Finally, use GetWindowText() to copy the text in the edit control to a string buffer.

The actual coding for this procedure is as follows:


```

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#define ID_ED    100
HWND           hEdit;

.
.
.
/* In WinMain: hWnd is assumed to be the handle of the parent window,
*/
/* hInstance is the instance handle of the parent.
*/
/* The "EDIT" class name is required for this method to work. ID_ED
*/
/* is an ID number for the control, used by Get/SetDlgItemText.
*/

hEdit=CreateWindow("EDIT",
                  NULL,
                  WS_CHILD | BS_LEFTTEXT,
                  10, 15, 270, 10,
                  hWnd,
                  ID_ED,
                  hInstance,
                  NULL);

.
.
.

/* In the procedure receiving CUT, COPY, and PASTE commands:      */
/* Note that the COPY and CUT cases perform the same actions, only */
/* the CUT case clears out the edit control.                       */

/* Get the string length */
short   nNumChars=strlen(szText);

case CUT:
    /* First, set the text of the edit control to the desired string */
    SetWindowText(hEdit, szText);

    /* Send a message to the edit control to select the string */
    SendMessage(hEdit, EM_SETSEL, 0, MAKELONG(0, nNumChars));

    /* Cut the selected text to the clipboard */
    SendMessage(hEdit, WM_CUT, 0, 0L);
    break;

case COPY:
    /* First, set the text of the edit control to the desired string */
    SetWindowText(hEdit, szText);

    /* Send a message to the edit control to select the string */

```

```

SendMessage(hEdit, EM_SETSEL, 0, MAKELONG(0, nNumChars));

/* Copy the text to the clipboard */
SendMessage(hEdit, WM_COPY, 0, 0L);
break;

case IDM_PASTE:
/* Check if there is text available */
if (IsClipboardFormatAvailable(CF_TEXT))
{
/* Clear the edit control */
SetWindowText(hEdit, "\\0");

/* Paste the text in the clipboard to the edit control */
SendMessage(hEdit, WM_PASTE, 0, 0L);

/* Get the text from the edit control into a string. */
/* nNumChars represents the number of characters to get */
/* from the edit control. */
GetWindowText(hEdit, szText, nNumChars);
}
else
MessageBeep(0); /* Beep on illegal request */
break;

```

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrcLp

GetInputState Is Faster Than GetMessage or PeekMessage

Article ID: Q35605

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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This article describes a method to quickly determine whether an application for the Microsoft Windows graphical environment has any keyboard or mouse messages in its queue without calling the GetMessage or PeekMessage functions.

NOTE: In Win32, GetInputState is thread-local only.

MORE INFORMATION

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The GetInputState function returns this information more quickly than GetMessage or PeekMessage. GetInputState returns TRUE (nonzero) if either a keyboard or mouse message is in the application's input queue. If the application must distinguish between a mouse and a keyboard message, GetInputState returns the value 2 for a keyboard and the value 1024 for a mouse message.

Because difficulties may arise if the application loses the input focus, use GetInputState only in tight loop conditions where execution speed is critical.

In Win32, message queues are not global as they are in 16-bit Windows. The message queues are local to the thread. When you call GetInputState, you are checking to see if there are mouse or keyboard messages for the calling thread only. If a window created by another thread in the application has the keyboard input waiting, GetInputState will not be able to check for those messages.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 yield

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrMsg

Detecting Keystrokes While a Menu Is Pulled Down

Article ID: Q35930

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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In the Windows environment, there are two methods that an application can use to receive notification that a key is pressed while a menu is dropped down:

- The easier method is to process the WM_MENUCHAR message that is sent to an application when the user presses a key that does not correspond to any of the accelerator keys defined for the current menu.
- The other method is to use a message filter hook specified with the SetWindowsHook function. The hook function can process a message before it is dispatched to a dialog box, message box, or menu.

The hook functions and the WM_MENUCHAR message are documented in the Microsoft Windows SDK "Reference: Volume 1" for version 3.0 and in "Programmer's Reference, Volume 3: Messages, Structures, and Macros" for version 3.1.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrInp

Case Sensitivity in Atoms

Article ID: Q38901

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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If the same string is added to an atom table twice, but a different case is used, the string is only stored once; only the first one is present.

The "Microsoft Windows 2.0 Software Development Kit Update" for versions 2.03 and 2.1 states that atoms are case insensitive.

This means that when the AddAtom() function is used, the case is ignored when atoms are compared. Therefore, if AddAtom("DIR") is called, and then AddAtom("dir"), the single atom "DIR" (with a reference count of 2) will result. If AddAtom("dir") is called first, the single atom "dir" will result.

Similarly, the other atom-handling functions are case insensitive. For example, calling FindAtom("dIr") will find the atom "dir", "DIR", or "Dir", and so on.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrDde

Graying the Text of a Button or Static Text Control

Article ID: Q39480

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1, 3.5, and 3.51
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A control is a child window that is responsible for processing keyboard, mouse, focus, and activation messages, among others. A control paints itself and processes text strings. The color of the text in a button or static text control is automatically changed to gray when the control is disabled with the `EnableWindow` function. However, if an application subclasses a control to process `WM_PAINT` messages for the control, the application can use the `GrayString` function to change the text color.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 grey

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Posting Frequent Messages Within an Application

Article ID: Q40669

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The object-oriented nature of Windows programming can create a situation in which an application posts a message to itself. When such an application is designed, care must be taken to avoid posting messages so frequently that system messages to the application are not processed. This article discusses two methods of using the PeekMessage() function to combat this situation.

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In the first method, a PeekMessage() loop is used to check for system messages to the application. If none are pending, the SendMessage() function is used from within the PeekMessage() loop to send a message to the appropriate window. The following code demonstrates this technique:

```
while (fProcessing)
{
    if (PeekMessage(&msg, NULL, 0, 0, PM_REMOVE))
    {
        if (msg.message == WM_QUIT)
            break;
        /* process system messages */
    }
    else
    {
        /* perform other processing */
        ...
        /* send WM_USER message to window procedure */
        SendMessage(hWnd, WM_USER, wParam, lParam);
    }
}
```

In the second method, two PeekMessage() loops are used, one to look for system messages and one to look for application messages. PostMessage() can be used from anywhere in the application to send the messages to the appropriate window. The following code demonstrates this technique:

```
while (fProcessing)
{
    if (PeekMessage(&msg, NULL, 0, WM_USER-1, PM_REMOVE))
    {
        if (msg.message == WM_QUIT)
            break;
        /* process system messages */
    }
```

```
    }  
    else if (PeekMessage(&msg, NULL, WM_USER, WM_USER, PM_REMOVE))  
        /* process application messages */  
    }
```

An application should use a PeekMessage() loop for as little time as possible. To be compatible with battery-powered computers and to optimize system performance, every Windows-based application should inform Windows that it is idle as soon and as often as possible. An application is idle when the GetMessage() or WaitMessage() function is called and no messages are waiting in the application's message queue.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrMsg

GetClientRect() Coordinates Are Not Inclusive

Article ID: Q43596

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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The coordinates returned by `GetClientRect()` are not inclusive. For example, to draw a border around the edge of the client area, draw it from the coordinates `(Rectangle.left, Rectangle.top)` to `(Rectangle.right-1, Rectangle.bottom-1)`.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrPnt

GetCurrentTime and GetTickCount Functions Identical

Article ID: Q45702

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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The GetCurrentTime() and GetTickCount() functions are identical. Each returns the number of milliseconds (+/- 55 milliseconds) since the user started Windows, and the return value of each function is declared to be a DWORD.

The following code demonstrates these two functions:

```
DWORD dwCurrTime;
DWORD dwTickCount;
char szCurrTime[50];

dwCurrTime = GetCurrentTime ();
dwTickCount = GetTickCount ();

sprintf (szCurrTime, "Current time = %lu\nTick count = %lu",
        dwCurrTime, dwTickCount);

MessageBox (hWnd, szCurrTime, "Times", MB_OK);
```

NOTE: GetCurrentTime() and GetTickCount() return an unsigned double word (32-bit DWORD) which gives a maximum count of 4,294,967,296 ticks. This number will yield a maximum count of 49.71 days which the system keeps track of running time.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrTim

How To Pass Numbers to a Named Range in Excel through DDE

Article ID: Q45714

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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To send an array to Excel via DDE, you must send the array in TEXT, CSV, or BIFF clipboard format.

For example, if you want to send three numbers for one ROW in CSV format, use 1,2,3 (where each number is separated by a comma). If you want to place three numbers in one COLUMN in CSV format, place the CR/LF (Od 0a) (carriage return/line feed) characters after each number in the set.

If you would like to send the numbers via the TEXT format separated into columns, place the CR/LF characters between each number in the set. To organize the numbers into one row, place a TAB (09) character between each number.

In order to send an array of data into a named range, use the following steps:

1. Highlight the appropriate cells in Excel
2. Set up your typical hot link from Excel, for example:

```
=Service|Topic!Item
```

3. Instead of hitting Enter after typing the above, hit Ctrl+Shift+Enter. This will cause your data to come in as an array, rather than as a single item.

NOTE: To do the reverse of this, that is, for a client application to POKE data to Excel, the client will have to specify an item name of say, "R1C1:R1C2" to poke an array of data to the range R1C1..R1C2.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: UsrDde

Placing Double Quotation Mark Symbol in a Resource String

Article ID: Q47674

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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To specify a set of double quotation marks within a string in an application's resource (RC) file, use two double quotation mark characters in succession, as in the following example:

Specify the following string in the RC file:

```
"The letter ""Q"" is quoted."
```

The following string will appear in the compiled resource (RES) file:

```
The letter "Q" is quoted.
```

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrRsc

SizeofResource() Rounds to Alignment Size

Article ID: Q57808

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SizeofResource() returns the resource size rounded up to the alignment size. Therefore, if you have your own resource types, you cannot use SizeofResource() to get the actual resource byte count.

It has been suggested that this be changed to reflect the actual number of bytes in the resource so that applications can use SizeofResource() to determine the size of each resource. This suggestion is under review and will be considered for inclusion in a future release of the Windows Software Development Kit (SDK).

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrRsc

Switching Between Single and Multiple List Boxes

Article ID: Q57959

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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After creating a list box with the `CreateWindow()` API, changing the list box from a single selection to a multiple selection can be accomplished in the following way:

Create two hidden list boxes in the .RC file, and during the `WM_INITDIALOG` routine, display one of the boxes. Change between the two by making one hidden and the other one visible using the `ShowWindow` function.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

MAKEINTATOM() Does Not Return a Valid LPSTR

Article ID: Q61980

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The LPSTR returned from MAKEINTATOM() cannot be treated as a general-purpose string pointer. Instead, either use it with the Atom family or convert it into a valid string before passing it off as one.

MORE INFORMATION

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The MAKEINTATOM() macro is documented on Page 370 of the "Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit Programmer's Reference" versions 2.x as returning a value of type LPSTR. This is correct, but misleading. The LPSTR value returned is a "fabricated" LPSTR and cannot be considered a general-purpose string pointer. Consider the definition of the MAKEINTATOM macro:

```
#define MAKEINTATOM(i) (LPSTR) ((DWORD)((WORD)(i)))
```

This tells the compiler to "take the integer value 'i', think of it as a WORD, zero-extend this into a DWORD, then think of this as a LPSTR." Thus, MAKEINTATOM(1Ah) returns 001Ah. This obviously is not the same as "1A", which would be ASCII(1)+ASCII(A)+0.

The reason this psuedo-LPSTR works with AddAtom(), for example, is that AddAtom() looks to see if the HIWORD of the LPSTR parameter is 0 (zero). If so, AddAtom() knows that the LOWORD contains an actual integer value and it simply grabs that.

The following code samples show how problems can occur with these psuedo-LPSTRs returned from MAKEINTATOM.

Incorrect

```
ATOM AddIntAtom(int iAtom)
{
    LPSTR    szAtom;

    MessageBox(hWnd,
               (szAtom=MAKEINTATOM(iAtom)),
               "Adding Atom",
               MB_OK);
    return (AddAtom(szAtom));
}
```

The above code fragment will create and return a valid atom, but the

message box will display an erroneous value.

Correct

```
ATOM AddIntAtom(int iAtom)
{
    LPSTR    szAtom;
    char     szBuf[10];

    szAtom=MAKEINTATOM(iAtom);
    sprintf(szBuf, "%d", LOWORD(szAtom)); /* Here's the trick */
    MessageBox(hWnd,
                szBuf,
                "Adding Atom",
                MB_OK);
    return (AddAtom(szAtom));
}
```

In the above example, we converted the integer value contained in the LOWORD of szAtom into a character string, then used this new character string in the MessageBox() call.

Although these code fragments illustrate the limitations of a MAKEINTATOM LPSTR, they are not very realistic because you really should use GetAtomName() to get the character string of an atom. If you have not yet created an atom out of an integer value, you could just format the integer into character string directly, as follows:

```
    sprintf (szBuf, "%d", iAtom);
    MessageBox (hWnd, szBuf,....);
```

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrDde

How to Ignore WM_MOUSEACTIVATE Message for an MDI Window

Article ID: Q62068

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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In order to make an MDI window to become active and have the caret be in the same position as when the window was last active you need to process the WM_MOUSEACTIVATE message and return MA_ACTIVATEANDEAT for the first time. Therefore, you need to set a Boolean flag in the WM_MDIACTIVATE message so that the return is set only once. The sample code below can be used to modify the MULTIPAD sample application. Also, the following is documentation on MA_ACTIVATE* messages, taken from the Windows 3.0 final SDK README.WRI file:

WM_MOUSEACTIVATE

Return Value The return value specifies whether the window should be activated and whether the mouse event should be discarded. It must be one of the following values:

Value	Meaning
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MA_ACTIVATE	Activate the window.
MA_NOACTIVATE	Do not activate the window.
MA_ACTIVATEANDEAT	Activate the window and discard the mouse event.

SAMPLE CODE

```
/* --- multipad.c  MPMDIWndProc section --- */

case WM_MOUSEACTIVATE:    // added
    if (bEatMessage) {
        bEatMessage = FALSE;
        return (LONG)MA_ACTIVATEANDEAT ;
    }
    /* else break */
    break;

case WM_MDIACTIVATE:
    /* If we're activating this child, remember it */
    if (wParam){
        hwndActive      = hwnd;
        hwndActiveEdit = (HWND)GetWindowWord (hwnd, GWW_HWNDEDIT);
        bEatMessage = TRUE;    // added
    }
    else{
        hwndActive      = NULL;
        hwndActiveEdit = NULL;
```

```
}  
break;
```

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95
KBCategory: kbprg
KSubcategory: UsrMdi

Broadcasting Messages Using PostMessage() & SendMessage()

Article ID: Q64296

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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When SendMessage() is used to send a broadcast message (hwnd = 0xFFFF or hwnd = -1), the message is sent to all top-level windows. A message broadcast by PostMessage() is only sent to top-level windows that are visible, enabled, and have no owner.

You might observe the effect of the difference when, for example, the top-level window of your application calls DialogBox() to present a modal dialog box. While the modal dialog box exists, its owner (your top-level window) will be disabled. Messages broadcast using PostMessage() will not reach the top-level window because the window is disabled, and will not reach the dialog box because the dialog box has an owner. Messages broadcast using SendMessage() will reach both the top-level window and the dialog.

In Windows 3.1, PostMessage() will broadcast to invisible and disabled windows just like SendMessage() already does.

Both PostMessage() and SendMessage() actually broadcast using the same broadcast procedure. This procedure does some additional screening to make sure that pop-up menus, the task manager window, and icon title windows are insulated from broadcast messages.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrMsg

Owner-Draw: Overview and Sources of Information

Article ID: Q64327

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Owner-draw controls are a new feature of Windows version 3.0. Because your application does all the drawing of the contents of the controls, you can customize them any way you like. Owner-draw controls are similar to predefined controls in that Windows will handle the control's functionality and mouse and keyboard input processing. However, you are responsible for drawing the owner-draw control in its normal, selected, and focus states.

You can create owner-draw controls from the menu, button, and list-box classes. You can create owner-draw combo boxes, but they must have the CBS_DROPDOWNLIST style (equates to a static text item and a list box). The elements of an owner-draw control can be composed of strings, bitmaps, lines, rectangles, and other drawing functions in any combination, in your choice of colors.

MORE INFORMATION

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The Windows SDK sample application MENU demonstrates owner-draw menu items. The SDK sample application OWNCOMBO is a fairly large example of owner-draw and predefined list boxes and combo boxes.

The Microsoft Software Library contains simplified examples of an owner-draw push button, owner-draw list boxes, and an owner-draw drop-down list style combo box. Each of these examples includes descriptive text in a related Knowledge Base article. For additional information, please see the following article(s) in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

ARTICLE-ID: Q64326

TITLE : Owner-Draw: Handling WM_DRAWITEM for Drawing Controls

-or-

ARTICLE-ID: Q64328

TITLE : Owner-Draw: 3-D Push Button made from Bitmaps with Text

-or-

ARTICLE-ID: Q65792

TITLE : Owner-Draw Example: Right - and Decimal Alignment

To respond to a WM_MEASUREITEM message, you MUST specify the height of the appropriate item in your control. Optionally, you can specify the item's width as well.

If you want to do something special when a string is deleted from a list box, you should process WM_DELETEITEM messages. Windows's default action is to erase the deleted string and to redraw the list box.

If you want to have control over the sorting for the order of items in a list box or combo box that does not have the *_HASSTRINGS style, you should specify the appropriate *_SORT style and process WM_COMPAREITEM messages. If the *_SORT and *_HASSTRINGS styles are present, Windows will automatically do the sorting without sending WM_COMPAREITEM messages. If *_SORT is not specified, WM_COMPAREITEM messages will not be generated and items will be displayed in the list box in the order in which they were inserted.

The heart of owner-draw controls is the response to WM_DRAWITEM messages. During this processing is when you draw an entire button or each individual item in a menu, list box, or combo box. Because Windows does not interfere in the drawing of owner-draw controls, your application must draw the specified control item. The display of the control must indicate the state of the control. Common states are as follows:

1. Focus state (has the focus or not)
2. Selection state (selection or not)
3. Emphasis state (active, grayed, or disabled) (less common to process)

See the article titled "Owner-Draw: Handling WM_DRAWITEM for Drawing Controls" for information about drawing controls in their various states. Familiarity with the WM_DRAWITEM message and the various control states is extremely helpful before trying to follow the code examples.

Under Windows 95 and Windows 3.51, the BS_BITMAP style allows buttons to display bitmaps without using owner-draw.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 owndraw od owner draw
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Multicolumn List Boxes in Microsoft Windows

Article ID: Q64504

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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In the Microsoft Windows environment, a multicolumn list box is designed to contain homogeneous data. For example, all the data might be "first names." These first names could logically fall into the same column or be in multiple columns. This feature was added to Windows at version 3.0 to enable a list box to be shorter vertically by splitting the data into two or three columns.

MORE INFORMATION

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To create a multicolumn list box, specify the `LBS_MULTICOLUMN` style when creating the list box. Then the application calls the `SendMessage` function to send an `LB_SETCOLUMNWIDTH` message to the list box to set the column width.

When an application sends an `LB_SETCOLUMNWIDTH` message to a multicolumn list box, Windows does not update the horizontal scroll bar until the a string is added to or deleted from the list box. An application can work around this situation by performing the following six steps when the column width changes:

1. Send the `LB_SETCOLUMNWIDTH` message to the list box.
2. Send a `WM_SETREDRAW` message to the list box to turn off redraw.
3. Add a string to the list box.
4. Delete the string from the list box.
5. Send a `WM_SETREDRAW` message to the list box to turn on redraw.
6. Call the `InvalidateRect` function to invalidate the list box.

In response, Windows paints the list box and updates the scroll bar.

Windows automatically manages the list box, including horizontal and vertical scrolling and distributing the entries into columns. The distribution is dependent on the dimensions of the list box. Windows fills Column 1 first, then Column 2, and so on. For example, if an application has a list box containing 13 ordered items and vertical space for 5 items, items 1-5 would be in the first column, items 5-10 in the second, and 11-13 in the last column, and item order would be maintained.

A multicolumn list box cannot have variable column widths.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Showing the Beginning of an Edit Control after EM_SETSEL

Article ID: Q64758

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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In a single-line edit control created with the ES_AUTOHSCROLL style, when the EM_SETSEL message is used to select the entire contents of the control, the text in the control is scrolled to the left and the caret is placed at the end of the text. This occurs when the control contains more text than can be displayed at one time. The order of the starting and ending positions specified in the lParam of the EM_SETSEL message makes no difference.

If your application needs to have the entire contents selected and the beginning of the string in view, create the edit control using the ES_MULTILINE style. The order of the starting and ending positions in the EM_SETSEL message is respected by multiline edit controls.

MORE INFORMATION

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Consider the following example, which sets and then selects the text in a single-line edit control created with the ES_AUTOHSCROLL style:

```
//hEdit and szText defined elsewhere
SetWindowText(hEdit, szText);
SendMessage(hEdit, EM_SETSEL, 0, MAKELONG(0x7FFF, 0));
```

According to the documentation for the EM_SETSEL message, the low-order word of lParam specifies the starting position of the selection and the high-order word specifies the ending position. However, a single-line edit control ignores this ordering and always selects the text from the lower position to the higher position.

If the content of the edit control is longer than the control can display, the text is scrolled to the end of the selection, and the caret is positioned there. In some situations, it is necessary to show the beginning of the text after the selection is made with EM_SETSEL. In Windows 3.00, there is no documented method to accomplish this positioning using a single-line edit control.

A multiline edit control, sized to display only one line and created without the ES_AUTOVSCROLL style, will appear to the user as a single-line control. However, this control will respect the order of the start and end positions in the EM_SETSEL message.

In the sample code above, a multiline edit control will select the text from the specified starting position to the specified ending position, regardless of which position is higher. In this example, the

text is scrolled to the beginning and the caret is placed there. The beginning of the selected text is visible in the control.

NOTE: A multiline edit control uses up slightly more memory in the USER heap than a single-line edit control.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Changing How Pop-Up Menus Respond to Mouse Actions

Article ID: Q65256

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The TrackPopupMenu function allows an application to receive input from a menu that is displayed anywhere within the application's client area. This article demonstrates how to change the menu's default behavior for mouse selections.

MORE INFORMATION

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The default action for floating pop-up menus maintained with TrackPopupMenu is as follows:

1. If the menu is displayed in response to a keystroke, the pop-up menu is visible until the user selects a menu item or presses ESC.
2. If the menu is displayed in response to a WM_*BUTTONUP message, it acts as if it were displayed in response to a keystroke.

NOTE: In the context of this article, the * in the WM_*BUTTONUP and WM_*BUTTONDOWN messages can be L (left mouse button), M (middle mouse button), or R (right mouse button).

An application can change the behavior of a floating pop-up menu displayed in response to a WM_*BUTTONDOWN message to keep it visible after the mouse button is released. However, when an application uses the techniques described below, it changes the menu's user interface. Specifically, to change menu selections with the mouse, the user must first release the mouse button and then press it again. Dragging the mouse between items with the button down, without releasing the button at least once, will not change the selection.

To cause a floating pop-up menu to remain visible after it is displayed in response to a WM_*BUTTONDOWN message, follow these four steps:

1. In the application, allocate a 256 byte buffer to hold the key state.
2. Call the GetKeyboardState function with a far pointer to the buffer to retrieve the keyboard state.
3. Set the keyboard state for the VK_*BUTTON index in the keyboard state array to 0.
4. Call SetKeyboardState with a far pointer to the buffer to register

the change with Windows.

The keyboard state array is 256 bytes. Each byte represents the state of a particular virtual key. The value 0 indicates that the key is up, and the value 1 indicates that the key is down. The array is indexed by the VK_ values listed in Appendix A of the "Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit Reference Volume 2" for version 3.0.

The code fragment below changes the state of the VK_LBUTTON to 0 (up) during the processing of a WM_LBUTTONDOWN message. This causes TrackPopupMenu to act as if the menu were displayed as the result of a WM_LBUTTONUP message or of a keystroke. Therefore, the menu remains visible even after the mouse button is released and the WM_LBUTTONUP message is received. Items on this menu can be selected with the mouse or the keyboard.

```
switch (iMessage)
{
case WM_LBUTTONDOWN:
    static BYTE rgbKeyState[256];

    GetKeyboardState(rgbKeyState);
    rgbKeyState[VK_LBUTTON] = 0;        // 0==UP, 1==DOWN
    SetKeyboardState(rgbKeyState);

    // Create the pop-up menu and call TrackPopupMenu.
    break;
}
```

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KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: UsrMen

Reasons Why RegisterClass() and CreateWindow() Fail

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows, versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The RegisterClass() and CreateWindow() functions fail when the system resources are used up. The percentage of free system resources reflects the amount of available space in the USER and GDI heaps within Windows. The smaller amount of free space is reported in the Program Manager's About box because if either heap fills up, functions fail.

Under Windows NT, the USER and GDI heap resources are practically unlimited. Under Windows 95, the USER and GDI heap resources are greater than Windows 3.1, but not as great as under Windows NT.

MORE INFORMATION

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If the amount of free system resources remains low after the application is exited, it is more likely that the GDI heap is filling. The main reason for the GDI heap filling is that GDI objects that are created by the application are not deleted or destroyed when they are no longer needed, or when the program terminates. Windows does not delete GDI objects (pens, brushes, fonts, regions, and bitmaps) when the program exits. Objects must be properly deleted or destroyed.

NOTE: Win32-based applications cannot cause the USER or GDI heaps to overflow when they terminate, because the system will release the resources to maximize available resources.

The following are two situations that can cause the USER heap to get full:

1. Memory is allocated for "extra bytes" associated with window classes and windows themselves. Make sure that the cbClsExtra and cbWndExtra fields in the WNDCLASS structure are set to 0 (zero), unless they really are being used.
2. Menus are stored in the USER heap. If menus are added but are not destroyed when they are no longer needed, or when the application terminates, system resources will go down.

CreateWindow() will also fail under the following conditions:

1. Windows cannot find the window procedure listed in the CreateWindow() call. Avoid this by ensuring that each window procedure is listed in the EXPORTS section of the program's DEF

file.

2. CreateWindow() cannot find the specified window class.
3. The hwndparent is incorrect (make sure to use debug Windows to see the RIPS).
4. CreateWindow() cannot allocate memory for internal structures in USER heap.
5. The application returns 0 (zero) to the WM_NCCREATE message.
6. The application returns -1 to the WM_CREATE message.

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KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrWndw

The Parts of a Windows Combo Box and How They Relate

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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A Windows combo box is a compound structure composed of individual windows. Three types of windows can be created as part of a combo box:

- A combo box itself, of window class "ComboBox"
- An edit control, of window class "Edit"
- A list box, of window class "ComboLBox"

The relationship among these three windows varies depending upon the different combo box styles.

MORE INFORMATION

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For combo boxes created with the CBS_SIMPLE styles, the ComboBox window is the parent of the edit control and the list box that is always displayed on the screen. When GetWindowRect() is called for a combo box of this style, the rectangle returned contains the edit control and the list box.

Combo boxes created with the CBS_DROPDOWNLIST style have no edit control. The region of the combo box that displays the current selection is in the ComboBox window itself. When GetWindowRect() is called for a combo box of this style, the rectangle returned does not include the list box.

For combo boxes created with the CBS_DROPDOWN style, three windows are created. The combo box edit control is a child of the ComboBox window. When GetWindowRect() is called for a combo box of this style, the rectangle returned does not include the list box.

However, the ComboLBox (list box) window for combo boxes that have the CBS_DROPDOWN or CBS_DROPDOWNLIST style is not a child of the ComboBox window. Instead, each ComboLBox window is a child of the desktop window. This is required so that, when the drop-down list box is dropped, it can extend outside the application window or dialog box. Otherwise, the list box would be clipped at the window or dialog box border.

Because the ComboLBox window is not a child of the ComboBox window, there is no simple method to get the handle of one window, given the other. For example, given a handle to the ComboBox, the handle to any associated drop-down list box is not readily available. The ComboLBox is a private class registered by USER that is a list box with the class style CS_SAVEBITS.

Additional reference words: control focus release 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00
95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

WindowFromPoint() Caveats

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- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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When the coordinates passed to the WindowFromPoint() function correspond to a disabled, hidden, or transparent child window, the handle of that window's parent is returned.

To retrieve the handle of a disabled, hidden, or transparent child window, given a point, the ChildWindowFromPoint() function must be used.

MORE INFORMATION

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The following code fragment demonstrates the use of the ChildWindowFromPoint() function during the processing of a WM_MOUSEMOVE message. This code finds the topmost child window at a given point, regardless of the current state of the window.

In this fragment, hWnd is the window receiving this message and is assumed to have captured the mouse via the SetCapture() function.

```
HWND hWndChild, hWndPoint;
POINT pt;
.
.
.
case WM_MOUSEMOVE:
    pt.x = LOWORD(lParam);
    pt.y = HIWORD(lParam);

    /*
     * Convert point to screen coordinates. When the mouse is
     * captured, mouse coordinates are given in the client
     * coordinates of the window with the capture.
     */
    ClientToScreen(hWnd, &pt);

    /*
     * Get the handle of the window at this point. If the window
     * is a control that is disabled, hidden, or transparent, then
     * the parent's handle is returned.
     */
    hWndPoint = WindowFromPoint(pt);

    if (hWndPoint == NULL)
        break;
```



```
/*
 * To look at the child windows of hWnd, screen coordinates
 * need to be converted to client coordinates.
 */
ScreenToClient (hWndPoint, &pt);

/*
 * Search through all child windows at this point. This
 * will continue until no child windows remain.
 */
while (TRUE)
{
    hWndChild = ChildWindowFromPoint(hWndPoint, pt);

    if (hWndChild && hWndChild != hWndPoint)
        hWndPoint = hWndChild;
    else
        break;
}

// Do whatever processing is desired on hWndPoint

break;
```

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: UsrWndw

Action of Static Text Controls with Mnemonics

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The text of a static control may contain a mnemonic, which is a character with which the user can access the control. A mnemonic is indicated to the user by underlining the character in the text of the control, and is created by preceding the desired character with an ampersand (&).

Mnemonic characters are used in conjunction with the ALT key to allow quick access to a control with the keyboard. When the user enters the key combination of the ALT key and the mnemonic character, Windows sets the input focus to the corresponding control and performs the same action as when the mouse is clicked on that control. Push buttons, option buttons, and check boxes all behave in this manner.

Because static text controls do not accept the focus, the behavior of a mnemonic in a static text control is different. When the user enters the mnemonic of a static text control, the focus is set to the next enabled nonstatic control. A static text control with a mnemonic is primarily used to label an edit control or list box. When the user enters the mnemonic, the corresponding control gains the focus.

In this context, the order in which windows are created is important. In a dialog box template, the control defined on the line following the static text control is considered to be "next."

When the user enters the mnemonic of a static text control and the next control is either another static text control or a disabled control, Windows searches for a control that is nonstatic and enabled. In some cases, it may be preferable to disable the mnemonic of a static text control when the control it labels is also disabled. For more information, please query in the Microsoft Knowledge Base on the following word:

mnemonic

MORE INFORMATION

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The dialog box described by the following dialog box template might be displayed by an application when the user chooses Open from the File menu:

```
IDD_FILEOPEN DIALOG LOADONCALL MOVEABLE DISCARDABLE 9, 22, 178, 112  
CAPTION "File Open..."  
STYLE WS_CAPTION | DS_MODALFRAME | WS_SYSMENU | WS_VISIBLE | WS_POPUP
```

```

BEGIN
CONTROL "File&name:", ID_NULL, "static",
    SS_LEFT | WS_GROUP | WS_CHILD, 5, 5, 33, 8
CONTROL "", ID_NAMEEDIT, "edit",
    ES_LEFT | ES_AUTOHSCROLL | WS_BORDER | WS_TABSTOP
    | WS_CHILD | ES_OEMCONVERT, 40, 4, 90, 12
CONTROL "Directory:", ID_NULL, "static", SS_LEFT | WS_CHILD,
    5, 20, 35, 8
CONTROL "", ID_PATH, "static", SS_LEFT | WS_CHILD, 40, 20, 91, 8
CONTROL "&Files:", ID_NULL, "static", SS_LEFT | WS_GROUP
    | WS_CHILD, 5, 33, 21, 8
CONTROL "", ID_FILELIST, "listbox", LBS_NOTIFY | LBS_SORT
    | LBS_STANDARD | LBS_HASSTRINGS | WS_BORDER | WS_VSCROLL
    | WS_TABSTOP | WS_CHILD, 5, 43, 66, 65
CONTROL "&Directories:", ID_NULL, "static", SS_LEFT | WS_GROUP
    | WS_CHILD, 75, 33, 49, 8
CONTROL "", ID_DIRLIST, "listbox", LBS_NOTIFY | LBS_SORT
    | LBS_STANDARD | LBS_HASSTRINGS | WS_BORDER | WS_VSCROLL
    | WS_TABSTOP | WS_CHILD, 75, 43, 65, 65
CONTROL "OK", IDOK, "button", BS_DEFPUSHBUTTON | WS_TABSTOP
    | WS_CHILD, 139, 4, 35, 14
CONTROL "Cancel", IDCANCEL, "button", BS_PUSHBUTTON | WS_TABSTOP
    | WS_CHILD, 139, 23, 35, 14
END

```

In this dialog box, one static text control, with identifier ID_PATH, is used to display the current path. The other four static text controls label other controls, as follows:

"File&name"	labels the ID_NAMEEDIT edit control
"Directory"	labels the ID_PATH static control display
"&Files"	labels the ID_FILELIST list box
"&Directories"	labels the ID_DIRLIST list box

When the user enters the key combination ALT+N, Windows sets the focus to the edit control identified in the dialog template as ID_NAMEEDIT, because it is the next enabled nonstatic control. If that edit control was disabled by the EnableWindow function, pressing ALT+N would move the focus to the next enabled nonstatic control. This control would be the list box identified as ID_FILELIST.

Note that the static control "Directory" has no mnemonic; therefore, keyboard input does not affect it.

When the user enters ALT+F, the focus moves to the ID_FILELIST list box, if it is enabled. In the same manner, ALT+D moves the focus to the ID_DIRLIST list box.

If ID_DIRBOX is disabled, ALT+D moves the focus to the OK button, the next enabled nonstatic control. Windows treats this as if the user pressed and released the mouse button over the OK button. For more information on how to prevent this behavior, query the Microsoft Knowledge Base on the following word:

mnemonic

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95 radio shortcut

KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

How to Keep a Window Iconic

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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Normally, when an application's main window is being represented by an icon ("iconic"), you can restore it to an open window by double-clicking the icon or by choosing the Restore option from the System menu.

Opening the window can be prevented by placing code into the application that processes the WM_QUERYOPEN message by returning FALSE.

If it is necessary to perform processing before the iconic window is opened, the processing should be done in response to the WM_QUERYOPEN message. After processing is complete the program can return TRUE and the window will be opened.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrWndw

Processing CBN_SELCHANGE Notification Message

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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When a combo box receives a CBN_SELCHANGE notification message, GetDlgItemText() will give the text of the previous selection and not the text of the new selection.

To get the text of the new selection, send the CB_GETCURSEL message to retrieve the index of the new selection and then send a CB_GETLBTEXT message to obtain the text of that item.

MORE INFORMATION

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When an application receives the CBN_SELCHANGE notification message, the edit/static portion of the combo box has not been updated. To obtain the new selection, send a CB_GETLBTEXT message to the combo box control. This message places the text of the new selection in a specified buffer. The following is a brief code fragment:

```
... /* other code */

case CBN_SELCHANGE:
    hCombo = LOWORD(lParam); /* Get combo box window handle */

    /* Get index of current selection and then the text of that selection
    */

    index = SendMessage(hCombo, CB_GETCURSEL, (WORD)0, 0L);
    SendMessage(hCombo, CB_GETLBTEXT, (WORD)index, (LONG)buffer);
    break;

... /* other code */
```

NOTE: For Win32 applications, change the WORD and LONG casts to WPARAM and LPARAM, respectively.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95 combobox

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UserCtl

Preventing Screen Flash During List Box Multiple Update

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.1 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The WM_SETREDRAW message can be used to set and clear the redraw flag for a window. Before an application adds many items to a list box, this message can be used to turn the redraw flag off, which prevents the list box from being painted after each addition. Properly using the WM_SETREDRAW message keeps the list box from flashing after each addition.

MORE INFORMATION

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The following four steps outline ways to use the WM_SETREDRAW message to facilitate making a number of changes to the contents of a list box in a visually pleasing manner:

1. Clear the redraw flag by sending the list box a WM_SETREDRAW message with wParam set to FALSE. This prevents the list box from being painted after each change.
2. Send appropriate messages to make any desired changes to the contents of the list box.
3. Set the redraw flag by sending the list box a WM_SETREDRAW message with wParam set to TRUE. The list box does not update its display in response to this message.
4. Call InvalidateRect(), which instructs the list box to update its display. Set the third parameter to TRUE to erase the background in the list box. If this is not done, if a short list box item is drawn over a long item, part of the long item will remain visible.

The following code fragment illustrates the process described above:

```
/* Step 1: Clear the redraw flag. */
SendMessage(hWndList, WM_SETREDRAW, FALSE, 0L);

/* Step 2: Add the strings. */
for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
    SendMessage(hWndList, LB_ADDSTRING, ...);

/* Step 3: Set the redraw flag. */
SendMessage(hWndList, WM_SETREDRAW, TRUE, 0L);

/* Step 4: Invalidate the list box window to force repaint. */
InvalidateRect(hWndList, NULL, TRUE);
```

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95 flash flicker
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Multiline Edit Control Does Not Show First Line

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.10 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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When a multiline edit control is created that is less than one system character in height, the text in the edit control will not be displayed and subsequent attempts to enter text will cause the edit control to beep. This functionality is an invalid multiline edit control under Microsoft Windows versions 3.0 and later, even though this construct does work in Windows versions 2.x.

The multiline edit control also checks to see if the next line of text is displayable. If the next line of text is not displayable, it will beep to let you know that you have reached the limit of the edit control.

There is a similar situation with a control that overlaps another control in a dialog box. This construct is also considered invalid; thus, the second control will not be displayed.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Determining the Topmost Pop-Up Window

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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When an application has many pop-up child windows (with a common parent window), the `GetNextWindow()` function can be used when one pop-up window is closed to determine the next topmost pop-up window that remains.

The following code fragment shows a window procedure for simple pop-up windows (modified from the PARTY program in Petzold's "Programming Windows"). In the `WM_CLOSE` case, the handle received by the pop-up window procedure is the handle of the pop-up to be closed. This sample activates the topmost pop-up window that remains by giving it the focus.

```
long FAR PASCAL PopupWndProc (hWnd, iMessage, wParam, lParam)
    HWND      hWnd;
    unsigned iMessage;
    WORD      wParam;
    LONG      lParam;
    {
    HWND      hWndPopup;

    switch (iMessage)
        {
        case WM_CLOSE:
            hWndPopup = GetNextWindow(hWnd, GW_HWNDNEXT);
            if (hWndPopup)
                SetFocus(hWndPopup);
            break;
        }

    return DefWindowProc (hWnd, iMessage, wParam, lParam) ;
    }
```

NOTE: In Windows 3.1, two messages are sent to an application when its Z-order is changing: `WM_WINDOWPOSCHANGING` and `WM_WINDOWPOSCHANGED`. When a window is closed (as in the example shown above) these two message will be sent to all window procedures.

For additional information on changing the Z-order of an MDI window, query on the following words in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

`WM_WINDOWPOSCHANGED` and `MDICREATESTRUCT` and `WS_EX_TOPMOST`

Additional reference word: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrWndw

Efficiency of Using SendMessage Versus SendDlgItemMessage

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The SendDlgItemMessage function is equivalent to obtaining the handle of a dialog control using the GetDlgItem function and then calling the SendMessage function with that handle. The SendDlgItemMessage function therefore takes slightly longer to execute than the SendMessage function for the same message, because an extra call to the GetDlgItem function is required each time the SendDlgItemMessage function is called.

The GetDlgItem function searches through all controls in a given dialog box to find one that matches the given ID value. If there are many controls in a dialog box, the GetDlgItem function can be quite slow.

If an application needs to send more than one message to a dialog control at one time, it is more efficient to call the GetDlgItem function once, using the returned handle in subsequent SendMessage calls. This saves Windows from searching through all the controls each time a message is sent. The SendMessage function should also be used when your application retains handles to controls that receive messages.

However, if your application needs to send one message to many controls, such as sending WM_SETFONT messages to all the controls in a dialog, then the SendDlgItemMessage function will save code in the application because a call to the GetDlgItem function is not made for each control.

Note that if the message sent to a control may result in a lengthy operation (such as sending the LB_DIR message to a list box), then the overhead in the GetDlgItem call is negligible. Either the SendDlgItemMessage or SendMessage can be used, whichever is more convenient.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95 dlgitem

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrDlgs

Disabling the Mnemonic on a Disabled Static Text Control

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Disabling a static text control that contains a mnemonic does not prevent the control from responding to that key. For more information on static text controls with mnemonics, query in this Knowledge Base on the word "mnemonic".

To keep a static text control from processing mnemonics, it must be subclassed. When the control is disabled, WM_GETTEXT messages must be intercepted and the subclass procedure should return an empty string in response to the message.

MORE INFORMATION

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When a static text control with a mnemonic is disabled using EnableWindow(), it turns gray but it does not stop responding to the mnemonic. This can cause problems because Windows processes the mnemonic by setting the focus to the next nonstatic, enabled control.

It is necessary to resort to subclassing to prevent the static control from processing the mnemonic. The subclass procedure should process the WM_GETTEXT message as follows:

```
...
// Windows asks the control, hChild, for its text.
case WM_GETTEXT:
    if (!IsWindowEnabled(hChild))
    {
        *(LPSTR)(lParam) = 0;    // A null terminated empty string
        return 0L;
    }
    break;
....
```

When the ALT key is held down and a key is pressed, Windows scans the text of each control to see if the key corresponds to a mnemonic. A WM_GETTEXT message is sent to each control. Normally, the control processes this message by returning its text. By returning an empty string in response to this message, Windows does not find the mnemonic.

Because the mnemonic must work when the control is enabled, the IsWindowEnabled() function is used to determine the state of the control. If it is enabled, default processing occurs. Otherwise, the control is disabled and no text is returned, effectively disabling the mnemonic.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95
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KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Removing Focus from a Control When Mouse Released Outside

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 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Under normal circumstances, when you move the mouse cursor into the client area of a child-window control, click it, and then release the mouse button, the child window sends a WM_COMMAND message to its parent and retains the focus.

If you move the mouse into the client area of the child-window control, press the mouse button, move the mouse cursor out of the client area of the control, and then release the mouse button, the control does not send a WM_COMMAND message. However, the control retains the focus.

If you do not want the control to retain the focus, you can remove it by performing the following steps:

1. Define a static Boolean flag in the parent window function.
2. When a WM_PARENTNOTIFY message is received, set the flag to TRUE. This indicates that the mouse button has been pressed while the mouse cursor is in the client area of the control.
3. If a WM_COMMAND message is received, reset the flag to FALSE and perform normal processing.
4. Otherwise, if a WM_MOUSEMOVE message is received, the mouse button was released after the mouse cursor was moved outside the control. Reset the flag to FALSE, and use SetFocus() to move the focus to the desired window.

MORE INFORMATION

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When the mouse cursor is in the client area of a control and you press the mouse button, the parent window will receive a WM_PARENTNOTIFY message and a WM_MOUSEACTIVATE message. A Boolean (BOOL) flag should be set when the message is processed to indicate that this occurred.

The parent window will receive other messages, including a number of WM_CTLCOLOR messages, when the mouse is moved around with the mouse button down. When the mouse button is released, the parent window receives only one of two messages:

1. WM_COMMAND: The mouse button was released over the control.
2. WM_MOUSEMOVE: The mouse button was released outside the control.

Note that these are not the only messages received when the button is released, but these two are mutually exclusive.

In response to either message, the following steps must take place:

1. Reset the flag indicating a mouse press.
2. Call SetFocus() or send a WM_KILLFOCUS to the control in question to move the focus as desired.

If WM_KILLFOCUS is used, the ID of the control or its handle must be known. SetFocus(NULL) or SetFocus(hWndParent) removes the focus from the control but does not set the focus to any other control in the window.

In a dialog box, SetFocus(NULL) MUST be used. SetFocus(hDlg) does not remove the focus from the button.

The following code sample is taken from the dialog box procedure of a dialog that has a single OK button. If the mouse button is pressed while the mouse cursor is over the button, the mouse is moved outside the button, and then the mouse button is released, the focus is removed from the OK button.

```
BOOL FAR PASCAL AboutProc(HWND hDlg, unsigned iMessage,
                          WORD wParam, LONG lParam)
{
    static BOOL fMousePress;

    switch (iMessage)
    {
        case WM_INITDIALOG:
            fMousePress = FALSE;
            return TRUE;

        case WM_PARENTNOTIFY: // or WM_MOUSEACTIVATE
            fMousePress = TRUE;
            break;

        case WM_MOUSEMOVE:
            if (fMousePress)
                SetFocus(NULL);
            fMousePress = FALSE;
            break;

        // Only command is the OK button.
        case WM_COMMAND:
            if (wParam == IDOK)
                EndDialog(hDlg, TRUE);
            break;
    }
    return FALSE;
}
```

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95
KBCategory: kbprg kbcode
KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Process WM_GETMINMAXINFO to Constrain Window Size

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- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Microsoft Windows sends a WM_GETMINMAXINFO message to a window to determine the maximized size or position for the window, and the maximum or minimum tracking size for the window. An application can change these parameters by processing the WM_GETMINMAXINFO message.

Each window type has an absolute minimum size. If an application changes any of the values associated with WM_GETMINMAXINFO to a value smaller than the minimum, Windows will override the values specified by the application and use the minimum size. This minimum window size restriction has been removed from Windows version 3.1.

Note that Windows can send a WM_GETMINMAXINFO message to a window prior to sending a WM_CREATE message. Therefore, any processing for the WM_GETMINMAXINFO message must be independent of processing done for the WM_CREATE message.

MORE INFORMATION

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An application can use the WM_GETMINMAXINFO message to constrain the size of a window. For example, the application can prevent the user from changing a window's width while allowing the user to affect its height, or vice versa. The following code demonstrates fixing the width:

```
int width;
LPPOINT lppt;
RECT rect;

case WM_GETMINMAXINFO:
    lppt = (LPPOINT)lParam;    // lParam points to array of POINTs

    GetWindowRect(hWnd, &rect); // Get current window size
    width = rect.right - rect.left + 1;

    lppt[3].x = width    // Set minimum width to current width
    lppt[4].x = width    // Set maximum width to current width

    return DefWindowProc(hWnd, message, wParam, lParam);
```

The modifications required to fix the height are quite straightforward.

For more information on the array of POINT structures that accompanies

the WM_GETMINMAXINFO message, please refer to the "Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit Reference."

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Creating a Multiple Line Message Box

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 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Message boxes are used to provide information to the user of an application. Error messages and warnings are also provided through message boxes. This article provides details on using message boxes in applications.

MORE INFORMATION

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Message boxes are modal windows. When an application displays an application modal message box, which is the default message box type, the user cannot interact with any part of that application until the message box has been dismissed. However, the user may use the mouse or keyboard to activate another application and interact with it while the message box is displayed. Certain critical errors that may affect all of Windows are displayed in system modal message boxes. Windows will not perform any operations until the error condition is acknowledged and the system modal message box is dismissed.

There are times where it is necessary to display a long message in a message box. Windows does this when you start an MS-DOS-based application that uses graphics from inside an MS-DOS window. To break a message into many lines, insert a newline character into the message text. Here is a sample MessageBox() call:

```
MessageBox(hWnd, "This is line 1.\nThis is line 2.", "App",  
           MB_OK | MB_ICONQUESTION);
```

If the text of a message is too long for a single line, Windows will break the text into multiple lines.

System modal message boxes treat the newline character as any other. A newline character is displayed as a black block in the text. Because system modal message boxes are designed to work at all times, even under extremely low memory conditions, it does not provide the ability to display more than one line of text.

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KBSubcategory: UsrDlgs

Using UnregisterClass When Removing Custom Control Class

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- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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In the Microsoft Windows environment, when no running application requires a custom control class, the class should be removed from memory to free the system resources it uses.

If an application registers a control class for temporary use, the application should use the UnregisterClass function when the control is no longer needed. If the application is terminated, Windows automatically removes any classes that the application registered; therefore, explicit use of UnregisterClass is not required. However, pairing calls to the RegisterClass and UnregisterClass functions is a good programming practice.

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KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Some CTRL Accelerator Keys Conflict with Edit Controls

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- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Some keys produce the same ASCII values as CTRL+key combinations. These keys conflict with edit controls if one of the CTRL+key combinations is used as a keyboard accelerator.

The following table lists some of the conflicting keys.

ASCII Value	Key Combination	Equivalent	Windows Virtual Key
0x08	CTRL+H	BACKSPACE	VK_BACK
0x09	CTRL+I	TAB	VK_TAB
0x0D	CTRL+M	RETURN	VK_RETURN

For example, consider the following scenario:

1. CTRL+H has been assigned as an accelerator keystroke to invoke Help
2. An edit control has the focus
3. BACKSPACE is pressed to erase the previous character in the edit control

This results in Help being invoked because pressing BACKSPACE is equivalent to pressing CTRL+H. The edit control does not receive the BACKSPACE key press that it requires because TranslateAccelerator() encounters the 0x08 ASCII value and invokes the action assigned to that accelerator. This limitation is caused by the use of the ASCII key code for accelerators instead of the system-dependent virtual key code.

MORE INFORMATION

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When messages for the edit control are processed in a message loop that translates accelerators, this translation conflict will occur. Child windows and modeless dialog boxes are the most common situations where this happens.

The affected keystrokes are translated during the processing of the WM_KEYDOWN message for the letter. For example, when the user types CTRL+H, a WM_KEYDOWN is processed for the CTRL key, then another WM_KEYDOWN is processed for the letter "H". In response to this message, TranslateAccelerator() posts a WM_COMMAND message to the owner of the CTRL+H accelerator. Similarly, when the user presses the

BACKSPACE key, a WM_KEYDOWN is generated with VK_BACK as the key code. Because the ASCII value of BACKSPACE is the same as that for CTRL+H, TranslateAccelerator() treats them as the same character. Either sequence will cause a WM_COMMAND message to be sent to the owner of the CTRL+H accelerator, which deprives the child window with the input focus of the BACKSPACE key message.

Because this conflict is inherent to ASCII, the safest way to avoid the difficulty is to avoid using the conflicting sequences as accelerators. Any other ways around the problem may be version dependent rather than a permanent fix.

A second way around the situation is to subclass each edit control that is affected. In the subclass procedure, watch for the desired key sequence(s). The following code sample demonstrates this procedure:

```
/* This code subclasses a child window edit control to allow it to
 * process the RETURN and BACKSPACE keys without interfering with the
 * parent window's reception of WM_COMMAND messages for its CTRL+H
 * and CTRL+M accelerator keys.
 */

/* forward declaration */
long FAR PASCAL NewEditProc(HWND, unsigned, WORD, LONG);

/* required global variables */
FARPROC lpfnOldEditProc;
HWND hWndOwner;

/* edit control creation in MainWndProc */

TEXTMETRIC tm;
HDC hDC;
HWND hWndEdit;
FARPROC lpProcEdit;

...

case WM_CREATE:

    hDC = GetDC(hWnd);
    GetTextMetrics(hDC, &tm);
    ReleaseDC(hWnd, hDC);

    hWndEdit = CreateWindow("Edit", NULL,
        WS_CHILD | WS_VISIBLE | ES_LEFT | WS_BORDER,
        50, 50, 50 * tm.tmAveCharWidth, 1.5 * tm.tmHeight,
        hWnd, 1, hInst, NULL);

    lpfnOldEditProc = (FARPROC) GetWindowLong(hWndEdit, GWL_WNDPROC);
    lpProcEdit = MakeProcInstance((FARPROC) NewEditProc, hInst);
    SetWindowLong(hWndEdit, GWL_WNDPROC, (LONG) lpProcEdit);
    break;

...
```

```

/* subclass procedure */

long FAR PASCAL NewEditProc(HWND hWndEditCtrl, unsigned iMessage,
                             WORD wParam, LONG lParam )
{
    MSG msg;

    switch (iMessage)
    {
    case WM_KEYDOWN:
        switch (wParam)
        {
        case VK_BACK:
            // This assumes that the next message in the queue will be a
            // WM_COMMAND for the window which owns the accelerators. If
            // this edit control were in a modeless dialog box, hWndOwner
            // should be set to NULL. It may also be NULL in this case.
            PeekMessage(&msg, hWndOwner, 0, 0, PM_REMOVE);

            // Since TranslateAccelerator() processed this message as an
            // accelerator, a WM_CHAR message must be supplied manually to
            // the edit control.
            SendMessage(hWndEditCtrl, WM_CHAR, wParam, MAKELONG(1, 14));
            return 0L;

        case VK_RETURN:
            // Same procedures here.
            PeekMessage(&msg, hWndOwner, 0, 0, PM_REMOVE);
            SendMessage(hWndEditCtrl, WM_CHAR, wParam, MAKELONG(1, 28));
            return 0L;
        }
        break;
    }
    return CallWindowProc(lpfnOldEditProc, hWndEditCtrl, iMessage,
                          wParam, lParam);
}

```

NOTE: Be sure to export the subclass function in the DEF file.

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KBSubcategory: UserCtrl

Changing/Setting the Default Push Button in a Dialog Box

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The default push button in a dialog box is defined to be the button that is pressed when the user chooses the ENTER key, provided that the input focus is not on another button in the dialog box. The default push button is visually distinguished from other buttons by a thick dark border. This article describes how to change the default push button.

MORE INFORMATION

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To change the default push button, perform the following three steps:

1. Send the BM_SETSTYLE message to the current default push button to change its border to that of a regular push button.
2. Send a DM_SETDEFID message to the dialog box to change the ID of the default push button.
3. Send the BM_SETSTYLE message to the new default push button to change its border to that of a default push button.

The following is sample code that performs the three steps:

Sample Code

```
// Reset the current default push button to a regular button.
SendDlgItemMessage(hDlg, <ID of current default push button>,
    BM_SETSTYLE, BS_PUSHBUTTON, (LONG)TRUE);

// Update the default push button's control ID.
SendMessage(hDlg, DM_SETDEFID, <ID of new default push button>,
    0L);

// Set the new style.
SendDlgItemMessage(hDlg, <ID of new default push button>,
    BM_SETSTYLE, BS_DEFPUSHBUTTON, (LONG)TRUE);
```

NOTE: For Win32, the (LONG) casts should be changed to (LPARAM).

Note, however, that ANY push button that has the input focus will have a dark border. A default push button will retain this dark border even when the input focus is transferred to another control in the dialog box, provided the new control is not another push button.

For example, if the input focus is on an edit control, check box, radio button, or any control other than a push button, and the ENTER key is pressed, Windows sends a WM_COMMAND message to the dialog box procedure with the wParam set to the control ID of the default push button.

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KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Retrieving Handles to Menus and Submenus

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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To change the contents of a menu, you must have its handle. The handle of the menu associated with a given window is available through the `GetMenu()` function.

To obtain a reference to a particular text item in the menu, use the `GetMenuString()` function. The definition for this function is

```
GetMenuString(hMenu, wIDItem, lpString, nMaxCount, wFlag)
```

where

```
hMenu      = The menu handle
wIDItem    = The ID of the item or the zero-based offset of the
            item within the menu
lpString   = The buffer that is to receive the text
nMaxCount  = The length of the buffer
wFlag      = MF_BYCOMMAND or MF_BYPOSITION
```

If a menu item has a mnemonic, the text will contain an ampersand (&) character preceding the mnemonic character.

To obtain the handle to a submenu of the menu bar, use the `GetSubMenu()` function. The second parameter, `nPos`, is the zero-based offset from the beginning of the menu.

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KBSubcategory: UsrMen

Owner-Draw Buttons with Bitmaps on Non-Standard Displays

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- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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If an application contains an owner-draw button that paints itself with a bitmap, the application's resources must contain a set of bitmaps appropriate to each display type on which the application might run.

If the application's resources do not contain bitmaps suitable for the display on which the application is running, the application can use the default 3-D button appearance by changing the button style to BS_PUSHBUTTON from BS_OWNERDRAW.

Under Windows 95, there is a new style BS_BITMAP which applications might find easier to use.

Changing the style of a button is possible in Windows version 3.0; however, this technique is not guaranteed to be supported in future releases of Windows.

MORE INFORMATION

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An owner-draw button can use bitmaps to paint itself. When an application contains this type of owner-draw button, it must also contain a set of bitmaps appropriate for each display type on which the application might run. Each set of bitmaps has a normal "up" bitmap and a depressed "down" bitmap to implement the 3-D effects. The most common standard Windows display types are: CGA, EGA, VGA, 8514/a, and Hercules Monochrome. The dimensions and aspect ratio of the display affect the appearance of the bitmap. For example, a monochrome bitmap designed for VGA will display correctly on an 8514/a and any other display with a 1:1 aspect ratio.

If an application determines that it does not contain an appropriate set of bitmaps for the current display type, then it should change the button style from BS_OWNERDRAW to BS_PUSHBUTTON. After the style has been changed and the button has been redrawn, the button will appear as a normal 3-D push button.

The following code fragment demonstrates how to change the style of a push button from owner-draw to normal:

```
...
```

```
/*
```

- * hWndButton is assumed to be the handle to the button.
- * Note that lParam has a nonzero value, which forces the button
- * to be redrawn. This assures that the normal button appearance

```
* will show after this message is sent.  
*/  
SendMessage(hWndButton, BM_SETSTYLE, BS_PUSHBUTTON, 1L);
```

...

```
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KBCategory: kbprg  
KBSubcategory: UsrCtl
```

Assigning Mnemonics to Owner-Draw Push Buttons

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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An application that uses owner-draw push buttons is always responsible for the appearance of the buttons. It might seem that in doing so, the ability to assign a mnemonic character to an owner-draw button is lost because text containing the mnemonic may not be displayed.

Fortunately, this is not the case. If an owner-draw button should be activated by ALT+X, place "&X" into the button text. NOTE: You have to use DrawText() to get the & character to underline the next character. Using TextOut() will not cause the & character to underline the next character in the string.

When the ALT key is pressed in combination with any character, Windows examines the text of each control to determine which control, if any, uses that particular mnemonic. With an owner-draw button, the text exists, but may not necessarily be used to paint the button.

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KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Multiline Edit Control Wraps Text Different than DrawText

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- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Multiline edit controls will not wrap text in the same manner as the DrawText() function. This can be a problem when an application displays text that has been in an edit control because the text may wrap in a different location.

It is possible to obtain the text from the edit control and display it statically in a window with the same line breaks. To do this, the application must retrieve each line of text separately. This can be accomplished by sending the EM_GETLINE message to the control and displaying the retrieved text with the TextOut() function.

MORE INFORMATION

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The following is a brief code fragment that demonstrates how to obtain the text of a multiline edit control line by line:

```
... /* other code */

char  buf[80];           // Buffer for line storage
HDC   hDC;              // Temporary display context
HFONT hFont;           // Temporary font storage
int    iNumEditLines;   // How much text
TEXTMETRIC tm;         // Text metrics

// Get number of lines in the edit control
iNumEditLines = SendMessage(hEditCtl, EM_GETLINECOUNT, 0, 0L);

hDC = GetDC(hWnd);

// Get font currently selected into the control
hFont = SendMessage(hEditCtl, WM_GETFONT, 0, 0L);

// If it is not the system font, then select it into DC
if (hFont)
    SelectObject(hDC, hFont);

GetTextMetrics(hDC, &tm);
iLine = 0;

while (iNumEditLines-->0)
{
    // First word of buffer contains max number of characters
    // to be copied
```

```
buf[0] = 80;

// Get the current line of text
nCount = SendMessage(hEditCtl, EM_GETLINE, iLine, (LONG)buf);
TextOut(hDC, x, y, buf, nCount); // Output text to device
y += tm.tmHeight;
iLine++;
}

ReleaseDC(hWnd, hDC);
... /* other code */
```

The execution time of this code could be reduced by using the ExtTextOut() function instead of TextOut().

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KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Creating a List Box with No Vertical Scroll Bar

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 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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A Windows list box with the `LBS_STANDARD` style will display a vertical scroll bar if there are more items in the list than can be displayed in the client area of the list box.

To create a list box that will not use a vertical scroll bar, you must remove the `WS_VSCROLL` bit from the window style. The following style specification removes this bit:

```
(LBS_STANDARD | LBS_HASSTRINGS) & ~WS_VSCROLL
```

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KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Creating a List Box That Does Not Sort

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- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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A Windows list box with the `LBS_STANDARD` style will sort the list of items into alphabetical order before displaying them in the control.

To create a list box that will not sort, you must remove the `LBS_SORT` bit from the window style. The following style specification removes this bit:

```
(LBS_STANDARD | LBS_HASSTRINGS) & ~LBS_SORT
```

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KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Default/Private Dialog Classes, Procedures, DefDlgProc

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The information below explains the differences between default and private dialog classes, their associated dialog procedures, and using the DefDlgProc() function.

This information is organized as a comparison between private and default dialog classes, covering class registration, dialog templates, dialog creation, and message processing.

Note that the source to the DefDlgProc() function is provided with the Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.0. The code is supplied on the Sample Source 2 disk in the DEFDLG.C file. By default, DEFDLG.C is placed into the \SAMPLES\DEFPROCS directory if the SDK installation program copies the sample source code.

There are many functions and macros used in DefDlgProc() that are internal to Windows and cannot be used by applications. No additional information is available on these functions and macros.

MORE INFORMATION

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All dialog classes are window classes, just as all dialog boxes are windows. All dialog classes must declare at least DLGWINDOWEXTRA in the cbWndExtra field of the WNDCLASS structure before the dialog class is registered. The Windows Dialog Manager uses this area to store special information for dialog boxes.

The default dialog class is registered by Windows at startup. The window procedure for this class is known as DefDlgProc(), which is located in Windows's USER module. DefDlgProc() calls the application-provided dialog function, which returns TRUE if it processes a message completely or FALSE if DefDlgProc should process the message further.

If an application registers a private dialog class, it provides a window procedure for the dialog box. The window procedure is the same as that for any other application window and returns a LONG value. Messages that are not processed by this window function are passed to DefDlgProc().

Dialog Class Registration

Windows registers the default dialog class, which is represented by

the value 0x8002. Windows uses this class when an application creates a dialog box using the DialogBox() or CreateDialog() functions, but specifies no class in the dialog resource template.

To use a private dialog class, the application must specify the fields of a WNDCLASS structure and call RegisterClass(). This is the same procedure that Windows uses to register the default dialog class.

In either case, the value in the cbWndExtra field of the WNDCLASS structure must contain a value of at least DLGWINDOWEXTRA. These bytes are used as storage space for dialog-box specific information, such as which control has the focus and which button is the default.

When a dialog class is registered, the lpfnWndProc field of the WNDCLASS structure must contain a function pointer. For the default dialog class, this field points to DefDlgProc(). For a private class, the field points to application-supplied procedure that returns a LONG (as does a normal window procedure) and passes all unprocessed messages to DefDlgProc().

Dialog Templates

Resource scripts are almost identical whether used with a default or a private dialog class. Dialog boxes using a private class must use the CLASS statement in the dialog template. The name given in the CLASS statement must match the name of class that exists (is registered) when the dialog box is created.

Dialog Creation and the lpfnDlgFunc Parameter

Applications create dialog boxes using the function DialogBox(), CreateDialog(), or one of the variant functions such as DialogBoxIndirect(). The complete list of functions is found on page 1-43 of the "Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit Reference Volume 1."

All dialog box creation calls take a parameter called lpfnDlgFunc, which can either be NULL or the procedure instance address of the dialog box function returned from MakeProcInstance(). When the application specifies a private dialog class and sets lpfnDlgFunc to a procedure instance address, the application processes each message for the dialog box twice. The message processing proceeds as follows:

1. Windows calls the dialog class procedure to process the message. To process a message in the default manner, this procedure calls DefDlgProc().
2. DefDlgProc() calls the procedure specified in the dialog box creation call.

The procedure specified in lpfnDlgFunc must be designed very carefully. When it processes a message, it returns TRUE or FALSE and does not call DefDlgProc(). These requirements are the same as for any

other dialog procedure.

Using a dialog procedure in conjunction with a private dialog class can be very useful. Processing for the private dialog class can be generic and apply to a number of dialog boxes. Code in the dialog procedure is specific to the particular instance of the private dialog class.

Dialog Message Processing

In dialog boxes with the default class, the application provides a callback dialog function that returns TRUE or FALSE, depending on whether or not the message was processed. As mentioned above, DefDlgProc(), which is the window procedure for the default dialog class, calls the application's dialog function and uses the return value to determine whether it should continue processing the message.

In dialog boxes of a private class, Windows sends all messages to the application-provided window procedure. The procedure either processes the message like any other window procedure or passes it to DefDlgProc(). DefDlgProc() processes dialog-specific functions and passes any other messages to DefWindowProc() for processing.

Some messages are sent only to the application-supplied procedure specified in the call to CreateDialog() or DialogBox(). Two examples of functions that Windows does not send to the private dialog class function are WM_INITDIALOG and WM_SETFONT.

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KBSubcategory: UsrDlgs

Caret Position & Line Numbers in Multiline Edit Controls

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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This article explains how to determine the position (row and column) of the caret and the line number of the first visible line of text in a multiline edit control.

MORE INFORMATION

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Edit controls process several messages that return information relevant to the position of the caret within the control. These messages help an application determine the line number of the caret relative to the number of lines of text in the control.

Once the line number is known, the application can compute the caret's character position within that line and the line number of the first visible line of text in the control.

An edit control must be subclassed in order to track the caret position because the position changes with mouse clicks and keystrokes. The subclass procedure must process the WM_KEYDOWN and WM_LBUTTONDOWN messages, and compute the caret position upon receipt of each message.

The remainder of this article describes three procedures:

- Finding the line number of the caret position
- Finding the column number of the caret position
- Finding the line number of the first visible line

Note that you may replace any mention of the SendMessage API in this article with the SendDlgItemMessage function. Also note that the term return value refers to the value returned by the SendMessage or the SendDlgItemMessage function.

Finding the Line Number of the Caret Position

Perform the following two steps:

1. Send the EM_GETSEL message to the edit control. The high-order word of the return value is the character position of the caret relative to the first character in the control.
2. Send the EM_LINEFROMCHAR message to the edit control and specify the value returned from step 1 as wParam. Add 1 to the return value to get the line number of the caret position because Windows numbers

the lines starting at zero.

Finding the Column Number of the Caret Position

Perform the following three steps:

1. Send the `EM_GETSEL` message to the edit control. The high-order word of the return value is the character position of the caret relative to the first character in the control.
2. Send the `EM_LINEINDEX` message with `wParam` set to `-1`. The value returned is the count of characters that precede the first character in the line containing the caret.
3. Subtract the value returned in step 2 from the value in step 1 and add 1 because Windows numbers the columns starting at zero. This result is the column number of the caret position.

Finding the Line Number of the First Visible Line

Windows 3.1 and later define the `EM_GETFIRSTVISIBLELINE` message, which an application can send to a single line or a multiline edit control. For single line edit controls, this value returned for the message is the offset of the first visible character. For multiline edit controls, the value returned is the number of the first visible line.

Under Windows 95, it would be more efficient to use a combination of `GetCaretPos()` and `EM_CHARFROMPOS`.

If an application must be compatible with Windows 3.0, it can perform the following 10-step procedure:

1. Follow steps 1 and 2 of "Finding the Line Number of the Caret Position," presented above, and save the line number.
2. Call the `GetCaretPos` function to fill a `POINT` structure with the caret's coordinates relative to the client area of the edit control. (The client area is inside the border.)
3. Call the `GetDC` function using the handle to the edit control to retrieve a handle to a device context for the edit control. Store this handle in a variable named `hDC`.
4. Send the `WM_GETFONT` message to the edit control. The return value is a handle to the font used by the edit control. If the value returned is `NULL`, proceed to step 6 because the control is using the system default font.
5. Call the `SelectObject` function to select the font used by the edit control into `hDC`. Do not call the `SelectObject` function if `WM_GETFONT` returned `NULL` in step 4. Save the value returned by `SelectObject` in the `hOldFont` variable.
6. Call the `GetTextMetrics` function with `hDC` to fill a `TEXTMETRIC` data structure with information about the font used by the edit

control (the font which is selected into hDC). The field of interest is tmHeight.

7. While the vertical coordinate of the caret is greater than the value of tmHeight, subtract tmHeight from the vertical coordinate and subtract 1 from the line number of the caret from step 1.
8. Repeat step 7 until the vertical coordinate of the caret is less than or equal to tmHeight.
9. Call SelectObject to select hOldFont back into hDC. Then call ReleaseDC to return the display context to the system.
10. The value remaining in the line number variable is the line number of the first visible line in the edit control.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 caretpos

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCrt

Changing a List Box from Single-Column to Multicolumn

Article ID: Q68580

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32, SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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A list box cannot be changed from single column to multicolumn by altering the list box's style bits "on the fly."

The effect of switching a single-column list box to multicolumn can be achieved by creating one single column and one multicolumn list box. Initially, hide the multicolumn list box. To switch the list boxes, hide the single-column list box and show the multicolumn list box.

MORE INFORMATION

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In general, programmatically changing the style bits of a window usually leads to unstable results. The method of switching between two windows (hiding one and showing the other) can safely switch window styles.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 listbox

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Cases Where "Normal" Window Position, Size Not Available

Article ID: Q68583

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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In Windows version 3.0, the "normal" size and position of a window is not available when that window is maximized (zoomed) or minimized (represented as an icon). In Windows version 3.1, two new functions named `GetWindowPlacement` and `SetWindowPlacement` have been added which provide access to normal position information.

MORE INFORMATION

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The remainder of this article provides two possible ways to work around this limitation in Windows version 3.0:

1. If the normal size is needed only as the application is shut down, restore the window and retrieve its position before closing the application. The following call can be used to restore the window whose window handle is `hWnd`:

```
SendMessage(hWnd, WM_SYSCOMMAND, SC_RESTORE, 0L);
```

The `GetWindowRect` or `GetClientRect` functions can then be used to obtain the window's position.

2. If the normal size is needed at all times, keep track of the position every time the window receives a `WM_MOVE` message. If the `IsIconic` and `IsZoomed` functions both return `FALSE`, assume the window is normal and update the position values. Otherwise, do not change the saved position information.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrWndw

How to Simulate Changing the Font in a Message Box

Article ID: Q68586

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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To simulate changing the font in a message box, create a dialog box that uses the desired font. Specify the style and contents of the dialog box to reflect the style of the desired message box. The application can also draw a system icon in the dialog box.

MORE INFORMATION

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The message box is a unique object in Windows. Its handle is not available to an application; therefore, it cannot be modified. An application can simulate a message box with a different font by creating a dialog box that looks like a message box.

To change the font in a dialog box, use the optional statement FONT in the dialog statement of the resource script (.RC) file. For example, resource file statements for a dialog box displaying an error in Courier point size 12 would be as follows:

```
FontError DIALOG 45, 17, 143, 46
CAPTION "Font Error"
FONT 12, "Courier"
STYLE WS_CAPTION | WS_SYSMENU | DS_MODALFRAME
BEGIN
    CTEXT "Please select the right font", -1, 0, 7, 143, 9
    DEFPPUSHBUTTON "OK" IDOK, 56, 25, 32, 14, WS_GROUP
END
```

To center the dialog box in the screen, use GetWindowRect() to retrieve the dimensions of the screen and MoveWindow() to place the dialog box appropriately. The following code demonstrates this procedure:

```
case WM_INITDIALOG:
    GetWindowRect(hDlg, &rc);
    x = GetSystemMetrics(SM_CXSCREEN);
    y = GetSystemMetrics(SM_CYSCREEN);
    MoveWindow(hDlg,
        (x - (rc.right - rc.left)) >> 1, /* x position */
        (y - (rc.bottom - rc.top)) >> 1, /* y position */
        rc.right - rc.left, /* x size */
        rc.bottom - rc.top, /* y size */
        TRUE); /* paint the window */
    return TRUE;
```

To display a system icon in the dialog box, call the DrawIcon() function

during the processing of a WM_PAINT message. After drawing the desired icon, the dialog procedure passes control back to the dialog manager by returning FALSE. The code to paint the exclamation point icon (used in warning messages) is as follows:

```
case WM_PAINT:
    hIcon = LoadIcon(NULL, IDI_EXCLAMATION);
    hDC = GetDC(hDlg);
    DrawIcon(hDC, 20, 40, hIcon);
    ReleaseDC(hDlg, hDC);
    return FALSE;
```

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Using Quoted Strings with Profile String Functions

Article ID: Q69752

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Microsoft Windows provides profile files which are a mechanism for an application to store configuration about itself. The WIN.INI file is the system profile file in which Windows stores configuration information about itself. In versions of Windows prior to version 3.0, applications also stored configuration information in the WIN.INI file. Windows 3.0 introduced private profile files, which can store application-specific information.

An application can retrieve information from a profile file by calling the GetProfileString or GetPrivateProfileString function. If the profile file associates the specified lpKeyName value with a string that is delimited by quotation marks, Windows discards the quotation marks when it copies the associated string into the application-provided buffer.

For example, if the following entry appears in the profile file:

```
[application name]           [application name]
keyname = 'string'           or   keyname = "string"
```

The GetPrivateProfileString and GetProfileString functions read the string value and discard the quotation marks.

MORE INFORMATION

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This behavior allows spaces to be put into a string. For example, the profile entry

```
keyname = string
```

returns the string without a leading space, whereas

```
keyname = ' string'           or   keyname = " string"
```

returns the string with a leading space.

Doubling quotation marks includes quotation marks in the string. For example:

```
keyname = ''string''           or   keyname = ""string""
```

returns the string with its quotation marks -- 'string' or "string".

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: UsrIni

PRB: ExitProgman DDE Service Does Not Work If PROGMAN Is Shell
Article ID: Q69899

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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Calling the ExitProgman() function documented in the Microsoft Windows SDK version 3.0 "Guide to Programming," section 22.4.4 (pages 22-19 through 22-22) fails under certain circumstances.

CAUSE

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Calling this function will fail if the Program Manager is the Windows shell.

RESOLUTION

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This behavior is by design. The Windows 3.1 documentation states:

If Program Manager was started from another application, the ExitProgman command instructs Program Manager to exit and, optionally, save its groups information.

For another application to start Program Manager, the Program Manager cannot be the shell.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: UsrDde

Top-Level Menu Items in Owner-Draw Menus

Article ID: Q69969

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Microsoft Windows version 3.0 allows an application to specify owner-draw menus. This provides the application with complete control over the appearance of items in the menu. However, Windows 3.0 only supports owner-draw items in a pop-up menu. Top-level menu items with the MF_OWNERDRAW style do not work properly.

In Windows 3.1, Windows NT, and Windows 95, top-level menu items with the MF_OWNERDRAW style work properly.

MORE INFORMATION

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An application may append an item with the MF_OWNERDRAW style to a top-level menu. At this point, the parent application should receive a WM_MEASUREITEM message and a WM_DRAWITEM message.

However, a WM_MEASUREITEM message is never sent to the parent window for the menu item. In addition, the WM_DRAWITEM message is sent only when the selection state of the item changes (the action field in the DRAWITEMSTRUCT is equal to ODA_SELECTED). The WM_DRAWITEM message is not sent with the action field in the DRAWITEMSTRUCT equal to ODA_DRAWENTIRE.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrMen

Use MoveWindow to Move an Iconic MDI Child and Its Title

Article ID: Q70079

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, version 3.5
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Although Windows does not have application programming interface (API) calls to support dragging iconic windows (windows represented by an icon), calls to MoveWindow() can be used to implement a dragging functionality for iconic multiple-document interface (MDI) child windows.

However, the icon's title is not in the same window as the icon, so when the icon is moved, the title will not automatically move with it. The title is in a small window of its own, so a separate call to MoveWindow() must be made to place the title window correctly below the icon.

The information below describes how to get the window handle for the small title window, so that the appropriate call to MoveWindow() can be made.

The icon's title window is a window of class #32772. This window is a child of the MDI client window, and its owner is the icon window.

To get the window handle to the appropriate icon title window for a given icon, enumerate all the children of the MDI client window, looking for a window whose owner is the icon.

You can use EnumChildWindows() to loop through all the children of the MDI client window.

You can use GetWindow(..., GW_OWNER) to check the parent of each window.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrMdi

Creating a Hidden MDI Child Window

Article ID: Q70080

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Whenever Windows creates a new multiple-document interface (MDI) child window in response to a WM_MDICREATE message, it makes that child window visible.

The information below describes how to create a hidden MDI child window without causing an unattractive "flash" on the screen as the window is created visible and then hidden.

MORE INFORMATION

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A code fragment such as the following can be used to create an invisible MDI child:

```
MDICREATESTRUCT mcs;           // structure to pass with WM_MDICREATE
HWND             hWndMDIClient; // the MDI client window
HWND             hWnd;         // temporary window handle

    ...

// assume that we have already filled out the MDICREATESTRUCT...

// turn off redrawing in the MDI client window
SendMessage(hWndMDIClient, WM_SETREDRAW, FALSE, 0L);

/*
 * Create the MDI child. It will be created visible, but will not
 * be seen because redrawing to the MDI client has been disabled
 */
hWnd = (WORD)SendMessage(hWndMDIClient,
                        WM_MDICREATE,
                        0,
                        (LONG)(LPMDICREATESTRUCT)&mcs);

// hide the child
ShowWindow(hWnd, SW_HIDE);

// turn redrawing in the MDI client back on,
// and force an immediate update
SendMessage(hWndMDIClient, WM_SETREDRAW, TRUE, 0L);
InvalidateRect(hWndMDIClient, NULL, TRUE);
UpdateWindow(hWndMDIClient);

    ...
```


Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: UsrMdi

Custom Controls Must Use CS_DBLCLKS with Dialog Editor

Article ID: Q71223

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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For a custom control to function properly with the Dialog Editor, the custom control window class must include the CS_DBLCLKS style.

If the custom control does not have the CS_DBLCLKS style, double-clicking the control in the Dialog Editor does not cause the custom control function to display its style dialog box. However, the control's style dialog box is still accessible from the Styles command on the Edit menu.

MORE INFORMATION

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The Dialog Editor subclasses each control it creates and processes WM_LBUTTONDOWNBLCLK messages. In response to this message, the custom control is asked to display its style dialog box.

If the custom control window class does not have the CS_DBLCLKS style, Windows does not send any WM_LBUTTONDOWNBLCLK messages to the control. As a result, the Dialog Editor does not call the style dialog box function for the custom control and no dialog box appears.

NOTE: This article does not apply to the resource editor included with the Visual C++ development environment.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Using One IsDialogMessage() Call for Many Modeless Dialogs

Article ID: Q71450

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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In the Windows environment, an application can implement more than one modeless dialog box with a single call to the `IsDialogMessage()` function. This can be done by using the following three-step method:

1. Maintain the window handle to the currently active modeless dialog box in a global variable.
2. Pass the global variable as the `hDlg` parameter to the `IsDialogMessage()` function, which is normally called from the application's main message loop.
3. Update the global variable whenever a modeless dialog box's window procedure receives a `WM_ACTIVATE` message, as follows:
 - If the dialog is losing activation (`wParam` is 0), set the global variable to `NULL`.
 - If the dialog is becoming active (`wParam` is 1 or 2), set the global variable to the dialog's window handle.

MORE INFORMATION

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The information below demonstrates how to implement this technique.

1. Declare a global variable for the modeless dialog box's window handle.

```
HWND hDlgCurrent = NULL;
```

2. In the application's main message loop, add a call to the `IsDialogMessage()` function.

```
while (GetMessage(&msg, NULL, 0, 0))
{
    if (NULL == hDlgCurrent || !IsDialogMessage(hDlgCurrent, &msg))
    {
        TranslateMessage(&msg);
        DispatchMessage(&msg);
    }
}
```

3. In the modeless dialog box's window procedure, process the `WM_ACTIVATE` message.

```
switch (message)
{
    case WM_ACTIVATE:
        if (0 == wParam)           // becoming inactive
            hDlgCurrent = NULL;
        else                       // becoming active
            hDlgCurrent = hDlg;

        return FALSE;
}
```

For more information on the WM_ACTIVATE message, see page 6-47 in "Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit Reference Volume 1" for the Windows SDK version 3.0 and page 87 of "Programmer's Reference, Volume 3: Messages, Structures, and Macros" for the Windows SDK version 3.1.

For details on the IsDialogMessage() function, see page 4-266 in "Windows Software Development Kit Reference Volume 1" for the Windows SDK version 3.0 and page 553 of "Programmer's Reference, Volume 2: Functions" for the Windows SDK version 3.1.

For details on using a modeless dialog box in an application for the Windows environment, see Chapter 10 of "Programming Windows," second edition, (Microsoft Press) written by Charles Petzold.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrDlgs

Various Ways to Access Submenus and Menu Items

Article ID: Q71454

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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In calls to Microsoft Windows functions that create, modify, and destroy menus, an application can access an individual menu item by either its position or its item ID. A pop-up menu must be accessed by its position because it does not have a menu-item ID.

Specifically, when an application calls the `EnableMenuItem()` function to enable, disable, or dim (gray) an individual menu item, the application can specify either the `MF_BYPOSITION` or the `MF_BYCOMMAND` flag in the `wEnable` parameter. When the application calls `EnableMenuItem()` to access a pop-up menu, it must specify the `MF_BYPOSITION` flag.

The information below provides examples of the following:

- Retrieving a menu handle for a submenu
- Accessing a submenu
- Accessing a menu item

MORE INFORMATION

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The following resource-file menu template provides the basis for the source code examples in this article. The template describes a top-level menu with two pop-up submenus. One of the submenus contains a third, nested submenu.

```
GenericMenu MENU
BEGIN
    POPUP "&Help"
    BEGIN
        MENUITEM "&About Generic...", IDM_ABOUT
    END

    POPUP "&Test"
    BEGIN
        POPUP "&Nested"
        BEGIN
            MENUITEM "&1 Beep", IDM_1BEEP
            MENUITEM "&2 Beeps", IDM_2BEEPS
        END
    END
END
END
```

Retrieving the Handle to a Submenu

Code such as the following can be used to obtain handles to the menus:

```
HMENU hMainMenu, hHelpPopup, hTestPopup, hNestedPopup;  
  
<other program lines>  
  
hMainMenu = GetMenu(hWnd);  
hHelpPopup = GetSubMenu(hMainMenu, 0);  
hTestPopup = GetSubMenu(hMainMenu, 1);  
hNestedPopup = GetSubMenu(hTestPopup, 0);
```

The second parameter of the GetSubMenu() function, nPos, is the position of the desired submenu. Positions are numbered starting at zero for the first menu item.

Disabling a Submenu

The following call disables and dims the nested pop-up menu:

```
EnableMenuItem (hTestPopup, 0, MF_BYPOSITION | MF_GRAYED);
```

The following call disables and dims the Test pop-up menu:

```
EnableMenuItem (hMainMenu, 1, MF_BYPOSITION | MF_GRAYED);
```

The second parameter of the EnableMenuItem() function, wIDEnabledItem, is the position of the submenu. As above, positions are numbered starting at zero. Note that the call must specify the MF_BYPOSITION flag because a pop-up menu does not have a menu-item ID.

Disabling a Menu Item

The 1 Beep menu item can be disabled and dimmed by using any one of the following calls:

```
EnableMenuItem(hMainMenu, IDM_1BEEP, MF_BYCOMMAND | MF_GRAYED);  
EnableMenuItem(hTestPopup, IDM_1BEEP, MF_BYCOMMAND | MF_GRAYED);  
EnableMenuItem(hNestedPopup, IDM_1BEEP, MF_BYCOMMAND | MF_GRAYED);  
EnableMenuItem(hNestedPopup, 0, MF_BYPOSITION | MF_GRAYED);
```

A menu item can be specified by either by its menu-item ID value (using the MF_BYCOMMAND flag) or by its position (using the MF_BYPOSITION) flag. If the application specifies the menu-item ID value, Windows must walk the menu structure and search for a menu item with the correct ID. This implies the each menu-item ID value must be unique for a given menu.

Other Windows Menu Functions

Although the EnableMenuItem() function is used in the example above, the

same general approach is used for all Windows menu functions; access pop-up menus by position, and access menu items by position or menu-item ID.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 dimmed unavailable

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrMen

Determining Selected Items in a Multiselection List Box

Article ID: Q71759

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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To obtain the indexes of all the selected items in a multiselection list box, the LB_GETSELITEMS message should be sent to the list box.

The message LB_GETCURSEL cannot be used for this purpose because it is designed for use in single-selection list boxes.

Another approach is to send one LB_GETSEL message for every item of the multiselection list box to get its selection state. If the item is selected, LB_GETSEL returns a positive number. The indexes can be built into an array of selected items.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Menu Operations When MDI Child Maximized

Article ID: Q71836

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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Pop-up menus added to an MDI application's menu using `InsertMenu()` with `MF_BYPOSITION` will be inserted one position further left than expected if the active MDI child window is maximized. This behavior occurs because the system menu of the active MDI child is inserted into the first position of the MDI frame window's menu bar.

To avoid this problem, if the active child is maximized when a new pop-up is inserted by position, add 1 (one) to the position value that would otherwise have been used. To determine that the currently active child window is maximized, send a `WM_MDIGETACTIVE` message to the MDI client window. In 16-bit Windows, if the high word of the return value from this message contains 1, the active child window is maximized. In Win32, you need to pass a pointer to a `BOOL` in the `lParam`. If the child window is maximized, then Windows will set the `BOOL` pointed to by the `lParam` to `TRUE`.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrMdi

Using a Modeless Dialog Box with No Dialog Function

Article ID: Q72136

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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When creating a modeless dialog box with the default dialog class, an application normally passes a procedure-instance address of the dialog function to the `CreateDialog()` function. This dialog function processes messages such as `WM_INITDIALOG` and `WM_COMMAND`, returning `TRUE` or `FALSE`.

It is acceptable to create a modeless dialog box that uses `NULL` for the `lpDialogFunc` parameter of `CreateDialog()`. This type of dialog box is useful when the no controls or other input facilities are required. In this case, using `NULL` simplifies the programming.

However, the dialog box must be closed through some means other than a push button (for example, via a timer event).

NOTE: A modal dialog box that does not provide a means of closing itself will hang its parent application because control will never return from the `DialogBox()` function call.

If `lpDialogFunc` is `NULL`, no `WM_INITDIALOG` message will be sent, and `DefDlgProc()` does not attempt to call a dialog function. Instead, `DefDlgProc()` handles all messages for the dialog. The application that created the modeless dialog must explicitly call `DestroyWindow()` to free its system resources.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrDlgs

WM_CHAROITEM Messages Not Received by Parent of List Box
Article ID: Q72552

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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When keyboard input is sent to a list box that has the LBS_WANTKEYBOARDINPUT style bit set, its parent does not receive WM_CHAROITEM messages; however, WM_VKEYTOITEM messages are received. This is because the list box has the LBS_HASSTRINGS style bit set.

This behavior is by design. Windows sets the LBS_HASSTRINGS style bit for all list boxes except owner-draw list boxes. An owner-draw list box can be created with this style bit turned on or off. For owner-draw list boxes, the state of the LBS_HASSTRINGS style bit determines which messages are sent. WM_CHAROITEM messages and WM_VKEYTOITEM messages are mutually exclusive.

The documentation for WM_CHAROITEM states:

Only owner-draw list boxes that do not have the LBS_HASSTRINGS style can receive this message.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95 listbox

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrInp

Windows Does Not Support Nested MDI Client Windows

Article ID: Q74041

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The Microsoft Windows implementation of the multiple document interface (MDI) does not support nested MDI client windows. In other words, neither an MDI client window nor an MDI child window can have an MDI client window as a child.

MORE INFORMATION

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A Windows MDI client window is a member of the MDIClient window class, and the Windows MDI model assumes that the parent of an MDIClient window is a top-level frame window with a valid menu bar. This assumption is necessary to implement the basic functionality defined by the MDI interface, and it precludes the possibility of using nested MDIClient windows. However, an application can have multiple top-level windows, and each top-level window can have a separate MDIClient window as a child.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrMdi

How to Use PeekMessage() Correctly in Windows

Article ID: Q74042

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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In the Windows environment, many applications use a PeekMessage() loop to perform background processing. Such applications must allow the Windows system to enter an idle state when their background processing is complete. Otherwise, system performance, "idle-time" system processes such as paging optimizations, and power management on battery-powered systems will be adversely affected.

While an application is in a PeekMessage() loop, the Windows system cannot go idle. Therefore, an application should not remain in a PeekMessage() loop after its background processing has completed.

NOTE: The PeekMessage method described in this article is only needed if your application is a 32-bit application for Windows and is, for some reason, unable to create threads and perform background processing.

MORE INFORMATION

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Many Windows-based applications use PeekMessage() to retrieve messages while they are in the middle of a long process, such as printing, repaginating, or recalculating, that must be done "in the background." PeekMessage() is used in these situations because, unlike GetMessage(), it does not wait for a message to be placed in the queue before it returns.

An application should not call PeekMessage() unless it has background processing to do between the calls to PeekMessage(). When an application is waiting for an input event, it should call GetMessage() or WaitMessage().

Remaining in a PeekMessage() loop when there is no background work causes system performance problems. A program in a PeekMessage() loop continues to be rescheduled by the Windows scheduler, consuming CPU time and taking time away from other processes.

In enhanced mode, the virtual machine (VM) in which Windows is running will not appear to be idle as long as an application is calling the PeekMessage function. Therefore, the Windows VM will continue to receive a considerable fraction of CPU time.

Many power management methods employed on laptop and notebook computers are based on the system going idle when there is no processing to do. An application that remains in a PeekMessage() loop will make the system appear busy to power management software, resulting in excessive power consumption and shortening the time that the user can run the system.

In the future, the Windows system will make more and more use of idle time to do background processing, which is designed to optimize system performance. Applications that do not allow the system to go idle will adversely affect the performance of these techniques.

All these problems can be avoided by calling the PeekMessage() function only when there is background work to do, and calling GetMessage() or WaitMessage() when there is no background work to do.

For example, consider the following PeekMessage() loop. If there is no background processing to do, this loop will continue to run without waiting for messages, preventing the system from going idle and causing the negative effects described above.

```
// This PeekMessage loop will NOT let the system go idle.

for( ;; )
{
    while (PeekMessage(&msg, NULL, 0, 0, PM_REMOVE))
    {
        if (msg.message == WM_QUIT)
            return TRUE;

        TranslateMessage(&msg);
        DispatchMessage(&msg);
    }

    BackgroundProcessing();
}
```

This loop can be rewritten in two ways, as shown below. Both of the following PeekMessage() loops have two desirable properties:

- They process all input messages before performing background processing, providing good response to user input.
- The application "idles" (waits for an input message) when no background processing needs to be done.

Improved PeekMessage Loop 1

```
// Improved PeekMessage() loop

for(;;)
{
    while (PeekMessage(&msg, NULL, 0, 0, PM_REMOVE))
    {
        if (msg.message == WM_QUIT)
            return TRUE;

        TranslateMessage(&msg);
        DispatchMessage(&msg);
    }

    if (IfBackgroundProcessingRequired())
```

```

        BackgroundProcessing();
    else
        WaitMessage(); // Will not return until a message is posted.
}

```

Improved PeekMessage Loop 2

```

// Another improved PeekMessage() loop

for (;;)
{
    for (;;)
    {
        if (IfBackgroundProcessingRequired())
        {
            if (!PeekMessage(&msg, NULL, 0, 0, PM_REMOVE))
                break;
        }
        else
            GetMessage(&msg, NULL, 0, 0, 0);

        if (msg.message == WM_QUIT)
            return TRUE;

        TranslateMessage(&msg);
        DispatchMessage(&msg);
    }
    BackgroundProcessing();
}

```

Note that calls to functions such as `IsDialogMessage()` and `TranslateAccelerator()` can be added to these loops as appropriate.

There is one case in which the loops above need additional support: if the application waits for input from a device (for example, a fax board) that does not send standard Windows messages. For the reasons outlined above, a Windows-based application should not use a `PeekMessage()` loop to continuously poll the device. Rather, implement an interrupt service routine (ISR) in a dynamic-link library (DLL). When the ISR is called, the DLL can use the `PostMessage` function to inform the application that the device requires service. DLL functions can safely call the `PostMessage()` function because the `PostMessage()` function is reentrant.

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KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrMsg

Default Edit Control Entry Validation Done by Windows

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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Under the Microsoft Windows graphical environment, multiline and single-line edit controls do not accept characters with virtual key code values less than 0x20. The two exceptions are the TAB and ENTER keys; users can enter these characters only in a multiline edit control.

If an application creates an edit control with the ES_LOWERCASE or ES_UPPERCASE style, text entry is converted into the specified case.

If an application creates an edit control with the ES_OEMCONVERT style, the text is converted from the ANSI character set to the OEM character set and then back to ANSI for display in the control.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

WM_SIZECLIPBOARD Must Be Sent by Clipboard Viewer App

Article ID: Q74274

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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The WM_SIZECLIPBOARD message is not generated by the Windows graphical environment; the clipboard viewer generates this message.

An application that can display the clipboard contents, such as the CLIPBRD.EXE application in Windows version 3.0, is a clipboard viewer. When the size of the clipboard viewer's client area changes and the clipboard contains a data handle for the CF_OWNERDISPLAY format, the clipboard viewer must send the WM_SIZECLIPBOARD message to the current clipboard owner. The GetClipboardOwner function returns the window handle of the current clipboard owner. This window handle is the handle in the last call to OpenClipboard.

When sending the WM_SIZECLIPBOARD message, the clipboard viewer must specify two parameters. The wParam parameter identifies the clipboard viewer's window handle. The low-order word of the lParam parameter contains the handle to a block of global memory that holds a RECT data structure. The RECT structure defines the area in the clipboard viewer that the clipboard owner should paint.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrClp

Dangers of Uninitialized Data Structures

Article ID: Q74277

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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In general, all fields in structures passed to functions in the Microsoft Windows graphical environment should be initialized. If a field is not initialized, it may contain random data, which can cause unexpected behavior.

For example, before an application registers a window class, it must initialize the `cbClsExtra` and `cbWndExtra` fields of the `WNDCLASS` data structure. Windows allocates `cbClsExtra` bytes for the class, and `cbWndExtra` bytes for each window created using the class. If these fields contain large random values, the application may run out of memory quickly.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrWndw

Translating Dialog-Box Size Units to Screen Units

Article ID: Q74280

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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In the Microsoft Windows graphical environment, the MapDialogRect function converts dialog-box units to screen units easily.

MORE INFORMATION

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When an application dynamically adds a child window to a dialog box, it may be necessary to align the new control with other controls that were defined in the dialog box's resource template in the RC file. Because the dialog box template defines the size and position of a controls in dialog-box units rather than in screen units (pixels), the application must translate dialog-box units to screen units to align the new child window.

An application can use the following two methods to translate dialog-box units to screen units:

1. The MapDialogRect function provides the easier method. This function converts dialog-box units to screen units automatically.

For more details on this method, please see the documentation for the MapDialogRect function in the Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK).

2. Use the GetDialogBaseUnits function to retrieve the size of the dialog base units in pixels. A dialog unit in the x direction is one-fourth of the width that GetDialogBaseUnits returns. A dialog unit in the y direction is one-eighth of the height that the function returns.

For more details on this method, see the documentation for the GetDialogBaseUnits function in the Windows SDK.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrDlgs

Button and Static Control Styles Are Not Inclusive

Article ID: Q74297

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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The class-specific window styles for button controls (BS_*) are mutually exclusive, as are the class-specific window styles for static controls (SS_*). In other words, they cannot be OR'd together as can most styles for edit controls, list boxes, and combo boxes.

For example, the following style is invalid:

```
BS_OWNERDRAW | BS_AUTORADIOBUTTON
```

A button control is either owner-draw or it is not. In the same manner, the following style is also invalid:

```
SS_LEFT | SS_GRAYFRAME
```

WINDOWS.H defines button and static styles sequentially (1, 2, 3...), instead of as individual bits (1, 2, 4...) as other control's styles are defined. If sequential styles are OR'd together, the resulting style may be completely different from that intended.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Dialog Box Frame Styles

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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Dialog boxes can have either the `WS_DLGF` or the `WS_BORDER` style. If a dialog box is created with both of these styles, it will have a caption bar instead of the expected frame and border. This is because `WS_BORDER | WS_DLGF` is equal to `WS_CAPTION`.

To create a dialog box with a modal dialog frame and a caption, use `DS_MODALFRAME` combined with `WS_CAPTION`.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrDlgs

Associating Data with a List Box Entry

Article ID: Q74345

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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In the Microsoft Windows graphical environment, an application can use the LB_SETITEMDATA and LB_GETITEMDATA messages to associate additional information with each entry in a list box. These messages enable an application to associate an arbitrary LONG value with each entry and to retrieve that value. This article documents how an application uses these messages.

MORE INFORMATION

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In this example, the application will associate a 64-byte block of data with each list box entry. This is accomplished by allocating a global memory block and using the LB_SETITEMDATA message to associate the handle of the memory block with the appropriate list box item.

During list box initialization, the following code is executed for each list box item:

```
    if ((hLBData = GlobalAlloc(GMEM_MOVEABLE, 64))
        {
            if ((lpLBData = GlobalLock(hLBData))
                {
                    // Store data in 64-byte block.

                    GlobalUnlock(hLBData);
                }
            }
    // NOTE: The MAKELONG is not needed on 32-bit platforms.
    SendMessage(hListBox, LB_SETITEMDATA, nIndex, MAKELONG(hLBData, 0));
```

To retrieve the information associated with a list box entry, the following code can be used:

```
// NOTE: The return from LB_GETITEMDATA is a long on 32-bit platforms.
if ((hLBData = LOWORD(SendMessage(hListBox, LB_GETITEMDATA,
                                nIndex, 0L))))
    {
        if ((lpLBData = GlobalLock(hLBData))
            {
                // Access or manipulate the data or both.

                GlobalUnlock(hLBData);
            }
    }
```

Before the application terminates, it must free the memory associated with each list box item. The following code frees the memory associated with one list box item:

```
if ((hLBData = LOWORD(SendMessage(hListBox, LB_GETITEMDATA,  
    nIndex, 0L))))  
    GlobalFree(hLBData);
```

These techniques can be used to associated data with an entry in a combo box by substituting the CB_SETITEMDATA and CB_GETITEMDATA messages.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 combobox listbox

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

PRB: Applications Cannot Change the Desktop Bitmap

Article ID: Q74366

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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The desktop bitmap is not updated when an application updates the Wallpaper entry of the [Desktop] section of WIN.INI and then sends a WM_WININICHANGE message to the desktop window.

RESOLUTION

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By design, there is no supported method for an application to dynamically change the desktop bitmap under Windows 3.0 and 3.1.

MORE INFORMATION

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Please note that an application could accidentally (or maliciously) reference a desktop bitmap in a format that would GP fault the system. For additional information, please see the following article(s) in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

ARTICLE-ID: Q69292

TITLE : PRB: Video Driver GP Faults When Handling Large Bitmaps

Because the entry in WIN.INI has changed, this means that Windows will GP fault every time the user tries to start it in the future, making Windows no longer available.

In Windows 3.1, the application can call

SystemParametersInfo(SPI_SETDESKWALLPAPER,...)

which has safety checks built in.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95 WM_WININICHANGE

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubCategory: UsrIni

Clearing a Message Box

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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During the processing of the `MessageBox()` function, Windows creates a bitmap to save the part of the screen covered by the message box. Normally, before the `MessageBox()` function returns, Windows repaints the portion of the screen covered by the message box using the bitmap. In this scenario, when the user clicks on a button to dismiss the message box, the message box disappears immediately.

It is important to note that under low memory conditions, Windows will discard the bitmap. If the bitmap is discarded and a significant amount of processing takes place between the `MessageBox()` call and painting the application's window, the vestigial image of the message box will remain on the screen during the processing. If the user clicks on this image with the mouse, the underlying window will receive the mouse messages. This can cause unexpected (and possibly undesirable) effects.

To address this problem, call `UpdateWindow()` immediately after `MessageBox()`. The parameter to `UpdateWindow()` should be the parent window of the message box (or of the application's main window if the message box has no parent). This will cause the application to paint the affected window if the bitmap has been discarded. The message box will disappear immediately under all circumstances.

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KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrDlgs

Some Basic Concepts of a Message-Passing Architecture

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The following is excerpted from an article in the April 1991 issue of Software Design (Japan).

MORE INFORMATION

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Asynchronous message-passing means that Windows will send an application messages to act on and that these messages may come in any order. At present, all messages are sent to specific windows. Every window has a function that Windows calls to send that window a message. This function processes the message and returns to Windows. When the function returns to Windows, Windows may then send messages to other windows in the same program, other programs, or to the same window again.

Because most of these messages are generated by user actions (picking an item in a menu, moving a window, and so forth), the specific messages a window receives will differ each time the program is run. This is what makes the messages asynchronous.

This message passing is what makes Windows programming difficult for many programmers. The programmer is no longer writing a program in which he or she controls the flow from beginning to end. Rather, a Windows program is written as a large number of objects, each one designed to handle a specific message from Windows.

Understanding message passing is critical and because it leads to so much confusion, the concept will be explained in greater detail in this article. If message passing is understood, the remainder of Windows can be learned fairly easily. However, it is very unlikely that a Windows program or other graphical user interface (GUI) program can be successfully developed without a thorough understanding of message passing.

In a message-passing system, the focus changes from being proactive (the programmer controls the program flow) to being reactive (Windows controls the program flow). [Or as it has been put by some Macintosh programmers, "Don't call us, we'll call you."] For example, consider the situation where a user chooses an action from a menu in a program. In a proactive program, the program reads the keyboard, determines that the key(s) pressed are meant to run the action, and calls the function that performs that action. In a reactive system, the program is sent a message indicating that the user chose that item from a menu. When the program receives the message, it calls the function that performs the action. When this function is done, control returns to the system. Although the reactive approach is

substantially different from the proactive approach, it is also simpler.

In Windows, every window (including dialog boxes) has a "response function" registered to it. When Windows sends a message to a window, it calls the response function for that window and passes it the message. All messages from Windows are passed to window response functions; there is no other way for Windows to send a message to a program. Therefore, all messages are for a specific window or group of windows.

However, there are four considerations involved with this method:

1. Messages are sent in two distinct ways. The first method consists of messages that are posted to a first-in, first-out queue (PostMessage). The second method consists of messages that are sent (SendMessage). Posted messages, aside from PAINT messages, are serialized, meaning that messages cannot be posted anywhere except to the end of the queue, and the application is sent messages only from the beginning of the queue. Posted PAINT messages are an exception. They are added together and sent only when there is nothing else in the queue. This is done to reduce the number of times a window has to paint itself.

Messages that are sent are passed to the application immediately, and the send function does not return until the message is processed. However, when a message is posted, an indeterminate number of messages and amount of time will pass before the message is actually sent to a window and acted on. Also, when a message is sent, a message posted earlier may not yet have been acted on.

2. Sending messages or calling functions (which may, as part of their actions, also send messages), can lead to additional messages being generated. The most dangerous situation is where the action for a message generates the same message again. If, while processing a message, an application sends the same message to itself, the application will run out of stack space quite quickly. If an application POSTS the same message to itself, the application will not run out of stack but it will generate an unending stream of messages.
3. If, while processing a message, an application calls a function that sends a message, the application will process the second message in the middle of processing the first message. Therefore, each window response function MUST be fully re-entrant. It is even possible for a function to be re-entered to process the same message as the message currently being processed. For this reason, using global or static variables in a response function is very dangerous.

Also, if the application uses properties, scratch files and/or other data storage mechanisms, extreme caution is required. Consider the situation where one message reads in data from a file, then a second message reads in the same data, makes changes to that data, and writes it back to the file. If the first message makes additional changes to the data and writes its new data back to the file, the changes caused by the second message are completely lost. With files, each application must implement its own sharing mechanism. For properties, allocated memory and other memory

storage, there is a simple solution: lock the item and use the pointer returned. Because only one lock is allowed, this prevents contention. Never copy the data into a scratch buffer to copy back later.

4. Because messages come in due to user interaction, the application cannot be written to assume that when a particular message is received that another message has already been processed and performed its functions. While, for a given action, a specific sequence of messages may occur, in the interest of remaining completely compatible with potential changes in future versions of Windows, it is recommended that no message ordering dependencies be introduced unless absolutely necessary. The best example of this is that the first message a window gets when it is being created is not `WM_CREATE`, rather it is `WM_GETMINMAXINFO`. When one message must logically follow a second (such as `WM_CREATE` always preceding `WM_DESTROY`), then it is fine to depend on the specific ordering of those two messages.

The asynchronous, reactive nature of Windows programming can cause confusion. Because the program has no control over the order that messages arrive, the response to ANY specific message CANNOT depend on other messages having been processed or NOT been processed.

To confuse matters even further, an application may be in the middle of processing one message when it calls a Windows function that sends the application another message. When processing this second message, some dependent processing may be only half finished. If an application will check and only do some processing if another message has not already performed it, the application must be prepared for the case where another message has begun the processing, but has not completed it.

Further, when an application sets up a modal dialog box, the `DialogBox()` function will not return until after the dialog box is dismissed and processing completed. Therefore, after calling the dialog box function, all combinations of user-generated messages may be received before the function returns.

NOTE: 16-bit Windows is non-preemptively multitasks its Windows tasks. Therefore, an application generally does not need to be designed to process a user-originated message in the middle of processing another message. However, when an application calls a Windows function, the application may then get a set of specific messages sent to it by Windows before the called function returns.

32-bit Windows 95 and Windows NT are preemptive multitasking systems. Each thread has its own input queue. It is a good idea to create a separate thread of execution for the user interface so that it is responsive to user input.

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KBSubcategory: UsrMsg

Creating and Using a Custom Caret

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 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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In the Microsoft Windows graphical environment, creating a custom caret is simple. Windows has a series of caret control, creation, and deletion functions specifically designed to make manipulating the caret easy.

MORE INFORMATION

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The caret is a shared system resource. Unlike brushes, pens, device contexts and such, but like the cursor, only one caret is available under Windows. Also, like the cursor, an application can define a custom shape for the caret.

The `CreateCaret()` function creates a custom caret. Its syntax is as follows:

```
void CreateCaret(HWND hWnd, HBITMAP hBitmap,  
                int nWidth, int nHeight);
```

The caret shape can be a line, a block, or a bitmap specified as the `hBitmap` parameter. If the `hBitmap` parameter contains a valid handle [a bitmap handle returned from the `CreateBitmap()`, `CreateDIBitmap()`, or `LoadBitmap()` function], `CreateCaret()` ignores the values of its `nWidth` and `nHeight` parameters and uses the dimensions of the bitmap. If `hBitmap` is `NULL`, the caret is a solid block; if `hBitmap` is one, the caret is a gray block. The `nWidth` and `nHeight` parameters specify the caret size in logical units. If either `nWidth` or `nHeight` is zero, the caret width or height is set to the window-border width or height.

If an application uses a bitmap for the caret shape, the caret can be in color; unlike the cursor, the caret is not restricted to monochrome.

`CreateCaret()` automatically destroys the previous caret shape, if any, regardless of which window owns the caret. The new caret is initially hidden; call the `ShowCaret()` function to display the caret.

Because the caret is a shared resource, a window should create a caret only when it has the input focus or is active. It should destroy the caret before it loses the input focus or becomes inactive. Only the window that owns the caret should move it, show it, hide it, or modify it in any way.

Other functions related to the caret are the following:

- `SetCaretPos()`
This function moves the caret to the specified position (in logical coordinates).
- `GetCaretPos()`
This function retrieves the caret's current position (in screen coordinates).
- `ShowCaret()`
This function shows the caret on the display at the caret's current position. When shown, the caret flashes automatically. If the caret is not owned by the window specified in the call, the caret is not shown.
- `HideCaret()`
This function hides the caret by removing it from the display screen. `HideCaret()` hides the caret only if the window handle specified in the call is the window that owns the caret. Hiding the caret does not destroy it.

NOTE: Hiding the caret is cumulative; `ShowCaret()` must be called once for every call to `HideCaret()`. For example, if `HideCaret()` is called five times, `ShowCaret()` must be called five times for the caret to be shown.

- `DestroyCaret()`
This function removes the caret from the screen, frees the caret from the current owner-window, and destroys the current shape of the caret. It destroys the caret only if the current task owns the caret. This call should be used in conjunction with `CreateCaret()`. `DestroyCaret()` does not free or destroy a bitmap used to define the caret shape.
- `SetCaretBlinkTime()`
This function sets the caret blink rate. After the blink rate is set, it remains the same until the same window changes it again, another window changes it, another application changes it, or Windows is rebooted.
- `GetCaretBlinkTime()`
This function returns the current caret blink rate.

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KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: UsrCrt

Importance of Calling DefHookProc()

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- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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When an application installs a hook using SetWindowsHook(), Windows adds the hook's callback filter function to the hook chain. It is the responsibility of each callback function to call the next function in the chain. DefHookProc() is used to call the next function in the hook chain for Windows 3.0. DefHookProc() is retained in Windows 3.1 for backwards compatibility. For Windows 3.1, you should use CallNextHookEx() to call the next function in the hook chain.

For Win32, mouse and keyboard hooks can suppress messages by return value and do not have to call CallNextHookEx(), unless they want to pass the message on. Other hooks, like WH_CALLWNDPROC, don't need to call CallNextHookEx(), because it will be called by the system. However, all hooks should call CallNextHookEx() immediately if nCode<0.

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Windows 3.0

If a callback function does not call DefHookProc(), none of the filter functions that were installed before the current filter will be called. Windows will try to process the message and this could hang the system.

Only a keyboard hook (WH_KEYBOARD) can suppress a keyboard event by not calling DefHookProc() and returning a 1. When the system gets a value of 1 from a keyboard hook callback function, it discards the message.

Windows 3.1

In Windows 3.1, the WH_MOUSE hook will work like the WH_KEYBOARD hook in that the mouse event can be suppressed by returning 1 instead of calling DefHookProc().

Furthermore, when the hook callback function receives a negative value for the nCode parameter, it should pass the message and the parameters to DefHookProc() without further processing. When nCode is negative, Windows is in the process of removing a hook callback function from the hook chain.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UshrHks

Handling WM_CANCELMODE in a Custom Control

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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In the Microsoft Windows graphical environment, the WM_CANCELMODE message informs a window that it should cancel any internal state. This message is sent to the window with the focus when a dialog box or a message box is displayed, giving the window the opportunity to cancel states such as mouse capture.

When a control has the focus, it receives a WM_CANCELMODE message when the EnableWindow function disables the control or when a dialog box or a message box is displayed. When a control receives this message, it should cancel modes, such as mouse capture, and delete any timers it has created. A control must cancel these modes because an application may use a notification from the control to display a dialog box or a message box.

The DefWindowProc function processes WM_CANCELMODE by calling the ReleaseCapture function, which cancels the mouse capture for whatever window has the capture. The DefWindowProc function does not cancel any other modes.

MORE INFORMATION

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For example, consider a miniature scroll bar custom control that, when it receives a mouse click, sets the mouse capture, creates a timer to provide for repeated scrolling, and sends a WM_VSCROLL message to its parent application. The timer is used to send WM_VSCROLL messages periodically to the parent when the mouse button is held down and the mouse is over the control.

If the application displays a dialog box in response to the WM_VSCROLL message, the control receives a WM_CANCELMODE message, at which time it should kill its timer and release the mouse capture. If the WM_CANCELMODE message is simply passed to the DefWindowProc function, only the mouse capture is released; the timer remains active. When the dialog box is closed, the control immediately sends the parent another WM_VSCROLL message, causing it to display the dialog box again.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Creating a Nonblinking Caret

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The Microsoft Windows graphical environment is designed to provide a blinking caret. However, using a timer and the `SetCaretBlinkTime()` function, an application can "trick" the caret into not blinking.

MORE INFORMATION

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Although Windows is designed to blink the caret at a specified interval, a timer function and `SetCaretBlinkTime()` can be used to prevent Windows from turning the caret off by following these three steps:

1. Call `SetCaretBlinkTime(10000)`, which instructs Windows to blink the caret every 10,000 milliseconds (10 seconds). This results in a "round-trip" time of 20 seconds to go from OFF to ON and back to OFF (or vice versa).
2. Create a timer, using `SetTimer()`, specifying a timer procedure and a 5,000 millisecond interval between timer ticks.
3. In the timer procedure, call `SetCaretBlinkTime(10000)`. This resets the timer in Windows that controls the caret blink.

When an application implements this procedure, Windows never removes the caret from the screen, and the caret does not blink.

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KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCrt

Using Private Templates with Common Dialogs

Article ID: Q74609

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, version 3.5
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SUMMARY

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An application which uses the common dialog library (COMMDLG.DLL) can provide its own dialog resource template to be used instead of the standard template. In this way, the application can include private dialog items specific to its needs without losing the benefits of using the COMMDLG's dialog handling.

MORE INFORMATION

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Each common dialog data structure contains an lpTemplateName element. (Note that the Print Dialog structure contains two such elements, each with a distinct name -- see specifics of PrintDlg for details.) This element points to a null-terminated string that names the dialog box template resource to be substituted for the standard dialog template. If the dialog resource is numbered, the application can use the MAKEINTRESOURCE macro to convert the number into a pointer to a string. Alternatively, the application can choose to pass a handle to a preloaded dialog template. The Flags element of the dialog data structure must be set to indicate which method is being used.

After loading the application's dialog template, the common dialog DLL initializes the dialog items as it would for the standard template. This leads to an important point: all dialog items in the standard template must also exist in the application's private template. Note that the items do not have to be enabled or visible -- they just have to exist.

Once the DLL has finished handling the WM_INITDIALOG message, it passes that message on to the application's dialog hook function. The hook function handles WM_INITDIALOG by initializing the application's private dialog items. It can also disable and hide any items from the standard template that the application does not want to use.

The hook function should process messages and notifications concerning the private dialog items.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCmnDlg

Common Dialog Boxes and the WM_INITDIALOG Message

Article ID: Q74610

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, version 3.5
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SUMMARY

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An application using the common dialog box library (COMMDLG.DLL) can override any information initialized in the DLL by handling the WM_INITDIALOG message in its dialog hook function. If the application is using a private dialog template, it should also initialize all private dialog items while handling this message.

After processing the WM_INITDIALOG message, the hook function should return FALSE if it has set the focus to a dialog control, and return TRUE if Windows should set the focus.

MORE INFORMATION

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For example, consider an application that is using the Open File common dialog box (via GetOpenFileName()) but does not want the Drives combo box to appear in the dialog box. Since all dialog items in the standard dialog template must be included in the application's private dialog template, the application will need to include code to disable and hide the Drives combo box and the corresponding "Drives:" static text control. This code would be implemented in the WM_INITDIALOG case of the dialog hook function, as follows:

```
case WM_INITDIALOG:
    hWnd = GetDlgItem( hDlg, cmb2 ); // Get Drives combo box handle
    EnableWindow( hWnd, FALSE );    // No longer receives input,
                                    // no longer a tabstop
    SetWindowPos( hWnd, NULL, 0, 0, 0, 0, SWP_HIDEWINDOW );

    hWnd = GetDlgItem( hDlg, stc4 ); // Get "Drives:" static control
    EnableWindow( hWnd, FALSE );    // no longer an accelerator
    SetWindowPos( hWnd, NULL, 0, 0, 0, 0, SWP_HIDEWINDOW);

    // Initialize private dialog items here...

    return( TRUE );                // Let Windows set the focus
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCmnDlg

Open File Dialog Box -- Pros and Cons

Article ID: Q74612

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Applications can call the common dialog library (COMMDLG.DLL) function `GetOpenFileName()` to retrieve the name of a file that the user wants to manipulate. Using this DLL provides a common interface for opening files across applications and also eliminates dialog-box message processing within the application's code. However, the application must initialize a structure specific to the dialog box. This article discusses the benefits and costs of using the Open File common dialog, via `GetOpenFileName()`.

MORE INFORMATION

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When an application uses the Open File dialog box provided by the common dialog DLL, the primary benefit to that application's users will be a familiar interface. Once they learn how to open a file in one application that uses the DLL, they will know how to open a file in all applications that use it.

Features of the Open File dialog include:

- A list box of files, filtered by extension, in the current directory
- A list box of directories from root of current drive to current directory, plus subdirectories
- A combo box of file types to list in filename list box
- A combo box of drives available, distinguished by drive type
- An optional "Read Only" check box
- An optional "Help" button
- An optional application hook function to modify standard behavior
- An optional dialog template to add private application features

For the application's programming staff, the benefits of using the Open File common dialog will include:

- No dialog-box message processing necessary to implement the Open File dialog box
- Drive and directory listings are constructed by the DLL, not by the application
- A full pathname for the file to be opened is passed back to the application, and this name can be passed directly to the `OpenFile` function
- Offsets into the full pathname are also returned, giving the application access to the filename (sans pathname) and the file extension without the need for parsing
- The application can pass in its own dialog box template, in which case the DLL will use that template instead of the standard template

- The application can provide a dialog hook function to extend the interface of the DLL or to change how events are handled
- The application can choose to have a single filename or multiple filenames returned from the dialog box

The cost for the programming staff could be in adapting previously written application code to handle the common dialog interface. While making this change is straightforward, it does require coding time. If the application only needs a filename with no path, the Open File common dialog is probably not appropriate.

For more information on using the Open File common dialog, query on `GetOpenFileName()`.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCmnDlg

Changing the Font Used by Dialog Controls in Windows

Article ID: Q74737

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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In Windows 3.x, there are two ways to specify the font used by dialog controls:

1. The FONT statement can be used in the dialog template to specify the font used by ALL the controls in the dialog box.

-or-

2. The WM_SETFONT message can be sent to one or more dialog controls during the processing of the WM_INITDIALOG message.

If a font is specified in the dialog template, the controls will use a bold version of that font. The following code demonstrates how to change the font used by dialog box controls to a nonbold font using WM_SETFONT. The font should be deleted with DeleteObject() when the dialog box is closed.

```
HWND hDlg;  
HFONT hDlgFont;  
LOGFONT lFont;
```

```
case WM_INITDIALOG:  
    /* Get dialog font and create non-bold version */  
    hDlgFont = NULL;  
    if ((hDlgFont = (HFONT)SendMessage(hDlg, WM_GETFONT, 0, 0L))  
        != NULL)  
    {  
        if (GetObject(hDlgFont, sizeof(LOGFONT), (LPSTR)&lFont)  
            != NULL)  
        {  
            lFont.lfWeight = FW_NORMAL;  
            if ((hDlgFont = CreateFontIndirect(&lFont)) != NULL)  
            {  
                SendDlgItemMessage(hDlg, CTRL1, WM_SETFONT, hDlgFont, 0L);  
                // Send WM_SETFONT message to desired controls  
            }  
        }  
    }  
    else // user did not specify a font in the dialog template  
    { // must simulate system font  
        lFont.lfHeight = 13;  
        lFont.lfWidth = 0;  
        lFont.lfEscapement = 0;  
        lFont.lfOrientation = 0;  
        lFont.lfWeight = 200; // non-bold font weight  
        lFont.lfItalic = 0;
```

```
lFont.lfUnderline = 0;
lFont.lfStrikeOut = 0;
lFont.lfCharSet = ANSI_CHARSET;
lFont.lfOutPrecision = OUT_DEFAULT_PRECIS;
lFont.lfClipPrecision = CLIP_DEFAULT_PRECIS;
lFont.lfQuality = DEFAULT_QUALITY;
lFont.lfPitchAndFamily = VARIABLE_PITCH | FF_SWISS;
lFont.lfFaceName[0] = NULL;
hDlgFont = CreateFontIndirect(&lFont);

SendDlgItemMessage(hDlg, CTRL1, WM_SETFONT, hDlgFont,
    (DWORD)TRUE);
// Send WM_SETFONT message to desired controls
}
```

```
return TRUE;
break;
```

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: UsrDlgs

PRB: MDI Program Menu Items Changed Unexpectedly

Article ID: Q74789

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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In an application for the Microsoft Windows graphical environment developed using the Windows multiple document interface (MDI), when the Window menu changes to indicate the addition of MDI child windows, another menu of the application is also changed.

For example, if the menu resembles the following before any windows are opened

FILE	WINDOW
Load	Cascade
Save	Tile
Save As...	Arrange Icons
Exit	

the menu might resemble the following after the first window is opened:

FILE	WINDOW
Load	Cascade
1: MENU.TXT	Tile
Save As...	Arrange Icons
Exit	-----
	1: MENU.TXT

CAUSE

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One or more menu items have menu-item identifiers that are greater than or equal to the value of the idFirstChild member of the CLIENTCREATESTRUCT data structure used to create the MDI client window.

RESOLUTION

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Change the value of the idFirstChild member to be larger than any menu item identifiers.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: UsrMdi

Making a List Box Item Unavailable for Selection

Article ID: Q74792

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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In the Microsoft Windows graphical environment, an application can use a list box to enumerate options. However, there are circumstances in which one or more options may not be appropriate. The application can change the appearance of items in a list box and prevent the user from selecting one of these items by using the techniques discussed below.

MORE INFORMATION

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Changing the Appearance of a List Box Item

To dim (gray) a particular item in a list box, use an owner-draw list box as follows:

1. Create a list box that has the LBS_OWNERDRAW and LBS_HASSTRINGS styles.
2. Use the following code to process the WM_MEASUREITEM message:

```
case WM_MEASUREITEM:
    ((MEASUREITEMSTRUCT FAR *) (lParam))->itemHeight = wItemHeight;
    break;
```

wItemHeight is the height of a character in the list box font.

3. Use the following code to process the WM_DRAWITEM message:

```
#define PHDC (pDIS->hDC)
#define PRC (pDIS->rcItem)

DRAWITEMSTRUCT FAR *pDIS;

...

case WM_DRAWITEM:
    pDIS = (DRAWITEMSTRUCT FAR *) lParam;

    /* Draw the focus rectangle for an empty list box or an
       empty combo box to indicate that the control has the
       focus
    */
    if ((int) (pDIS->itemID) < 0)
    {
```

```

switch(pDIS->CtlType)
{
    case ODT_LISTBOX:
        if ((pDIS->itemAction) & (ODA_FOCUS))
            DrawFocusRect (PHDC, &PRC);
        break;

    case ODT_COMBOBOX:
        if ((pDIS->itemState) & (ODS_FOCUS))
            DrawFocusRect (PHDC, &PRC);
        break;
}
return TRUE;
}

/* Get the string */
switch(pDIS->CtlType)
{
    case ODT_LISTBOX:
        SendMessage ( pDIS->hwndItem,
                      LB_GETTEXT,
                      pDIS->itemID,
                      (LPARAM) (LPSTR) szBuf);

        break;

    case ODT_COMBOBOX:
        SendMessage ( pDIS->hwndItem,
                      CB_GETLBTEXT,
                      pDIS->itemID,
                      (LPARAM) (LPSTR) szBuf);

        break;
}

if (*szBuf == '!')    // This string is disabled
{
    hbrGray = CreateSolidBrush (GetSysColor
                                (COLOR_GRAYTEXT));
    GrayString ( PHDC,
                hbrGray,
                NULL,
                (LPARAM) (LPSTR) (szBuf + 1),
                0,
                PRC.left,
                PRC.top,
                0,
                0);
    DeleteObject (hbrGray);

    /* SPECIAL CASE - Need to draw the focus rectangle if
       there is no current selection in the list box, the
       1st item in the list box is disabled, and the 1st
       item has gained or lost the focus
    */
    if (pDIS->CtlType == ODT_LISTBOX)
    {
        if (SendMessage ( pDIS->hwndItem,
                          LB_GETCURSEL,

```

```

        0,
        0L) == LB_ERR)
    if ( (pDIS->itemID == 0) &&
        ((pDIS->itemAction) & (ODA_FOCUS)))
        DrawFocusRect (PHDC, &PRC);
    }
}

else // This string is enabled
{
    if ((pDIS->itemState) & (ODS_SELECTED))
    {
        /* Set background and text colors for selected
        item */
        crBack = GetSysColor (COLOR_HIGHLIGHT);
        crText = GetSysColor (COLOR_HIGHLIGHTTEXT);
    }
    else
    {
        /* Set background and text colors for unselected
        item */
        crBack = GetSysColor (COLOR_WINDOW);
        crText = GetSysColor (COLOR_WINDOWTEXT);
    }

    // Fill item rectangle with background color
    hbrBack = CreateSolidBrush (crBack);
    FillRect (PHDC, &PRC, hbrBack);
    DeleteObject (hbrBack);

    // Set current background and text colors
    SetBkColor (PHDC, crBack);
    SetTextColor (PHDC, crText);

    // TextOut uses current background and text colors
    TextOut ( PHDC,
              PRC.left,
              PRC.top,
              szBuf,
              lstrlen(szBuf));

    /* If enabled item has the input focus, call
    DrawFocusRect to set or clear the focus
    rectangle */
    if ((pDIS->itemState) & (ODS_FOCUS))
        DrawFocusRect (PHDC, &PRC);
}

return TRUE;

```

Strings that start with "!" are displayed dimmed. The exclamation mark character is not displayed.

Preventing Selection

To prevent a dimmed string from being selected, create the list box

with the LBS_NOTIFY style. Then use the following code in the list box's parent window procedure to process the LBN_SELCHANGE notification:

```
case WM_COMMAND:

    switch (wParam)
    {

        ...

    case IDD_LISTBOX:
        if (LBN_SELCHANGE == HIWORD(lParam))
        {
            idx = (int)SendDlgItemMessage(hDlg, wParam,
                LB_GETCURSEL, 0, 0L);
            SendDlgItemMessage(hDlg, wParam, LB_GETTEXT, idx,
                (LONG) (LPSTR) szBuf);
            if ('!' == *szBuf)
            {
                // Calculate an alternate index here
                // (not shown in this example).

                // Then set the index.
                SendDlgItemMessage(hDlg, wParam, LB_SETCURSEL, idx, 0L);
            }
        }
        break;

        ...

    }
    break;
```

When the user attempts to select a dimmed item, the alternate index calculation moves the selection to an available item.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 listbox
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Centering a Dialog Box on the Screen

Article ID: Q74798

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, version 3.5 and 3.51
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When an application developed for the Microsoft Windows graphical environment displays a dialog box, centering the dialog box on the screen is sometimes desirable. However, on systems with high-resolution displays, the application displaying the dialog box may be nowhere near the center of the screen. In these cases, it is preferable to place the dialog near the application requesting input.

To center a dialog box on the screen before it is visible, add the following lines to the processing of the WM_INITDIALOG message:

```
{
RECT rc;

GetWindowRect(hDlg, &rc);

SetWindowPos(hDlg, NULL,
    ((GetSystemMetrics(SM_CXSCREEN) - (rc.right - rc.left)) / 2),
    ((GetSystemMetrics(SM_CYSCREEN) - (rc.bottom - rc.top)) / 2),
    0, 0, SWP_NOSIZE | SWP_NOACTIVATE);
}
```

This code centers the dialog horizontally and vertically.

Under Windows 95, you should use the new style DS_CENTER to get the same effect.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrDlgs

Avoid Calling SendMessage() Inside a Hook Filter Function

Article ID: Q74857

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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A hook filter function should not call SendMessage() to pass intertask messages because this behavior can create a deadlock condition in Windows. If a hook filter function is called as a result of an intertask SendMessage(), and if the hook function then yields control with an intertask SendMessage(), a message deadlock condition may occur. For this reason, hook filters should use PostMessage() rather than SendMessage() to pass messages to other applications.

NOTE: A hook filter can use SendMessage() to pass a message to the current task because this will not yield the control.

Section 1.1.5 of the "Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit Reference Volume 1" from the Windows SDK version 3.0 documentation has more information on message deadlocks.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrHks

Specifying Time to Display and Remove a Dialog Box

Article ID: Q74888

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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It is possible to modify the timing of the display of a dialog box. For example, an application has its copyright message in a dialog box that does not have any push buttons. This dialog box is designed to be displayed for five seconds and then to disappear. This article discusses a method to implement this functionality.

MORE INFORMATION

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Windows draws the dialog box on the screen during the processing of a WM_PAINT message. Because all other messages (except for WM_TIMER messages) are processed before WM_PAINT messages, there may be some delay before the dialog box is painted. This delay may be avoided by placing the following code in the processing of the WM_INITDIALOG message:

```
ShowWindow(hDlg);  
UpdateWindow(hDlg);
```

This code causes Windows to send a WM_PAINT message to the dialog box, bypassing the other messages that may be in the application's queue.

To keep the dialog box on the screen for a particular period of time, a timer should be created during the processing of the WM_INITDIALOG message. When the WM_TIMER message is received, call EndDialog() to close the dialog box.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrDlgs

Determining Visible Window Area When Windows Overlap

Article ID: Q75236

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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There is no Windows API that reports the portion of an application's window that is not obscured by other windows. To determine which areas of the window are covered, it is necessary to walk through the window list managed by Windows.

Each window that precedes the application's window is "above" that window on the screen. Using the `IntersectRect()` function, check the rectangle of the window with any windows above to see if they intersect. Any window that is above the application's window and intersects its window rectangle obscures part of the application's window. By accumulating the positions of all windows that overlap the application's window, it is possible to determine which areas of the window are covered and which are not.

MORE INFORMATION

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The following sample code demonstrates this procedure:

```
GetWindowRect(hWnd, &rMyRect);    /* Get the window dimensions
                                * for the current window.
                                */
/* Start from the current window and use the GetWindow()
 * function to move through the previous window handles.
 */
for (hPrevWnd = hWnd;
     (hNextWnd = GetWindow(hPrevWnd, GW_HWNDPREV)) != NULL;
     hPrevWnd = hNextWnd)
{
    /* Get the window rectangle dimensions of the window that
     * is higher Z-Order than the application's window.
     */
    GetWindowRect(hNextWnd, &rOtherRect);

    /* Check to see if this window is visible and if intersects
     * with the rectangle of the application's window. If it does,
     * call MessageBeep(). This intersection is an area of this
     * application's window that is not visible.
     */
    if (IsWindowVisible(hNextWnd) &&
        IntersectRect(&rDestRect, &rMyRect, &rOtherRect))
    {
        MessageBeep(0);
    }
}
```

}

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrWndw

PRB: TrackPopupMenu() on LoadMenuIndirect() Menu Causes UAE
Article ID: Q75254

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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When LoadMenuIndirect() is used to create a menu from a menu template and the menu handle is passed to TrackPopupMenu(), Windows reports an unrecoverable application error (UAE). Windows NT and Windows 95 display the floating pop-up menu as a vertical bar.

CAUSE

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The menu handle returned from LoadMenuIndirect() does not point to a menu with the MF_POPUP bit set.

RESOLUTION

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The following code fragment demonstrates the correct procedure to "wrap" the menu created by LoadMenuIndirect() inside another menu. This procedure sets the MF_POPUP bit properly.

```
hMenu1 = LoadMenuIndirect(lpMenuTemplate);

hMenuDummy = CreateMenu();
InsertMenu(hMenuDummy, 0, MF_POPUP, hMenu1, NULL);

hMenuToUse = GetSubMenu(hMenuDummy, 0);
```

Use hMenuToUse when TrackPopupMenu() is called. The values of hMenu1 and hMenuToUse should be the same.

When the menu is no longer required, call DestroyMenu() to remove hMenuDummy. This call will also destroy hMenu1 and free the resources it used.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 gpf

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb kbcode

KBSubcategory: UsrMen

Initializing Menus Dynamically

Article ID: Q75630

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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Many commercial applications developed for Windows allow the user to customize the menus of the application. This ability introduces some complexity when the application must disable particular menu items at certain times. This article provides a method to perform this task.

Windows sends a WM_INITMENUPOPUP message just before a pop-up menu is displayed. The parameters to this message provide the handle to the menu and the index of the pop-up menu on the main menu.

To process this message properly, each menu item must have a unique identifier. When the application starts up, it creates a mapping array that lists the items on each menu. When the WM_INITMENUPOPUP message is received, the application checks the conditions necessary for each menu item to be disabled or checked and modifies the menu appropriately.

The application must maintain the mapping array when the user modifies the menus in any way.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrMen

PRB: Moving or Resizing the Parent of an Open Combo Box
Article ID: Q76365

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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When the user resizes or moves the parent window of an open drop-down combo box, the list box portion of the combo box does not move.

CAUSE

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The list box portion of the combo box does not receive a move message. Therefore, it remains on the screen at its original position.

RESOLUTION

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Close the drop down list before the combo box is moved. To perform this task, during the processing of the WM_PAINT message, send the combo box a CB_SHOWDROPDOWN message with the wParam set to FALSE.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 combobox

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Extending Standard Windows Controls Through Superclassing

Article ID: Q76947

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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A Windows-based application can extend the behavior of a standard Windows control by using the technique of superclassing. An application can superclass a standard Windows control by retrieving its window class information, modifying the fields of the WNDCLASS structure, and registering a new class. For example, to associate status information with each button control in an application, the buttons can be superclassed to provide a number of window extra bytes.

This article describes a technique to access the WNDCLASS structure associated with the standard "button" class.

MORE INFORMATION

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The following five steps are necessary to register a new class that uses some information from the standard windows "button" class:

1. Call GetClassInfo() to fill the WNDCLASS structure.
2. Save the cbWndExtra value in a global variable.
3. Add the desired number of bytes to the existing cbWndExtra value.
4. Change the lpszClassName field.
5. Call RegisterClass() to register the new class.

The first step will fill the WNDCLASS structure with the data that was used when the class was originally registered. In this example, the second step is necessary so that when the "new" extra bytes are accessed, the original extra bytes are not destroyed. Please note that it is NOT safe to assume that the original cbWndExtra value was zero. When accessing the "new" extra bytes, it is necessary to use the original value of cbWndExtra as the base for any new data stored in the extra bytes. The third step allocates the new extra bytes. The fourth step specifies the new name of the class to be registered, and the final step actually registers the new class.

Any new class created in this manner MUST have a unique class name. Typically, this name would be similar but not identical to the original class. For example, to superclass a button, an appropriate class name might be "superbutton." There is no conflict with class names used by other applications as long as the CS_GLOBALCLASS class style is not specified. The standard Windows "button" class remains unchanged and can still be used by the application as normal. In addition, once a new class has been

registered, any number of controls can be created and destroyed with no extra coding effort. The superclass is simply another class in the pool of classes that can be used when creating a window.

The sample code below demonstrates this procedure:

```
BOOL DefineSuperButtonClass(void)
{
#define MYEXTRABYTES 8

    HWND      hButton;
    WNDCLASS  wc;

    GetClassInfo(NULL, "button", (LPWNDCLASS)&wc);

    iStdButtonWndExtra = wc.cbWndExtra;    // Save this in a global

    wc.cbWndExtra += MYEXTRABYTES;

    lstrcpy((LPSTR)wc.lpszClassName, (LPSTR)"superbutton");

    return(RegisterClass((LPWNDCLASS)&wc));
}
```

It is important to note that the `lpszClassName`, `lpszMenuName`, and `hInstance` fields in the `WNDCLASS` structure are NOT returned by the `GetClassInfo()` function. Please refer to page 4-153 of the "Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit Reference Volume 1" for more information. Also, each time a new class is registered, scarce system resources are used. If it is necessary to alter many different standard classes, the `GetProp()`, `SetProp()`, and `RemoveProp()` functions should be used as an alternative approach to associating extra information with standard Windows controls.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Differentiating Between the Two ENTER Keys

Article ID: Q77550

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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An application may find it useful to differentiate between the user pressing the ENTER key on the standard keyboard and the ENTER key on the numeric keypad. Either action creates a WM_KEYDOWN message and a WM_KEYUP message with wParam set to the virtual key code VK_RETURN. When the application passes these messages to TranslateMessage, the application receives a WM_CHAR message with wParam set to the corresponding ASCII code 13.

To differentiate between the two ENTER keys, test bit 24 of lParam sent with the three messages listed above. Bit 24 is set to 1 if the key is an extended key; otherwise, bit 24 is set to 0 (zero). The contents of lParam for these messages is documented in the "Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit Reference Volume 1" for version 3.0 of the SDK and in the SDK Reference Volume 3, "Messages, Structures, and Macros."

Because the keys in the numeric keypad (along with the function keys) are extended keys, pressing ENTER on the numeric keypad results in bit 24 of lParam being set, while pressing the ENTER key on the standard keyboard results in bit 24 clear.

The following code sample demonstrates differentiating between these two ENTER keys:

```
case WM_KEYDOWN:
    if (wParam == VK_RETURN)    // ENTER pressed
        if (lParam & 0x1000000L) // Test bit 24 of lParam
            {
                // ENTER on numeric keypad
            }
        else
            {
                // ENTER on the standard keyboard
            }
    break;
```

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg kbcode

KBSubcategory: UsrInp

Placing Captions on Control Windows

Article ID: Q77750

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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The `SetWindowText()` function can be used to place text into the caption bar specified for a control window. The control must have the `WS_CAPTION` style for the caption to be visible.

This technique does not work with edit controls because the `SetWindowText()` function specifies the contents of the edit control, not its caption.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

WM_DDE_EXECUTE Message Must Be Posted to a Window

Article ID: Q77842

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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Chapter 15 of the "Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit Reference, Volume 2" documents the dynamic data exchange (DDE) protocol. The following statement is found on page 15-2:

An application calls the `SendMessage()` function to issue the `WM_DDE_INITIATE` message or a `WM_DDE_ACK` message sent in response to `WM_DDE_INITIATE`. All other messages are sent using the `PostMessage()` function.

In the book "Windows 3: A Developer's Guide" by Jeffrey M. Richter (M & T Computer Books), the sample setup program uses the `SendMessage()` function to send itself a `WM_DDE_EXECUTE` message that violates the DDE protocol and may not work in future versions of Windows.

In Richter's sample, no real DDE conversation exists. The correct method to achieve the desired result is to use the `SendMessage()` function to send a user-defined message to the window procedure. When this message is processed, proceed accordingly.

For more information on user-defined messages, see chapter 6 of the "Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit Reference, Volume 1" for the Windows SDK version 3.0 and chapter 2 of the "Programmer's Reference, Volume 3: Messages, Structures, and Macros" from the Windows SDK version 3.1.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrDde

Fractional Point Sizes Not Supported in ChooseFont()

Article ID: Q77843

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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The ChooseFont() common dialog box library routine does not support fractional point sizes. When a fractional point size is entered, it is rounded to the nearest integral point size.

Rounding point sizes affects certain printers that support fractional font sizes. For example, one particular HP LaserJet font cartridge contains an 8.5-point font. The ChooseFont() dialog box displays this font as an 8-point font.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCmnDlg

Using a Fixed-Pitch Font in a Dialog Box

Article ID: Q77991

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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To use a fixed-pitch font in a dialog box, during the processing of the dialog box initialization message, send the WM_SETFONT message to each control that will use the fixed font. The following code demonstrates this process:

```
case WM_INITDIALOG:
    SendDlgItemMessage(hDlg, ID_CONTROL, WM_SETFONT,
        GetStockObject(ANSI_FIXED_FONT), FALSE);
    /*
     * NOTE: This code will specify the fixed font only for the
     * control ID_CONTROL. To specify the fixed font for other
     * controls in the dialog box, additional calls to
     * SendDlgItemMessage() are required.
     */
    break;
```

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrDlgs

Limiting the Number of Entries in a List Box

Article ID: Q78241

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Although there is no single message that restricts the number of entries (lines) allowed in a list box, the limit can be imposed through the use of subclassing.

MORE INFORMATION

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The following code fragment is an excerpt from a subclassing function that can be used to restrict the number of entries in a list box to no more than the constant MAXENTRIES where the lpfnOldLBFn variable points to the original list box window procedure:

```
long FAR PASCAL SubClassFn(hWnd, message, wParam, lParam)
HWND hWnd;
unsigned message;
WORD wParam;
LONG lParam;
{
    int iCount;

    switch (message)
    {
    case LB_ADDSTRING:
    case LB_INSERTSTRING:
        iCount = SendMessage(hWnd, LB_GETCOUNT, 0, 0L);
        if (iCount > MAXENTRIES)
            { /* Insert action here to inform user of limit violation */
                break;
            }
        /* fall through if less entries than maximum */

    default:
        return CallWindowProc(lpfnOldLBProc, hWnd, message, wParam,
                               lParam);
    }
}
```

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 list box

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Determining the Number of Visible Items in a List Box

Article ID: Q78952

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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To determine the number of items that are currently visible in a list box, an application must consider the following cases:

1. There are many items in the list box (some items are not visible).
2. There are few items in the list box (the bottom area of the list box is empty).
3. The heights of the items may vary (an owner-draw list box or use of a font other than the system default).

MORE INFORMATION

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The following code segment can be used to determine the number of items visible in a list box:

Sample Code

```
int ntop, nCount, nRectheight, nVisibleItems;
RECT rc;

ntop = SendMessage(hwndList, LB_GETTOPINDEX, 0, 0);
        // Top item index.

nCount = SendMessage(hwndList, LB_GETCOUNT, 0, 0);
        // Number of total items.

GetClientRect(hwndList, &rc);
        // Get list box rectangle.

nRectheight = rc.bottom - rc.top;
        // Compute list box height.

nVisibleItems = 0;
        // Initialize counter.

while ((nRectheight > 0) && (ntop < nCount))
    // Loop until the bottom of the list box
    // or the last item has been reached.
    {
        SendMessage(hwndList, LB_GETITEMRECT, ntop, (DWORD)&itemrect);
        // Get current line's rectangle.
```

```
nRectheight = nRectheight - (itemrect.bottom - itemrect.top);  
                // Subtract current line height.  
  
nVisibleItems++;           // Increase item count.  
ntop++;                   // Move to the next line.  
}
```

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Overlapping Controls Are Not Supported by Windows

Article ID: Q79981

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

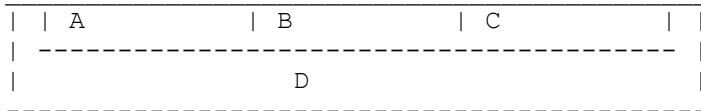
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Child window controls should not be overlapped in applications for the Windows operating system. When one control overlaps another control, or another child window, the borders shared by the controls may not be drawn properly. Overlapping controls may confuse the user of the application because clicking the mouse in the common area may not activate the control that the user intended to activate. This behavior is a consequence of the way that Windows is designed.

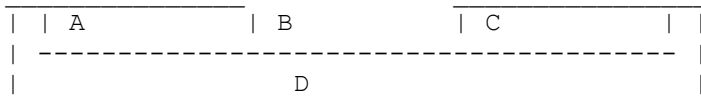
MORE INFORMATION

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The following example illustrates the painting problems caused by the ambiguity of overlapping borders. Consider three edit controls, called A, B and C, which overlap each other, and an enclosing child window D:



Assume that control B has the focus. If this set of controls is covered by another window, which is subsequently moved away, Windows will send a series of client and nonclient messages to each of the controls and to the enclosing child window. The result of these messages may appear as the illustration below, where the portion of window B's border that overlapped with part of window D's border is missing:



Repainting problems related to overlapping controls may vary depending on the version of Windows used.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95 CS_PARENTDC

WS_CLIPCHILDREN

WS_CLIPSIBLINGS WM_NCPAINT WM_PAINT

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrDlgs

Global Classes in Win32

Article ID: Q80382

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Under 16-bit Windows, when an application wants to check whether or not a window class has been previously registered in the system, it typically checks `hPrevInstance`. Under 32-bit Windows and Windows NT, `hPreviousInstance` is always `FALSE`, because a class definition is not available outside the process context of the process that registers it. Thus, code that checks `hPreviousInstance` will always register the window class.

MORE INFORMATION

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Under 32-bit Windows and Windows NT, a style of `CS_GLOBALCLASS` indicates that the class is available to every DLL in the process, not every application and DLL in the system, as it does in Windows 3.1.

To have a class registered for every process in the system, it is necessary to:

1. Register the class in a DLL.
2. Use a style of `CS_GLOBALCLASS`.
3. List the DLL in the following registry key.

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\  
  Microsoft\  
    Windows NT\  
      CurrentVersion\  
        Windows\  
          AppInit_DLLs
```

This will force the DLL to be loaded into every process in the system, thereby registering the class in each and every process.

For more information, please see "Window Classes in Win32," which is available on the MSDN CD, starting April 1994.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCls

How to Create a Topmost Window

Article ID: Q81137

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Windows 3.1 introduces the concept of a topmost window that stays above all the non-topmost windows even when the window is not the active window.

There are two ways to add the topmost attribute to a window:

1. Use `CreateWindowEx` to create a new window. Specify `WS_EX_TOPMOST` as the value for the `dwExStyle` parameter.
2. Call `SetWindowPos`, specifying an existing non-topmost window and `HWND_TOPMOST` as the value for the `hwndInsertAfter` parameter.

`SetWindowPos` can also be used to remove the topmost attribute from a window. To do so, specify `HWND_NOTOPMOST` or `HWND_BOTTOM` as the value for the `hwndInsertAfter` parameter.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrWndw

Combo Box w/Edit Control & Owner-Draw Style Incompatible

Article ID: Q82078

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The owner-draw combo box styles (CBS_OWNERDRAWFIXED and CBS_OWNERDRAWVARIABLE) are incompatible with the combo box styles that contain an edit control (combo box styles CBS_SIMPLE and CBS_DROPDOWN). A combo box with either the CBS_SIMPLE or CBS_DROPDOWN style displays the currently selected item in its associated edit control. When an owner-draw style is specified for the combo box style CBS_SIMPLE or CBS_DROPDOWN, the current selection may not be displayed. Using the SetWindowText function to display the current selection in response to a CBN_SELCHANGE message may not be effective.

MORE INFORMATION

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An owner-draw combo box can contain bitmaps or other graphic elements in its list box. Therefore, to correctly display the current selection, it is necessary to display a bitmap or other graphic element in the edit control. Because edit controls are not designed to display graphics, there is no natural method to display the current selection in an owner-draw combo box with an edit control.

The combo box style CBS_DROPDOWNLIST, which has a static text area instead of an edit control, can display any item, including graphics. Use this style combo box with the owner-draw styles.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Managing Per-Window Accelerator Tables

Article ID: Q82171

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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In the Windows environment, an application can have several windows, each with its own accelerator table. This article describes a simple technique requiring very little code that an application can use to translate and dispatch accelerator key strokes to several windows. The technique employs two global variables, `ghActiveWindow` and `ghActiveAccelTable`, to track the currently active window and its accelerator table, respectively. These two variables, which are used in the `TranslateAccelerator` function in the application's main message loop, achieve the desired result.

MORE INFORMATION

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The key to implementing this technique is to know which window is currently active and which accelerator table, if any, is associated with the active window. To track this information, process the `WM_ACTIVATE` message that Windows sends each time an application gains or loses activation. When a window loses activation, set the two global variables to `NULL` to indicate that the window and its accelerator table are no longer active. When a window that has an accelerator table gains activation, set the global variables appropriately to indicate that the accelerator table is active. The following code illustrates how to process the `WM_ACTIVATE` message:

```
case WM_ACTIVATE:
    if (wParam == 0) // indicates loss of activation
    {
        ghActiveWindow = ghActiveAccelTable = NULL;
    }
    else // indicates gain of activation
    {
        ghActiveWindow = <this window>;
        ghActiveAccelTable = <this window's accelerator table>;
    }
    break;
```

The application's main message loop resembles the following:

```
while (GetMessage(&msg, // message structure
                NULL, // handle of window receiving the msg
                NULL, // lowest message to examine
                NULL)) // highest message to examine
{
```

```
if (!TranslateAccelerator(ghActiveWindow, // active window
                          ghActiveAccelTable, // active accelerator
                          &msg))
{
    TranslateMessage(&msg); // Translates virtual key codes
    DispatchMessage(&msg); // Dispatches message to
                          // window procedure
}
}
```

Under Windows version 3.1, the WM_ACTIVATE message with the wParam set to WA_INACTIVE indicates loss of activation.

Under Win32, the low-order word of wParam set to WA_INACTIVE indicates deactivation.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrMen

Changing the Controls in a Common Dialog Box

Article ID: Q82299

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, version 3.5
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One reason to incorporate the common dialogs library routines into an application is the ability to use the basic functionality of one or more of the common dialogs and tailor it to the needs of a particular application.

All of the predefined controls must be present for the Common Dialogs DLL (COMMDLG.DLL) to properly interact with a dialog box. Each predefined control in the dialog box must retain its control ID value. For these reasons, an application cannot delete unnecessary controls from a dialog box.

To prevent the user from interacting with a given control, move the control off screen by specifying very large coordinate values [for example, (4000, 4000)]. The application must also disable the control to prevent it from receiving the focus when the user uses the TAB key to cycle through the controls. Failing to disable the control can create "mystery" tab stops where the input focus disappears.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCmnDlg

Value Returned by GetWindowLong(hWnd, GWL_STYLE)

Article ID: Q83366

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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GetWindowLong(hWnd, GWL_STYLE) returns the window style information stored at the GWL_STYLE offset of the window data structure identified by hWnd. This offset contains the current state of the window, rather than the style specified when the window was created.

Windows can set and clear the following styles over the lifetime of a window: WS_CLIPSIBLINGS, WS_DISABLED, WS_HSCROLL, WS_MAXIMIZE, WS_MINIMIZE, WS_SYSMENU (for MDI child windows), WS_THICKFRAME, WS_VISIBLE, and WS_VSCROLL. Windows will not dynamically set or clear any of the other styles. An application can modify the style state at the GWL_STYLE offset at any time by calling SetWindowLong(hWnd, GWL_STYLE, dwNewLong), but Windows will not be aware that the style has changed. Windows maintains some internal flags on the window style and may use these rather than checking the GWL_STYLE offset of the window data structure.

GetWindowLong(hWnd, GWL_STYLE) returns a LONG value, which contains the currently active styles combined by the Boolean OR operator. An application can change the information stored at the GWL_STYLE offset by calling SetWindowLong(hWnd, GWL_STYLE, dwNewLong).

MORE INFORMATION

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The following table lists the windows styles that Windows updates throughout the life span of a window. In the Change column below, an "S" indicates that the style is set and a "C" indicates that the style is cleared. The Where column lists the source module involved. Windows will change a window's styles as follows:

Style	Change	Window	Where	Why
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WS_CLIPSIBLINGS	S	Overlapped	WMCREATE.C	Set on creation.
WS_CLIPSIBLINGS	S	Popup	WMCREATE.C	Set on creation.
WS_DISABLED	S & C	Any	WMACT.C	Set or cleared when EnableWindow function disables or enables

				window.
WS_HSCROLL	S & C	SB_HORZ	WINSBCTL.C	Set or cleared as scroll bar range changed (for window scroll bar, not the SCROLL BAR class).
WS_HSCROLL	S & C	SB_HORZ	SBRARE.C	Set or cleared in ShowScrollBar (for window scroll bar, not the SCROLL BAR class).
WS_HSCROLL	S & C	List boxes	LBOXCTL1.C	Set if scroll bar required to see contents.
WS_HSCROLL	S & C	MDI frame	MDIWIN.C	Set if required to see children.
WS_MAXIMIZE	C	Any	WMCREATE.C	On creation (reset immediately in WMMINMAX.C).
WS_MAXIMIZE	C	Any	WMMOVE.C	Cleared if window resized.
WS_MAXIMIZE	S & C	Any	WMMINMAX.C	Set if window maximized, cleared if no longer maximized.
WS_MINIMIZE	C	Any	WMCREATE.C	On creation (reset immediately in WMMINMAX.C).
WS_MINIMIZE	C	Any	WMMOVE.C	Cleared if window resized.
WS_MINIMIZE	S & C	any	WMMINMAX.C	Set if window minimized, cleared if no longer minimized.
WS_SYSMENU	S & C	MDI child	MDIMENU.C	Cleared if child is maximized and uses frame menu. Set when child no longer maximized.
WS_THICKFRAME				
	S & C	Any	WINSBCTL.C	State changed for only a few instructions during painting.
WS_VISIBLE	C	Any	WMCREATE.C	Cleared and then reset by call to ShowWindow.
WS_VISIBLE	S & C	Any	WMSHOW.C	Cleared if window hidden in ShowWindow, set if shown.
WS_VISIBLE	S & C	Any	WMSWP.C	Cleared if window hidden

				in ShowWindow, set if shown.
WS_VISIBLE	C	MDI client	MDIWIN.C	Cleared when current MDI child is maximized, and new child is activated. Immediately reset with call to ShowWindow.
WS_VISIBLE	S	Desktop	INLOADW.C	Ensure desktop visible.
WS_VISIBLE	S & C	Any	MSDWP.C	Set or cleared when DefWindowProc receives WM_SETREDRAW message to turn drawing on or off, respectively.
WS_VISIBLE	S & C	MDI client	MDIWIN.C	Cleared and then immediately reset to optimize painting.
WS_VSCROLL	S & C	SB_VERT	WINSBCTL.C	Set or cleared as scroll bar range changed (for window scroll bar, not the SCROLL BAR class).
WS_VSCROLL	S & C	List boxes	LBOXCTL1.C	Set if scroll bar required to see entire contents.
WS_VSCROLL	S & C	MDI frame	MDIWIN.C	Set if required to see children.
WS_VSCROLL	S & C	SB_VERT	SBRARE.C	Set/cleared in ShowScrollBar (for window scroll bar, not the SCROLL BAR class).

In addition to the information above, the GetWindowLong function always reports some style bits to be clear, as follows:

- Combo boxes always report the following styles as clear:

CBS_HASSTRINGS, CBS_SORT, WS_BORDER, WS_HSCROLL, and WS_VSCROLL

- All edit controls report the WS_BORDER style clear.

- Multiline edit controls report the WS_HSCROLL style clear if the control contains centered or right-justified text.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrWndw

Freeing Memory in a DDEML Server Application

Article ID: Q83413

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
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SUMMARY

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A Dynamic Data Exchange Management Library (DDEML) server application calls the `DdeCreateDataHandle` function to allocate a block of memory for data it will send to a client application. `DdeCreateDataHandle` returns a handle to a block of memory that can be passed between applications.

The server application owns every data handle it creates. However, it is not necessary to call `DdeFreeDataHandle` under every circumstance. This article details the circumstances under which the server application must call `DdeFreeDataHandle` and when the DDEML will automatically free a data handle.

MORE INFORMATION

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If the server application specifies the `HDATA_APPOWNED` flag in the `afCmd` parameter to `DdeCreateDataHandle`, it must explicitly call `DdeFreeDataHandle` to free the memory handle. Using `HDATA_APPOWNED` data handles is convenient when data, such as system topic information, is likely to be passed to a client application more than once, because the server calls `DdeCreateDataHandle` only once, regardless of the number of times the data handle is passed to a client application.

When it closes down, a server application must call `DdeFreeDataHandle` for each data handle that it has not passed to a client application. When the server creates a handle without specifying `HDATA_APPOWNED`, and passes the handle to a client application in an asynchronous transaction, the DDEML frees the data handle when the client returns from its callback function. Therefore, the server is not required to free the data handle it passes to a client because the DDEML frees the handle. However, if the data handle is never sent to a client application, the server must call `DdeFreeDataHandle` to free the handle. It is the client application's responsibility to call `DdeFreeDataHandle` for any data provided by a server in a synchronous transaction.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrDde

Querying and Modifying the States of System Menu Items

Article ID: Q83453

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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An application should query or set states of the Restore, Move, Size, Minimize, and Maximize items on the system menu during the processing of a WM_INITMENU or a WM_INITMENUPOPUP message.

MORE INFORMATION

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Windows changes the state of the Restore, Move, Size, Minimize, and Maximize items on the system menu just before it draws the menu on the screen and sends the WM_INITMENU and WM_INITMENUPOPUP messages.

Windows sets the states of these menu items according to the state of the window just before the menu is displayed. For example, if the window is minimized when its system menu is pulled down, the Minimize menu item is unavailable (grayed). If an overlapped window is maximized when its system menu is pulled down, the Move, Size, and Maximize items are unavailable.

If an application queries or sets the state of any of these system menu items, the query or change should occur during the processing of the WM_INITMENU or WM_INITMENUPOPUP message. If any menu item state is queried before one of these messages is processed, it could reflect a previous state of the window. If any state is set before one of these messages is processed, Windows will reset the menu items to correspond to the state of the window just prior to sending these messages.

Windows does not change the state of the Close menu item. Its state can be changed or queried at any time.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrMen

Multiple References to the Same Resource

Article ID: Q83808

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Windows supports multiple references to a given resource. For example, suppose that an application has two top-level menus that each contain the same submenu. (An application can use the AppendMenu or SetMenu functions to add a submenu to another menu at run time.)

Normally, destroying a menu destroys all of its submenus. In the case above, however, when one menu is destroyed, the other menu has a lock on the common submenu. Therefore, the common submenu remains in memory and is not destroyed. The handle to the submenu remains valid until all references to the submenu are removed. The submenu either remains in memory or is discarded, while its handle remains valid.

MORE INFORMATION

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Windows maintains a lock count for each resource, including menus. When the lock count falls to zero, Windows can free (destroy) the object. Each time an application loads a resource, its lock count is incremented. If a resource is loaded more than once, only one copy is created; subsequent loads only increment the lock count. Each call to free a resource decrements its lock count.

When the LoadResource function determines if a resource has already been loaded, it also determines if the resource has been discarded. If so, LoadResource loads the resource again. The resource is not necessarily present in memory at all times. However, if the lock count is not zero and the resource is discarded, Windows will automatically reload the resource. All resources are discardable and will be discarded if required to free memory.

Therefore, in the example above, the application's call to the DestroyMenu function calls FreeResource, which checks the lock count. This process is analogous to LoadMenu, which calls LoadResource.

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KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrRsc

Freeing Memory for Transactions in a DDEML Client App

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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A Dynamic Data Exchange Management Library (DDEML) client application can request data from a server both synchronously and asynchronously by calling the DdeClientTransaction function.

To make a synchronous request, the client application specifies XTYP_REQUEST as the value for the uType parameter to DdeClientTransaction, and any reasonable value for the uTimeout parameter.

To make an asynchronous request, the client application specifies XTYP_REQUEST as the value for the uType parameter to DdeClientTransaction, and TIMEOUT_ASYNC as the value for the uTimeout parameter.

The client can also establish an advise loop with a server application by specifying XTYP_ADVSTART as the value for the uType parameter. In an advise loop, the client application's callback function receives an XTYP_ADVDATA transaction each time the specified data item changes in the server application. (NOTE: This article discusses only hot advise loops in which changed data is communicated to the application. No data is transferred for a warm advise loop, only a notification that the data changed.)

The client application must free the data handle it receives from a synchronous transaction; however, the client application should not free the data handle it receives from an asynchronous transaction or from an advise loop.

MORE INFORMATION

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If the client application initiates a synchronous transaction, the DdeClientTransaction function returns a handle to the requested data. If the client application initiates an asynchronous transaction, the DdeClientTransaction function returns either TRUE or FALSE. When the data becomes available, the DDEML sends the client application an XTYP_XACT_COMPLETE notification accompanied by a handle to the requested data. In an active advise loop, the DDEML sends the client application an XTYP_ADVDATA notification accompanied by a handle to the updated data.

In the synchronous case, the client application must call DdeFreeDataHandle before it terminates to free a data handle (and the associated memory) that it received as the return value from

DdeClientTransaction. If the DDEML server specified HDATA_APPOWNED when it created the data handle, then the data is invalidated when the client calls DdeFreeDataHandle; the server must call DdeFreeDataHandle before terminating to free the associated memory.

In the asynchronous case, the DDEML sends the client application's callback function an XTYP_XACT_COMPLETE notification when the server has completed the transaction. A handle to the requested data accompanies the notification as the hData parameter to the callback function. This handle is valid until control returns from the client application's callback function. Once the client application's callback function returns control, the DDEML may free the data handle and the client application must not assume that the data handle received in the callback function remains valid. This fact has two implications, as follows:

- The client application cannot call DdeFreeDataHandle on the data handle it receives with an XTYP_XACT_COMPLETE transaction. If the client invalidates the data handle by freeing it in the client's callback function, and the DDEML later attempts to free the handle, a Fatal Exit will result.
- The client application must make a local copy of the data it receives with the XTYP_XACT_COMPLETE transaction to use that data after the callback function returns.

In an advise loop, the client application should not free the data handle that it receives as the hData parameter to the callback function. The DDEML frees the data handle when the client application returns from its callback function. If the client calls DdeFreeDataHandle on the data handle, the DDEML will cause a Fatal Exit when it attempts to free the same data handle.

These rules apply to all data handles, whether or not the server application specified the HDATA_APPOWNED flag when it created the handle.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrDde

PRB: GP Fault in DDEML from XTYP_EXECUTE Timeout Value
Article ID: Q83999

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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A general protection (GP) fault occurs in DDEML When the following occurs:

1. A DDEML (Dynamic Data Exchange Server Library) server application requires more time to process a XTYP_EXECUTE transaction than the timeout value specified by a DDEML client application
2. The server application creates windows as part of its processing
3. The client application abandons the transaction because the transaction timed out

CAUSE

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The server application receives a window handle with the same value as the hidden window created to control the transaction.

RESOLUTION

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Specify a timeout value in the client application longer than the time required by the server application to complete the task.

MORE INFORMATION

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To use DDEML, an application (either a client or a server) registers a callback function with the library. The DDEML calls the callback function for any DDE activity. A DDE transaction is similar to a message; it contains a named constant, accompanied by other parameters.

A client application issues a XTYP_EXECUTE transaction to instruct the server application to execute a command. When a client calls the DdeClientTransaction function to issue a transaction, it can specify a timeout value, which is the amount of time (in seconds) the client is willing to wait while the server processes the transaction. If the server fails to execute the command within the specified timeout value, the DDEML sends a message to the client that the transaction timed out. Upon receipt of this message, the client can inform the user, reissue the command, abandon the transaction, or take other appropriate actions.

If a client application specifies a short timeout period (one second, for example) and the server requires fifteen seconds to execute a command, the client will receive notification that the transaction timed out. If the client terminates the transaction, which is an appropriate action, the DDEML will GP fault.

When the client sends an XTYP_EXECUTE transaction, the DDEML creates a hidden window for the conversation. If the client calls the DdeAbandonTransaction function to terminate the transaction, the DDEML destroys the associated hidden window.

At the same time, the server application processes the execute transaction, which might involve creating one or more windows. If the server creates a window immediately after the DDEML destroys a window, the server receives a window handle with the same value as that of the destroyed window. After the server completes processing the execute transaction, it returns control to the DDEML.

Normally, the DDEML determines that the callback function is returning to a conversation that has been terminated. It calls the IsWindow function with the window handle for the transaction's hidden window to ensure that the handle remains valid.

Because the window handle has been allocated to the server application, the IsWindow test succeeds. However, this handle no longer corresponds to the transaction's hidden window. Therefore, when the DDEML attempts to retrieve the pointer kept in the hidden window's window extra bytes, the pointer is not available. When the DDEML uses the contents of this memory, a GP fault is likely to result.

The current way to work around this problem is to specify a timeout value in the client application that is longer than the time required by the server to complete its processing.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: UsrDde

Controlling the Caret Color

Article ID: Q84054

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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When an application creates a custom caret using a bitmap, it is possible to specify white or black for the caret color. In the case of Windows running on a monochrome display, the application can cause the caret to be the color of the display (white, green, amber, and so forth, as appropriate). However, because the caret color is determined by Windows at run time based on the hardware installed, the application cannot guarantee what color will be used under all circumstances. This article provides information about using color in a custom caret.

MORE INFORMATION

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To create a caret, first create a bitmap with the desired pattern. To display the caret, Windows exclusive-ORs (XORs) and takes the opposite of the result (the NOT of the result) of the bitmap with the background of the client window. Therefore, to create a white caret, create a bitmap that when XOR'd with the window background will have an opposite value that will create a white color. It is when the caret blinks that Windows uses the reverse of the bitmap XOR'd with the background to draw the caret; this creates the white blink seen on the screen.

The bitmap for the caret cannot use a color palette. Windows does not use the color values from the palette in its calculations but the indices into the palette. While it is possible to use palette indices successfully, perfect symmetry of the colors in the palette is required. This is unlikely. For each color in the palette, its exact opposite color must be in the palette, in the exactly opposite index position.

However, when the application creates bitmaps itself, it has complete control over the bits. Therefore, the application can create the perfect counterpart that corresponds to the window background color. If the application uses this information to create the caret bitmap, when Windows creates the caret, it can choose the closest color available in the system palette.

Therefore, to create a white caret (or a black one, if the screen has too many light elements), the task is straightforward. Windows always reserves a few colors in the system palette and makes them available to all applications. On a color display, these colors include black and white. On a monochrome display, these colors are whatever the monochrome color elements are.

Because black and white (or the monochrome screen colors) are always available, the application simply creates a bitmap that, when XOR'd with the screen background color, produces black or white. The technique involves one main principle: $\text{background XOR background} = \text{FALSE}$. Anything XOR'd with itself returns FALSE, which in bitmap terms maps to the color black.

The process of creating a caret from the background color involves the four steps discussed below:

1. Create a pattern brush the same as the window background
2. Select the pattern brush into a memory display context (DC)
3. Use the PATCOPY option of the PatBlt function to copy the brush pattern into the caret bitmap.
4. Specify the caret bitmap in a call to the CreateCaret function.

When this caret is XOR'd with the background, black will result. When the caret blinks, and is therefore displayed, Windows computes the opposite of the caret and XOR's this value into the background. This yields $\text{NOT}(\text{background XOR background}) = \text{NOT}(\text{FALSE}) = \text{TRUE}$ which corresponds to WHITE. The first background represents the caret bitmap and the second is the current background color of the window.

Note that half the time the custom bitmap is displayed (when the caret "blinks") the other half of the time the background is displayed, (between "blinks").

If the background color is light gray or lighter [RGB values (128, 128, 128) through (255, 255, 255)], then a black caret is usually desired. The process of creating a black caret is just as straightforward. Modify step 1 of the process given above to substitute the inverse of the background for the background bitmap. When the caret blinks, it will show black. The equation that corresponds to this case is $\text{NOT}(\text{inverse of background XOR background}) = \text{NOT}(\text{TRUE}) = \text{FALSE}$ which corresponds to BLACK.

To change the caret color to something other than black or white requires considerably more work, with much less reliable results because the application must solve the following equation:

$$\text{NOT}(\text{caret XOR background}) = \text{desired_color on the "blink" of the caret.}$$

where the value for the caret color must be determined given the desired color. A series of raster operations is required to solve this type of equation. (For more information on raster operations, see chapter 11 of the "Microsoft Windows [3.0] Software Development Kit Reference, Volume 2" or pages 573-585 of the "Microsoft Windows [3.1] Software Development Kit Programmer's Reference, Volume 3: Messages, Structures, and Macros.")

Even after solving this equation, the color actually displayed is controlled by Windows and the colors in the current system palette.

With colors other than black or white, an exact match for the desired color may not be available. In that case, Windows will provide the closest match possible. Because the palette is a dynamic entity and can be modified at will, it is impossible to guarantee a particular result color in all cases. The colors black and white should be safe most of the time because it is quite unusual for an application to modify the reserved system colors. Even when an application does change the system palette, it most likely retains a true black and a true white.

As long as a black and white remain in the palette (which is usually the case), this algorithm will provide a white or black caret.

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KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCrt

Window Owners and Parents

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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In the Windows environment, two relationships that can exist between windows are the owner-owned relationship and the parent-child relationship.

The owner-owned relationship determines which other windows are automatically destroyed when a window is destroyed. When window A is destroyed, Windows automatically destroys all of the windows owned by A.

The parent-child relationship determines where a window can be drawn on the screen. A child window (that is, a window with a parent) is confined to its parent window's client area.

This article discusses these relationships and some Windows functions that provide owner and parent information for a given window.

MORE INFORMATION

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A window created with the `WS_OVERLAPPED` style has no owner and no parent. Alternatively, the desktop window can be considered the owner and parent of a `WS_OVERLAPPED`-style window. A `WS_OVERLAPPED`-style window can be drawn anywhere on the screen and Windows will destroy any existing `WS_OVERLAPPED`-style windows when it shuts down.

A window created with the `WS_POPUP` style does not have a parent by default; a `WS_POPUP`-style window can be drawn anywhere on the screen. A `WS_POPUP`-style window will have a parent only if it is given one explicitly through a call to the `SetParent` function.

The owner of a `WS_POPUP`-style window is set according to the `hWndParent` parameter specified in the call to `CreateWindow` that created the pop-up window. If `hWndParent` specifies a nonchild window, the `hWndParent` window becomes the owner of the new pop-up window. Otherwise, the first nonchild ancestor of `hWndParent` becomes the owner of the new pop-up window. When the owner window is destroyed, Windows automatically destroys the pop up. Note that modal dialog boxes work slightly differently. If `hWndParent` is a child window, then the owner window is the first nonchild ancestor that does not have an owner (its top-level ancestor).

A window created with the `WS_CHILD` style does not have an explicit owner; it is implicitly owned by its parent. A child window's parent is the window specified as the `hWndParent` parameter in the call to

CreateWindow that created the child. A child window can be drawn only within its parent's client area, and is destroyed along with its parent.

An application can change a window's parent by calling the SetParent function after the window is created. Windows does not provide a method to change a window's owner.

Windows provides three functions that can be used to find a window's owner or parent:

- GetWindow(hWnd, GW_OWNER)
- GetParent(hWnd)
- GetWindowWord(hWnd, GWW_HWNDPARENT)

GetWindow(hWnd, GW_OWNER) always returns a window's owner. For child windows, this function call returns NULL. Because the parent of the child window behaves similar to its owner, Windows does not maintain owner information for child windows.

The return value from the GetParent function is more confusing. GetParent returns zero for overlapped windows (windows with neither the WS_CHILD nor the WS_POPUP style). For windows with the WS_CHILD style, GetParent returns the parent window. For windows with the WS_POPUP style, GetParent returns the owner window.

GetWindowWord(hWnd, GWW_HWNDPARENT) returns the window's parent, if it has one; otherwise, it returns the window's owner.

Two examples of how Windows uses different windows for the parent and the owner to good effect are the list boxes in drop-down combo boxes and the title windows for iconic MDI (multiple document interface) child windows.

Due to its size, the list box component of a drop-down combo box may need to extend beyond the client area of the combo box's parent window. Windows creates the list box as a child of the desktop window (hWndParent is NULL); therefore, the list box will be clipped only by the size of the screen. The list box is owned by the first nonchild ancestor of the combo box. When that ancestor is destroyed, the list box is automatically destroyed as well.

When an MDI child window is minimized, Windows creates two windows: an icon and the icon title. The parent of the icon title window is set to the MDI client window, which confines the icon title to the MDI client area. The owner of the icon title is set to the MDI child window. Therefore, the icon title is automatically destroyed with the MDI child window.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrWndw

PRB: IsCharAlpha Return Value Different Between Versions

Article ID: Q84843

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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Under Windows version 3.1, the IsCharAlpha function returns TRUE for the character values 8Ah, 8Ch, 9Ah, 9Ch, 9Fh, and DFh. Under Windows version 3.0, the function returns FALSE for these character values.

CAUSE

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These characters represent alphabetic characters that were added to the Windows character set in Windows 3.1.

RESOLUTION

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Applications that use the IsCharAlpha function should behave properly with the newly-defined characters. No changes should be required.

MORE INFORMATION

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Appendix C.1, page 596, of the "Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit: Programmer's Reference, Volume 3: Messages, Structures, and Macros" lists the Windows character set.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: UsrLoc

Application Can Allocate Memory with DdeCreateDataHandle

Article ID: Q85680

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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An application can use the DdeCreateDataHandle function to create a handle to a block of data. The application can use the handle to pass the data to another application in a dynamic data exchange (DDE) conversation using the Dynamic Data Exchange Management Libraries (DDEML). All DDEML functions refer to blocks of memory using data handles.

An application can allocate memory and manually create a data handle associated with the memory (using method 1 below), or automatically by using the DdeCreateDataHandle function (method 2 below).

Method 1

1. Obtain a block of memory using the GlobalAlloc or LocalAlloc function or by declaring a variable in your application.
2. Fill the block of memory with the desired data.
3. Call the DdeCreateDataHandle function to create a data handle associated with the block of memory.

Method 2

1. Call the DdeCreateDataHandle function with the lpvSrcBuf parameter set to NULL, the cbInitData parameter set to zero, and the offSrcBuf parameter set to the number of bytes of memory required.
2. To retrieve a handle to the memory block, specify the data handle returned by DdeCreateDataHandle as the hData parameter of the DdeAccessData function. This operation is similar to calling the GlobalLock function on a handle returned from GlobalAlloc.
3. Use the pointer to fill the memory block with data.
4. Call DdeUnaccessData to unaccess the object. This operation is similar to calling the GlobalUnlock function on a handle returned from GlobalAlloc.

The following code fragment demonstrates method 2:

```
// Retrieve the length of the data to be stored
cbLen = strlen("This is a test") + 1;
```

```
// Create the data handle and allocate the memory
hData = DdeCreateDataHandle(idInst, NULL, 0, cbLen,
                           hszItem, wFmt, 0);

// Access the data handle
lpstrData = (LPSTR)DdeAccessData(hData, NULL);

// Fill the block of memory
lstrcpy(lpstrData, "This is a test");

// Unaccess the data handle
DdeUnaccessData(hData);
```

When an application obtains a data handle from `DdeCreateDataHandle`, the application should next call `DdeAccessData` with the handle. If a data handle is first specified as a parameter to a DDEML function other than `DdeAccessData`, when the application later calls `DdeAccessData`, the application receives only read access to the associated memory block.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: UsrDde

Call the Windows Help Search Dialog Box from Application

Article ID: Q86268

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK), version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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In the Microsoft Windows environment, an application can invoke the Search dialog box of the Windows Help application independent of the main help window. For example, many applications have an item like "Search for Help on" in their Help menus.

An application can invoke the Search dialog box via the WinHelp function by specifying HELP_PARTIALKEY as the value for the fuCommand parameter and by specifying a pointer to an empty string for the dwData parameter. The following code demonstrates how to call the Windows Help Search dialog box from an application:

```
LPSTR lpszDummy,
      lpszHelpFile;

// Allocate memory for strings
lpszDummy = malloc(5);
lpszHelpFile = malloc(MAX_PATH);

// Initialize an empty string
lstrcpy(lpszDummy, "");

// Initialize the help filename
lstrcpy(lpszHelpFile, "c:\\windows\\myhelp.hlp");

// Call WinHelp function
WinHelp(hWnd, lpszHelpFile, HELP_PARTIALKEY, (DWORD)lpszDummy);
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrDlgs

Retrieving the Text Color from the Font Common Dialog Box

Article ID: Q86331

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The common dialog box library (COMMDLG.DLL) provides the ChooseFont() routine that provides a common interface (Font dialog box) to specify the attributes for a font in an application. When the user chooses the Apply button in the Font dialog box, the application can format selected text using the specified font. This button is also useful in an application that allows the user to select more than one font simultaneously.

The Font dialog box provides a common method to specify a number of font attributes, including color. An application can send the CB_GETITEMDATA message to the Color combo box to retrieve the currently selected color.

This article discusses the procedure required to obtain all the information about the currently specified font.

MORE INFORMATION

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The Font dialog box includes an Apply button if the application includes the CF_APPLY value in the specification for the Flags member of the CHOOSEFONT data structure. The dialog box includes the Color combo box if the CF_EFFECTS value is also specified. The remainder of this article assumes that the application has specified both of these values.

To properly process input from the Apply button, an application must install a hook function. For more information on installing a hook function from an application, query on the following words in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

steps adding hook function

The following code illustrates one method to process input from the Apply button:

```
case WM_COMMAND:
    switch (wParam)
    {
        case psh3: // The Apply button

            // Retrieve the font information...
            SendMessage(hDlg, WM_CHOOSEFONT_GETLOGFONT, 0,
                (LONG) (LPLOGFONT) &lfLogFont);

            // Perform any required processing
            // (create the specified font, for example)
```

```

// Retrieve color information...
iIndex = (int)SendDlgItemMessage(hDlg, cmb4,
                                CB_GETCURSEL, 0, 0L);

if (iIndex != CB_ERR)
{
    dwRGB = SendDlgItemMessage(hDlg, cmb4, CB_GETITEMDATA,
                              (WORD)iIndex, 0L);
    wRed = GetRValue(dwRGB);
    wGreen = GetGValue(dwRGB);
    wBlue = GetBValue(dwRGB);

    wsprintf(szBuffer, "RGB Value is %u %u %u\r\n", wRed,
            wGreen, wBlue);

    OutputDebugString(szBuffer);
}
break;

default:
    break;
}
break;

```

The color information is not required to create the font; however, this information is required to accurately display the font according to the user's specification.

In an application that does not use the Apply button, the `rgbColors` member of the `CHOOSEFONT` data structure contains the selected color. In this case, no special processing to retrieve the color is required.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCmnDlg

PRB: Successful LoadResource of Metafile Yields Random Data
Article ID: Q86429

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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When an application for the Microsoft Windows graphical environment calls the LoadResource() function to load a metafile from the application's resources, locks the metafile with the LockResource() function, and uses the metafile, the application receives random data even though the LoadResource() and LockResource() functions indicate successful completion.

CAUSE

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The application loaded the metafile previously and when the application freed the metafile, it used the DeleteMetaFile() function to invalidate the metafile handle.

RESOLUTION

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Modify the code that unloads the metafile from memory to call the FreeResource() function.

MORE INFORMATION

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The LoadResource() and FreeResource() functions change the lock count for a memory block that contains the resource. If the application calls DeleteMetaFile(), Windows does not change the lock count. When the application subsequently calls LoadResource() for the metafile, Windows does not load the metafile because the lock count indicates that it remains in memory. However, the returned memory handle points to the random contents of that memory block.

For more information on the resource lock count, query in the Microsoft Knowledge Base on the following words:

multiple and references and LoadResource

Most of the time, an application uses the DeleteMetaFile() function to remove a metafile from memory. This function is appropriate for metafiles created with the CopyMetaFile() or CreateMetaFile() functions, or metafiles loaded from disk with the GetMetaFile() function. However, DeleteMetaFile() does not decrement the lock count of a metafile loaded as a resource.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95 EnumMetaFile

GetMetaFile GetMetaFileBits PlayMetaFile PlayMetaFileRecord SetMetaFileBits
SetMetaFileBitsBetter
KBCategory: kbprg kbprb
KSubcategory: UsrRsc

Adding a Custom Template to a Common Dialog Box

Article ID: Q86720

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, version 3.5
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SUMMARY

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Many applications developed for the Microsoft Windows environment using dialog boxes from the common dialogs library (COMMDLG.DLL) require custom dialog templates. An application generally uses a custom dialog box template to add controls to a standard common dialog box. The text below discusses the steps required to implement a custom dialog box template with a common dialog box.

A custom dialog box template is most often used in conjunction with a hook function. For details on using a hook function with one of the common dialog boxes, query on the following words in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

steps adding hook function

MORE INFORMATION

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CDDEMO, one of the advanced sample applications provided with version 3.1 of the Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK), demonstrates adding a hook function to the File Open dialog box. The five steps required to modify the CDDEMO application to use a custom dialog box template in its File Open dialog box are as follows:

1. Edit the FILEOPEN.DLG template in the Windows SDK advanced sample applications directory (by default, C:\WINDEV\SAMPLES\COMMDLG). All existing controls must remain in the dialog template; add additional controls, if desired. To demonstrate the process, make a copy of the FILEOPEN.DLG template and include it in the CDDEMO.RC file. Modify the title of the "Cancel" button to "CANCEL." Renaming the button minimizes the potential for error while demonstrating that the application loaded the custom dialog box template.
2. In the application, modify the Flags member of the OPENFILENAME data structure to include the OFN_ENABLETEMPLATE initialization flag.
3. Specify MAKEINTRESOURCE(FILEOPENORD) as the value of the lpTemplateName member of the OPENFILENAME data structure.
4. Specify ghInst as the value of the hInstance member of the OPENFILENAME data structure.
5. Use the #include directive to include DLGS.H in the CDDEMO.RC file.

If an application adds a hook function to a common dialog box, the hook

receives all messages addressed to the dialog box. With the exception of the WM_INITDIALOG message, the hook function receives messages before its associated common dialog box does. If the hook function processes a message completely, it returns TRUE. If the common dialog box must provide default processing for a message, the hook function returns FALSE.

In the hook function, the application should process messages for any new controls added through the custom dialog box template. If the standard common dialog box template contains a control that is unnecessary in a particular application, hide the control when the hook function processes the WM_INITDIALOG message. Use the ShowWindow() API to hide a control; do not delete any controls from the common dialog box template. To indicate that the common dialog boxes DLL does not function properly if any controls are missing, the debug version of Windows displays FatalExit 0x0007.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCmnDlg

Adding a Hook Function to a Common Dialog Box

Article ID: Q86721

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Many applications developed for the Microsoft Windows environment using dialog boxes from the common dialogs library (COMMDLG.DLL) require hook functions. A hook function for one of the common dialog boxes is similar to a subclass procedure for a standard Window control, such as an edit control. Through a hook function, an application can process all messages addressed to the dialog box. The text below discusses the steps required to implement a hook function with a common dialog box.

A hook function is most often used in conjunction with a custom dialog template. For details using a custom dialog template with one of the common dialog boxes, query on the following words in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

steps add custom template

MORE INFORMATION

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The hook function receives all messages addressed to a common dialog box. With the exception of the WM_INITDIALOG message, the hook function receives messages before its associated common dialog box does. If the hook function processes a message completely, it returns TRUE. If the common dialog box must provide default processing for a message, the hook function returns FALSE.

CDDEMO, one of the advanced sample applications provided with version 3.1 of the Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK), demonstrates adding a hook function to the File Open dialog box. The eight steps involved in this process are as follows:

1. Add the standard common dialog box to the application without the hook function.
2. In the application's module definition (DEF) file, list the hook procedure name (for example, MyHookProc) in the EXPORTS section.
3. Define a FARPROC variable (for example, lpfnHookProc)
4. In the application, before completing the OPENFILENAME data structure, call the MakeProcInstance function to create a procedure instance address for the hook procedure.
5. Set the lpfnHook member of the OPENFILENAME data structure to the procedure address of the hook function.

6. Specify `OFN_ENABLEHOOK` as one of the initialization flags in the `Flags` member of the `OPENFILENAME` structure.
7. Code the hook function to process messages as required. A sample hook function follows below.
8. After the user dismisses the common dialog box, call the `FreeProcInstance` function to free the procedure instance address.

The following code is a sample hook function:

```
BOOL FAR PASCAL MyHookProc(HWND hDlg, unsigned message,
                           WORD wParam, LONG lParam)
{
    switch (message)
    {
        case WM_INITDIALOG:
            OutputDebugString("Hello hook function!");
            return TRUE;

        case WM_COMMAND:
            switch(wParam)
            {
                case IDD_MYNEWCONTROL:
                    // Perform appropriate processing here...
                    return TRUE;

                default:
                    break;
            }
            break;

        default:
            break;
    }
    return FALSE;
}
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCmnDlg

Using Drag-Drop in an Edit Control or a Combo Box

Article ID: Q86724

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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In the Microsoft Windows environment, an application can register an edit control or a combo box as a drag-drop client through the DragAcceptFiles function. The application must also subclass the control to process the WM_DROPFILES message that Windows sends when the user drops a file.

MORE INFORMATION

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The following seven steps demonstrate how to implement drag-drop in an edit control. The procedure to implement drag-drop in a combo box is identical.

1. Add SHELL.LIB to the list of libraries required to build the file.
2. Add the name of the subclass procedure (MyDragDropProc) to the EXPORTS section of the module definition (DEF) file.
3. Include the SHELLAPI.H file in the application's source code.
4. Declare the following procedure and variables:

```
BOOL FAR PASCAL MyDragDropProc(HWND, unsigned, WORD, LONG);
```

```
FARPROC lpfnDragDropProc, lpfnOldEditProc;  
char    szTemp64[64];
```

5. Add the following code to the initialization of the dialog box:

```
case WM_INITDIALOG:  
    // ... other code  
  
    // ----- edit control section -----  
    hWndTemp = GetDlgItem(hDlg, IDD_EDITCONTROL);  
    DragAcceptFiles(hWndTemp, TRUE);  
  
    // subclass the drag-drop edit control  
    lpfnDragDropProc = MakeProcInstance(MyDragDropProc, hInst);  
  
    if (lpfnDragDropProc)  
        lpfnOldEditProc = SetWindowLong(hWndTemp, GWL_WNDPROC,  
            (DWORD) (FARPROC) lpfnDragDropProc);  
    break;
```

6. Write a subclass window procedure for the edit control.

```
BOOL FAR PASCAL MyDragDropProc(HWND hWnd, unsigned message,
                                WORD wParam, LONG lParam)
{
    int wFilesDropped;

    switch (message)
    {
    case WM_DROPFILES:
        // Retrieve number of files dropped
        // To retrieve all files, set iFile parameter
        // to -1 instead of 0
        wFilesDropped = DragQueryFile((HDROP)wParam, 0,
                                      (LPSTR)szTemp64, 63);

        if (wFilesDropped)
        {
            // Parse the file path here, if desired
            SendMessage(hWnd, WM_SETTEXT, 0, (LPSTR)szTemp64);
        }
        else
            MessageBeep(0);

        DragFinish((HDROP)wParam);
        break;

    default:
        return CallWindowProc(lpfnOldEditProc, hWnd, message,
                              wParam, lParam);
        break;
    }
    return TRUE;
}
```

7. After the completion of the dialog box procedure, free the edit control subclass procedure.

```
if (lpfnDragDropProc)
    FreeProcInstance(lpfnDragDropProc);
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95 combobox
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: UsrDnd

Defining Private Messages for Application Use

Article ID: Q86835

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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In the Microsoft Windows environment, an application can define a private message for its own use without calling the RegisterWindowMessage API. Message numbers between 0x8000 and 0xBFFF are reserved for this purpose.

For Windows NT and Windows 95, the system defines a new message WM_APP (value 0x8000). Applications can make use of the range WM_APP through 0xBFFF for private messages without conflict. The only requirement is that the .EXE file must be marked version 4.0 (use the linker switch /subsystem:windows,4.0). Windows NT 3.5 and 3.51 and Windows 95 will run applications marked version 4.0.

MORE INFORMATION

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The documentation for the WM_USER message lists four ranges of message numbers as follows:

Message Number -----	Description -----
0 through WM_USER-1	Messages reserved for use by Windows.
WM_USER through 0x7FFF	Integer messages for use by private window classes.
0x8000 through 0xBFFF	Messages reserved for use by Windows.
0xC000 through 0xFFFF	String messages for use by applications.
Greater than 0xFFFF	Reserved by Windows for future use.

When an application subclasses a predefined Windows control or provides a special message in its dialog box procedure, it cannot use a WM_USER+x message to define a new message because the predefined controls use some WM_USER+x messages internally. It was necessary to use the RegisterWindowMessage function to retrieve a unique message number between 0xC000 and 0xFFFF.

To avoid this inconvenience, messages between 0x8000 and 0xBFFF were redefined to make them available to an application. Messages in this range do not conflict with any other messages in the system.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95
KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrMsg

Using the DS_SETFONT Dialog Box Style

Article ID: Q87344

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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In the Microsoft Windows graphical environment, an application can affect the appearance of a dialog box by specifying the DS_SETFONT style bit. DS_SETFONT is available only when the application creates a dialog box dynamically from a memory-resident dialog box template using the CreateDialogIndirect, CreateDialogIndirectParam, DialogBoxIndirect, or DialogBoxIndirectParam function. The second parameter to each of these functions is the handle to a global memory object that contains a DLGTEMPLATE dialog box template data structure. The dwStyle (first) member of the DLGTEMPLATE structure contains style information for the dialog box.

When an application creates a dialog box using one of these functions, Windows determines whether the template contains a FONTINFO data structure by checking for the DS_FONTSTYLE bit in the dwStyle member of the DLGTEMPLATE structure. If this bit is set, Windows creates a font for the dialog box and its controls based on the information in the FONTINFO structure. Otherwise, Windows uses the default system font to calculate the size of the dialog box and the placement and text of its controls.

If Windows creates a font based on the FONTINFO data structure, it sends a WM_SETFONT message to the dialog box. If Windows uses the system default font, it does not send a WM_SETFONT message. A dialog box can change the font of one or more of its controls by creating a font and sending a WM_SETFONT message with the font handle to the appropriate controls.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrDlgs

Using the DeferWindowPos Family of Functions

Article ID: Q87345

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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In the Microsoft Windows graphical environment, an application can use the `BeginDeferWindowPos`, `DeferWindowPos`, and `EndDeferWindowPos` functions when it moves or sizes a set of windows simultaneously. Using these functions avoids unnecessary screen painting, which would occur if the windows were moved individually.

The eighth parameter to the `DeferWindowPos` function can be any one of eight flag values that affect the size and position of each moved or sized window. One of the flags, `SWP_NOREDRA`, disables repainting and prevents Windows from displaying any changes to the screen. This flag effects both the client and nonclient areas of the window. Any portion of its parent window uncovered by the move or size operation must be explicitly invalidated and redrawn.

If the moved or sized windows are child windows or pop-up windows, then the `SWP_NOREDRA` flag has the expected effect. However, if the window is an edit control, a combo box control, or a list box control, then specifying `SWP_NOREDRA` has no effect; the control is drawn at its new location and its previous location is not erased. This behavior is caused by the manner in which these three control classes are painted. Buttons and static controls function normally.

To work around this limitation and move a group of edit, list box, and combo box controls in a visually pleasing manner, perform the following three steps:

1. Use the `ShowWindow` function to hide all of the controls.
2. Move or size the controls as required with the `MoveWindow` and `SetWindowPos` functions.
3. Use the `ShowWindow` function to display all of the controls.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95 combobox listbox

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrWndw

Using DWL_USER to Access Extra Bytes in a Dialog Box

Article ID: Q88358

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Windows extra bytes are used to store private information specific to an instance of a window. For dialog boxes, these extra bytes are already allocated by the dialog manager. The offset to the extra byte location is called DWL_USER.

DWL_USER is the 8th byte offset of the dialog extra bytes. The programmer has 4 bytes (a long) available from this offset for personal use.

CAUTION: DO NOT use more than 4 bytes of these extra bytes, as the rest of them are used by the dialog manager.

Example

```
DWORD dwNumber = 10;
    .
    .
    .
    .
case WM_INITDIALOG:
    SetWindowLong(hWnd,DWL_USER,dwNumber); // Store value 10 at
                                           // byte offset 8
    dwNumber = GetWindowLong(hWnd,DWL_USER); // Retrieve the value
```

NOTE: GetWindowWord and SetWindowWord could be used instead.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrDlgs

Determining the Visible Area of a Multiline Edit Control

Article ID: Q88387

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The multiline edit control provided with Microsoft Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1 does not provide a mechanism that allows an application to determine the currently visible lines of text. This article outlines an algorithm to provide that functionality.

MORE INFORMATION

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The general idea is to determine the first and last visible lines and obtain the text of those lines from the edit control. The following steps detail this process:

1. A Windows-3.1-based application can use the newly available message, `EM_GETFIRSTVISIBLELINE`, to determine the topmost visible line.

A Windows-3.0-based application can use a technique described in the following Microsoft Knowledge Base article to determine the line number of the first visible line:

ARTICLE-ID: Q68572

TITLE : Caret Position & Line Numbers in Multiline Edit Controls

2. Obtain the edit control's formatting rectangle using `EM_GETRECT`. Determine the rectangle's height using this formula:

```
nFmtRectHeight = rect.bottom - rect.top;
```

3. Obtain the line spacing of the font used by the edit control to display the text. Use the `WM_GETFONT` message to determine the font used by the edit control. Select this font into a display context and use the `GetTextMetrics` function. The `tmHeight` field of the resulting `TEXTMETRIC` structure is the line spacing.
4. Divide the formatting rectangle's height (step 2) with the line spacing (step 3) to determine the number of lines. Compute the line number of the last visible line based on the first visible line (step 1) and the number of visible lines.
5. Use `EM_GETLINE` for each line number from the first visible line to the last visible line to determine the visible lines of text. Remember that the last visible line may not necessarily be at the bottom of the edit control (the control may only be half full). To detect this case, use `EM_GETLINECOUNT` to know the last line and

compare its number with the last visible line. If the last line number is less than the last visible line, your application should use `EM_GETLINE` only on lines between the first and the last line.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

PRB: Printer Font too Small with ChooseFont() Common Dialog
Article ID: Q89544

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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In an application for the Microsoft Windows graphical environment, the user selects a printer font through the ChooseFont() common dialog box function. When the application calls the CreateFontIndirect() to create the selected font, even though the style and face name are correct, the point size is much too small.

CAUSE

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The LOGFONT structure returned to the application is based on screen metrics--even when the user selects a printer font. Because the resolution (dots per inch) on a printer is generally much greater than that of the screen, the resulting printer font is smaller than desired.

RESOLUTION

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Modify the lfHeight member of the LOGFONT data structure according to the printer metrics.

MORE INFORMATION

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The following code demonstrates how to modify the lfHeight member. The lpcf variable contains a pointer to the CHOOSEFONT data structure. The hDC member of the CHOOSEFONT data structure is a handle to the printer device context.

```
if (ChooseFont(lpcf))
{
    if (lpcf->nFontType & PRINTER_FONT)
    {
        iLogPixelsy = GetDeviceCaps(lpcf->hDC, LOGPIXELSY);
        lpcf->lpLogFont->lfHeight =
            MulDiv(-iLogPixelsy, (lpcf->iPointSize / 10), 72);
        hPrinterFont =
            CreateFontIndirect((LPLOGFONT) (lpcf->lpLogFont));
    }
    else
    {
        // Create screen font
    }
}
else
```

```
{  
  // Process common dialog box error  
}
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95
KBCategory: kbprg kbprb kbcode
KBSubcategory: UsrCmnDlg

Multiline Edit Control Limits in Windows NT

Article ID: Q89712

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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The default maximum size for a multiline edit (MLE) control in both Windows and Windows NT is 30,000 characters. The EM_LIMITTEXT message allows an application to increase this value. Setting "cchmax" to 0 is a portable method of increasing this limit to the maximum in both Windows and Windows NT. When cchmax is set to 0, the maximum size for an MLE is 4GB-1 (4 gigabytes minus 1).

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Reasons for Failure of Menu Functions

Article ID: Q89739

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The Menu functions (AppendMenu(), CheckMenuItem(), CreateMenu(), CreatePopupMenu(), DeleteMenu(), DestroyMenu(), GetMenu(), GetMenuItemID(), GetMenuString(), GetSubMenu(), GetSystemMenu(), HiliteMenuItem(), InsertMenu(), LoadMenuIndirect(), ModifyMenu(), RemoveMenu(), SetMenu(), SetMenuItemBitmaps(), and TrackPopupMenu()) can fail for several reasons. Different functions return different values to indicate failure. Read the documentation for information about each function. This article combines the causes of failure for all functions and provides a resolution or explanation. A list of affected functions follows each cause. The causes are:

1. Invalid hWnd parameter.
2. Invalid hMenu parameter.
3. The menu item is not found.
4. No space left in User's heap to hold a string or to hold an internal data structure for owner draw menu items or to create a menu or to create a window for TrackPopupMenu().
5. There are no items in the menu.
6. The menu resource could not be found (FindResource()) or loaded (LoadResource()) or locked (LockResource()) in memory.
7. TrackPopupMenu() is called while another popup menu is being tracked in the system.
8. The hMenu that has been passed to TrackPopupMenu() has been deleted.
9. MENUITEMTEMPLATEHEADER's versionNumber field is non-zero.

MORE INFORMATION

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Cause 1: Invalid hWnd parameter.

Resolution 1: Validate the hWnd parameter using IsWindow(). Make sure that hWnd is not a child window.

NOTE: Resolution 1 does not apply to TrackPoupuMenu().

Explanation 1: In Windows, menus are always associated with a window.

Child windows cannot have menu bars.

Affected Functions: All functions that take hWnd as a parameter except for TrackPopupMenu().

Cause 2: Invalid hMenu parameter.

Resolution 2: Validate hMenu with IsMenu().

Affected Functions: All functions that take hMenu as a parameter.

Cause 3: The menu item is not found.

Resolution 3: If the menu item is referred to BY_POSITION, make sure that the index is lesser than the number of items. If the menu item is referred to BY_COMMAND, an application has to devise its own method of validating it.

Explanation 3: Menu items are numbered consecutively starting from 0. Remember that separator items are also counted.

Affected Functions: All functions that refer to a menu item.

Cause 4: No space left in User's heap to hold a string or to hold an internal data structure for owner draw menu items or to create a menu.

Resolution 4: Remember to delete all menus and other objects that have been created by the application when they are not needed any more. If you suspect that objects left undeleted by other applications are wasting valuable system resources, restart Windows.

Explanation 4: In Windows 3.0, menus and menu items were allocated space from User's heap. In Windows 3.1, they are allocated space from a separate heap. This heap is for the exclusive use of menus and menu items.

Affected Functions: AppendMenu(), InsertMenu(), ModifyMenu(), CreateMenu(), CreatePopupMenu(), LoadMenu(), LoadMenuIndirect(), TrackPopupMenu(), GetSystemMenu() (when fRevert = FALSE).

Cause 5: There are no items in the menu.

Resolution 5: Use GetMenuItemCount() to make sure the menu is not empty.

Explanation 5: Nothing to be deleted or removed.

Affected Functions : RemoveMenu(), DeleteMenu().

Cause 6: The menu resource could not be found (FindResource()) or loaded (LoadResource()) or locked (LockResource()) in memory.

Resolution 6: Ensure that the menu resource exists and that the hInst parameter refers to the correct hInstance. Try increasing the number of file handles using SetHandleCount() and increasing available global memory by closing some applications. For more information about the causes of failure of resource functions, query this Knowledge Base on the following keywords:

failure and LoadResource and FindResource and LockResource.

Explanation 6: Finding, loading, and locking a resource involves use of file handles, global memory, and the hInstance that has the menu resource.

Affected Functions: LoadMenu(), LoadMenuIndirect()

Cause 7. TrackPopupMenu() is called while another popup menu is being tracked in the system.

Explanation 7: Only one popup menu can be tracked in the system at any given time.

Affected Function: TrackPopupMenu()

Cause 8. The hMenu that has been passed to TrackPopupMenu() has been deleted. The debug mode of Windows 3.1 sends the following message :

"Menu destroyed unexpectedly by WM_INITMENUPOPUP"

Explanation 8: Windows sends a WM_INITMENUPOPUP to the application and expects the menu to not be destroyed.

Affected Function: TrackPopupMenu()

Cause 9. MENUITEMTEMPLATEHEADER 's versionNumber field is non-zero.

Explanation 9: In Windows 3.0 and 3.1, this field should always be 0.

Affected Function: LoadMenuIndirect()

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrMen

Do Not Forward DDEML Messages from a Hook Procedure

Article ID: Q89828

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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If an application for Windows uses the Dynamic Data Exchange Management Library (DDEML) in addition to a message hook [for example, by calling `SetWindowsHook()` or `SetWindowsHookEx()`], it is possible that your hook procedure will receive messages that are intended for the DDEML libraries.

For the DDEML libraries to work properly, you must make sure that your hook function does not forward on any messages that are intended for the DDEML libraries.

MORE INFORMATION

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If your hook procedure receives a code of type `MSGF_DDEMGR`, you should return `FALSE` instead of calling the `CallNextHookEx()` function.

The way to handle this situation is to use the following code:

```
if (MSGF_DDEMGR == code)
    return FALSE;
else
{
    ...
}
```

In cases where the callback function processes the message, it should return `TRUE`.

Note, however, how the message filter function is called from within DDEML:

```
while (TimeOutHasntExpired) {
    GetMessage (&msg, (HWND)NULL, 0, 0);
    if ( !CallMsgFilter (&msg, MSGF_DDEMGR) )
        DispatchMessage (&msg);
}
```

Given this, a callback function that just returns would cause the `CallMsgFilter()` call above to return `TRUE`, and never dispatch the message. This inevitably causes an infinite loop in the application, because `GetMessage()` ends up retrieving the same message over and over, without dispatching it to the appropriate window for processing.

Therefore, a callback function that processes the message may not just

return TRUE, but should also translate and dispatch messages appropriately.

The Windows 3.1 SDK's DDEMLCL sample demonstrates how to do this correctly in its MessageFilterProc() found in DDEMLCL.C:

```
if (nCode == MSGF_DDEMGR) {  
  
    /*  
    * If a keyboard message is for MDI, let MDI client take care of it.  
    * Otherwise, check to see if it is a normal accelerator key.  
    * Otherwise, just handle the message as usual.  
    */  
  
    if ( !TranslateMDISysAccel (hWndMDIClient, lpmsg) &&  
        !TranslateAccelerator (hWndFrame, hAccel, lpmsg)) {  
        TranslateMessage (lpmsg);  
        DispatchMessage (lpmsg);  
    }  
    return 1;  
}
```

For more information about message hooks and DDEML, please see the above mentioned functions in the Windows SDK manual or the online help facility.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrDde

Writing Multiple-Language Resources

Article ID: Q89866

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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When you are writing multiple-language resources, the dialog box identifiers need to be identical for each language instance, as demonstrated below.

```
#define DialogID          100

DialogID DIALOG  0, 0, 210, 10
LANGUAGE LANG_ENGLISH,SUBLANG_ENGLISH_US
.
.
DialogID DIALOG  0, 0, 210, 10
LANGUAGE LANG_FRENCH,SUBLANG_FRENCH
```

The FindResource() application programming interface (API) function is used by the system to fetch the dialog box. FindResource() gets the locale information for the process, then attempts to fetch the resource with that language identifier using FindResourceEx(), the language-specific API function for fetching resources. If FindResourceEx() fails to load the language-specific dialog box, FindResource() then attempts to load the neutral dialog box, which should fetch LANG_FRENCH,SUBLANG_FRENCH, if the locale is SUBLANG_FRENCH_CAN or similar.

The LANGUAGE identifiers and the VERSIONINFO language identifiers should also be identical. The code page for resources is always the Unicode code page. The system will translate from Unicode to the required code page.

The preferred method of developing multiple-language resources is to include a LANGUAGE statement for each language supported rather than using the CODEPAGE, LANGUAGE identifier, and VERSIONINFO information. Although the CODEPAGE information will work, the new method is easier to use.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrNls WintlDev

Getting the WinMain() lpCmdLine in Unicode

Article ID: Q90912

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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The prototype for WinMain() is as follows:

```
int PASCAL WinMain(  
    HANDLE hInstance,  
    HANDLE hPrevInstance,  
    LPSTR lpCmdLine,  
    int nCmdShow );
```

The third parameter is an LPSTR, which specifies an ANSI string. WinMain() cannot be defined to accept Unicode input because there is no way for the system to know whether or not the application wants Unicode at the time WinMain() is called; the system knows once the application has registered a window class.

To get the arguments in Unicode, use GetCommandLine().

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrNls

Creating Windows in a Multithreaded Application

Article ID: Q90975

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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In a multithreaded application, any thread can call the `CreateWindow()` API to create a window. There are no restrictions on which thread(s) can create windows.

It is important to note that the message loop and window procedure for the window must be in the thread that created the window. If a different thread creates the window, the window won't get messages from `DispatchMessage()`, but will get messages from other sources. Therefore, the window will appear but won't show activation or repaint, cannot be moved, won't receive mouse messages, and so on.

MORE INFORMATION

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Normally, windows created in different threads process input independently of each other. The windows have their own input states and the threads are not synchronized with each other in regards to input processing.

In order to have threads to share input state, have one thread call `AttachThreadInput()` to have its input processing attached to another thread. What this means is that these two threads will use a Windows 3.1 style system queue. The threads will still have separate input, but they will take turns reading out of the same queue.

Creating a window can force an implicit `AttachThreadInput()`, when a parent window is created in one thread and the child window is being created in another thread. When windows are created (or set) in separate threads with a parent-child relationship, the input queues are attached.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrWndw

Multiple Desktops Under Windows NT

Article ID: Q92505

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.51, 3.5, and 3.1
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Windows NT does not support sharing the same desktop between two monitors on the same machine. An independent software vendor (ISV) that wants this capability must write a display device driver that behaves similar to a normal driver with a single monitor, but actually controls two monitors.

Support for multiple desktops is exposed and supported in Windows NT version 3.51.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbother kbui

KBSubcategory: UsrMisc

Transparent Windows

Article ID: Q92526

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Microsoft Windows version 3.1 does not support fully functional transparent windows.

MORE INFORMATION

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If a window is created using `CreateWindowEx()` with the `WS_EX_TRANSPARENT` style, windows below it at the position where the original window was initially placed are not obscured and show through. Moving the `WS_EX_TRANSPARENT` window, however, results in the old window background moving to the new position, because Windows does not support fully functional transparent windows.

`WS_EX_TRANSPARENT` was designed to be used in very modal situations and the lifetime of a window with this style must be very short. A good use of this style is for drawing tracking points on the top of another window. For example, a dialog editor would use it to draw tracking points around the control that is being selected or moved.

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KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrWndw

Accessing Parent Window's Menu from Child Window w/ focus

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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In an MDI-like application, the user must be allowed to pull down menus in the parent window by using menu mnemonics even though the child window or one of its children may have the focus. This can be done by creating child windows without a system menu or by processing the WM_MENUCHAR and WM_SYSCOMMAND/SC_KEYMENU messages to programatically pull down the parent's menu.

MORE INFORMATION

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If a child window with a system menu has the focus and the user attempts to access the parent's menu with the keyboard using the menu mnemonic (ALT+mnemonic character), Windows will beep and the parent's menu will not be pulled down. This problem occurs because the parent window does not have the focus and because the window with the focus does not have a menu corresponding to the mnemonic. (Child windows cannot have menus other than the system menu.)

If the child window with the focus does not have a system menu, Windows assumes that the menu mnemonic is for the nearest ancestor with a system menu and passes the message to that parent. Consequently, it is possible to use menu mnemonics to pull down a parent's menu if the descendant windows do not have system menus.

If the child window with the focus has a system menu, Windows will beep if a menu mnemonic corresponding to a parent menu is typed. This can be prevented and the parent menu can be dropped down using the following code in the window procedure of the child window:

```
case WM_MENUCHAR:  
    PostMessage(hwndWindowWithMenu, WM_SYSCOMMAND, SC_KEYMENU, wParam);  
    return(MAKEKELRESULT(0, 1));
```

WM_MENUCHAR is sent to the child window when the user presses a key sequence that does not match any of the predefined mnemonics in the current menu. wParam contains the mnemonic character. The child window posts a WM_SYSCOMMAND/SC_KEYMENU message to the parent whose menu is to be dropped down, with lParam set to the character that corresponds to the menu mnemonic.

The above code can also be used if the child window with the focus does not have a system menu but an intermediate child window with a system menu exists between the child with the focus and the ancestor whose menu is to be dropped. In this case, the code would be placed in the intermediate

window's window procedure.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.00 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrMen

Reasons for Failure of Clipboard Functions

Article ID: Q92530

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The following clipboard functions:

```
OpenClipboard()  
CloseClipboard()  
EmptyClipboard()  
GetClipboardData()  
SetClipboardData()  
EnumClipboardFormats()  
SetClipboardViewer()  
ChangeClipboardChain()  
GetOpenClipboardWindow()  
GetClipboardOwner()
```

can fail for several reasons. Different functions return different values to indicate failure. Read the documentation for information about each function. This article combines the causes of failure for all functions and provides a resolution or explanation. In the More Information section, a list of affected functions follows each cause. The causes are:

1. The clipboard is not opened by any application.
2. The current application does not have the clipboard open.
3. The current application does not own the clipboard.
4. User's data segment is full.
5. Insufficient global memory.
6. The specified clipboard format is not supported.
7. The application that set the clipboard data placed a corrupt or invalid metafile in the clipboard.
8. An application is attempting to open an already open clipboard. The debug mode of Windows 3.1 will send the "Clipboard already open" message.
9. The application that opened the clipboard used NULL as the window handle.

MORE INFORMATION

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Cause 1: The clipboard is not opened by any application.

Resolution 1: Open the clipboard using `OpenClipboard()`. If a DLL needs to open the clipboard, it may pass `hwnd = NULL` to `OpenClipboard()`.

Explanation 1: An application cannot copy data (using `SetClipboardData()`) when no application has the clipboard currently open.

Affected Functions: `SetClipboardData()`.

Cause 2: The current application does not have the clipboard open.

Resolution 2: Open the clipboard using `OpenClipboard()`. If a DLL needs to open the clipboard, it may pass `hwnd = NULL` to `OpenClipboard()`.

Explanation 2: An application cannot empty or close the clipboard without first opening it.

Affected Functions: `EmptyClipboard()`, `CloseClipboard()`.

Cause 3: The current application does not own the clipboard.

Resolution 3: Open the clipboard and get ownership by emptying it.

Explanation 3: An application cannot enumerate the clipboard formats without owning it.

Affected Functions: `EnumClipboardFormats()`.

Cause 4: User's data segment is full.

Explanation 4: There should be space available in User's data segment to store internal data structures when `SetClipboardData()` is called.

Affected Function: `SetClipboardData()`.

Cause 5: Insufficient global memory.

Explanation 5: If the clipboard has data in either the `CF_TEXT` or `CF_OEMTEXT` format and if `GetClipboardData()` requests text in the unavailable format, then Windows will perform the conversion. The converted text must be stored in global memory.

Affected Function: `GetClipboardData()`.

Cause 6: The specified clipboard format is not supported.

Resolution 6: Use `IsClipboardFormatAvailable()` to check whether the specified format is available on the clipboard.

Affected Function: `GetClipboardData()`.

Cause 7: The application that set the clipboard data placed a corrupt or invalid metafile in the clipboard.

Resolution 7: There are no functions to tell whether a given metafile is corrupt or invalid. Try playing the metafile and see if the metafile plays as expected.

Affected Function: SetClipboardData().

Cause 8: Application is attempting to open an already open clipboard. The debug mode of Windows 3.1 will send the "Clipboard already open" message.

Explanation 8: The clipboard must be closed by the application that opened it, before other applications can open it.

Affected Functions: OpenClipboard().

Cause 9: The application that opened the clipboard used NULL as the window handle.

Explanation 9: An application can call OpenClipboard(NULL) to successfully open a clipboard. The side effects are that subsequent calls to GetClipboardOwner() and GetOpenClipboardWindow() return NULL. An application can also call SetClipboardViewer(NULL) successfully. However, there is no reason why this should be allowed, and it is currently reported as a bug. The side effects are that subsequent calls to GetClipboardViewer() and ChangeClipboardChain() return NULL. NULL from these functions does not necessarily imply that they failed.

Affected Functions: GetClipboardOwner(), GetOpenClipboardWindow(), GetClipboardViewer(), ChangeClipboardChain().

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95
GetClipboardFormatName
RegisterClipboardFormat
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: UsrClp

Implementing a Line-Based Interface for Edit Controls

Article ID: Q92626

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.50, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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In specific situations, it may be desirable to make multiline edit controls behave similar to list boxes, such that entries can be selected and manipulated on a per-line basis. This article describes how to implement the line-based interface.

MORE INFORMATION

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A multiline edit control must be subclassed to achieve the desired behavior. The subclass function is outlined below.

Most of the work necessary to implement a line-based interface is done by the predefined window function of the edit control class. With the return value from the EM_LINEINDEX message, the offset of the line under the caret can be determined; with the length of that line retrieved via the EM_LINELENGTH message, the EM_SETSEL message can be used to highlight the current line.

There are two problems with this approach:

- The first problem is that the EM_LINEINDEX message, when sent to the control with wParam=-1, returns the line index of the caret, which is not necessarily the same as the current mouse position. Thus, upon receiving the WM_LBUTTONDOWN message, the subclass function should first call the old window function, which will set the caret to the character under the current mouse position, then compute the beginning and ending offsets of the corresponding line, and eventually set the selection to that line.
- The other problem is that the WM_MOUSEMOVE message should be ignored by the subclassing function because otherwise the built-in selection mechanism will change the selection when the mouse is being dragged with the left mouse button pressed, thus defeating the purpose.

Following is the subclassing function that follows from this discussion:

```
WNDPROC EditSubClassProc(HWND hWnd,  
                          UINT wParam,  
                          WPARAM wParam,  
                          LPARAM lParam)  
{ int iLineBeg, iLineEnd;  
  long lSelection;  
  switch (wParam)  
  { case WM_MOUSEMOVE:
```

```

        break;                                /* Swallow mouse move messages. */
case WM_LBUTTONDOWN:                          /* First pass on, then process. */
    CallWindowProc((FARPROC)lpfnOldEditFn,hWnd,wMsg,wParam,lParam);
    iLineBeg = SendMessage(hWnd,EM_LINEINDEX,-1,0);
    iLineEnd=iLineBeg+SendMessage(hWnd,EM_LINELENGTH,iLineBeg,0);
#ifdef WIN32
    SendMessage(hWnd,EM_SETSEL,0,MAKELPARAM(iLineBeg,iLineEnd));
#else
    SendMessage(hWnd,EM_SETSEL,iLineBeg,iLine) /* Win 32 rearranges
        parameters. */
#endif
    break;
case WM_LBUTTONDBLCLK:
    lSelection = SendMessage(hWnd,EM_GETSEL,0,0);
    /* Now we have the indices to the beginning and end of the line in
       the LOWORD and HIWORD of lSelection, respectively.
       Do something with it... */
    break;
default:

return(CallWindowProc((FARPROC)lpfnOldEditFn,hWnd,wMsg,wParam,lParam));
};
return(0);
}

```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

PRB: SetWindowsHookEx() Fails to Install Task-Specific Filter
Article ID: Q92659

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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In Windows version 3.1, the SetWindowsHookEx() function fails when it is called to install a task-specific filter (hook) that resides in a DLL.

CAUSE

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According to the documentation, the third parameter to the SetWindowsHookEx() function must be the instance handle of the application or the DLL that contains the filter function. However, because of a problem in Windows 3.1, the SetWindowsHookEx() function fails when it is called to install a task-specific filter using the DLL's instance handle.

Note that such a problem does not exist when the SetWindowsHookEx() function is called to install a system-wide filter in a DLL. The DLL's instance handle is accepted as a valid parameter. The first argument passed to the LibMain function of a DLL contains its instance handle.

RESOLUTION

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To install a task-specific filter that resides in a DLL, pass the module handle of the DLL as the third parameter to the SetWindowsHookEx() function. The module handle can be retrieved using the GetModuleHandle() function. For example, to install a task-specific keyboard filter, the code might resemble the following:

```
g_hHook = SetWindowsHookEx( WH_KEYBOARD,  
                           HookCallbackProc,  
                           GetModuleHandle( "HOOK.DLL" ),  
                           hTargetTask );
```

This resolution is compatible with future versions of Windows.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95 hook not allowed

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb kbcode

KBSubcategory: UshrHks

DDEML Application-Instance IDs Are Thread Local

Article ID: Q94091

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT version 3.1 and 3.5
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When using the DDEML (Dynamic Data Exchange Management Library) libraries from a spawned thread, the application-instance ID that is returned in the `lpidInst` parameter of `DdeInitialize` is thread local.

Therefore, the application-instance ID cannot be used by any other thread that is spawned by the process, nor can it be inherited from the parent.

To use the DDEML libraries within a thread, it is necessary to make both the `DdeInitialize` call and to use the `DdeUninitialize` call from within the thread; otherwise, there is no way to terminate the DDEML session.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrDde

Freeing PackDDElParam() Memory

Article ID: Q94149

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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When posting DDE messages via `PostMessage()`, an application first calls `PackDDElParam()` and sends its return value (a pointer cast to `LPARAM`) as the `lParam` in `PostMessage()`.

Normally the receiving application is responsible for freeing the structure [via `FreeDDElParam()`]. However, if the call to `PostMessage()` fails, the posting application must free the packed data. This is also the method used by 16-bit Windows.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrDde

Uniqueness Values in User and GDI Handles

Article ID: Q94917

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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User and GDI handles, are divided into two parts:

- The lower 16 bits is an index into a system table of handle structures, which includes information such as the type of handle (window, menu, cursor, and so forth), as well as a value called the uniqueness.
- The upper 16 bits contain the same uniqueness value.

The first time a handle is issued by the system, the uniqueness value is 0 (zero). It is incremented each time the handle is re-used. In Windows NT 3.1, if you pass in a value of 0xFFFF for the uniqueness, the client side (that is, USER32.DLL) will look up the correct uniqueness value in shared memory and use the correct handle. In Windows NT 3.5, use 0x0000 for the uniqueness value.

This is important because it alleviates potential conflicts with re-used handles. For example, when a window is destroyed, its handle is reused by the system. The uniqueness value prevents an old handle to a destroyed window from being misinterpreted by the system as the handle to a new object, which was given the same handle value.

MORE INFORMATION

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In Win32s, use 0x0000 in the upper 16 bits for the uniqueness.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrMisc

Instance-Specific String Handles (HSZs) in DDEML

Article ID: Q94953

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Instance-specific string handles in DDEML may be used in `DdeConnect()` or `DdeConnectList()` in order to connect to a particular instance of a server. These string handles are received by a DDEML callback as the `HSZ2` parameter to the `XTYP_REGISTER/XTYP_UNREGISTER` transactions whenever a server application registers or unregisters the service name it supports.

This article explains how instance-specific HSZs are internally implemented in the Windows 3.1 DDEML; however, this is for purposes of illustration only because the implementation may change in future versions of DDEML, particularly in Win32. However, the behavior will be the same.

MORE INFORMATION

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Currently, instance-specific string handles contain two pieces of information: the original service name string plus the handle to a hidden window created by DDEML, which is associated with that string. These two pieces of information are then merged [that is, `MAKELONG(SvcNameAtom, hWnd)`] into an HSZ.

It is important to underscore what the documents on `DdeCreateStringHandle()` say in reference to instance-specific HSZs (see the Comments section of the Windows 3.1 Software Development Kit (SDK) "Programmer's Reference, Volume 2: Functions," page 169):

An instance-specific string handle is not mappable from string handle to string to string handle again. The `DdeQueryString()` function creates a string from a string handle and then `DdeCreateStringHandle()` creates a string handle from that string, but the two handles are not the same.

This might be better explained as follows:

1. Server registers itself:

```
0x0000C18F = DdeCreateStringHandle (,"SERVER",);  
DdeNameService (,0x0000C18F,,);
```

2. Callbacks receive two HSZs in `XTYP_REGISTER`:

```
HSZ1 = 0x0000C18F (normal HSZ)  
HSZ2 = 0x56F8C18F (instance-specific HSZ)
```

3. Client does a DdeQueryString() on the HSZ2 returned above, and creates a string handle with the string returned.

```
DdeQueryString (,0x56F8C18F, myLpstr,,,);  
    // where myLpstr returned = "SERVER:(56F8)"
```

```
0x0000C193= DdeCreateStringHandle (,myLpstr,);
```

Note how instance-specific 0x56F8C18F passed in to DdeQueryString() is not the same as the HSZ returned (0x0000C193) from the DdeCreateStringHandle() on the same string; whereas regular string handles (that is, non-instance-specific HSZs) would have mapped to the same string handle.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrDde

DDE Error Message: Application Using DDE Did Not Respond
Article ID: Q94955

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, version 4.0
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SUMMARY

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DDEML displays a dialog box with the following error message when a terminate deadlock occurs, often caused by a DDE application not terminating correctly:

Application using DDE did not respond to the System's Exit command

MORE INFORMATION

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A terminate deadlock situation occurs when DDEML times out while waiting for a responding terminate.

This message box appears when a DDEML application calls DdeUninitialize() with conversations still active. DdeUninitialize() posts WM_DDE_TERMINATE messages for each open conversation, and waits for a corresponding WM_DDE_TERMINATE for a set period of time. This time is actually set in the [DDEML] section of the WIN.INI file

```
[DDEML]
ShutdownTimeout= ?
ShutdownRetryTimeout=?
```

where both are defined as integers defaulting to 30000 milliseconds. These WIN.INI entries were purposely not documented to discourage people from setting them to some other value.

If DDEML does not receive a response within the set period of time, it brings up the message box to allow the user to choose to either quit, wait longer, or wait indefinitely. This was done to work around a problem in Windows 3.0 where the system locks up if an application attempts to post a message to a non-existent window, and to allow the user to save his work.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.00 4.00 95
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: UsrDde

SendMessage() in a Multithreaded Environment

Article ID: Q95000

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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When thread X calls SendMessage() to send a message to a window created by thread Y, it must wait until thread Y calls PeekMessage(), GetMessage(), or WaitMessage() before the SendMessage() call can continue. This process prevents synchronization problems.

MORE INFORMATION

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Because of the multithreaded environment of Windows NT, SendMessage() does not behave in the same manner as it does under Windows 3.1. Under Windows 3.1, SendMessage() simply calls the window procedure given to it. In Windows 3.1, if you use the SendMessage() function to send a message to a window of another task, the system will perform a task switch to the target window (change to the stack of the target Windows-based application), let the target window process the message [when it calls GetMessage() or PeekMessage()], and then switch back to the original message.

Under Windows NT, however, only the thread that created a window may process the window's messages. Therefore, if thread X sends a message [via SendMessage()] to a window that was created by thread Y, thread X must wait for thread Y to be in a receiving state, and handle the message for it.

Thread Y is only in a receiving state when it calls PeekMessage(), GetMessage(), or WaitMessage(), because synchronization problems may occur if a thread is interrupted while processing other messages. While in a receiving state, thread Y may process messages sent to its windows via SendMessage() (in this case, by thread X).

Note that PeekMessage() and GetMessage() look in thread Y's message queue for messages. Because SendMessage() does not post any messages, PeekMessage() and GetMessage() will not see any indication of the SendMessage() call. The two functions merely serve as a point in time at which SendMessage() (thread X) may "interrupt," and have thread Y process its message next. Then PeekMessage() or GetMessage() continues normal operation under thread Y.

Because of this behavior, if thread X sends a message to thread Y, and thread Y is locked in a tight loop, thread X is now locked as well. This may be prevented by using SendNotifyMessage(), which behaves as SendMessage() does above, but returns immediately. This may be an advantage if it is not important that the sent message be completed before thread Y continues. Note, however, that because SendNotifyMessage() is asynchronous, thread X should not pass pointers to any of its local variables when making the call, because they may be gone by the time thread Y attempts to look at

them. This would result in a general protection violation (GP fault) when thread Y accesses the pointer.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95 GP-fault

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrMisc

PRB: DDEML with Excel Error: Remote Data Not Accessible

Article ID: Q95982

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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When data is linked between a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet and a DDEML server application, with both applications open, the following error message may appear:

Remote data not accessible; start application <SERVER FILENAME>.EXE?

CAUSE

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Excel broadcasts an initiate to all windows, for every service/topic name pair it finds, in an attempt to initiate a conversation with the server application. (This can be easily verified by running DDESPY and watching Excel broadcast its initiates.) If Excel can't get a response, or gets a NACK (negative ACK), Excel attempts to EXEC() a new instance of the server application.

RESOLUTION

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A DDEML server application should return TRUE, in response to the XTYP_CONNECT transaction it receives, for every service/topic name pair it supports. Refer to page 518 of the Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1 "Programmer's Reference, Volume 3: Messages, Structures, and Functions" for more information on the XTYP_CONNECT transaction.

MORE INFORMATION

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The DDEML server application responds to Excel's initiate by sending the XTYP_CONNECT transaction to the DDE callback function of each server application, passing the service and topic names to the server.

If the server application fails to return TRUE to the service/topic name it supports, Excel concludes that it is trying to initiate a DDE link to an application that is not available, and brings up the message box above, thus giving the user an option to start the application.

Additional reference words: 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: UsrDde

Establishing Advise Loop on Same topic!item!format! Name
Article ID: Q95983

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Sometimes more than one DDEML client application might establish an advise loop with a server on the same topic!item!format name set. This article discusses the complexities involved in such a transaction.

MORE INFORMATION

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A client application sends an XTYP_ADVSTART to DDEML when it needs periodic updates on a particular data item from a server, typically when that particular data item's value changes.

The server application calls DdePostAdvise whenever the value of the requested data item changes. This results in an XTYP_ADVREQ transaction being sent to the server's DDEML callback function, where the server returns a handle to the changed data.

The client then receives the updated data item during the XTYP_ADVDATA transaction in the case of a hot advise loop. In a warm advise loop, the XTYP_ADVDATA transaction that the client receives in its callback does not contain data; it has to specifically request data with an XTYP_REQUEST transaction.

When more than one client application requests an advise loop on the same topic!item!format name set, DDEML maintains a list of these client applications so that it knows that on one call to DdePostAdvise(), it should send the changed hData to all the requesting applications in its list.

The server's callback receives an XTYP_ADVREQ transaction as a result of DdePostAdvise() with the LOWORD (dwData1) containing a count of the number of ADVREQ transactions remaining to be processed on the same topic!item!format name set.

This count allows the server application to create its hData as HDATA_APPOWNED, whereby it could create a data handle just once and pass the same handle on to its other pending requests on the same topic!item!format name set. Finally, when the count is down to zero, DdeFreeDataHandle() can then be called on this hData.

Note that a server needs to call DdePostAdvise() only once regardless of how many pending advise requests it has on the same topic!item!format name set. This one call to DdePostAdvise() causes DDEML to send the appropriate number of XTYP_ADVREQ transactions to the server's callback.

All these can be easily illustrated using the Windows version 3.1 Software Development Kit (SDK) DDEML CLIENT and SERVER samples in this manner:

1. Start the SERVER application.
2.
 - a. Start the CLIENT application.
 - b. Establish a connection with the SERVER.
 - c. Start an advise loop on the item "Rand".
3.
 - a. Start another instance of the client application.
 - b. Establish a connection with the SERVER.
 - c. Start an advise loop on the item Rand.
4. Bring up DDESPY.
5. Go back to the SERVER and choose ChangeData from the Options menu and watch both CLIENT applications update their data.

Results (from DDESPY main window):

1. Two XTYP_ADVREQs (because you have two pending ADVREQs on the same test!Rand pair).
2. Changed Rand data is then sent to the first CLIENT in the advise list.
3. The first CLIENT in the advise list receives the data via XTYP_ADVDATA.
4. Changed "Rand" data is sent to the second CLIENT in the advise list.
5. The second CLIENT in the advise list receives its XTYP_ADVDATA.

One caveat to this scenario is when an advise loop is invoked with the XTYPF_ACKREQ flag set (that is, the client establishes an XTYP_ADVSTART transaction or'ed with the XTYPF_ACKREQ flag). In this case, the server does not send the next data item until an ACK is received from the client for the first data item. During a particular call to DdePostAdvise(), the server might not necessarily receive XTYP_ADVREQ in its callback for all active links, and the LOWORD(dwData1) might not necessarily reach 0 (zero). When the DDE_FACK from the client finally arrives, DDEML then sends the server an XTYP_ADVREQ with LOWORD(dwData1) set to CADV_LATEACK, identifying the late-arriving ACK appropriately.

Advise links of this kind (with XTYPF_ACKREQ flag set) are best suited to situations where the server sends information faster than a client can process it--setting the XTYPF_ACKREQ bit ensures that the server never outruns the client. However, setting this flag also sets a drawback in circumstances where data transitions may be lost. Thus, in Windows NT or in similar situations where server outrun is highly unlikely, it is recommended that the XTYPF_ACKREQ bit not be used to prevent such data transition loss.

Note that in this delayed ACK update scenario, the count received in the LOWORD (dwData1) may not be relied upon for creating APPOWNERD data handles as discussed in the earlier paragraphs; where an hData is created once, and when the count is down to zero, DdeFreeDataHandle()

is called on this hData.

This does not, however, imply that the efficiency provided by APPOWNER data handles may not be used at all. In this case, a server could create an APPOWNER data handle once--usually on the first XTYP_ADVREQ it receives--and associate that handle with a topic!item!format name set. It could then return this data handle for all subsequent requests it receives on this topic!item!format set. Each time data changes thereafter, the server should destroy the old data handle and not re-render the data [that is, call DdeCreateDataHandle()] until another request comes through.

This might be better explained as follows:

```
case XTYP_ADVREQ:
    if (ThisIsForTheTopicItemFormatSpecified)
    {
        if (bFirstTimeRequested)
        {
            bFirstTimeRequested = FALSE;
            hData = DdeCreateDataHandle();
        }
        return hData;
    }
    break;

// and then whenever data changes for this topic!item!format
if (hData)
{
    DdeFreeDataHandle (hData);
    bFirstTimeRequested = TRUE;
}
DdePostAdvise();           // specify topic!item!format here.
                             // This causes DDEML to send an
XTYP_ADVREQ                // which is handled above.
```

For Microsoft Windows version 3.1 DDEML, the only way for a server application to distinguish which client's advise request is currently being responded to is through the XTYP_ADVREQ's hConv parameter. The hConvPartner field of the CONVINFO structure may be used to distinguish between clients.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: UsrDde

Window Message Priorities

Article ID: Q96006

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Under Windows NT, messages have the same priorities as with Windows 3.1.

With normal use of GetMessage() (passing zeros for all arguments except the LPMSG parameter) or PeekMessage(), any message on the application queue is processed before user input messages. And input messages are processed before WM_TIMER and WM_PAINT "messages."

MORE INFORMATION

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For example, PostMessage() puts a message in the application queue. However, when the user moves the mouse or presses a key, these messages are placed on another queue (the system queue in Windows 3.1; a private, per-thread input queue in Win32).

GetMessage() and its siblings do not look at the user input queue until the application queue is empty. Also, the WM_TIMER and WM_PAINT messages are not handled until there are no other messages (for the thread) to process. The WM_TIMER and WM_PAINT messages can be thought of as boolean toggles, because multiple WM_PAINT or WM_TIMER messages waiting in the queue will be combined into one message. This reduces the number of times a window must repaint itself.

Under this scheme, prioritization can be considered tri-level. All posted messages are higher priority than user input messages because they reside in different queues. And all user input messages are higher priority than WM_PAINT and WM_TIMER messages.

The only difference in the Windows NT model from the Windows versions 3.x model is that there is effectively a system queue per thread (for user input messages) rather than one global system queue. The prioritization scheme for messages is identical.

For information concerning SendMessage() from one thread to another, please see the following article(s) in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

ARTICLE-ID: Q95000

TITLE : SendMessage() in a Multithreaded Environment

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrWndw

PRB: TAB Key, Mnemonics with FindText and ReplaceText Dialogs
Article ID: Q96134

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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When implementing the FindText and/or ReplaceText common dialog box, the dialog box is displayed but the TAB key and mnemonics do not work properly.

CAUSE

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The FindText and ReplaceText common dialog boxes are modeless dialog boxes. Therefore, a call to IsDialogMessage must be made in the application's main message loop in order for the TAB key and mnemonics to work properly.

RESOLUTION

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This problem can be corrected by adding a call to IsDialogMessage() in the application's main message loop.

MORE INFORMATION

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A typical message loop might resemble the following

```
while (GetMessage(&msg, NULL, NULL, NULL))
{
    if ( ghFFRDlg==NULL || !IsDialogMessage(ghFFRDlg, &msg) )
    {
        TranslateMessage(&msg);
        DispatchMessage(&msg);
    }
}
```

where ghFFRDlg is a global window handle for the currently active modeless common dialog box.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: UsrCmnDlg

PRB: FindText, ReplaceText Hook Function

Article ID: Q96135

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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When adding a hook function to the FindText and/or ReplaceText common dialog box, the dialog box is not shown. However, the hook function is receiving messages and the dialog box window does exist.

CAUSE

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The hook function is returning FALSE after processing the WM_INITDIALOG message.

RESOLUTION

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After processing the WM_INITDIALOG message in the hook function, return TRUE. If your hook function is setting the focus to a specific control, and therefore should return FALSE, add the following code:

```
case WM_INITDIALOG:
    ...WM_INITDIALOG code...

    SetFocus(hCtrl);
    ShowWindow(hDlg, SW_NORMAL);
    UpdateWindow(hDlg);
    return(FALSE);
```

This code ensures that the dialog box is visible.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb kbcode

KBSubcategory: UsrCmnDlg

Message Retrieval in a DLL

Article ID: Q96479

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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When a function in a dynamic-link library (DLL) retrieves messages on behalf of a calling application, the following must be addressed:

- The application and the DLL may be re-entered.
- The application can terminate while in the DLL's message retrieval loop.
- The DLL must allow the application to preprocess any messages that may be retrieved.

MORE INFORMATION

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The following concerns arise when a function in a DLL retrieves messages by calling GetMessage or PeekMessage:

- When the DLL function retrieves, translates, and dispatches messages, the calling application and the DLL function may be re-entered. This is because message retrieval can cause the calling application to respond to user input while waiting for the DLL function to return. The DLL function can return a reentrancy error code if this happens. To prevent reentrancy, disable windows and menu-items, or use a filter in the GetMessage or PeekMessage call to retrieve specific messages.
- The application can terminate while execution is in the DLL function's message retrieval loop. The WM_QUIT message retrieved by the DLL must be re-posted and the DLL function must return to the calling application. This allows the calling application's message retrieval loop to retrieve WM_QUIT and terminate.
- When the DLL retrieves messages, it must allow the calling application to preprocess the messages (to call TranslateAccelerator, IsDialogMessage, and so forth) if required. This is done by using CallMsgFilter to call any WH_MSGFILTER hook that the application may have installed.

The following code shows a message retrieval loop in a DLL function that waits for a PM_COMPLETE message to signal the end of processing:

```
while (notDone)
{
    GetMessage(&msg, NULL, 0, 0);

    // PM_COMPLETE is a WM_USER message that is posted when
```

```

// the DLL function has completed.
if (msg.message == PM_COMPLETE)
{
    Clean up and set result variables;
    return COMPLETED_CODE;
}
else if (msg.message == WM_QUIT) // If application has terminated...
{
    // Repost WM_QUIT message and return so that calling
    // application's message retrieval loop can exit.
    PostQuitMessage(msg.wParam);
    return APP_QUIT_CODE;
}

// The calling application can install a WH_MSGFILTER hook and
// preprocess messages when the nCode parameter of the hook
// callback function is MSGF_MYHOOK. This allows the calling
// application to call TranslateAccelerator, IsDialogMessage, etc.
if (!CallMsgFilter(&msg, MSGF_MYHOOK))
{
    TranslateMessage(&msg);
    DispatchMessage(&msg);
}

:
:
}

```

Define MSGF_HOOK to a value greater than or equal to MSGF_USER defined in WINDOWS.H to prevent collision with values used by Windows.

Preprocessing Messages in the Calling Application

The calling application can install a WH_MSGFILTER hook to preprocess messages retrieved by the DLL. It is not required for the calling application to install such a hook if it does not want to preprocess messages.

```

lpfnMsgFilterProc = MakeProcInstance((FARPROC)MsgFilterHookFunc,
                                     ghInst);
hookprocOld = SetWindowsHook(WH_MSGFILTER, lpfnMsgFilterProc);
// Call the function in the DLL.
DLLfunction();
UnhookWindowsHook(WH_MSGFILTER, lpfnMsgFilterProc);
FreeProcInstance(lpfnMsgFilterProc);

```

MsgFilterHookFunc is the hook callback function:

```

LRESULT CALLBACK MsgFilterHookFunc(int nCode, WPARAM wParam,
                                   LPARAM lParam)
{
    if (nCode < 0)
        return DefHookProc(nCode, wParam, lParam, &hookprocOld);

    // If CallMsgFilter is being called by the DLL.
    if (nCode == MSGF_MYHOOK)

```



```
{
    Preprocess message (call TranslateAccelerator,
        IsDialogMessage etc.);
    return 0L if the DLL is to call TranslateMessage and
        DispatchMessage. Return 1L if TranslateMessage and
        DispatchMessage are not to be called.
}
else return 0L;
}
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95 yield
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: UsrMsg

PRB:Unselecting Edit Control Text at Dialog Box Initialization
Article ID: Q96674

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.50, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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To remove the highlight (selection) from an edit control text, an EM_SETSEL message must be sent to the control. However, while processing the WM_INITDIALOG message of a dialog box, sending an EM_SETSEL fails to remove the highlight from (unselect) the edit control text.

CAUSE

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While processing the WM_INITDIALOG message, sending the EM_SETSEL message fails to remove the highlight from the edit control. This happens because the edit control has not yet been drawn. Because it's not drawn and there is no selection information available to the edit control's procedure, the EM_SETSEL message is ignored. In other words, the SendMessage() function passes the EM_SETSEL message too early to the edit control for it to become effective.

RESOLUTION

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There are two solutions to the above problem.

Solution 1

Use SetFocus() to set the input focus on the edit control. Use PostMessage() to post the EM_SETSEL message to the edit control rather than using SendMessage() and return FALSE from the WM_INITDIALOG handler.

Solution 2

When a newly created dialog box is displayed with focus on an edit control, the default text of the edit control is shown highlighted. In some cases, the text highlighting is undesirable because accidentally pressing a character key removes the original text from the edit control. Therefore, the workaround is to unselect the text by sending an EM_SETSEL message to the edit control at the dialog box initialization.

Delay the EM_SETSEL message until the focus is set to the edit control. That is, while processing the first EN_SETFOCUS notification message, an EM_SETSEL message must be sent to the edit control to remove the highlight from its text. For example:

```
static BOOL bFirstTime; // We want to unselect only once.
```

```

switch ( message )
{
    case WM_INITDIALOG:
        bFirstTime = TRUE;
        return TRUE;

    case WM_COMMAND:
        switch ( wParam )
        {
            case IDC_EDIT:
                // If this is the first time, then unselect.
                if ( HIWORD( lParam ) == EN_SETFOCUS &&
                    bFirstTime )
                {
                    SendMessage( GetDlgItem( hwndDialog, IDC_EDIT ),
                                EM_SETSEL, 0,
                                MAKELPARAM( -1, -1 ) );
                    bFirstTime = FALSE;
                }
                break;

            .
            .
            .
        } // switch ( wParam )

        .
        .
        .
} // switch ( message )

```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

LB_GETCARETINDEX Returns 0 for Zero Entries in List Box

Article ID: Q97922

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1, 3.5, and 4.0
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To determine whether a multiple selection list box is empty or has no items to select, two messages are required. First, call LB_GETCOUNT to determine whether or not the list box is empty. If the list box is not empty, then use LB_GETCARETINDEX to determine the position of the caret.

If you want a list box to contain selections that remain after the focus goes elsewhere, Microsoft recommends using visible check marks next to the items in the list box. This method provides better visual feedback to the user than a selection bar.

Additional reference words: 3.50 3.51 4.00 95 listbox

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

SetActiveWindow() and SetForegroundWindow() Clarification

Article ID: Q97925

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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By default, each thread has an independent input state (its own active window, its own focus window, and so forth). `SetActiveWindow()` always logically sets a thread's active window state. To force a window to the foreground, however, use `SetForegroundWindow()`. `SetForegroundWindow()` activates a window and forces the window into the foreground. `SetActiveWindow()` always activates, but it brings the active window into the foreground only if the thread is the foreground thread.

NOTE: If the target window was not created by the calling thread, the active window status of the calling thread is set to `NULL`, and the active window status of the thread that created the target window is set to the target window.

Applications can call `AttachThreadInput()` to allow a set of threads to share the same input state. By sharing input state, the threads share their concept of the active window. By doing this, one thread can always activate another thread's window. This function is also useful for sharing focus state, mouse capture state, keyboard state, and window Z-order state among windows created by different threads whose input state is shared.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrWndw

How to Stop a Journal Playback

Article ID: Q98486

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0, 3.1, and 4.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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To stop a "journal playback" when a specified key is pressed, the filter function must determine whether the key was pressed and then call the UnhookWindowsHookEx function to remove the WH_JOURNALPLAYBACK hook.

MORE INFORMATION

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To determine the state of a specified key, the filter function must call the GetAsyncKeyState function when the nCode parameter equals HC_SKIP. The HC_SKIP hook code notifies the WH_JOURNALPLAYBACK filter function that Windows is done processing the current event.

The GetAsyncKeyState function determines whether a key is up or down at the time the function is called, and whether the key was pressed after a previous call to the GetAsyncKeyState function. If the most significant bit of the return value is set, the key is down; if the least significant bit is set, the key was pressed after a preceding GetAsyncKeyState call.

If the filter function calls the GetAsyncKeyState function after the specified key was pressed and released, then the most significant bit will not be set to reflect a key-down. Thus, a test to check whether the specified key is down fails. Therefore, the least significant bit of the return value must be checked to determine whether the specified key was pressed after a preceding call to GetAsyncKeyState function. Using this technique of checking the least significant bit requires a call to the GetAsyncKeyState function before setting the WH_JOURNALPLAYBACK hook. For example:

```
// When setting the journal playback hook.
.
.
.
// Reset the least significant bit.
GetAsyncKeyState( VK_CANCEL );

// Set a system-wide journal playback hook.
g_hJP = SetWindowsHookEx( WH_JOURNALPLAYBACK,
    FilterFunc,
    g_hInstDLLModule,
    NULL );
.
```

```
.  
.br/>// Inside the filter function  
.br/>.br/>if ( nCode == HC_SKIP )  
    if ( GetAsyncKeyState( VK_CANCEL) )  
        UnhookWindowsHookEx( g_hJP );  
.br/>.br/>.
```

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: UsrHks

How to Draw a Custom Window Caption

Article ID: Q99046

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Microsoft Windows draws captions in the caption bar (or title bar) for all eligible windows in the system. Applications need to specify only the `WS_CAPTION` style to take advantage of this facility. The current version of Microsoft Windows, however, imposes three significant restrictions on the captions. An application that does not want to be tied by any of these restrictions may want to draw its own caption. This article lists the restrictions and the steps required to draw a window caption.

These restrictions also apply to Windows NT, but there are a few differences for Windows 95.

It is important to note that an application should not draw its own caption unless it has very good reasons to do so. A window caption is a user interface object, and rendering it in ways different from other windows in the system may obstruct the user's conceptual grasp of the Microsoft Windows user interface.

MORE INFORMATION

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Windows and Windows NT

The three important restrictions imposed by Microsoft Windows version 3.1 and Microsoft Windows NT on the caption for a window are:

- It consists of text only; graphics are not allowed.
- All text is centered and drawn with the system font.
- The length of the displayed caption is limited to 78 characters even when there is space on the caption bar to accommodate extra characters.

An application can essentially render its own caption consisting of any graphic and text with the standard graphics and text primitives by painting on the nonclient area of the window. The application should draw in response to the `WM_NCPAINT`, `WM_NCACTIVATE`, `WM_SETTEXT`, and `WM_SYSCOMMAND` messages. When processing these messages, an application should first pass on the message to `DefWindowProc()` for default processing, then render its caption before returning from the message. This ensures that Microsoft Windows can properly draw the nonclient area. Because drawing the caption is part of `DefWindowProc()`'s nonclient area processing, an application should specify an empty window title to avoid any Windows-initiated drawing in the caption bar. The following steps indicate the computations needed to

determine the caption drawing area:

1. Get the current window's rectangle using `GetWindowRect()`. This includes client plus nonclient areas and is in screen coordinates.
2. Get a device context (DC) to the window using `GetWindowDC()`.
3. Compute the origin and dimensions of the caption bar. One needs to account for the window decorations (frame, border) and window bitmaps (min/max/system boxes). Remember that different window styles will result in different decorations and a different number of min/max/system boxes. Use `GetSystemMetrics()` to compute the dimensions of the frame, border, and the system bitmap dimensions.
4. Render the caption within the boundaries of the rectangle computed in step 3. Remember that the user can change the caption bar color any time by using the Control Panel. Some components of the caption, particularly text backgrounds, may need to be changed based on the current caption bar color. Use `GetSysColor` to determine the current color.

The following code sample draws a left-justified caption for a window (the code sample applies only to the case where the window is active):

Sample Code

```
case WM_NCACTIVATE:
    if ((BOOL)wParam == FALSE)
    {
        DefWindowProc( hWnd, message, wParam, lParam );
        // Add code here to draw caption when window is inactive.

        return TRUE;
    }
    // Fall through if wParam == TRUE, i.e., window is active.

case WM_NCPAINT:
    // Let Windows do what it usually does. Let the window caption
    // be empty to avoid any Windows-initiated caption bar drawing

    DefWindowProc( hWnd, message, wParam, lParam );
    hDC = GetWindowDC( hWnd );
    GetWindowRect( hWnd, (LPRECT)&rc2 );

    // Compute the caption bar's origin. This window has a system box
    // a minimize box, a maximize box, and has a resizable frame

    x = GetSystemMetrics( SM_CXSIZE ) +
        GetSystemMetrics( SM_CXBORDER ) +
        GetSystemMetrics( SM_CXFRAME );
    y = GetSystemMetrics( SM_CYFRAME );
    rc1.left = x;
    rc1.top = y;

    // 2*x gives twice the bitmap+border+frame size. Since there are
    // only two bitmaps, two borders, and one frame at the end of the
```

```

// caption bar, subtract a frame to account for this.

rc1.right = rc2.right - rc2.left - 2*x -
           GetSystemMetrics( SM_CXFRAME );
rc1.bottom = GetSystemMetrics( SM_CYSIZE );

// Render the caption. Use the active caption color as the text
// background.

SetBkColor( hDC, GetSysColor(COLOR_ACTIVECAPTION) );
DrawText( hDC, (LPSTR)"Left Justified Caption", -1,
          (LPRECT)&rc1, DT_LEFT );
ReleaseDC( hWnd, hDC );
break;

```

Windows 95

On Windows 95, the text is not centered and the user can choose the Font. In addition, your application might want to monitor the WM_WININICHANGED message, because the user can change titlebar widths, and so forth, dynamically. When this happens, the application should take the new system metrics into account, and force a window redraw.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 minimum maximum
KbCategory: kbprg kbcode
KbSubCategory: UsrPnt

Using GetUpdateRgn()

Article ID: Q99047

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The documentation provided with the Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Microsoft Windows version 3.1 does not address all the issues surrounding the use of the GetUpdateRgn() function. This article complements the documentation of GetUpdateRgn().

MORE INFORMATION

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The handle to the region (hRgn) does not have to be selected into a device context (DC) to be able to use it with GetUpdateRgn(). Even if the hRgn is selected as the clipping region for a DC, Windows only makes a copy of the hRgn for the hDC instead of using the hRgn directly.

When hRgn is used with GetUpdateRgn(), Windows will ignore any existing region in hRgn. It will replace any existing region with the current update region of the window.

Calling GetUpdateRgn() soon after BeginPaint() always yields an empty region because BeginPaint() validates the update region.

A typical Windows query function (functions that typically begin with Get and Is) does not initiate any action. GetUpdateRgn() is not a typical function in this respect. The third parameter, fErase, works as advertised to initiate a repaint on request.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrPnt

PRB: Error with GetOpenFileName() and OFN_ALLOWMULTISELECT
Article ID: Q99338

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, version 3.5
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SYMPTOMS

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Assume that the GetOpenFileName() function is called with the Flags parameter set to OFN_ALLOWMULTISELECT (allow for multiple selections in the list box) and OFN_NOVALIDATE (allow for invalid characters in the filename), the lpstrFile parameter points to a 2K buffer, and the corresponding nMaxFile is set appropriately to 2048.

When the GetOpenFileName() function call returns, the complete selection in the list box is not copied to the lpstrFile buffer, but the string in the buffer is truncated.

CAUSE

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This is a problem with the GetOpenFileName() function in the current version of COMMdlg.DLL in that the OFN_NOVALIDATE flag cannot be used when multiple selections are allowed.

RESOLUTION

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The following are two suggested solutions to this problem:

One solution for this problem is to not use the OFN_NOVALIDATE flag with the OFN_ALLOWMULTISELECT flag. That is, if only the OFN_ALLOWMULTISELECT flag is used, then multiple selections will be copied properly to the text buffer. Note that there is a buffer size limit of 2K bytes for the lpstrFile buffer, and characters are truncated after 2K bytes when the OFN_ALLOWMULTISELECT flag is used.

There is another solution, if both the OFN_ALLOWMULTISELECT and OFN_NOVALIDATE flags must be used simultaneously with GetOpenFileName(). Note that the entire string is always copied into the edit control even though the text gets truncated during the process of copying the text to the lpstrFile buffer. Therefore, one could write a hook procedure and read the entire string from the edit control and use it appropriately instead of using the lpstrFile buffer.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: UsrCmnDlg

DlgDirList on Novell Drive Doesn't Show Double Dots [...]

Article ID: Q99339

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The Microsoft Windows application programming interface (API) function DlgDirList() can be used to add directories, drives, and/or files to a list box. On a Novell network with the default login script, the Windows API may not add the string "[...]" used to represent the parent directory to the list box. This is due to Novell implementation, and is not a bug in the Windows API. To make the entry appear, add the following line to the Novell login script (usually called SHELL.CFG located in the root directory of the boot drive)

```
SHOW DOTS = ON
```

MORE INFORMATION

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A Novell NetWare file server does not include the directory entries dot (.) and double dot (..) as MS-DOS does. However, the NetWare shell (version 3.01 or later) can emulate these entries when applications attempt to list the files in a directory. Turning on Show Dots causes problems with earlier versions of some 286-based NetWare utilities, such as BINDFIX.EXE and MAKEUSER.EXE. Make sure you upgrade these utilities if you upgrade your NetWare shell. For more information, contact your Novell dealer.

NOTE: With Novell NetWare version 3.1.1, the line SHOW DOTS=ON/OFF can be added to the NET.CFG file for the same effect.

The same behavior is shown with the API DlgDirListComboBox, and the messages LB_DIR and CB_DIR.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95 listbox

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

UNICODE and UNICODE Needed to Compile for Unicode

Article ID: Q99359

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, versions 3.1 and 3.5

To compile code for Unicode, you need to #define UNICODE for the Win32 header files and #define UNICODE for the C Run-time header files. These #defines must appear before the

```
#include <windows.h>
```

and any included C Run-time headers. The leading underscore indicates deviance from the ANSI C standard. Because the Windows header files are not part of this standard, it is allowable to use UNICODE without the leading underscore.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrNls

Memory Handles and Icons

Article ID: Q99360

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, version 3.1
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SUMMARY

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Memory handles are not globally sharable among processes. Handles for icons, cursors, windows, and so forth, are not global handles but are handles into an index into the server-side handle table (the handle is actually an index into the server-side's handle table). Thus, some objects can be shared between processes -- but probably shouldn't be, for concurrency reasons.

GDI-related objects, however, are stored in a client-side handle table, which is translated to a handle value in a server-side table on every client-server transition. Thus, there are some objects that can be shared (USER-related objects) and some that can't be shared (BASE/KERNEL and GDI).

MORE INFORMATION

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There are three types of handles in the system:

- Handles to objects that the executive (object manager) knows about. These are assigned on a per-process basis but each access to these objects goes through the executive.
- Handles that are maintained by the Win32 subsystem server (USER objects, including icons and cursors) and are therefore sharable. Please note that the allowed behavior of shared USER objects is subject to change in future releases of Windows NT. Thus, care should be taken when using these handles.
- Handles that are maintained by the Win32 subsystem client, and therefore are valid only in the context of the process that created it (GDI objects). These handles differ from the first type of handles listed in that you cannot call handle manipulation functions, such as DuplicateHandle() or WaitForSingleObject(), or use the security facilities on these objects.

Additional reference words: 3.10

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrMisc

Using SetThreadLocale() for Language Resources

Article ID: Q99392

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, versions 3.1 and 3.5
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Under Windows NT, each resource loading application programming interface (API) is based on the thread's locale. Each thread has a locale--usually the default system locale.

You can change the thread locale by calling SetThreadLocale(). To obtain the language resource you want, just set the thread locale to the locale you want, then call the normal resource loading API.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrNls WintlDev

PRB: Processing the WM_QUERYOPEN Message in an MDI Application
Article ID: Q99411

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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When a multiple document interface (MDI) child window processes the WM_QUERYOPEN message to prevent the child from being restored out of a minimized state, the system menu and restore button are not removed from the menu bar when a maximized MDI child loses the focus or is closed.

This problem occurs only when the maximized MDI child loses the focus or is closed and the focus is given to an MDI child that returns 0 (zero) on the WM_QUERYOPEN message.

CAUSE

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When an MDI child is maximized, the system menu and restore button are added to the frame menu as bitmap menu items. When a maximized MDI child is destroyed or another MDI child is given the focus, the MDI child given the focus afterwards is maximized to replace the old MDI child. Windows cannot maximize an MDI child when it is processing the WM_QUERYOPEN message, and therefore the child is not maximized. Unfortunately, the system menu and restore button bitmaps are not removed from the menu bar.

RESOLUTION

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To prevent this problem, restore the maximized MDI child before giving the focus to another child.

MORE INFORMATION

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It may sometimes be desirable to prevent an MDI child from being restored during part or all of its life. This can be done by trapping the WM_QUERYOPEN message by placing the following code in the window procedure of the MDI child:

```
case WM_QUERYOPEN:  
    return 0;
```

Unfortunately, this causes the added restore and system menu bitmaps to remain on the menu bar when a maximized MDI child loses the focus or is closed and the focus is given to a child processing this message. The following code can be used to restore a maximized MDI child when it loses the focus:

```
case WM_MDIACTIVATE:  
    if ((wParam == FALSE) && (IsZoomed(hwnd)))  
        SendMessage(hwndMDIClient, WM_MDIRESTORE, hwnd, 0L);  
  
    return DefMDIChildProc (hwnd, msg, wParam, lParam);
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95
KBCategory: kbprg kbprb kbcode
KSubcategory: UsrMdi

Adding Point Sizes to the ChooseFont() Common Dialog Box

Article ID: Q99668

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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When a TrueType font (or any other scalable font) is selected in the ChooseFont() common dialog box, a list of reasonable point sizes is displayed for selection. In some cases it is necessary to change this list to allow fewer or more selections.

The initial list of point sizes is hard-coded into COMMDLG.DLL but can be changed programmatically using a common dialog box hook function.

MORE INFORMATION

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Most scalable fonts can be created at nearly any point size. Some TrueType fonts can be sized from 4 points to 999 points. A complete list of available point sizes for a font of this type would contain about 1000 elements, which can be prohibitively long and time-consuming to construct.

The ChooseFont() common dialog box attempts to limit the selection by listing only a few of the available point sizes in the size selection combo box.

In certain cases, it may be desirable to offer more point-size selections in this dialog box. In this case, a common dialog box hook procedure can be used to insert point sizes when a specific font is selected.

The following steps describe a technique that will allow new point sizes to be added to the size selection combo box. Pay special attention to step number 4:

1. In your common dialog box hook procedure, look for WM_COMMAND messages with wParam equal to the font name combo box (which is "cmb1" for Windows version 3.1).
2. When you get this message(s), check for the font name you are looking for (for example, you can compare the current selection to "Courier New"). If it's not the font you want, return.
3. If this is the font you want, post yourself a user-defined message. In response to this message, add the new point size to the Point Size combo box (which is "cmb3" for Windows 3.1). It's a good idea to double-check here that the point size you are adding isn't already in the combo box (so you don't get duplicates).

4. Once you add the new point size, set the item data for the new item equal to the point size you are adding. For example, if you are adding the string "15" to the combo box, you need to set the item data of this new item to 15.

The following code fragment demonstrates the above steps:

```
// Common Dialog ChooseFont() hook procedure.

UINT CALLBACK __export FontHook(HWND hwnd, UINT wm, WPARAM wParam,
LPARAM lParam)
{
    char szBuf[150];
    DWORD dwIndex;

    switch(wm)
    {
        case WM_COMMAND:
            // See if the notification is for the "Font name" combo box.
            if (wParam == cmb1)
            {
                switch (HIWORD(lParam))
                {
                    case CBN_SETFOCUS:
                    case CBN_KILLFOCUS:
                        break;
                    default:
                        // Check to see if it's the font we're looking for.
                        dwIndex = SendDlgItemMessage(hwnd, cmb1, CB_GETCURSEL,
                                                    0, 0);

                        if (dwIndex != CB_ERR)
                            SendDlgItemMessage(hwnd, cmb1, CB_GETLBTEXT, (WPARAM)
                                                dwIndex, (LPARAM) ((LPSTR) szBuf));

                        // Compare list box contents to the font we are looking for.
                        // In this case, it's "Courier New".
                        if (strcmp(szBuf, "Courier New") == 0)
                            // It's the font we want. Post ourselves a message.
                            PostMessage(hwnd, WM_ADDNEWPOINTSIZES, 0, 0L);
                }
            }
            break;

        case WM_ADDNEWPOINTSIZES:
            // First look to see if we've already added point sizes to this
            // combo box.
            if (SendDlgItemMessage(hwnd, cmb3, CB_FINDSTRING, -1,
                                    (LPARAM) (LPCSTR) "6") == CB_ERR)
            {
                // Not found, add new point size.
                dwIndex = SendDlgItemMessage(hwnd, cmb3, CB_INSERTSTRING,
                                            0, (LPARAM) (LPSTR) "6");

                // Also set the item data equal to the point size.
                SendDlgItemMessage(hwnd, cmb3, CB_SETITEMDATA,
                                    (WPARAM) dwIndex, 6);
            }
    }
}
```

```
        return TRUE; // Don't pass this message on.  
    }  
    return FALSE;  
}
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCmnDlg

PRB: Pressing the ENTER Key in an MDI Application

Article ID: Q99799

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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In a standard Microsoft Windows version 3.1 multiple document interface (MDI) application, when a minimized MDI child is active and the user presses the ENTER key, the child is not restored.

This is inconsistent with other MDI applications, such as File Manager and Program Manager. An MDI child in one of these applications is restored when it is the active MDI child and the ENTER key is pressed. When a normal Windows-based application is minimized and the user presses ENTER, that application is restored to a normal state.

RESOLUTION

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One quick workaround to this problem is to create an accelerator for the ENTER key and restore the minimized MDI child when the key is pressed.

MORE INFORMATION

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It may be desirable to implement the same restore feature that File Manager and Program Manager have implemented in order to enable the user to restore an MDI child by pressing the ENTER key. If this feature is implemented, then the MDI application can be consistent with other popular applications such as File Manager, Microsoft Excel, and Microsoft Word.

To achieve this effect in an MDI application, create an accelerator in the accelerator table of the resource file for the application. This can be done as follows:

```
MdiAccelTable ACCELERATORS
{
    . . .
    . . .
    VK_RETURN, IDM_RESTORE, VIRTKEY
}
```

After this accelerator has been installed in the MDI application, each time the ENTER key is pressed by the user, an IDM_RESTORE command will be sent to the MDI frame window's window procedure through a WM_COMMAND message. When the MDI frame receives this message, its window procedure should retrieve a handle to the active MDI child and determine if it is minimized. If it is minimized, then it can restore

the MDI child by sending the MDI client a WM_MDIRESTORE message. This can all be done with the following code:

```
case IDM_RESTORE:
{
    HWND hwndActive;

    hwndActive = SendMessage(hwndClient, WM_MDIGETACTIVE, 0, 0L);
    if (IsIconic(hwndActive))
        SendMessage(hwndClient, WM_MDIRESTORE, hwndActive, 0L);
    break;
}
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb kbcode

KBSubcategory: UsrMdi

Adding to or Removing Windows from the Task List

Article ID: Q99800

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1 and 3.5
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There are no functions included in the Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) to add or remove windows from the task list. All top-level windows (that is, windows without parents) that are visible will automatically appear in the task list. A window can be removed from the task list by making it hidden. Call ShowWindow() with the SW_HIDE parameter to hide the window. To make it visible again, call ShowWindow() with the appropriate parameter such as SW_SHOW or SW_SHOWNORMAL.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 tasklist

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrMisc

Mirroring Main Menu with TrackPopupMenu()

Article ID: Q99806

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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A developer may want to use TrackPopupMenu() to display the same menu that is used by the main window. TrackPopupMenu() takes a pop-up menu, while GetMenu() and LoadMenu() both return handles to top level menus, and therefore you cannot use the menus returned from these functions with TrackPopupMenu(). To "mirror" the main menu, you must create pop-up menus with the same strings, style, and IDs as the main menu. To do this, use the following Windows APIs:

```
GetMenu()  
CreatePopupMenu()  
GetMenuState()  
GetMenuString()  
GetSubMenu()  
AppendMenu()
```

MORE INFORMATION

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The following code displays the same menu as the main window when the right mouse button is clicked:

```
// In the main window procedure...
```

```
case WM_RBUTTONDOWN:  
{  
  
    HMENU hMenu;           // The handle to the main menu.  
    int nMenu;            // The index of the menu item.  
    POINT pt;             // The point to display the track menu.  
    HMENU hMenuOurs;      // The pop-up menu that we are creating.  
    UINT nID;             // The ID of the menu.  
    UINT uMenuState;      // The menu state.  
    HMENU hSubMenu;      // A submenu.  
    char szBuf[128];      // A buffer to store the menu string.
```

```
// Get the main menu.  
hMenu = GetMenu(hWnd);  
nMenu = 0;
```

```
// Create a pop-up menu.  
hMenuOurs = CreatePopupMenu();
```

```
// Get menu state will return the style of the menu  
// in the lobyte of the unsigned int. Return value
```

```

// of -1 indicates the menu does not exist, and we
// have finished creating our pop up.
    while ((uMenuState =
        GetMenuState(hMenu,nMenu,MF_BYPOSITION)) != -1)
    {
        if (uMenuState != -1)
        {
// Get the menu string.
            GetMenuString(hMenu,nMenu, szBuf,128,MF_BYPOSITION);
            if (LOBYTE(uMenuState) & MF_POPUP) // It's a pop-up
menu.
                {
                    hSubMenu = GetSubMenu(hMenu,nMenu);
                    AppendMenu(hMenuOurs,
LOBYTE(uMenuState),hSubMenu,szBuf);
                }
            else // Is a menu item, get the ID.
            {
                nID = GetMenuItemID(hMenu,nMenu);
                AppendMenu(hMenuOurs,LOBYTE(uMenuState),nID,szBuf);
            }
            nMenu++; // Get the next item.
        }
    }
    pt = MAKEPOINT(lParam);
// TrackPopupMenu expects screen coordinates.
    ClientToScreen(hWnd,&pt);
    TrackPopupMenu(hMenuOurs,
        TPM_LEFTALIGN|TPM_RIGHTBUTTON,
        pt.x,pt.y,0,hWnd,NULL);

// Because we are using parts of the main menu in our
// pop-up menu, we can't just delete the pop-up menu, because
// that would also delete the main menu. So we must
// go through the pop-up menu and remove all the items.
    while (RemoveMenu(hMenuOurs,0,MF_BYPOSITION))
        ;

// Destroy the pop-up menu.
    DestroyMenu(hMenuOurs);
}
break;

```

If the menu is never dynamically modified, then the menu hMenuOurs could be made static and created inside the WM_CREATE message, and destroyed in the WM_DESTROY message.

To see how this function works, paste this code into the MENU sample application shipped with both Microsoft Visual C/C++ and Microsoft C/C++ version 7.0 in the file MENU.C in the MenuWndProc() function.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95 popup
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: UsrMen

PRB: AttachThreadInput() Resets Keyboard State

Article ID: Q100486

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, version 3.1
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SYMPTOMS

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Start with a program that calls `AttachThreadInput()` to a thread in another process. Call `GetKeyboardState()` to get the current key. Call `SetKeyboardState()` to set the keystate. This call returns `TRUE`, indicating success, but the keystate is not successfully set.

If the thread is in the same process, calling `SetKeyboardState()` works as expected.

CAUSE

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When attaching to another thread, a temporary message queue is created. This queue contains a copy of the keystate information from the queue to which you are attaching. When the keystate is set, the temporary queue keystate is updated and the application programming interface (API) succeeds. However, when the detach occurs, the keystate change information is lost and reverts to what it was before the attach.

RESOLUTION

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To work around the problem, either:

- Stay attached
- or-
- Use hooks

STATUS

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This problem will not be resolved in the release of Windows NT version 3.1; however, a resolution is being considered for a future release.

Additional reference words: 3.10

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: UsrMisc

System Versus User Locale Identifiers

Article ID: Q100488

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, versions 3.1 and 3.5

In Windows NT version 3.1, the following pairs of application programming interfaces (APIs) have the same functionality:

 GetSystemDefaultLCID() and GetUserDefaultLCID()
 GetSystemDefaultLangID() and GetUserDefaultLangID()

The user LangID and LCID are always set to the system value. In future versions of Windows NT, it will be possible to set the LangID and the LCID on a per-user basis.

Note that it is possible to set the LCID on a per-thread basis [that is, SetThreadLocale()] in Windows NT 3.1.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrLoc WintlDev

Debugging a System-Wide Hook

Article ID: Q102428

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Debugging a system-wide hook such as a journal hook must be done with the extreme caution. When an application installs such a hook, it effectively takes control of user input. In effect, this disables the interface with the debugger. For example, after installing a journal record hook, you must unhook the record hook when you want to allow the debugger to regain control.

It is not possible to use an interactive debugger to debug an actively installed journal hook using a single machine. It is possible to use a remote debugger, because one interface can be blocked (or recording) while the other one does the debugging.

MORE INFORMATION

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System-wide input hook procedures can be thought of as being in three possible states:

- unhooked (not installed)
- suspended
- hooked (installed)

In the unhooked state, the procedure imposes no control over user input. In the hooked state, all user input specifically defined to be handled by this hook passes through this procedure. In the suspended state, all user input specifically defined to be handled by this hook is completely blocked.

In the case of a journal record hook, the suspended state can be achieved when a breakpoint is reached within the hook procedure. When this happens, all user input (system wide, that is) in the form of mouse and keyboard input is blocked, and thus you cannot interact with the debugger or any other application as you normally would. Fortunately, when the user presses the CTRL+ESC or the CTRL+ALT+DEL key combinations, all system-wide hooks are automatically unhooked, returning the system to the unhooked state.

Once this has occurred, it is likely that the application with the journal hook is now in a undefined state (because it had the hook pulled out from underneath it, so to speak). Fortunately, the system will send all applications the WM_CANCELJOURNAL message to indicate that it has removed the hook. A well behaved application can intercept this message and adjust its state accordingly.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95
KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrHks

SetTimer() Should Not Be Used in Console Applications

Article ID: Q102482

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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SetTimer() was not designed to be used with a console application because it requires a message loop to dispatch the timer signal to the timer procedure. In a console application, this behavior can be easily emulated with a thread that is set to wait on an event.

MORE INFORMATION

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In Windows NT 3.1, SetTimer() can work within a console application, but it requires a thread in a loop calling GetMessage() and DispatchMessage().

For example,

```
while (1)
{
    GetMessage();
    DispatchMessage();
}
```

Because this requires a thread looping, there is no real advantage to adding a timer to a console application over using a thread waiting on an event.

Another option is to use a multimedia timer, which does not require a message loop and has a higher resolution. In Windows NT 3.5, the resolution can be set to 1 msec using timeBeginPeriod(). See the help for timeSetEvent() and the Multimedia overview. Any application using Multimedia calls must include MMSYSTEM.H, and must link with WINMM.LIB.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrMisc

The SBS_SIZEBOX Style

Article ID: Q102485

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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A size box is a small rectangle the user can expand to change the size of the window. When you want a size box, you create a SCROLLBAR window with the SBS_SIZEBOX flag. This action creates a size box with the height, width, and position that you specified in the call to CreateWindow. If you specify SBS_SIZEBOXBOTTOMRIGHTALIGN, the box will be aligned in the lower right of the rectangle you specified when creating the window. If you specify SBS_SIZEBOXTOPLEFTALIGN, the box will be aligned in the upper left of the rectangle you specified in your call to CreateWindow().

MORE INFORMATION

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The user moves the mouse pointer over to the box, presses and holds the left mouse button, and drags the mouse pointer to resize the window. When the user does this, the borders on the window (the frame) move. When the user releases the mouse button, the window is resized.

You create a size box by creating a child window of type WS_CHILD | WS_VISIBLE | SBS_SIZEBOX | SBS_SIZEBOXTOPLEFTALIGN. You don't have to do any of the processing for this; the system will take care of it. You will notice in your window procedure that you will get the scroll bar messages plus the WM_MINMAXINFO message. Size boxes work similar to the way the WS_THICKFRAME/WS_SIZEBOX style does on a window.

Under Windows NT, applications that create a size box either using WS_SIZEBOX or WS_THICKFRAME or by created the SBS_SIZEBOX control have no way of showing the user that such a feature exists. Under Windows 95, the size box appears as a jagged edge, usually at the bottom right corner.

NOTE: Make sure that the main window is created with the WS_VSCROLL and WS_HSCROLL styles.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 sizebox

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

PRB: Scroll Bar Continues Scrolling After Mouse Button Released
Article ID: Q102552

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0, 3.1, and 4.0
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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The scroll bar continuously scrolls even after the left mouse button is released. The type of scroll bar is irrelevant to this problem, that is, the same problem occurs regardless of whether the scroll bar is part of the window or is a scroll bar control.

CAUSE

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This problem occurs usually when a message retrieval loop is executed as the result of actions taken for scrolling upon receiving one of the scroll bar notification messages.

When scrolling, an internal message retrieval loop is started in Windows. The task of this message loop is to keep track of scrolling and to send the appropriate scroll bar notification messages, WM_HSCROLL and WM_VSCROLL. Scrolling is terminated once WM_LBUTTONDOWN is received. If another message loop is started during scrolling, the WM_LBUTTONDOWN is retrieved by that message loop, and because an application does not have access to the scroll bar's internal message retrieval loop, WM_LBUTTONDOWN cannot be dispatched correctly. Therefore, the WM_LBUTTONDOWN is never received by the internal message retriever, and scrolling is never ended.

The application that is scrolling does not have to retrieve messages explicitly to cause this problem. Calling any of the following functions or processing any message that has a message retrieval loop, while scrolling, can cause the WM_LBUTTONDOWN to be lost. The functions listed below fall into this category:

```
DialogBox()  
DialogBoxIndirect()  
DialogBoxIndirectParam()  
DialogBoxParam()  
GetMessage()  
MessageBox()  
PeekMessage()
```

RESOLUTION

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While Scrolling, the WM_LBUTTONDOWN message should not be retrieved from the queue by any message retrieval loop other than the scroll bar's internal one.

An application may come across this problem as follows:

- An application implements a message retrieval loop to implement background processing, for example, background processing while performing a time consuming paint.
- An application implements a message retrieval loop to implement communication with another application or DLL. For example, in order to scroll, the application needs to receive data from elsewhere.

Possible Workarounds

Two possible workarounds are listed below. The first workaround is used by many exiting applications and by Windows; however, under rare circumstances the first workaround may not be a feasible one. In this case, the second workaround may be used. However, if possible, please try to avoid implementing message retrieval completely while scrolling.

- Use timer-message-based processing. Break down the complicated processing into smaller tasks and keep track of where each task starts and ends, then perform each task based on a timer message. When all components of the processing are complete, kill the timer. See below for an example of this workaround.
- Implement a message retrieval loop, but make sure WM_LBUTTONDOWN is not retrieved by it. This can be accomplished by using filters. See below for some examples of this workaround.

Example Demonstrating Workaround 1

An application has a complex paint procedure. Calling ScrollWindow(), to scroll, generates paint messages. Background processing takes place while painting.

1. When receiving the WM_PAINT message do the following:

- a. Call BeginPaint().
- b. Copy the invalidated rect to a global rect variable (for example, grcPaint) to be used in step 2. The global rect grcPaint would be a union of the previously obtained rect (grcPaint) and the new invalidated rect (ps.rcPaint). The code for this will resemble the following:

```
RECT grcPaint;    // Should be initialized before getting the
                  // first paint message.
:
:
UnionRect(&grcPaint, &ps.rcPaint, &grcPaint);
```

- c. Call ValidateRect() with ps.rcPaint.

- d. Call EndPaint().
- e. Set a Timer.

This way, no more WM_PAINT messages are generated, because there are no invalid regions, and a timer is set up, which will generate WM_TIMER messages.

2. Upon receiving a WM_TIMER message, check the global rect variable; if it is not empty, take a section and paint it. Then adjust the global rect variable so it no longer includes the painted region.
3. Once the global rect variable is empty then kill the timer.

Example Demonstrating Workaround 2

An application needs to obtain some data through DDE or some other mechanism from another application, which is then displayed in the window. In order to scroll, the application needs to request and then obtain the data from a server application.

There are three different filters that can be used to set up a PeekMessage() and get the information. The filters can be set up by using the uFilterFirst and uFilterLast parameters of PeekMessage(). uFilterFirst specifies the first message in the range to be checked and uFilterLast specifies the last message in the range to be checked. For more information on PeekMessage() and its parameters, see the Windows SDK "Programmer's Reference, Volume 2: Functions" for version 3.1 and "Reference, Volume 1" for version 3.0.

1. Check and retrieve only the related message(s) for obtaining the needed data.
2. Check for WM_LBUTTONDOWN without removing it from the queue; if it is in the queue, break. Otherwise, retrieve and dispatch all messages.
3. Retrieve all messages less than WM_LBUTTONDOWN and greater than WM_LBUTTONDOWN, but do not retrieve WM_LBUTTONDOWN.

MORE INFORMATION

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Steps to Reproduce Behavior

The following is the sequence of events leading to the loss of the WM_LBUTTONDOWN message:

1. Click the scroll bar using the mouse.
2. Step 1 generates a WM_NCLBUTTONDOWN message.
3. Step 2 causes a Windows internal message loop to be started. This message loop looks for scroll-bar-related messages. The purpose of this message loop is to generate appropriate WM_HSCROLL or WM_VSCROLL messages. The message loop and scrolling terminates once

WM_LBUTTONDOWN is received.

4. When receiving the WM_HSCROLL or WM_VSCROLL message, the application either gets into a message retrieval loop directly or calls functions which result in retrieval of messages.
5. WM_LBUTTONDOWN is removed from the queue by the message loop mentioned in step 4. WM_LBUTTONDOWN is then dispatched.
6. As result of step 5 WM_LBUTTONDOWN message is dispatched elsewhere and the internal message retrieval loop, mentioned in step 3 never receives it. The message loop in step 3 is looking for the WM_LBUTTONDOWN to stop scrolling. Because it is not received, the scroll bar continues scrolling.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95 scrollbar stuck
KBCategory: kbprg kbprb
KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Calling DdePostAdvise() from XTYP_ADVREQ

Article ID: Q102571

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The documentation for DdePostAdvise() in the Windows 3.1 Software Development Kit "Programmer's Reference, Volume 2: Functions" states the following in the Comments section:

If a server calls DdePostAdvise() with a topic/item/format name set that includes the set currently being handled in an XTYP_ADVREQ callback, a stack overflow may result.

MORE INFORMATION

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This is merely a warning against calling DdePostAdvise() from within a DDE callback function's XTYP_ADVREQ transaction, because it may result in a stack overflow.

Like window procedures, DDE callbacks must be coded with care to avoid infinite recursion (eventually resulting in a stack overflow). Because DdePostAdvise() causes DDEML to send an XTYP_ADVREQ transaction to the calling application's DDE callback function, calling DdePostAdvise() on the same topic/item/format name set as the one currently being handled results in an infinite loop.

An analogous piece of code that has become a classic problem in Windows programming involves calling UpdateWindow() in a WM_PAINT case:

```
case WM_PAINT:  
    InvalidateRect (hWnd, NULL, TRUE);  
    UpdateWindow (hWnd);
```

Calling UpdateWindow() as in the code above causes a WM_PAINT message to be sent to a window procedure, and thus results in the same type of infinite recursion that occurs when calling DdePostAdvise() from an XTYP_ADVREQ transaction.

An example of a situation that would lend itself to this scenario would be one where data needs to be updated as a result of a previous data change. There are two ways to work around the stack overflow problem in this case:

- Post a user-defined message and handle the data change asynchronously. For example,

```
// in DdeCallback:
```

```

case XTYP_ADVREQ:
    if ((!DdeCmpStringHandles (hsz1, ghszTopic)) &&
        (!DdeCmpStringHandles (hsz2, ghszItem)) &&
        (fmt == CF_SOMEFORMAT))
    {
        HDDEDATA hData;

        hData = DdeCreateDataHandle ();
        PostMessage (hWnd, WM_DATACHANGED, hData,);
        return (hData);
    }
    break;

// in MainWndProc():
case WM_DATACHANGED:
    DdePostAdvise (idInst, ghszTopic, ghszItem);
    :

```

- Return CBR_BLOCK from the XTYP_ADVREQ and let DDEML suspend further transactions on that conversation, while the server prepares data asynchronously.

More information on how returning CBR_BLOCK allows an application to process data "asynchronously" may be derived from Section 5.8.6 of the Windows 3.1 Software Development Kit (SDK) "Programmer's Reference, Volume 1: Overview," or by querying on the following words in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

DDEML and CBR_BLOCK

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XTYP_EXECUTE and its Return Value Limitations

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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A DDEML client application can use the XTYP_EXECUTE transaction to cause a server to execute a command or a series of commands. To do this, the client creates a buffer that contains the command string, and passes either a pointer to this buffer or a data handle identifying the buffer, to the DdeClientTransaction() call.

If the server application generates data as a result of executing the command it received from the client, the return value from the DdeClientTransaction() call does not provide a means for the client to access this data.

MORE INFORMATION

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For an XTYP_EXECUTE transaction, the DdeClientTransaction() function returns TRUE to indicate success, or FALSE to indicate failure. In most cases, this provides inadequate information to the client regarding the actual result of the XTYP_EXECUTE command.

Likewise, the functionality that DDEML was supposed to provide through the lpuResult parameter of the DdeClientTransaction() function upon return is currently not supported, and may not be supported in future versions of DDEML. The lpuResult parameter was initially designed to provide the client application access to the server's actual return value (for example, DDE_FACK if it processed the execute, DDE_FBUSY if it was too busy to process the execute, or DDE_FNOTPROCESSED if it denied the execute).

In cases where the server application generates data as a result of an execute command, the client has no means to get to that data, nor does it have a means to determine the status of that execute command through the DdeClientTransaction() call.

An example of this might be one where the DDEML client application specifies a command to a server application such as "OpenFile <FileName>" to open a file, or "DIR C:\WINDOWS" to get a list of files in a given directory.

There are two ways that the client application can work around this limitation and gain access to the data generated from the XTYP_EXECUTE command:

Method 1

The client can issue an XTYP_REQUEST transaction (with the item name set to "ExecuteResult", for example) immediately after its XTYP_EXECUTE transaction call returns successfully. The server can then return a data handle in response to this request, out of the data generated from executing the command.

Method 2

The client can establish an ADVISE loop with the server (with topic!item name appropriately set to Execute!Result, for example) just before issuing the XTYP_EXECUTE transaction. As soon as the server then executes the command, it can immediately update the advise link by calling DdePostAdvise(), and return a data handle out of the data generated from executing the command. The client then receives the data handle in its callback function, as an XTYP_ADVDATA transaction.

Note that these workarounds apply only if one has access to the server application's code. Third-party server applications that provide no means to modify their code as described above can't obtain any data generated by the application as a result of an XTYP_EXECUTE back to the client.

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PRB: DDEML Fails to Call TranslateMessage() in its Modal Loop
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- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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During a synchronous transaction, DDEML causes the client to enter a modal loop until the transaction is processed. While DDEML dispatches messages appropriately, it fails to call TranslateMessage() while inside this modal loop. This problem does not apply to asynchronous transactions, where no such modal loop is entered.

SYMPTOMS

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A common symptom of this problem is seen as the client processes user input while inside DDEML's modal loop in a synchronous transaction. WM_KEYDOWN and WM_KEYUP messages are received, with no corresponding WM_CHAR message for the typed character.

CAUSE

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No WM_CHAR message is received because the WM_KEYDOWN message is never translated. For this to take place, a call to TranslateMessage() must be made inside the modal loop.

RESOLUTION

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This limitation is by design. DDEML applications can work around this limitation by installing a WH_MSGFILT hook, watching out for code == MSGF_DDEMGR.

The WH_MSGFILT hook allows an application to filter messages while the system enters a modal loop, such as when a modal dialog box (code == MSGF_DIALOGBOX) or a menu (code == MSGF_MENU) is displayed; and similarly, when DDEML enters a modal loop in a synchronous transaction (code == MSGF_DDEMGR).

The Windows 3.1 Software Development Kit (SDK) DDEML\CLIENT sample demonstrates how to do this in DDEML.C's MyMsgFilterProc() function:

```
/*-----  
*  
*  FUNCTION: MyMsgFilterProc  
*  
*  PURPOSE:  This filter proc gets called for each message we handle.  
*            This allows our application to properly dispatch messages  
*            that we might not otherwise see because of DDEMLs modal  
*-----*/
```

```

*           loop that is used while processing synchronous transactions.
*
*****/

DWORD FAR PASCAL MyMsgFilterProc( int nCode, WORD wParam,

                                DWORD lParam)
{
    wParam; // not used

#define lpmsg ((LPMSG)lParam)

    if (nCode == MSGF_DDEMGR) {

        /* If a keyboard message is for the MDI, let the MDI client
         * take care of it. Otherwise, check to see if it's a normal
         * accelerator key. Otherwise, just handle the message as usual.
         */

        if ( !TranslateMDISysAccel (hwndMDIClient, lpmsg) &&
             !TranslateAccelerator (hwndFrame, hAccel, lpmsg)){
            TranslateMessage (lpmsg);
            DispatchMessage (lpmsg);
        }
        return(1);
    }
    return(0);
#undef lpmsg
}

```

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KBSubcategory: UsrDde

Returning CBR_BLOCK from DDEML Transactions

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- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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DDEML servers are applications that provide data to client applications. For some servers, this data gathering may be a lengthy process, as when gathering data from sources such as serial ports or a network. DDEML allows a server application to process data asynchronously in these situations by returning CBR_BLOCK from the DDE callback function.

MORE INFORMATION

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In DDEML-based applications, while transactions can be either synchronous or asynchronous, only DDEML client applications may choose to establish either type of transaction when requesting data from a server application. DDEML server applications do not distinguish between synchronous and asynchronous transactions.

Asynchronous transactions can be very useful when client applications know that the partner server application will take some time to gather data. This type of transaction frees up the client to do other things while waiting for a notification from the server of data availability.

Server applications have no way of determining whether the client application has requested data synchronously or asynchronously. Request transactions on the server's side are always synchronous. When a client requests data, the server's callback receives an XTYP_REQUEST transaction, where the expected return value is a data handle. If the server application has to wait for data from a serial port, for example, access to the CPU by other applications will be delayed, thereby freezing the system until data arrives.

There are a couple of ways one can enable the server to gather data in an asynchronous manner, thereby allowing it to yield to other applications on the system while it gathers data. One method is to use CBR_BLOCK; another is to change the request transaction to a one-time ADVISE loop.

Method 1

Given that DDEML callbacks are not re-entrant, and that DDEML expects a data handle as a return value from the XTYP_REQUEST transaction (and transactions of XCLASS_DATA class), the server application can block the callback momentarily. It can do this by returning a CBR_BLOCK value after posting itself a user-defined message.

This way, the server application can gather data in the background while DDEML queues up any further transactions. The server can start gathering data when its window procedure gets the user defined message that was posted by its DDE callback function.

When a server application returns CBR_BLOCK for a request transaction, DDEML disables the server's callback function. It also queues transactions that are sent by DDEML after its callback has been disabled. This feature gives the server an opportunity to gather data while allowing other applications to run in the system.

As soon as data becomes available, then the server application can call DdeEnableCallBack() to re-enable the server callback function. Once the callback is re-enabled, DDEML will resend the same request transaction to the server's callback and this time, because data is ready, the server application can return the appropriate data handle to the client.

Transactions that were queued up because of an earlier block are sent to the server's callback function in the order they were received by DDEML.

The pseudo code to implement method 1 might resemble the following:

```
BOOL gbGatheringData = TRUE;    // Defined GLOBally.
HDEEDATA ghData = NULL;

HDEEDATA CALLBACK DdeServerCallBack(...)
{
    switch(txnType)
    {
        case XTYP_REQUEST:

            // If the server takes a long time to gather data...
            // for this topic/item pair, then
            // post a user-defined message to the server app's wndproc
            // and return CBR_BLOCK... DDEML will block the callback
            // and queue transactions.

            if(bGatheringData) {
                PostMessage(hSrvWnd, WM_GATHERDATA, .....);
                return CBR_BLOCK;
            }
            else // Data is ready, send back handle.
                return ghData;

            default:
                return DDE_FNOTPROCESSED;
        }
    }
}

LRESULT CALLBACK SrvWndProc(...)
{
    switch (wMessage)
    {
        case WM_GATHERDATA:
```

```

        while (bGatheringData)
        {
            // Gather data here while yielding to others
            // at the same time!
            if(!PeekMessage(..))
                bGatheringData = GoGetDataFromSource (&ghData);
            else {
                TranslateMessage() ;
                DispatchMessage ();
            }
        }
        DdeEnableCallback (idInst, ghConv, EC_ENABLEALL);
        break ;

    default:
        return DefWndProc();
}
}

```

Method 2

Advise transactions in DDEML (or DDE) are just a continuous request link. Changing the transaction from a REQUEST to a "one time only" ADVISE loop on the client side allows the server to gather data asynchronously.

The client application can start an ADVISE transaction from its side and when the server receives a XTYP_ADVSTART transaction, return TRUE so that an ADVISE link is established. Once the link is established, the server can start gathering data, and as soon as it becomes available, notify the client of its availability.

This can be done by calling DdePostAdvise(). The server can use PeekMessage() to gather data if the data gathering process is a lengthy one, so that other applications on the system will get a chance to run. Once the client receives the data from the server in its callback (in its XTYP_ADVDATA transaction), it can disconnect the the ADVISE link from the server by specifying an XTYP_ADVSTOP transaction.

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Nonzero Return from SendMessage() with HWND_BROADCAST

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- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The SendMessage() function calls the window procedure for the specified window and does not return until that window has processed the message and returned a value. Applications can send messages to all top-level windows in the system by specifying HWND_BROADCAST as the first parameter to the SendMessage() function. In doing so, however, applications lose access to the return values resulting from the SendMessage() call to each of the top-level windows.

MORE INFORMATION

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When a call to SendMessage() is made, the value returned by the window procedure that processed the message is the same value returned from the SendMessage() call.

Among other things, SendMessage() determines whether the first parameter is HWND_BROADCAST (defined as -1 in WINDOWS.H). If HWND_BROADCAST is the first parameter, SendMessage enumerates all top-level windows in the system and sends the message to all these windows. Because this one call to SendMessage() internally translates to a number of SendMessage() calls to the top-level windows, and because SendMessage() can return only one value, Windows ignores the individual return values from each of the top-level window procedures, and just returns a nonzero value to the application that broadcast the message. Thus, applications that want to broadcast a message to all top-level windows, and at the same time expect a return value from each SendMessage() call, should not specify HWND_BROADCAST as the first parameter.

There are a couple of ways to access the correct return value from messages sent to more than one window at a time:

- If the broadcasted message is a user-defined message, and only a few other applications respond to this message, then those applications that trap the broadcasted message must return the result by sending back another message to the application that broadcast the message. The return value can be encoded into the message's lParam.
- If the application does not have control over which application(s) will respond to the message, and it still expects a return value, then the application must enumerate all the windows in the system using EnumWindows() function, and send the message separately to each window it obtained in the enumeration callback function.

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KBSubcategory: UsrMsg

Using ENTER Key from Edit Controls in a Dialog Box

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 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Windows-based applications often display data-entry dialog boxes to request information from users. These dialog boxes may contain several edit controls and two command (push) buttons, labeled OK and CANCEL. An example of a data-entry dialog box is one that requests personal information, such as social security number, address, identification (ID) number, date/time, and so on, from users. Each of these items is entered into an edit control.

By default, the TAB key is used in a dialog box to shift focus between edit controls. As a common user-interface, however, one could also use the ENTER (RETURN) key to move between the edit controls (for example, after the user enters a piece of information, pressing ENTER moves the focus to the next field).

There are a few ways to enable the use of the ENTER key to move between edit controls. One method is to make use of WM_COMMAND and the notification messages that come with it in the dialog box for edit controls and buttons. Another method involves subclassing the edit controls. A third involves using App Studio and Class Wizard and creating a new dialog box member function.

MORE INFORMATION

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Method I: (WM_COMMAND)

This method is based on the following behavior of dialog boxes (Dialog Manager) and focus handling in Windows.

If a dialog box or one of its controls currently has the input focus, then pressing the ENTER key causes Windows to send a WM_COMMAND message with the idItem (wParam) parameter set to the ID of the default command button. If the dialog box does not have a default command button, then the idItem parameter is set to IDOK by default.

When an application receives the WM_COMMAND message with idItem set to the ID of the default command button, the focus remains with the control that had the focus before the ENTER key was pressed. Calling GetFocus() at this point returns the handle of the control that had the focus before the ENTER key was pressed. The application can check this control handle and determine whether it belongs to any of the edit controls in the dialog box. If it does, then the user was entering data into one of the edit controls and after doing so, pressed ENTER. At this point, the application can send the

WM_NEXTDLGCTL message to the dialog box to move the focus to the next control.

However, if the focus was with one of the command buttons (CANCEL or OK), then GetFocus() returns a button control handle, at which point one can dismiss the dialog box. The pseudo code for this logic resembles the following in the application's dialog box procedure:

```
case WM_COMMAND:

if(wParam=IDOFDEFBUTON || IDOK) {
    // User has hit the ENTER key.

    hwndTest = GetFocus() ;
    retVal = TesthWnd(hwndTest) ;

    //Where retVal is a boolean variable that indicates whether
    //the hwndTest is the handle of one of the edit controls.

    if(hwndTest) {
        //Focus is with an edit control, so do not close the dialog.
        //Move focus to the next control in the dialog.

        PostMessage(hDlg, WM_NEXTDLGCTL, 0, 0L) ;
        return TRUE ;
    }
    else {
        //Focus is with the default button, so close the dialog.
        EndDialog(hDlg, TRUE) ;
        return FALSE ;
    }
}
break ;
```

Method II

This method involves subclassing/superclassing the edit control in the dialog box. Once the edit controls are subclassed or superclassed, all keyboard input is sent the subclass/superclass procedure of the edit control that currently has input focus, regardless of whether or not the dialog box has a default command button. The application can trap the key down (or char) messages, look for the ENTER key, and do the processing accordingly. The following is a sample subclass procedure that looks for the ENTER key:

```
/**-----
|| Title:
||     SubClassProc
||
|| Parameters:
||     hwnd           - Handle to the message's destination window
||     wMessage       - Message number of the current message
||     wParam         - Additional info associated with the message
||     lParam        - Additional info associated with the message
||
|| Purpose:
```

```

//|      This is the window procedure used to subclass the edit control.
//*-----
long FAR PASCAL SubProc(HWND hWnd, WORD wMessage,WORD wParam, LONG lParam)
{
    switch (wMessage)
    {
        case WM_GETDLGCODE:
            return (DLGC_WANTALLKEYS |
                CallWindowProc(lpOldProc, hWnd, wMessage,
                    wParam, lParam));

        case WM_CHAR:
            //Process this message to avoid message beeps.
            if ((wParam == VK_RETURN) || (wParam == VK_TAB))
                return 0;
            else
                return (CallWindowProc(lpOldProc, hWnd,
                    wMessage, wParam, lParam));

        case WM_KEYDOWN:
            if ((wParam == VK_RETURN) || (wParam == VK_TAB)) {
                PostMessage (ghDlg, WM_NEXTDLGCTL, 0, 0L);
                return FALSE;
            }

            return (CallWindowProc(lpOldProc, hWnd, wMessage,
                wParam, lParam));

        break ;

    default:
        break;

    } /* end switch */
}

```

Method 3

This method involves using App Studio and ClassWizard and creating a new dialog box member function.

This method will allow a user to press the ENTER key and have the focus advance to the next edit control. If the focus is currently on the last edit control in the dialog box, the focus will advance to the first edit control.

First, use App Studio to change the ID of the OK button of the dialog box. The default behavior of App Studio is to give the OK button the ID IDOK. The OK button's ID should be changed to another value, such as IDC_OK. Also, change the properties of the OK button so that it is not a default pushbutton.

Next, use ClassWizard to create a new dialog box member function. Name the new member function something like OnClickedOK. This function should be tied to the BN_CLICKED message from the IDC_OK control.

Once this is done, write the body of the OnClickedOK function. You should put the code that you would normally put in the OnOK function into the new OnClickedOK function, including a class's OnOK function.

Add the following prototype to the header file for the dialog box:

```
protected:  
    virtual void OnOK();
```

Add an OnOK function to the dialog box and code is as demonstrated below:

```
void CMyDialog::OnOK()  
{  
    CWnd* pwndCtrl = GetFocus();  
    CWnd* pwndCtrlNext = pwndCtrl;  
    int ctrl_ID = pwndCtrl->GetDlgCtrlID();  
  
    switch (ctrl_ID) {  
        case IDC_EDIT1:  
            pwndCtrlNext = GetDlgItem(IDC_EDIT2);  
            break;  
        case IDC_EDIT2:  
            pwndCtrlNext = GetDlgItem(IDC_EDIT3);  
            break;  
        case IDC_EDIT3:  
            pwndCtrlNext = GetDlgItem(IDC_EDIT4);  
            break;  
        case IDC_EDIT4:  
            pwndCtrlNext = GetDlgItem(IDC_EDIT1);  
            break;  
        case IDOK:  
            CDialog::OnOK();  
            break;  
        default:  
            break;  
    }  
    pwndCtrlNext->SetFocus();  
}
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95 push RETURN keydown

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrDlgs

Clarification of the "Country" Setting

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- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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Under Windows NT, the "Country" choice affects currency, date/time and number format, and so forth. The "Language" choice affects sorting, names of the days of the weeks and months, and so forth. These settings allow the user to choose the appropriate language and country format. For example, if you are British and living in the U.S., you can pick a locale of English (British) at setup time, then use Control Panel later to change your country to U.S. so that currency is in dollars instead of pounds.

In Windows 95, there is not both a Country and a Language choice. You are asked for a single Regional Setting.

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KBSubcategory: UsrNls WintlDev

Explanation of the NEWCPLINFO Structure

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- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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The following is an explanation of the NEWCPLINFO structure:

dwSize: Specifies the length of the structure, in bytes. Set this to `sizeof(NEWCPLINFO)`.

dwFlags: Specifies Control Panel flags. This is field is currently unused. Set this field to `NULL`.

dwHelpContext: Specifies the context number for the topic in the help project (.HPJ) file that displays when the user selects help for the application. If `dwData` is non-`NULL`, Windows Help will be invoked with the `HELP_CONTEXT` `fuCommand` with `dwHelpContext` as `dwData`. If `dwHelpContext` is `NULL`, Windows Help is invoked with the `HELP_INDEX` `fuCommand`.

lData: Specifies data defined by the application. This is passed back to the application in the `CPL_DBLCLK`, `CPL_SELECT`, and `CPL_STOP` messages via `lParam2`.

hIcon: Identifies an icon resource for the application icon. This icon is displayed in the Control Panel window.

szName: Specifies a null-terminated string that contains the application name. The name is the short string displayed below the application icon in the Control Panel window. The name is also displayed in the Settings menu of Control Panel.

szInfo: Specifies a null-terminated string containing the application description. The description is displayed at the bottom of the Control Panel window when the application icon is selected.

szHelpFile: Specifies a null-terminated string that contains the path of the help file, if any, for the application. If this field is unused, set it to `NULL`. The Control Panel will invoke a default Windows Help file when this field is `NULL`.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95 cpl control panel extension

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrExt

Differences Between hInstance on Win 3.1 and Windows NT

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- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, 4.0
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SUMMARY

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In Microsoft Windows version 3.1, an instance handle can be used to uniquely identify the instance of an application because instance handles are unique within the scope of an address space. Because each instance of an application runs in its own address space on Windows NT, instance handles cannot be used to uniquely identify an instance of an application running on the system. This article explains why, and some alternative calls that might assist in uniquely identifying an application instance on Windows NT.

MORE INFORMATION

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Although the concepts for an instance handle are similar on Windows NT and Windows 3.1, the results you see regarding them might be very different from what you expect.

With Windows 3.1, when you start several instances of the same application, they all share the same address space. You have multiple instances of the same code segment; however, each of these instances has a unique data segment associated with it. Using an instance handle (hInstance) is a way to uniquely identify these different instances and data segments in the address space.

Instance handles are unique to the address space. On Windows NT, when looking at the value of the instance handle, or the value returned from `GetWindowLong(hWnd, GWL_HINSTANCE)`, a developer coming from a Windows 3.1 background might be surprised to see that most of the windows on the desktop return the same value. This is because the return value is the hInstance for the instance of the application, which is running in its own address space. (An interesting side note: The hInstance value is the base address where the application's module was able to load; either the default address or the fixed up address.)

On Windows NT, running several instances of the same application causes the instances to start and run in their own separate address space. To emphasize the difference: multiple instances of the same application on Windows 3.1 run in the same address space; in Windows NT, each instance has its own, separate address space. Using an instance handle to uniquely identify an application instance, as is possible on Windows 3.1, does not apply in Windows NT. (Another interesting side note: Remember that even if there are multiple instances of an application, if they are able to load at their default virtual address spaces, the virtual address pages of the different applications' executable code will map to the same physical memory pages.)

In Windows NT, instance handles are not unique in the global scope of the system; however, window handles, thread IDs, and process IDs are. Here are some calls that may assist in alternative methods to uniquely identify instance of applications on Windows NT:

- `GetWindowThreadProcessID()` retrieves the identifier of the thread that created the given window and, optionally, the identifier of the process that created the window.
- `OpenProcess()` returns a handle to a process specified by a process ID.
- `GetCurrentProcessID()` returns the calling process's ID.
- `EnumThreadWindows()` returns all of the windows associated with a thread.
- The `FindWindow()` function retrieves the handle of the top-level window specified by class name and window name.
- To enumerate all of the processes on the system, you can query the Registry using `RegQueryValueEx()` with key `HKEY_PERFORMANCE_DATA`, and the Registry database index associated with the database string "Process".

For further details on using these calls, please see the Win32 SDK help file.

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KBSubcategory: UsrMisc

Unicode Implementation in Windows NT 3.1 and 3.5

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- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT version 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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Windows NT is the first widely available operating system to be built upon the Unicode character encoding. Almost all of the strings used in the system have 16-bits reserved for each character. However, Windows NT does not yet realize the Unicode ideal of offering an editor capable of handling one document containing all of the languages of the world.

MORE INFORMATION

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Unicode support in Windows NT:

- All Windows USER objects support Unicode strings.
- The Win32 console is Unicode enabled.
- NTFS supports Unicode filenames.
- All of the information strings in the registry are Unicode.
- The L_10646.TTF (Lucida Sans Unicode) font covers over 1300 Unicode characters.
- Most of the TrueType fonts include a Unicode encoding table.

Unicode features missing from Windows NT:

- There is no font support for all of the Unicode characters.
- Although the Win32 console is Unicode enabled, it is not possible to use Unicode fonts in the console. Most Unicode characters will be represented by the "default character" of the System font.
- Winhlp32 is not Unicode enabled.
- There is no general Unicode input method in Windows NT version 3.1. The shell applets and File Manager fully support Unicode. You can use the new Notepad and Character Mapper applets to create files with Unicode text. (Choose the Lucida Sans Unicode font in the Character Mapper, then choose the desired Unicode characters in the Character Mapper and copy them to the clipboard. Paste the clipboard contents into Notepad, making sure Notepad has the Lucida Sans Unicode font selected, and save the file as a "Unicode Files". Note, this same process can be used to give files Unicode filenames.)
- The FAT and HPFS file systems do not support Unicode filenames. (Nor will they in the future; to accomplish this, use NTFS.)

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

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Propagating Environment Variables to the System

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- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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User environment variables can be modified using the System control panel application or by editing the following Registry key:

```
HKEY_CURRENT_USER \
    Environment
```

System environment variables can be modified using the System control panel application (in Windows NT 3.5 and later) or by editing the following Registry key:

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE \
    SYSTEM \
    CurrentControlSet \
        Control \
            Session Manager \
                Environment
```

Note, however, that modifications to the environment variables do not result in immediate change. For example, if you start another Command Prompt after making the changes, the environment variables will reflect the previous (not the current) values. The changes do not take effect until you log off and then log back on.

To effect these changes without having to log off, broadcast a WM_WININICHANGE message to all windows in the system, so that any interested applications (such as Program Manager, Task Manager, Control Panel, and so forth) can perform an update.

MORE INFORMATION

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For example, on Windows NT, the following code fragment should propagate the changes to the environment variables used in the Command Prompt:

```
SendMessage( FindWindow( "Progman", NULL ), WM_WININICHANGE,
    0L, (LPARAM) "Environment" );
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrMisc

SetParent and Control Notifications

Article ID: Q104069

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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An edit, list box, or combo box control sends notifications to the original parent window even after SetParent has been used to change the control's parent. A button control sends notifications to the new parent after SetParent has been used to change its parent.

Edit, list box, and combo box controls keep a private copy of the window handle of the parent at the time of creation. This handle is not changed when SetParent is used to change the control's parent. Consequently, the notifications (EN_*, LBN_*, and CBN_* notifications) go to the original parent.

Note that WM_PARENTNOTIFY messages go to the new parent and GetParent() returns the new parent. If it is required that notifications go to the new parent window, code must be added to the old parent's window procedure to pass on the notifications to the new parent.

For example:

```
case WM_COMMAND:
    hwndCtl = LOWORD(lParam);

    // If notification is from a control and the control is no longer this
    // window's child, pass it on to the new parent.
    if (hwndCtl && !IsChild(hWnd, hwndCtl))
        SendMessage(GetParent(hwndCtl), WM_COMMAND, wParam, lParam);
    else Do normal processing;
```

Button controls send notifications to the new parent after SetParent has been used to change the parent.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95 listbox combobox

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

32-Bit Scroll Ranges

Article ID: Q104311

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.5
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You can use 32-bit scroll ranges by calling `GetScrollPos()`; however, you cannot get 32-bit positions for notifications sent while thumb tracking, that is, via the `SB_THUMBPOSITION` message. This is because thumb position information is not queryable via an application programming interface (API). You only can obtain the 32-bit scroll information only before or after the scroll has taken place.

The scroll bar APIs allow setting a scroll range up to `0x7FFFFFFF` via `SetScrollRange()`, and setting a scroll position within that range using `SetScrollPos()`. If the `WM_HSCROLL` or `WM_VSCROLL` message is processed, the information returned for scroll bar position, `nPos`, is only a 16-bit value. To obtain the 32-bit information, the `GetScrollPos()` API must be used.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 scrollbar

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

How Keyboard Data Gets Translated

Article ID: Q104316

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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Keyboard input is acquired by the keyboard driver, which in turn produces a scan code. This scan code is passed on to the locale-specific Win32 subsystem keyboard driver. This locale-specific driver then converts the scan code to a virtual key and a Unicode character. The Win32 subsystem then passes on this information to the application.

All messages in the Win32 application programming interface (API) that present textual information to a window procedure depend upon how the window registered its class. For example, if RegisterClassW() was called, then Unicode is presented; if RegisterClassA() was called, then ANSI is presented. The conversion of the text is handled by the Window Manager. This allows an ANSI application to send textual information to a Unicode application.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrInp

COMCTL32 APIs Unsupported in the Win32 SDK

Article ID: Q105300

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1 and 3.5
 - Microsoft Win32s version 1.2
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The library COMCTL32.LIB was included in the Win32 SDK because the PERFMON sample makes use of it. The library is part of the Windows for Workgroups (WFW) COMMCTRL.LIB. However, Microsoft does not officially support COMCTL32.LIB or recommend the use of these application programming interfaces (APIs), and therefore they have not been documented in the SDK.

Microsoft does not recommend using these APIs, because Microsoft is providing the new controls in Windows 95, Windows NT 3.51, and Win32s 1.3.

If you must absolutely use COMCTL32 with earlier versions, the documentation can be found in the WFW SDK. Be aware that these APIs are unsupported, and code that you write will not work on Windows 95 and Windows NT 3.51.

Additional reference words: 1.20 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl W32s

Win32 Shell Dynamic Data Exchange (DDE) Interface

Article ID: Q105446

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1, 3.5, and 3.51
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SUMMARY

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Information on the DDE Interface to Program Manager can be found in the Win32 application programming interface (API) reference under the topic "Shell Dynamic Data Exchange Interface."

The SDK contains a sample program that interfaces with Program Manager. The sample can be found in MSTOOLS\SAMPLES\DDEML\DDEPROG.

MORE INFORMATION

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AppProperties cannot be used to get the item icon, description, or working directory, as it can in Windows 3.1. Therefore, GetIcon(), GetDescription(), and GetWorkingDir() do not work in Windows NT. However, AppProperties can still be used to dump out the contents of a group, by specifying the group name in lParam.

Here's how a Win32-based application can get the item icon, the description, and the working directory:

1. Initiate a conversation with the Shell as follows

```
SendMessage( -1, WM_DDE_INITIATE, hWndApp, lParam );
```

where lParam points to an atom representing:

```
LOWORD | HIWORD
```

Shell		AppIcon	:	To get an item's icon
Shell		AppDescription	:	To get an item's description
Shell		AppWorkingDir	:	To get an item's working directory

2. Get the item DDE number.

The DDE number is stored by Program Manager in the STARUPINFO structure of the application when the application is started. The application can get the startup information with:

```
GetStartupInfo( &StartupInfo );
```

The field lpReserved in the STARUPINFO structure is in the following format

```
dde.#, hotkey.##
```

where the DDE number is # and the hot key for the item is ##.

3. Request data as follows

```
SendMessage( hwndProgMan, WM_DDE_REQUEST, hwndApp, lParam );
```

where the lParam HIWORD is the item's DDE number obtained in step 2.

4. The data is returned in lParam of WM_DDE_DATA message. The DDE data value is a string for AppDescription and AppWorkingDir DDE transactions. For AppIcon, the data value has the following structure:

```
typedef struct _PMIconData {
    DWORD dwResSize;
    DWORD dwVer;
    BYTE iResource; // icon resource
} PMICONDATA, *LPPMICONDATA;
```

To create the icon, the application must call:

```
hIcon = CreateIconFromResource((LPBYTE)&(lpPMIconData->iResource),
    lpPMIconData->dwResSize,
    TRUE,
    lpPMIconData->dwVer
);
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrDde

Win32 Drag and Drop Server

Article ID: Q105530

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, 4.0

The supported method for creating a drag and drop server is to use OLE (Object Linking and Embedding) version 2.0. This works on Windows, Windows NT, and Windows 95 and will work on future versions of these operating systems.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrDnd

PRB: CBT_CREATEWND Struct Returns Invalid Class Name

Article ID: Q106079

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The CBT_CREATEWND structure contains information passed to a WH_CBT hook callback function before a window is created in the system. The lpszClass field of this CBT_CREATEWND structure may return an invalid class name, particularly for windows created internally by the system.

SYMPTOMS

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The code to get to the window class name via the CBT_CREATEWND structure in a CBT callback function may look like the following:

```
int FAR PASCAL CBTProc (int nCode, WPARAM wParam, LPARAM lParam)
{
    LPCBT_CREATEWND CreateWndParam;

    if (nCode >= 0)
    {
        switch (nCode)
        {
            case HCBT_CREATWND:
                CreateWndParam = (LPCBT_CREATEWND)lParam;
                OutputDebugString ("ClassName = ");
                OutputDebugString (lParam->lpcs->lpszClass);
                OutputDebugString ("\r\n");
                break;
            :
            :
        }
    }

    return (int)CallNextHookEx (hHook, nCode, wParam, lParam);
}
```

However, this code may or may not output the correct class name, depending on what the call to CreateWindow() (for the window about to be created) looks like.

RESOLUTION

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Windows provides the GetClassName() function to allow applications to retrieve a window's class name. This function takes the handle to the window as a parameter, as well as a buffer to receive the null-terminated class name string. This function is a more reliable

and a more recommended means to obtain window class name information than the CBT callback function's CBT_CREATEWND structure.

MORE INFORMATION

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Whenever a window is about to be created, Windows checks to see if a WH_CBT hook is installed anywhere in the system. If it finds one, it calls the CBTProc() callback function with hook code set to HCBT_CREATEWND, and with the lParam parameter containing a long pointer to a CBT_CREATEWND structure.

The CBT_CREATEWND structure is defined in WINDOWS.H as follows

```
typedef struct tagCBT_CREATEWND {
    CREATESTRUCT FAR* lpcs;
    HWND hwndInsertAfter;
} CBT_CREATEWND;
```

with the CREATESTRUCT structure defined in the same file as:

```
typedef struct tagCREATESTRUCT {
    void FAR* lpCreateParams;
    :
    LPCSTR lpszClass;    // Null-terminated string specifying window
                       // class name
    DWORD dwExStyle;
} CREATESTRUCT;
```

When Windows internally creates windows (such as predefined controls in a dialog box, for example), it uses atoms for lpszClass instead of the actual string to minimize overhead. This makes it a little less straightforward (sometimes impossible) to get to the actual class name directly from the lpszClass field of the CREATESTRUCT structure.

To cite one particular example, when an application is minimized in Windows, Windows calls CreateWindow() for the icon title, specifying a class name of

```
(LPSTR)MAKEINTATOM (ICONTITLECLASS == 0x8004)
```

where MAKEINTATOM() is defined in WINDOWS.H as:

```
#define MAKEINTATOM (i)    ((LPCSTR) MAKELP (NULL, i))
```

Given this, to get to the actual class name, GetAtomName() must be called in this manner:

```
char szBuf [10];

GetAtomName (LOWORD (lpszClass), szBuf, 10);
OutputDebugString (szBuf);
```

This outputs a class name of #32772 for the IconTitleClass.

For predefined controls, such as "static", "button", and so forth, in a dialog box, the Dialog Manager calls CreateWindow() on each control,

similarly using atoms for lpszClass. The Dialog Manager, however, creates these atoms in a local atom table in USER's default data segment (DS), thus making it impossible for other applications to get to these class names.

[Note the difference between local and global atom tables, where global atom tables are stored in a shared DS, and are therefore accessible to all applications, while local atom tables are stored in USER's default DS. DDE uses global atom tables so that Excel, for example, can use GlobalAddAtom() to add a string to the atom table, and another program could use GlobalGetAtomName() to obtain the character string for that atom.]

More information on atoms can be found by searching on the following word in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

atoms

More Information can also be found in the Windows version 3.1 online Help file under the heading Function Groups, under the Atom Functions subheading.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95
KBCategory: kbprg kbprb kbcode
KBSubcategory: UsrHks

Identifying a Previous Instance of an Application

Article ID: Q106385

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1, 3.5 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The entry point of both Windows and Windows NT applications is documented to be:

```
int WinMain( hInstance, hPrevInstance, lpszCmdLine, nCmdShow )

HINSTANCE hInstance;      /* Handle of current instance */
HINSTANCE hPrevInstance;  /* Handle of previous instance */
LPSTR lpszCmdLine;        /* Address of command line */
int nCmdShow;             /* Show state of window */
```

However, under Windows NT, hPrevInstance is documented to always be NULL. The reason is that each application runs in its own address space and may have the same ID as another application.

To determine whether another instance of the application is running, use a named mutex. If opening the mutex fails, then there are no other instances of the application running. FindWindow() can be used with the class and window name. However, note that a second instance of the application could be started, and could execute the FindWindow() call before the first instance has created its window. Use a named object to ensure that this does not happen.

MORE INFORMATION

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The fact that hPrevInstance is set to NULL simplifies porting Win16 applications. Most 16-bit Windows-based applications contain the following logic:

```
if( !hPrevInstance )
    if( !InitApplication(hInstance) )
        return FALSE;
```

Under Windows, window classes only are registered by the first instance of an application. Consequently, if hPrevInstance is not NULL, then the window classes have already been registered and InitApplication() is not called.

Under Windows NT, because hPrevInstance is always NULL, InitApplication() is always called, and each instance of an application will correctly register its window classes.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrMisc

Retrieving DIBs from the Clipboard

Article ID: Q106386

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Retrieving a DIB (device-independent bitmap) from the clipboard can take significantly more time than retrieving a bitmap from the clipboard. The difference stems from the fact that a bitmap is a GDI object and a DIB is a global memory object.

MORE INFORMATION

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When SetClipboardData() is passed a global memory handle, as it is when it is passed a handle to a DIB, all the data gets copied into the Win32 server and put into a sharable section of memory. When the DIB is retrieved with GetClipboardData(), the shared memory is mapped into the application's virtual address space and the memory handle is cached. Any subsequent calls to GetClipboardData() return quickly, because the memory does not have to be remapped.

In contrast, when retrieving a bitmap with GetClipboardData(), only a handle is created, because a bitmap is a GDI object.

When CloseClipboard() is called, all of the cached handles to shared memory and GDI objects are deleted.

Rather than reopening the clipboard, it is a good idea to keep a local copy of anything retrieved from the clipboard if the item will be used again after the clipboard has been closed. In general, data should be retrieved from the clipboard only when the application is doing a paste or if the application is a clipboard viewer processing a WM_DRAWCLIPBOARD message.

The data for a GDI object exists on the server side. In other words, bitmaps and DDBs (device-dependent bitmaps) exist in the Win32 subsystem address space. Only the handles of GDI objects are private to an application. Therefore, to make a bitmap or a DDB accessible to another application, only a call to DuplicateHandle() is needed.

Note that even though it is faster to retrieve a DDB from the clipboard, it is still recommended to put a DIB on the clipboard rather than a DDB.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrClp

Using SendMessageTimeout() in a Multithreaded Application

Article ID: Q106716

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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SendMessageTimeout() is new to the Win32 application programming interface (API). The function sends a message to a window and does not return until either the window procedure processes the message or the timeout occurs.

MORE INFORMATION

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This article uses the following scenario to illustrate the behavior of this function:

Suppose that Win1 and Win2 are created by the same application and that the following code is included in their window procedures:

```
<WindowProc for window Win1>
...
case <xxx>:
    ...
    SendMessageTimeout(    hWnd2,    // window handle
                          WM_USER+1, // message to send
                          wParam,    // first message parameter
                          lParam,    // second message parameter
                          SMTO_NORMAL, // flag *
                          100,       // timeout (in milliseconds)
                          &ret ); // return value
    ...
    break;

case WM_USER+2:
    <time-consuming procedure>
    break;
```

* Note that the SMTO_NORMAL flag indicates that the calling thread can process other requests while waiting for the API to return.

```
<WindowProc for window Win2>
...
case WM_USER+1:
    ...
    SendMessage(    hWnd1,    // window handle
                  WM_USER+2,  // message to send
                  wParam,    // first message parameter
                  lParam );  // second message parameter
    OtherStuff();
    ...
```

```
break;
```

If Win1 executes this `SendMessageTimeout()` and Win2 uses `SendMessage()` to send a message to Win1, Win1 can process the message because `SMTO_NORMAL` was specified. If the `SendMessageTimeout()` expires while the execution is currently in the window procedure for Win1, the state of the system will depend on who owns the windows.

If both windows were created by the same thread, the timeout is not used and the process proceeds exactly as if `SendMessage()` was being used. If the windows are owned by different threads, the results can be unpredictable, because the timeout is restarted whenever a message or some other system event is received and processed. In other words, the receipt by Win1 of `WM_USER+2` causes the timeout to restart after the message is processed. If the function executed by Win2, `OtherStuff()`, then uses up more than 100 milliseconds without awakening the thread that created Win1, the original `SendMessageTimeout()` will timeout and return. The `OtherStuff()` function continues to completion but any value that was to be returned to Win1 will be lost. Note that the code paths will always complete.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrMisc

Journal Hooks and Compatibility

Article ID: Q106717

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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Journal hooks are used to record and play back events, such as keyboard and mouse events. Journal hooks are system-wide hooks that take control of all user input, and therefore should be used as little as possible.

MORE INFORMATION

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Note that Windows NT does not ship with a Recorder application, as Windows 3.1 does. Therefore, it may be desirable to create an application that can play back macros recorded under Windows 3.1. However, there are a number of different problems with the Windows NT implementation of journaling that make it difficult to use macros recorded under Windows 3.1.

The EVENTMSG structures recorded under Windows 3.1 that hold keystrokes do not play back under Windows NT. They must be modified, because the journal playback hook parses a scan code out of the EVENTMSG structure differently than the Windows 3.1 journal record hook put it in the structure. Under Windows 3.1, paramH specifies the repeat count. Under Windows NT, there is no way to specify a repeat count; it is always assumed to be 1.

For more information on hooks, please see the Hooks Overview in Volume 1 of the Win32 "Programmer's Reference" and the article "Win32 Hooks" included in the MSDN CD #5.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrHks

PRB: Inadequate Buffer Length Causes Strange Problems in DDEML
Article ID: Q107387

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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Specifying an inadequate buffer length for an XTYP_POKE or an XTYP_EXECUTE command causes strange problems in DDEML.

Problems can range from a general protection (GP) fault or Exception 13, to DDEML timeout errors (such as DMLERR_EXECACKTIMEOUT or DMLERR_POKEACKTIMEOUT) or a DDEML transaction failure (or DMLERR_NOTPROCESSED). Sometimes, the application may seem to work for the most part, and then occasionally crash.

Data can be passed to the server application via XTYP_POKE or XTYP_EXECUTE in two ways:

- Directly, as a pointer to the data or command string, as in the sample code below:

```
char lpszString [80];

lstrcpy (lpszString, "[FileOpen("C:\README.DOC")]");
DdeClientTransaction (lpszString,           // string buffer
                    strlen (lpszString)+1, // string buffer length
                    hConv,
                    hszItem,
                    CF_TEXT,
                    XTYP_POKE,
                    1000,
                    NULL);
```

-or-

- By creating a data handle, and passing that on to the DdeClientTransaction() call:

```
char lpszString [80];
HDDEDATA hData;

lstrcpy (lpszString, "[FileOpen("C:\README.DOC")]");
hData = DdeCreateDataHandle (idInst,
                            lpszString,
                            strlen (lpszString)+1,
                            0,
                            NULL,
                            CF_TEXT,
                            0);

if (!hData)
```

```
DdeClientTransaction (hData,      // string buffer
                    -1,          // indicates hData is a data handle
                    hConv,
                    hszItem,
                    CF_TEXT,
                    XTYP_POKE,
                    1000,
                    NULL);
```

CAUSE

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Because data is most commonly passed between applications in CF_TEXT format, a common problem with the string buffer length is setting it to `lstrlen (lpszString)`, where `lpszString` is the buffer containing the string the client needs to pass to the server. Because the `lstrlen()` function does not include the terminating null character, this can cause the system to append garbage characters to the end of the string, thus sending an invalid string to the server application.

RESOLUTION

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When passing strings between two applications, the string buffer length should be set to `lstrlen (lpszString) +1`, to include the terminating null character (`'\0'`).

Using DDESPY, it is easy to track down this problem, because one can follow the string being passed from the client to the server application. Garbage characters incorrectly being appended to the string usually indicate a problem with specifying an inadequate string buffer length.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95 gpf gp-fault
KBCategory: kbprg kbprb kbcode
KBSubcategory: UsrDde

PRB: Excel's =REQUEST() from DDEML Application Returns #N/A
Article ID: Q107980

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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When executing the =REQUEST() macro to request data from a DDEML server application, Excel returns a value of "#N/A", although the server application returned a valid data handle from the request.

CAUSE

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When Excel executes a =REQUEST, it requests data in the most efficient format available. Verifying through DDESPY when Excel executes the =REQUEST macro, one can see that Excel sends out a request for data for each format, in this order:

XLTable	(Excel fast table format)
BIFF4	(Excel 4.0 file format)
BIFF3	(Excel 3.0 file format)
SYLK	(Symbolic Link)
WK1	(Lotus 1-2-3 release 2 format)
CSV	(comma-delimited text)
TEXT	(CF_TEXT)
RTF	(rich text format)
DIF	(data interchange format)

Knowing what formats it can handle best, Excel requests data in the most efficient format first, and so on, until it finds one that the server application supports. At this point, Excel stops sending further requests.

In response to a request, a DDEML server application that supports only one format (for example, the CF_TEXT format) may return a data handle in CF_TEXT format, regardless of the format being requested. When Excel sends its first request for data in XLTable format, this server application returns a data handle in CF_TEXT format, as demonstrated in the code below:

```
case XTYP_REQUEST:
    if ((ghConv == hConv) &&
        (!DdeCmpStringHandles (hsz1, hszTopicName)) &&
        (!DdeCmpStringHandles (hsz2, hszItemName))) {

        lstrcpy (szBuffer, "The Simpsons");
        return (DdeCreateDataHandle (idInst,
                                    szBuffer,
                                    lstrlen (szBuffer)+1,
                                    0L,
                                    hszItemName,
                                    CF_TEXT,
```

```

                                0);
    }
    return (HDDEDATA) NULL;

```

Because Excel expected to receive data in the format it had requested (that is, XLTable format), and instead received data in CF_TEXT format, Excel returns #N/A, not knowing how to handle the data it received.

RESOLUTION

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In response to a request, a DDEML server application should return a valid data handle only for the format it supports. When processing an XTYP_REQUEST transaction, the server application should first check whether the data being requested is in its supported format; if so, the server application should return an appropriate data handle. Otherwise, the server application should return NULL.

The code above can be modified as follows to check for this condition:

```

case XTYP_REQUEST:
    if ((ghConv == hConv) &&
        (!DdeCmpStringHandles (hsz1, hszTopicName)) &&
        (!DdeCmpStringHandles (hsz2, hszItemName)) &&
        (wFmt == CF_TEXT)) {           // Add this to the if clause
                                        // to check if data is being requested
                                        // in one of its supported formats.

        lstrcpy (szBuffer, "Fred Flintstone");
        return (DdeCreateDataHandle (idInst,
                                     szBuffer,
                                     lstrlen (szBuffer)+1,
                                     0L,
                                     hszItemName,
                                     CF_TEXT,
                                     0));
    }
    return (HDDEDATA) NULL;

```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb kbcode

KBSubcategory: UsrDde

Hooking Console Applications and the Desktop

Article ID: Q108232

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0

SUMMARY

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Under Windows NT, system hooks are limited in two situations: hooking console windows and hooking the desktop.

Because of the current design of the console and the fact that its user interface runs in the Win32 server, Windows NT does not support hook calls in the context of console applications. Thus, if application A sets a system-wide input hook and text is typed in a console window, application A's input hook will not be called. The same is true for every type of Windows hook except for journal record and journal playback hooks.

Hooking a console application will be enabled in Windows NT 3.51.

MORE INFORMATION

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Windows NT supports journaling by forcing the console input thread to communicate with the application that set the hook. In the case of a console, the call to the hook functions are run in the context of the application that installed the hook. This forces Windows NT to synchronously talk to this process in order for it to work; if this process is busy or blocked (as it is when it is sitting at a breakpoint), the console thread is hung.

If console applications were typical Win32-based applications, then this would not be a problem. A design change such as this would require that each console take an extra thread just to process input. This was not acceptable to the designers, and therefore console applications are not implemented in the same way that other Win32-based applications are implemented.

Similarly, if Windows NT allowed other hooks to freely hook any process, then these processes could enter a hanging state as well. The reason that journaling is allowed to hook consoles is that journaling already requires synchronization between all processes in the system, and a mechanism to disengage the journaling process (via the CTRL+ESC, ALT+ESC and CTRL+ALT+DEL keystroke combinations) is provided to prevent hanging the system message queue.

For similar reasons, 16-bit Windows-based applications cannot hook Win32-based applications under Windows NT.

The issues above apply equally well to hooking the desktop. If an application were allowed to hook the desktop, it could potentially hang it. This is completely unacceptable and violates one of the design principles

of Windows NT: no application should be allowed to bring down the system or hang the user interface.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrHks

PRB: GetOpenFileName() and Spaces in Long Filenames

Article ID: Q108233

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SYMPTOMS

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GetOpenFileName() is the application programming interface (API) for the open file common dialog box. This API displays the long filenames (LFNs) on NTFS and HPFS.

When using the OFN_ALLOWMULTISELECT flag with the GetOpenFileName() API, the dialog box automatically presents the 8.3 names for all LFNs that contain embedded spaces.

CAUSE

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The original design of GetOpenFileName() uses a filename list that is space-delimited when the OFN_ALLOWMULTISELECT flag is specified. Thus, there is no programmatic way to determine which string tokens are complete filenames or fragments of a complete name with spaces.

STATUS

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This behavior is by design. Microsoft is considering changing this behavior in a future release of Windows NT.

MORE INFORMATION

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Historically, FAT filenames that contained embedded spaces were branded as "illegal," even though the specifications of the FAT file system do not impose such a restriction. For example, many of the MS-DOS command-line utilities do not allow the user to specify filenames with embedded spaces, because of difficulties that would be introduced in parsing the command line. Under Windows NT, the command utilities have been enhanced to support such names if they are in quotation marks.

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KBSubcategory: UsrCmnDlg

How to Keep an MDI Window Always on Top

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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When creating a multiple document interface (MDI) window, there are no styles available to have the new window stay on top of the other MDI windows. Alternatively, two methods are available to achieve this functionality:

- Process the WM_WINDOWPOSCHANGED message and call SetWindowPos() to change the Z-order of the window.
- Install a timer for the MDI windows and reset the Z-order of the window when processing the WM_TIMER message.

MORE INFORMATION

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MDICREATESTRUCT has the field "style", which can be set with the styles for the new MDI window. Extended styles, such as WS_EX_TOPMOST, are not available in MDI windows. This field of MDICREATESTRUCT is passed to CreateWindowEx() in the dwStyle parameter. The dwExStyle field is set to 0L. The two methods shown below cannot be used at the same time in the same application.

Method 1: Process the WM_WINDOWPOSCHANGED message and call SetWindowPos() to change the Z-order of the window.

Sample Code

```
LRESULT CALLBACK MdiWndProc (HWND hWnd, UINT message, WPARAM wParam,
                             LPARAM lParam)
{
    static HWND hWndAlwaysOnTop = 0;
    switch (message)
    {
        case WM_CREATE :
            if (!hWndAlwaysOnTop)
            {
                SetWindowText (hWnd, "Always On Top Window");
                hWndAlwaysOnTop = hWnd;
            }
            break;
        case WM_WINDOWPOSCHANGED :
            if (hWndAlwaysOnTop)
            {
                WINDOWPOS FAR* pWP = (WINDOWPOS FAR*)lParam;
                if (pWP->hwnd != hWndAlwaysOnTop)
            }
    }
}
```

```

        SetWindowPos (hWndAlwaysOnTop, HWND_TOP, 0, 0, 0, 0,
                    SWP_NOACTIVATE | SWP_NOMOVE | SWP_NOSIZE);
    }
    break;
//
// Other Messages to process here.
//
case WM_CLOSE :
    if (hWndAlwaysOnTop == hWnd)
        hWndAlwaysOnTop = NULL;
default :
    return DefMDIChildProc (hWnd, message, wParam, lParam);
}
return 0L;
}

```

Method 2: Install a timer for the MDI windows and reset the Z-order of the window when processing the WM_TIMER message.

Sample Code

```

LRESULT CALLBACK MdiWndProc (HWND hWnd, UINT message, WPARAM wParam,
                            LPARAM lParam)
{
    static HWND hWndAlwaysOnTop = 0;
    switch (message)
    {
        case WM_CREATE :
            SetTimer (hWnd, 1, 200, NULL);
            if (!hWndAlwaysOnTop)
            {
                SetWindowText (hWnd, "Always On Top Window");
                hWndAlwaysOnTop = hWnd;
            }
            break;
        case WM_TIMER :
            if (hWndAlwaysOnTop)
            {
                SetWindowPos (hWndAlwaysOnTop, HWND_TOP, 0, 0, 0, 0,
                            SWP_NOACTIVATE | SWP_NOMOVE | SWP_NOSIZE);
            }
            break;
        case WM_DESTROY:
            KillTimer (hWnd, 1) ;
            break;
//
// Other Messages to process here.
//
        case WM_CLOSE :
            if (hWndAlwaysOnTop == hWnd)
                hWndAlwaysOnTop = NULL;
            default :
                return DefMDIChildProc (hWnd, message, wParam, lParam);
    }
    return 0L;
}

```

For additional information on changing the Z-order of child pop-up windows,
please see the following article(s) in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

ARTICLE-ID: Q66943

TITLE : Determining the Topmost Pop-Up Window

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrWndw

DdeInitialize(), DdeNameService(), APPCMD_FILTERINITS

Article ID: Q108925

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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DdeInitialize() and DdeNameService() work as complimentary functions during initialization of a server application. When called for the first time to initialize a server application, DdeInitialize() will cause DDEML to append the APPCMD_FILTERINITS flag to the third parameter of the function call by default. Once this flag is set, client applications will not be able to connect to the server until it is reset. This flag is reset when the function DdeNameService() is called to register the service name with DDEML. Also, if the server wishes to remain anonymous, then DdeInitialize() must be called the second time to specifically turn off the APPCMD_FILTERINITS flag.

MORE INFORMATION

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The DdeInitialize() function registers an application with DDEML. This function must be called by both the client and the server applications before calling any other DDEML function.

When the server application calls DdeInitialize() for the first time, DDEML appends the APPCMD_FILTERINITS flag to the third parameter of the function call, regardless of whether the application specifies this flag. This flag when used, will prevent DDEML from sending the XTYP_CONNECT and XTYP_WILDCONNECT transactions to the server application until the server has created its string handles and performed other application-specific initialization. The server application then calls DdeNameService() to register its service name with DDEML so that other client or server applications are notified of its existence. Calling DdeNameService() after the server has gone through the process of initialization turns off the APPCMD_FILTERINITS flag.

Some DDEML server applications might not want to register their names with DDEML because of various reasons (for example, the server application is a custom server application that wants to service particular clients, and thus wishes to remain anonymous to the rest of the system).

In special cases like this, an application may choose not to call the DdeNameService() function, because this function broadcasts the name of the server to all DDEML applications on the system. Not calling the DdeNameService() function, however, causes the APPCMD_FILTERINITS flag not to be reset properly, thus keeping the server from getting any XTYP_CONNECT or XTYP_WILDCONNECT transactions even from its clients.

One other way to reset this flag is to call DdeInitialize() a second time, without specifying the APPCMD_FILTERINITS flag.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: UsrDde

Hot Versus Warm Links in a DDEML Server Application

Article ID: Q108927

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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In message-based dynamic-data exchange (DDE), a server application can readily distinguish between a hot and a warm link as soon as it receives a request for an advise loop, via the WM_DDE_ADVISE message. This allows the server to send the appropriate value in the data handle (for example, a NULL or a valid data handle) to the client application whenever data changes. In DDEML, there is no way to distinguish between these two links when the server receives a request for an advise transaction.

MORE INFORMATION

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Two applications engaged in a DDE conversation may establish one or more links (or advise loops) so that the server application sends periodic updates about the linked item/s to the client, typically when that particular data item's value changes.

In a hot advise loop, the server immediately sends a data handle to the changed data item value. In a warm advise loop, however, the server just notifies the client that the data item value has changed, but does not send the data handle until the client explicitly requests it.

In message-based DDE, a client requests the server for an update on an item by posting the WM_DDE_ADVISE message to the server application. Upon receipt of this message, the server application is able to distinguish between a request for a hot advise loop and a warm advise loop via the fDeferUpd bit of the DDEADVISE structure it received in the low-order word of lParam.

A nonzero fDeferUpd value tells the server that it is a WARM advise loop. This instructs the server to send a WM_DDE_DATA message with a NULL data handle whenever the data item changes, and wait for the client to post a WM_DDE_REQUEST before it sends the handle to the updated data.

A zero fDeferUpd value, however, indicates a HOT advise loop, which then tells the server to send a WM_DDE_DATA message with the valid data handle to the changed data item.

In DDEML, a client requests the server for a hot advise loop via the XTYP_ADVSTART transaction type in a call to the DdeClientTransaction() function. To request a warm advise loop, the client specifies an XTYP_ADVSTART transaction or'ed with the XTYPF_NODATA flag. In both cases, the DDEML passes the same XTYP_ADVSTART to the server callback function, with no particular flags set, leaving the server with no means to distinguish between a hot or warm advise request.

Note that DDEML internally remembers the type of advise loop established.

Once an advise loop is established, the server application calls the DdePostAdvise() function whenever the value of the data item changes. In a hot advise loop, this causes the DDEML to send the server an XTYP_ADVREQ transaction to its callback function, where the server then returns a data handle to the changed data item. The DDEML then sends the XTYP_ADVDATA transaction to the client's callback function with the data handle.

In a warm advise loop, an XTYP_ADVREQ transaction is not sent to the server's callback function when the data item changes on a call to DdePostAdvise(). DDEML takes care of sending the XTYP_ADVDATA transaction directly to the client's callback function, with the data handle set to NULL. The server application does not send the handle to the changed data item until the client issues an XTYP_REQUEST transaction to obtain this data handle.

Because the type of advise loop (hot versus warm) is not known to the server application, a good rule of thumb in writing server applications that support advise loops is to return a data handle in response to both the XTYP_ADVREQ and the XTYP_REQUEST transactions. This guarantees that a data handle is returned for both hot and warm advise loops.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrDde


```

RECT rect ;
switch (msg) {

    case WM_INITDIALOG:
        hIcon = LoadIcon(); // Load the icon that is to be displayed
                               // when minimized.
        return TRUE ;

    case WM_ERASEBKGD:
        if (IsIconic(hwnd) && hIcon) {
            SendMessage( hwnd, WM_ICONERASEBKGD, wParam, 0L );
            return TRUE;
        }
        break;

    case WM_QUERYDRAGICON:
        return (hIcon);

    case WM_PAINT: {
        PAINTSTRUCT ps;

        BeginPaint( hwnd, &ps );

        if (IsIconic(hwnd)) //*** If iconic, paint the icon.
        {
            if (hIcon) {

                //center the icon correctly..
                GetClientRect(hwnd, &rect) ;
                rect.left = (rect.right - GetSystemMetrics(SM_CXICON)) >> 1
;
                rect.top = (rect.bottom - GetSystemMetrics(SM_CYICON)) >> 1
;

                DrawIcon( ps.hdc, rect.left, rect.top, hIcon );
            }
            EndPaint( hwnd, &ps );
        }
        break;
    }
    return FALSE;
} //*** GenericDlgProc

```

The workaround described above assumes that the dialog box belongs to the predefined dialog class. For private dialog box classes, there is no need to manually draw the icon for the dialog box when it is minimized. You can specify the icon while registering the dialog box class. Remember to set the `cbWndExtra` field to `DLGWINDOWEXTRA`. When the dialog box is minimized, the icon will be painted automatically.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95 DLGMAIN
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: UsrDlgs

Windows WM_SYSTIMER Message Is an Undocumented Message

Article ID: Q108938

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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The WM_SYSTIMER message in Windows is an undocumented system message; it should not be trapped or relied on by an application. This message can occasionally be viewed in Spy or in CodeView while debugging.

Windows uses the WM_SYSTIMER message internally to control the scroll rate of highlighted text (text selected by the user) in edit controls, or highlighted items in list boxes.

NOTE: The WM_SYSTIMER message is for Windows's internal use only and can be changed without prior notice.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrMsg

Text Alignment in Single Line Edit Controls

Article ID: Q108940

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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Text in single line edit controls cannot be centered or right-aligned (right-justified). Text in single line edit controls is left-aligned (left-justified) by default. This is by product design, and therefore specifying the `ES_RIGHT` or `ES_CENTER` style while creating the single line edit control does not have any effect on the text alignment.

Windows does not allow text to be centered or right-aligned in a single line edit control. However, an easy way to work around this problem is to create a multiline edit control that is the same size as a single line edit control.

Text in a multiline edit control can be centered or right/left aligned. Note that the multiline edit control should be created without the `WS_VSCROLL` or `ES_AUTOVSCROLL` style.

While single line edit controls may support text alignment in a future release of Windows, Windows 3.x applications must use multiline edit controls to achieve the same effect.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Using the WM_VKEYTOITEM Message Correctly

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The WM_VKEYTOITEM message is sent by a list box with the LBS_WANTKEYBOARDINPUT style to its owner in response to a WM_KEYDOWN message. The return value from this message specifies the action that the application performed in response to the message. A return value of -2 indicates that the application handled all aspects of selecting the item and requires no further action by the list box.

This is true only for certain keys such as the UP ARROW (VK_UP), DOWN ARROW (VK_DOWN), PAGE DOWN (VK_NEXT) and PAGE UP (VK_PREVIOUS) keys. All other keys are handled in the normal way by the list box, regardless of the return value from the WM_VKEYTOITEM message.

MORE INFORMATION

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The documentation for the WM_VKEYTOITEM message indicates that the owner of a list box control can trap the WM_VKEYTOITEM message that is generated in response to a WM_KEYDOWN message and return -2 if the application does not want the default list box window procedure to take further action.

This is valid only for keys that are not translated into a character by the list box control in Windows. If the WM_KEYDOWN message translates to a WM_CHAR message and the application processes the WM_VKEYTOITEM message generated as a result of the keydown, the list box ignores the return value (it will go ahead and do the default processing for that character).

WM_KEYDOWN messages generated by keys such as VK_UP (UP ARROW), VK_DOWN (DOWN ARROW), VK_NEXT (PAGE DOWN) and VK_PREVIOUS (PAGE UP) are not translated to WM_CHAR messages. In such cases, trapping the WM_VKEYTOITEM message and returning a -2 prevents the list box from doing the default processing for that key.

For example, if an application traps the DOWN ARROW key and does some nondefault processing (such as moving the selection to the item two indexes below the currently selected item) and then returns -2, the list box control will not do any more processing with this message.

Alternatively, if the application trapped the "A" key, does some nondefault processing, and returns -2, the list box code will still do the default processing. The list box will select an item in the list box that starts with an "A" (if one is present).

To trap keys that generate a char message and do special processing, the application must subclass the list box and trap both the WM_KEYDOWN and

WM_CHAR messages, and process the messages appropriately in the subclass procedure.

NOTE: This discussion is for regular list boxes that are created with the LBS_WANTKEYBOARDINPUT style. If the list box is owner draw, the application must process the WM_CHARTOITEM message. For more information on the WM_CHARTOITEM message, refer to the SDK documentation.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95 listbox

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Programmatically Appending Text to an Edit Control

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Windows-based applications often use edit controls to display text. These applications sometimes need to append text to the end of an edit control instead of replacing the existing text. There are several ways to do this in Windows:

- Use the EM_SETSEL and EM_REPLACESEL messages.
- or-
- Use the EM_SETSEL message with the clipboard functions to append text to the edit control's buffer.

MORE INFORMATION

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The EM_SETSEL message can be used to place a selected range of text in a Windows edit control. If the starting and ending positions of the range are set to the same position, no selection is made and a caret can be placed at that position. To place a caret at the end of the text in a Windows edit control and set the focus to the edit control, do the following:

```
HWND hEdit = GetDlgItem (hDlg, ID_EDIT);
int ndx = GetWindowTextLength (hEdit);
SetFocus (hEdit);
SendMessage (hEdit, EM_SETSEL, 0, MAKELONG (ndx, ndx));
```

Once the caret is placed at end in the edit control, the EM_REPLACESEL message can be use to append text to the edit control. An application sends an EM_REPLACESEL message to replace the current selection in an edit control with the text specified by the lpszReplace (lParam) parameter. Because there is no current selection, the replacement text is inserted at the current cursor location. This example sets the selection to the end of the edit control and inserts the text in the buffer:

```
SendMessage (hEdit, EM_SETSEL, 0, MAKELONG (ndx, ndx));
SendMessage (hEdit, EM_REPLACESEL, 0, (LPARAM) ((LPSTR) szBuffer));
```

One other way of inserting text into an edit control is to use the Windows clipboard. If the application has the clipboard open or finds it convenient to open the clipboard, and copies the text into the clipboard, then it can send the WM_PASTE message to the edit control to append text.

Before sending the WM_PASTE message, the caret must be placed at the end of the edit control text using the EM_SETSEL message. Below is pseudo code

that shows how to implement this method:

```
OpenClipboard () ;  
EmptyClipboard() ;  
SetClipboardData() ;  
  
SendMessage (hEdit, EM_SETSEL, 0, MAKELONG (ndx, ndx));  
SendMessage (hEdit, WM_PASTE, 0, 0L);
```

This pseudo code appends text to the end of the edit control. Note that the data in the clipboard must be in CF_TEXT format.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Providing a Custom Wordbreak Function in Edit Controls

Article ID: Q109551

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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An application sends the EM_SETWORDBREAKPROC message to an edit control to replace the default wordwrap function with an application-defined wordwrap function. The default wordwrap function breaks a line in a multiline edit control (MLE) at a space character. If an application needs to change this functionality (that is, to break at some character other than a space), then the application must provide its own wordwrap (wordbreak) function.

MORE INFORMATION

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A wordwrap function scans a text buffer (which contains text to be sent to the display), looking for the first word that does not fit on the current display line. The wordwrap function places this word at the beginning of the next line on the display.

A wordwrap function defines the point at which Windows should break a line of text for multiline edit controls, usually at a space character that separates two words. This can be changed so that the line in an MLE can be broken at any character. For more information on the EM_SETWORDBREAKPROC message, please refer to the Windows 3.1 SDK "Programmer's Reference, Volume 3: Messages, Structures, and Macros" manual.

Below is sample code that demonstrates how to break a line in a multiline edit control at the "~" (tilde) character (for example) instead of the regular space (" ") character.

The sample code assumes that the edit control is a multiline edit control and that it is a child control in a dialog box.

Sample Code

```
//Prototype the application-defined wordbreakproc.
int CALLBACK WordBreakProc(LPSTR, int, int, int) ;

//Install wordbreakproc in the WM_INITDIALOG case.
case WM_INITDIALOG:

    lpWrdBrkProc = MakeProcInstance(WordBreakProc, hInst);

    //Send the EM_SETWORDBREAKPROC message to the edit control
    //to install the new wordbreak procedure.
    SendDlgItemMessage(hDlg, ID_EDIT, EM_SETWORDBREAKPROC, 0,
```



```

                                (LPARAM) (EDITWORDBREAKPROC)lpWrdBrkProc) ;
return (TRUE);

int FAR PASCAL WordBreakProc(LPSTR lpszEditText, int ichCurrent,
                             int cchEditText, int wActionCode)
{
    char FAR *lpCurrentChar;
    int nIndex;
    int nLastAction;

    switch (wActionCode) {

        case WB_ISDELIMITER:

            // Windows sends this code so that the wordbreak function can
            // check to see if the current character is the delimiter.
            // If so, return TRUE. This will cause a line break at the ~
            // character.

            if ( lpszEditText[ichCurrent] == '~' )
                return TRUE;
            else
                return FALSE;

            break;

        // Because we have replaced the default wordbreak procedure, our
        // wordbreak procedure must provide the other standard features in
        // edit controls.

        case WB_LEFT:

            // Windows sends this code when the user enters CTRL+LEFT ARROW.
            // The wordbreak function should scan the text buffer for the
            // beginning of the word from the current position and move the
            // caret to the beginning of the word.

            {
                BOOL bCharFound = FALSE;

                lpCurrentChar = lpszEditText + ichCurrent;
                nIndex = ichCurrent;

                while (nIndex > 0  &&
                    (*(lpCurrentChar-1) != '~' &&
                    *(lpCurrentChar-1) != 0x0A) ||
                    !bCharFound )
                {
                    lpCurrentChar = AnsiPrev(lpszEditText ,lpCurrentChar);
                    nIndex--;

                    if (*(lpCurrentChar) != '~' && *(lpCurrentChar) != 0x0A )

                        // We have found the last char in the word. Continue
                        // looking backwards till we find the first char of
                        // the word.

```

```

        {
            bCharFound = TRUE;

            // We will consider a CR the start of a word.
            if (*(lpCurrentChar) == 0x0D)
                break;
        }

    }
    return nIndex;

}
break;

case WB_RIGHT:

//Windows sends this code when the user enters CTRL+RIGHT ARROW.
//The wordbreak function should scan the text buffer for the
//beginning of the word from the current position and move the
//caret to the end of the word.

for (lpCurrentChar = lpszEditText+ichCurrent, nIndex = ichCurrent;
    nIndex < cchEditText;
    nIndex++, lpCurrentChar=AnsiNext(lpCurrentChar))

    if ( *lpCurrentChar == '~' ) {
        lpCurrentChar=AnsiNext(lpCurrentChar);
        nIndex++;

        while ( *lpCurrentChar == '~' ) {
            lpCurrentChar=AnsiNext(lpCurrentChar);
            nIndex++;
        }

        return nIndex;
    }

return cchEditText;
break;

}
}

```

The wordwrap (wordbreak) function above needs to be exported in the .DEF file of the application. The function can be modified and customized according to the application's needs.

Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95 multi-line

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

How to Update the List of Files in the Common Dialogs

Article ID: Q109696

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, version 3.5
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SUMMARY

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Sometimes it is necessary to update the list of files, without terminating the dialog box, when using the File Open or Save As common dialog box. This can be done by simulating a double-click on the list box of directories. Although the message can be posted from any application, a hook procedure should be used to post the message to the dialog box window.

MORE INFORMATION

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The common dialog box functions that update the list of files and directories are internal to the common dialog boxes and are not accessible by applications using the common dialog box routines. The functions are invoked and the list boxes are updated only when the user double-clicks a list box.

Sample Code

The following code uses the Cancel button of the common dialog boxes to update the list boxes:

```
BOOL CALLBACK __export FileOpenHook (HWND hDlg, UINT message,
                                     WPARAM wParam, LPARAM lParam)
{
    switch (message)
    {
        case WM_COMMAND:
            switch (wParam)
            {
                // This simulates a double-click on the list of directories,
                // effectively forcing the common dialogs to re-read the current
                // directory of files and to refresh the list of files.
                case IDCANCEL :
                    PostMessage( hDlg, WM_COMMAND, lst2,
                                MAKELPARAM(GetDlgItem(hDlg, lst2), LBN_DBLCLK);
                    return TRUE;
            }
            break;
    }
    return FALSE;
}
```

If the application targets Win32, the notification message to the list box is sent differently; here is the PostMessage for Win32 applications:

```
PostMessage (hDlg, WM_COMMAND, MAKEWPARAM (lst2,LBN_DBLCLK),
            (LPARAM)GetDlgItem (hDlg, lst2));
```

Applications using the IDs of the common dialog box's controls must include the DLGS.H file.

The templates for the common dialog boxes are in the \SAMPLES\COMMDLG directory or in the \INCLUDE directory of the Windows SDK installation.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 refresh redraw

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCmnDlg

Replacing Windows NT Control Panel's Mouse Applet

Article ID: Q110704

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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The Control Panel includes a Mouse applet as a standard applet that is shipped with the system. In Windows 3.1, this applet can be overridden by an ISV/OEM's mouse driver or module. Windows 3.1 accomplished this by the Control Panel doing a GetModuleHandle() call on "Mouse". If MOUSE.DLL or MOUSE.EXE was already loaded in the system, Control Panel would look for the entry point "CPlApplet". If found, Control Panel would send the following messages:

CPL_NEWINQUIRE

-or-

CPL_INQUIRE (the former is preferred)

This would return the icon and strings to replace the mouse icon already in Control Panel.

In Windows NT, because of the separation of Kernel drivers from applications by the client-server interface, the GetModuleHandle() call does not work. Consequently, the same functionality must be achieved in a slightly different way. The Control Panel calls LoadLibrary("Mouse") to look for a MOUSE.DLL or a MOUSE.EXE. If this call fails, no other checks are made.

If LoadLibrary() succeeds, the Control Panel looks for the "CPlApplet" entry point, sends a CPL_INIT message, and then sends a CPL_NEWINQUIRE. If CPL_NEWINQUIRE fails, a CPL_INQUIRE is sent; however, it is preferable to have the applet implement the newer CPL_NEWINQUIRE message. The string information returned by the CPL_NEWINQUIRE message can be in either UNICODE or ANSI (UNICODE is preferred) as long as the dwSize field is set correctly. See the CPL.H public header file for these messages and structures (for example CPLINFOW or CPLINFOA, where CPLINFOW is the default).

When the User double-clicks the Mouse applet icon, the MOUSE.DLL or MOUSE.EXE will receive a CPL_DBLCLK message from the CPlApplet interface. This routine must return TRUE to the Control Panel if the routine runs its own dialog. If FALSE is returned, the internal Mouse Dialog box will be presented to the User.

The Control Panel will send the CPL_EXIT message to the Mouse applet when it wants to unload the module or terminate. The applet must use this message to perform tasks such as calling UnRegisterWindowClass(), freeing memory, and unloading DLLs.

NOTE: It is not possible to replace any of the other standard Windows NT 3.1 Control Panel applets. As of Windows NT 3.5, it is also possible to

replace the Keyboard applet in the same manner.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrMisc

Getting a Dialog to Use an Icon When Minimized

Article ID: Q114612

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The standard Windows dialog box does not have an icon when it is minimized. A dialog box can be made to use an icon by replacing the standard dialog box class with a private dialog box class.

MORE INFORMATION

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The standard dialog box class specifies NULL as the value of the hIcon field of its WNDCLASS structure. So no icon is drawn when the standard dialog box is minimized.

An icon can be specified by getting the dialog to use a private class as follows:

1. Register a private class.

```
WNDCLASS wc;

wc.style = CS_DBLCLKS | CS_SAVEBITS | CS_BYTEALIGNWINDOW;
wc.lpfWndProc = DefDlgProc;
wc.cbClsExtra = 0;
wc.cbWndExtra = DLGWINDOWEXTRA;
wc.hInstance = hinst;
wc.hIcon = LoadIcon(hinst, "DialogIcon");
wc.hCursor = LoadCursor(NULL, IDC_ARROW);
wc.hbrBackground = COLOR_WINDOW + 1;
wc.lpszMenuName = NULL;
wc.lpszClassName = "MyDlgClass";
RegisterClass(&wc);
```

NOTE: The default dialog window procedure, DefDlgProc(), is used as the window procedure of the class. This causes windows of this class to behave as standard dialogs. The cbWndExtra field has to be assigned to DLGWINDOWEXTRA - the dialog box stores its internal state information in these extra window bytes. The icon to be used when the dialog box is minimized is assigned to the hIcon field.

2. Get the dialog box to use the private class.

Use the CLASS statement in the dialog box template to get the dialog box to use the private class:

```
IDD_MYDIALOG DIALOG 0, 0, 186, 92
CLASS "MyDlgClass"
```

:

3. Create the dialog box using `DialogBox()` or `CreateDialog()`.

```
DialogBox (hinst,  
          MAKEINTRESOURCE (IDD_MYDIALOG),  
          NULL,  
          (DLGPROC)MyDlgFunc);
```

`MyDlgFunc()` is the dialog function implemented by the application. When the dialog box is minimized, it will use the icon specified in the private class.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrDlgs

Using GetForegroundWindow() When Desktop Is Not Active

Article ID: Q118624

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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GetForegroundWindow() is documented to return the handle of the foreground window, that is, the window that the user is currently working with. The proper handle is returned when the desktop that the application is running on is active; however, when another desktop is active, GetForegroundWindow() returns NULL.

This is expected behavior. There is no way to get the active window in your own desktop while another desktop is active.

The application desktop is one desktop. Other desktops include the logon and screen saver desktops. If GetForegroundWindow() returned a handle to the logon dialog box, it would be possible to create an application that could get user passwords. This would violate Windows NT security.

For this reason, it is not possible to create screen savers that melt or drop out.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrWndw

How to Override Full Drag

Article ID: Q121541

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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Windows NT version 3.5 introduces full drag, which allows you to see the entire window moving or resizing instead of seeing just an outline of the window moving or resizing. You can enable full drag by running the Desktop Control Panel applet and selecting the Full Drag checkbox.

When you resize a window with full drag enabled, the application will receive numerous messages indicating that the window is resizing. (You can verify this with Spy.) If this has undesirable effects on your application, you will need to override the full drag feature in your application.

When the moving or resizing starts, the application receives this message:

WM_ENTERSIZEMOVE (0231)

When the moving or resizing finishes, the application receives this message:

WM_EXITSIZEMOVE (0232)

The above messages act as a notification that the window is entering and exiting a sizing or moving operation. If you want, you can use these notifications to set a flag to prevent the program from handling a WM_PAINT message during the move or size operation to override full drag.

Additional reference words: 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg kbtool

KBSubcategory: UsrWndw

How to Program Keyboard Interface for Owner-Draw Menus

Article ID: Q121623

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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You can implement the keyboard interface for owner-draw menus, which allow a user to access a menu by typing a menu mnemonic, by processing the WM_MENCHAR message.

MORE INFORMATION

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Menus other than owner-draw menus can specify a menu mnemonic by inserting an underscore next to a character in the menu string so that the user can select the menu by typing ALT+<menu mnemonic character>. But in owner-draw menus, you cannot specify a menu mnemonic in this manner. Instead, you must process the WM_MENCHAR message to provide owner-draw menus with menu mnemonics.

WM_MENCHAR is sent when the user types a menu mnemonic that does not match any of the predefined mnemonics of the current menu. wParam specifies the ASCII character that corresponds to the key the user pressed together with the ALT key. The low-order word of lParam specifies the type of the selected menu and contains:

- MF_POPUP if the current menu is a popup menu.
- MF_SYSTEMMENU if the menu is the system menu.

The high-order word of lParam contains the menu handle of the current menu. The window with the owner-draw menus can process WM_MENCHAR as follows:

```
case WM_MENCHAR:
    nIndex = Determine index of menu item to be selected from
             character that was typed and handle of the current
             menu.
    return MAKELRESULT(nIndex, 2);
```

The 2 in the high-order word of the return value informs Windows that the low-order word of the return value contains the zero-based index of the menu item to be selected by Windows.

Windows 95 defines four new constants that correspond to the possible return values from the WM_MENCHAR message:

Constant	Value	Meaning
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MNC_IGNORE	0	Informs Windows that it should discard the character
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the user pressed and create a short beep on the system speaker.

MNC_CLOSE	1	Informs Windows that it should close the active menu.
MNC_EXECUTE	2	Informs Windows that it should choose the item specified in the low-order word of the return value. The owner window receives a WM_COMMAND message.
MNC_SELECT	3	Informs Windows that it should select the item specified in the low-order word of the return value.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg kbui

KBSubcategory: UsrMen

PRB: JournalPlayback Hook Can Cause Windows NT to Hang
Article ID: Q124835

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SYMPTOMS

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Incorrect use of the delay return value from a journal playback hook can cause Windows NT to hang temporarily.

CAUSE

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The menu loop in Windows NT calls PeekMessage() with the PM_NOREMOVE flag, does some processing, and then removes the message from the queue. This sequence is repeated until the menu goes away. When JournalPlayback is occurring, the PeekMessage(PM_NOREMOVE) results in a callback to the application's JournalPlaybackProc with an HC_ACTION code. The subsequent PeekMessage(PM_REMOVE) also calls the JournalPlaybackProc with an HC_ACTION code. If the peek is successful, it is followed by an HC_SKIP callback.

In order to have playback from a journal playback hook occur at a certain rate, Microsoft designed it so that the value returned by the JournalPlaybackProc can be non-zero. This value represents the number of clock-ticks the system should wait before processing the event. What the documentation doesn't make clear is that when the delay has expired, another callback to the JournalPlaybackProc is made to obtain the same event again; the event provided with the previous non-zero delay is not used at all. All subsequent HC_ACTION calls that request the same event should be returned with a zero delay value. Only after an HC_SKIP callback has been made, may an HC_ACTION callback return a non-zero delay value again. Some applications do not do this correctly, and simply alternate between returning a delay and returning a non-delay.

This alternating delay/no delay method made the Windows NT menu loop hang because the PeekMessage(PM_NOREMOVE) would get an input event (with no delay), then the PeekMessage(PM_REMOVE) would get a non-zero return value from the JournalPlaybackProc. This represents no message -- so instead of issuing an HC_SKIP callback to the JournalPlaybackProc to advance to the next event, the Windows NT menu loop code simply looped back to the PeekMessage(PM_NOREMOVE) getting stuck in an infinite loop.

RESOLUTION

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To work around this problem, make sure the JournalPlaybackProc correctly returns the delay only for the first request for an event.

Neither Windows version 3.1 nor Windows 95 have this problem.

STATUS

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This behavior is by design.

MORE INFORMATION

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The following sample code demonstrates correct and incorrect methods of handling delays in a journal playback hook.

Sample Code

```
LRESULT CALLBACK JournalPlaybackProc(
    int nCode,
    WPARAM wParam,
    LPARAM lParam)
{
    static BOOL    fDelay;
    static EVENTMSG event;
    static LRESULT ticks_delay;
    BOOL          fCallNextHook = FALSE;
    LRESULT       lResult = 0;

    switch( nCode )
    {
        case HC_SKIP:
            fDelay = TRUE;          // <<<< CORRECT PLACE TO RESET fDelay

            // Get the next event from the list.  If the routine returns
            // FALSE, then we are done - release the hook.
            if( !GetNextEvent( &event, &ticks_delay ) )
                SetJournalHook( FALSE, NULL );
            break;

        case HC_GETNEXT:
            {
                // Structure information returned from previous GetNextEvent
                // call
                LPEVENTMSG lpEvent = (LPEVENTMSG) lParam;

                // Set the event
                *lpEvent = event;

                if( fDelay )
                {
                    // Toggle pause variable so that the next call won't
                    // pause.  Return the pause length specified by ticks_delay
                    // since this is the first time the event has been
                    // requested.

                    fDelay = FALSE; // <<<< CORRECT PLACE TO CLEAR fDelay
                    return( ticks_delay );
                }
                break;
            }
    }
}
```

```

    case HC_SYSMODALOFF:
        // System modal dialog is going away - something really got
        // hosed.  Windows took care of removing our JournalPlayback
        // hook, so no need to call SetJournalHook( FALSE ).

        fCallNextHook = TRUE;
        break;

    case HC_SYSMODALON:
    default:
        // Something is is not right here, let the next hook handle
        // it.

        fCallNextHook = TRUE;
        break;
}

// If the event wasn't processed by our code, call next hook
if( fCallNextHook )
    lResult = CallNextHookEx( s_journalHook, nCode, wParam, lParam );

// fDelay = TRUE;          // <<<< WRONG PLACE TO RESET bDelay !!!
return lResult;
}

```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: UshrHks

PRB: Can't Disable CTRL+ESC and ALT+TAB Under Windows NT
Article ID: Q125614

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.5
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SYMPTOMS

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CTRL+ESC and ALT+TAB task switching cannot be disabled by an application running under Windows NT.

Capturing WM_SYSCOMMAND messages and not sending them on for processing by DefWindowProc() allowed task switching to be disabled in Windows version 3.1, but it doesn't work under Windows NT.

CAUSE

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A primary reason for this change is to avoid dependence on an application for processing of these key combinations. This way a hung application can be switched away from by using either CTRL+ESC or ALT+TAB.

RESOLUTION

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CTRL+ESC may be disabled on a system-wide basis by replacing the NT Task Manager. This is not recommended.

ALT+TAB and ALT+ESC may be disabled while a particular application is running if that application registers hotkeys for those combinations with Register HotKey().

STATUS

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This behavior is by design.

REFERENCES

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The first reference below describes the steps that must be taken to replace TASKMAN.EXE. The two additional references provide more information on the Windows NT Task Manager and its relationship to the Program Manager.

ARTICLE-ID:Q89373

TITLE :Replacing the Windows NT Task Manager

ARTICLE-ID:Q100328

TITLE :Replacing the Shell (Program Manager)

ARTICLE-ID:Q101659

TITLE :How Windows NT, 16-Bit Windows 3.1 Task Managers Differ

Additional reference words: 3.50
KBCategory: kbusage kbprb
KSubcategory: UsrMisc

PRB: Listview Comes Up with No Images

Article ID: Q125628

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
 - The Microsoft Foundation Classes (MFC), included with:
Microsoft Visual C++, 32-bit Edition, version 2.1
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SYMPTOMS

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A list view is displayed with text and column headings, but the icons are not displayed.

CAUSE

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The CImageList used to store the images for the list view is no longer in scope.

RESOLUTION

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This can occur, for example, if you create a CImageList on the stack and create your listview, but at the point the listview is displayed, the image list has been destroyed. The ImageList functions will still return success, but no images will be displayed.

To avoid the problem, make sure your image list stays in scope.

STATUS

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This behavior is by design.

Additional reference words: 4.00 Windows 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

How to Overlay Images Using Image List Controls

Article ID: Q125629

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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SUMMARY

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One of the more interesting controls Windows 95 provides as part of its new common controls is the image list. Image lists provide an easy way to manage a group of bitmaps and draw them on the screen, without having to worry about calling `CreateCompatibleDC()`, `SelectObject()`, `BitBlt()`, `StretchBlt()`, and so on.

One interesting feature that image lists provide through the `ImageList_Draw()` API is the ability to overlay images -- that is, to draw an image transparently over another image. Calling `ImageList_Draw()` with the last parameter set to an index to an overlay mask instructs the image list to draw an image, and draw the overlay mask on top of it.

MORE INFORMATION

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To overlay images correctly using image lists, follow these steps:

1. Create a bitmap that will have the images you want to draw as well as the overlay images you want drawn on top of these images.

For example, say you have a bitmap of four 16x16 images:

- a green circle.
- a red circle.
- a panda.
- a frog.

2. Create an image list out of the bitmap you've created in step 1 by using `ImageList_LoadImage()` as shown here:

```
hImageList = ImageList_LoadImage (hInst,  
                                "MyBitmap",  
                                16,  
                                4,  
                                RGB (255,0,0),  
                                IMAGE_BITMAP,  
                                0);
```

3. Decide which images you want to specify as overlay masks, and tag them as such by using the `ImageList_SetOverlayImage()` function. The following code specifies the panda and the frog (with 0-based index, this comes out to image 2 and 3) as overlay masks 1 and 2.

NOTE: You can only specify up to four overlay masks per image list.

```
ImageList_SetOverlayImage (hImageList,  
                           2,          // 0-based index to image list  
                           1);       // 1-based index to overlay mask.
```

```
ImageList_SetOverlayImage (hImageList,  
                           3,          // 0-based index to image list  
                           2);       // 1-based index to overlay mask.
```

4. Draw the image. The following code draws the green circle (or image 0 in the example image list). Then it draws the panda (overlay image 1 in the example) on top of it.

```
ImageList_Draw (hImageList,  
               0,          // 0-based index to imageList of image to draw  
               hDC,       // handle to a DC  
               16, 16 // (x,y) location to draw  
               INDEXTOOVERLAYMASK (1)); // Overlay image #1
```

Additional reference words: 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

How to Create Non-rectangular Windows

Article ID: Q125669

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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SUMMARY

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Windows 95 and Windows NT version 3.51 provide a new API called SetWindowRgn() that makes it easy for applications to create irregularly shaped windows.

MORE INFORMATION

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In previous versions of Windows and Windows NT, it was possible to create only rectangular windows. To simulate a non-rectangular window required a lot of work on the application developer's part. Besides handling all drawing for the window, the application was required to perform hit-testing and force underlying windows to repaint as necessary to refresh the "transparent" portions of the window.

Windows 95 and Windows NT version 3.51 greatly simplify this by providing the SetWindowRgn function. An application can now create a region with any desired shape and use SetWindowRgn to set this as the clipping region for the window. Subsequent painting and mouse messages are limited to this region, and Windows automatically updates underlying windows that show through the non-rectangular window. The application need only paint the window as desired.

For more information on using SetWindowRgn, see the Win32 API documentation.

Additional reference words: 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrMisc

How to Implement Context-Sensitive Help in Windows 95 Dialogs

Article ID: Q125670

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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SUMMARY

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In Windows versions 3.x, applications implement context-sensitive help for dialog boxes by installing either a message filter hook, or a task-specific keyboard hook that monitors the WM_KEYDOWN message and responds to F1 key presses.

Windows 95 makes it easier because it provides a new WM_HELP message that gets sent each time the user presses the F1 key, giving the application a chance to bring up help information on the control that has the keyboard focus or on the dialog box itself. This new WM_HELP message is not limited to dialog boxes alone, as it gets sent to any window that has keyboard focus or to the currently active window.

MORE INFORMATION

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Windows 95 also provides a new dialog style, DS_CONTEXTHELP that adds a question mark button to the dialog box's caption bar. This button, when clicked, changes the cursor to a question mark with a pointer. When the user clicks any control in the dialog box, Windows 95 sends a WM_HELP message for that control. The dialog procedure should process the WM_HELP message as follows:

```
// Define an array of dword pairs,
// where the first of each pair is the control ID,
// and the second is the context ID for a help topic,
// which is used in the help file.
static const DWORD aMenuHelpIDs[] =
{
    edt1, IDH_EDT1 ,
    lst1, IDH_LST1 ,
    lst2, IDH_LST2 ,
    0,    0
};

case WM_HELP:
{
    LPHELPIINFO lphi;

    lphi = (LPHELPIINFO)lparam;
    if (lphi->iContextType == HELPIINFO_WINDOW)    // must be for a control
    {
        WinHelp (lphi->hItemHandle,
                "GEN32.HLP",
                HELP_WM_HELP,
                (DWORD) (LPVOID) aMenuHelpIDs);
    }
}
```

```
    }  
    return TRUE;  
}
```

Calling WinHelp() with the HELP_WM_HELP parameter as demonstrated above displays the help topic in a pop-up window.

In addition to the WM_HELP message, Windows 95 provides a new WM_CONTEXTMENU message that gets sent each time the user right-clicks a window. Typically this message is processed by displaying a context menu using the TrackPopupMenu() function. However, this message can be processed to bring up help information by calling the WinHelp() function to display the help topic in a pop-up window, as in this example:

```
case WM_CONTEXTMENU:  
{  
    WinHelp ((HWND)wparam,  
            "GEN32.HLP",  
            HELP_CONTEXTMENU,  
            (DWORD) (LPVOID) aSampleMenuHelpIDs);  
    return TRUE;  
}
```

NOTE: Look at the third parameter (HELP_CONTEXTMENU) passed to WinHelp() this time. This causes a pop-up menu to come up that displays "What's This?" text. It then displays the help topic in a pop-up window when the menu item is selected.

Additional reference words: 4.00
KBCategory: kbprg kbcode
KBSubcategory: UsrDlgs

Using the Windows 95 Common Controls on Windows NT and Win32s
Article ID: Q125672

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
 - Microsoft Win32s version 1.3
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SUMMARY

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To provide greater compatibility between Windows 95, Windows NT, and Win32s, the common control library from Windows 95 has been ported to Windows NT and Win32s starting with Windows NT version 3.51 and Win32s version 1.3.

MORE INFORMATION

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The COMCTL32.DLL that provides the common controls in Windows 95 is not compatible with Windows NT or Win32s, so adding the controls to Windows NT is not as simple as copying the DLL. Also, the COMCTL32.DLL that comes with Windows NT version 3.51 and with Win32s is not redistributable. Customers that want to run programs using the new controls must be running Windows NT version 3.51 or Win32s version 1.3.

Windows NT version 3.51 and Win32s version 1.3 are targeted to be released before the release of Windows 95, so any changes in the functionality of these controls between the release of Windows NT and Win32s and the release of Windows 95 will be added to Windows NT and Win32s in their next updates.

Additional reference words: 4.00 1.30 3.51

KBCategory: kbui

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

New Windows 95 Styles Make Attaching Bitmap to Button Easier

Article ID: Q125673

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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SUMMARY

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In Windows 95, there are two new button styles (BS_BITMAP and BS_ICON). Using these styles makes attaching a bitmap or an icon to a button in Windows 95 easier than it was in Windows version 3.1.

MORE INFORMATION

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In Windows version 3.1 you create the button by using the CreateWindow() function with the BS_OWNERDRAW style to attach a bitmap or an icon to a button. Each time the parent window receives the WM_DRAWITEM message the bitmap or the icon must be loaded and drawn on the button.

In Windows 95 you can create a button with style BS_BITMAP to display a bitmap instead of text on the button. After you create the button by using CreateWindow() function, assign the bitmap to the button by sending a WM_SETIMAGE message to the button with the wParam as IMAGE_BITMAP and lParam as a handle to the bitmap. Windows displays the specified bitmap on the button. The attached bitmap should not be deleted until the button uses it.

SAMPLE CODE

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```
hwndButton = CreateWindow(  
    "BUTTON",    // predefined class  
    "OK",        // button text  
    WS_VISIBLE| WS_CHILD | BS_DEFPUSHBUTTON |BS_BITMAP, //styles  
    // Size and position values are given explicitly, because  
    // the CW_USEDEFAULT constant gives zero values for buttons.  
    5, // starting x position  
    5, // starting y position  
    30, // button width  
    18, // button height  
    hWnd, // parent window  
    NULL, // No menu  
    (HINSTANCE) GetWindowLong(hWnd,  
        GWL_HINSTANCE), NULL); // pointer not needed  
  
// load the bitmap, NOTE: delete it only when it's no longer being used.  
hBitmap = LoadBitmap(hInst, MAKEINTRESOURCE(IDB_BITMAP1));  
// associate the bitmap with the button.  
SendMessage(hwndButton, BM_SETIMAGE, (WPARAM) IMAGE_BITMAP,  
    (LPARAM) (HANDLE) hBitmap);
```

In Windows 95, you can also create a button with style BS_ICON to display a

icon instead of text on the button. After creating the button by using `CreateWindow()` function, assign the icon to the button by sending a `WM_SETIMAGE` message to the button with the `wparam` as `IMAGE_ICON` and the `lparam` as the handle to the icon. Windows displays the specified icon on the button.

NOTE: The system handles cleanup of icons or cursors loaded from resources. Therefore, the icon should not be deleted unless the icon was created at run time by using `CreateIcon()` function.

SAMPLE CODE

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```
hwndButton = CreateWindow(  
    "BUTTON",    // predefined class  
    "OK",        // button text  
    WS_VISIBLE | WS_CHILD | BS_DEFPUSHBUTTON|BS_ICON, //styles  
    // Size and position values are given explicitly, because  
    // the CW_USEDEFAULT constant gives zero values for buttons.  
  
    5, // starting x position  
    5, // starting y position  
    30, // button width  
    18, // button height  
    hWnd, // parent window  
    NULL, // No menu  
    (HINSTANCE) GetWindowLong(hWnd, GWL_HINSTANCE),  
    NULL); // pointer not needed  
  
// load the icon, NOTE: you should delete it after assigning it.  
hIcon = LoadIcon(hInst, MAKEINTRESOURCE(IDI_ICON1));  
// associate the icon with the button.  
SendMessage(hwndButton, BM_SETIMAGE, (WPARAM) IMAGE_ICON,  
    (LPARAM) (HANDLE)hIcon);
```

If a bitmap or icon is not specified via the `BM_SETIMAGE` message and the `BS_BITMAP` or `BS_ICON` style is specified, a blank button with no text is displayed.

Additional reference words: 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrWnd

Calling a New 32-bit API from a 16-bit Application

Article ID: Q125674

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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SUMMARY

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Windows 95 supports a new set of APIs for 32-bit applications. These APIs are exported by USER32, GDI32, KERNEL32, and so on. In Windows 95, some of these new APIs are also exported by the 16-bit counterpart DLLs in the system such as USER16, GDI16, and so on. But 16-bit applications running on Windows 95 should not call these new APIs from the 16-bit system DLLs because these calls are not unsupported and might be removed from the 16-bit system DLLs in the future.

MORE INFORMATION

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APIs such as WindowFromDC(), SetWindowRgn(), SetForegroundWindow(), and so on for 16-bit USER window management and PolyBezier(), PolyBezierTo(), and so on for 16-bit GDI graphics management are exported from the 16-bit system DLLs.

Even though these APIs are intended for 32-bit applications, the 16-bit system DLLs export some of them. 16-bit Windows 95 Applications should not call them. They are not supported and the APIs will not work as intended.

If Windows 95 Applications need to use these APIs, port the 16-bit application to 32-bit. This is the best solution and is the one that Microsoft recommends. One additional solution is to write a 32-bit DLL that actually calls the 32-bit API; then the 16-bit application can thunk into this 32-bit DLL. However, Microsoft strongly discourages developers from having applications thunk into system DLLs (16- or 32-bit).

Additional reference words: 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrMisc

How to Right-Justify Menu Items in Windows 95

Article ID: Q125675

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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SUMMARY

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In Windows 95, right-justify (right-align) a menu item by using the MFT_RIGHTJUSTIFY type in MENUITEMINFOSTRUCTURE.

MORE INFORMATION

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There is a new menu type in Windows 95, MFT_RIGHTJUSTIFY type, which you can use to right justify a menu item. The Windows version 3.1 method of prefixing the string with "\a" or "\b" will no longer work.

To right justify a menu item in Windows 95:

1. Get the menu handle of the original menu.
2. Get the original menu item information stored in the MENUITEMINFO structure.
3. Change the menu item type to include MFT_RIGHTJUSTIFY by or'ing the original value with MFT_RIGHTJUSTIFY.
4. Set the new menu item information.

For example, to create a right-justified menu item, add the following code to WM_CREATE:

```
HMENU hMenu;
MENUITEMINFO mii;
char szBuffer [80];

hMenu = GetMenu (hwnd);

// Get the original value of mii.fType first
// and OR that with MFT_RIGHTJUSTIFY
mii.cbSize = sizeof (MENUITEMINFO);
mii.fMask = MIIM_TYPE;
mii.dwTypeData= szBuffer;
mii.cch      = sizeof (szBuffer);

GetMenuItemInfo(hMenu, 1, TRUE, &mii);

// OR in MFT_RIGHTJUSTIFY type
mii.fMask = MIIM_TYPE;
mii.fType  = mii.fType | MFT_RIGHTJUSTIFY;

// Right justify the specified item and all those following it
```

```
SetMenuItemInfo(hMenu, 1, TRUE, &mii);
```

```
return 0;
```

REFERENCES

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For additional information on right justifying menus in Windows 3.1, please see the following article in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

ARTICLE-ID: Q67063

TITLE : Inserting Right Justified Text in a Menu in Windows

Additional reference words: 4.00 alignment align

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrMen

New User Heap Limits Under Windows 95

Article ID: Q125676

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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SUMMARY

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In Windows version 3.1, window and menu data is maintained in two 16-bit heaps. This limits window and menu data to 64k each. Windows 95 uses 32-bit heaps for window and menu data, thus greatly expanding the limits placed on the number of items contained in these heaps.

MORE INFORMATION

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Windows version 3.1 user and menu heaps are each limited to 64K of data. As a result, the number of window and menus in a system are each constrained to around 200. In Windows 95, the number of Windows and Menus that may exist in the system goes up to 32K each. This is possible because the Windows 95 user and menu heaps are each two megabytes in size.

The first 64K of the user heap looks exactly as it did in Windows version 3.1, except for the absence of WND structures. The Windows 95 WND structures populate the heap space above 64K, thus increasing the number of WND structures the heap can hold. This new arrangement also has the positive effect of freeing up space in the lower 64K space, making more space for class structures and other items that reside in the user heap. For the menu heap, there is nothing special about the low 64K, menus and their data may appear anywhere in the two-megabyte heap.

Additional reference words: 4.00

KBCategory: kbusage

KBSubcategory: UsrMisc

New Dialog Styles in Windows 95

Article ID: Q125678

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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SUMMARY

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Windows 95 provides a few new dialog styles -- all listed in this article. All Windows version 3.1 dialog styles are still usable in Windows 95. However, DS_LOCALEEDIT cannot be used in Win32-based applications because it does not apply. Although not documented, DS_ABSALIGN and DS_SETFONT exist in Windows version 3.1. They are documented in Windows 95.

MORE INFORMATION

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Here is a list of the new dialog styles:

DS_3DLOOK	Gives the dialog box a nonbold font and draws three-dimensional borders around control windows in the dialog box.
DS_CENTER	Centers the dialog box in the working area -- the area not obscured by the tray.
DS_CENTERMOUSE	Centers the mouse cursor in the dialog box.
DS_CONTEXTHELP	Includes a question mark in the title bar of the dialog box. When the user clicks the question mark, the cursor changes to a question mark with a pointer. If the user then clicks a control in the dialog box, the control receives a WM_HELP message. The control should pass the message to the dialog procedure, which should call the WinHelp function using the HELP_WM_HELP command. The Help application displays a pop-up window that typically contains help for the control. Note that DS_CONTEXTHELP is just a placeholder. When the dialog box is created, the system checks for DS_CONTEXTHELP and, if it is there, adds WS_EX_CONTEXTHELP to the extended style of the dialog box.
DS_CONTROL	Creates a dialog box that works well as a child window of another dialog box, much like a page in a property sheet. This style allows the user to tab among the control windows of a child dialog box, use its accelerator keys, and so on.
DS_FIXEDSYS	Uses SYSTEM_FIXED_FONT instead of SYSTEM_FONT.
DS_NOFAILCREATE	Creates the dialog even if errors occur -- for example, if a child window cannot be created

or if the system cannot create a special data segment for an edit control.

DS_SETFOREGROUND Brings the dialog box to the foreground.
Internally, Windows calls the SetForegroundWindow function for the dialog box.

Additional reference words: 4.00 DLGTEMPLATE kbinf
KBCategory: kbui kbprg
KBSubcategory: UsrDlgs

New Window Styles in Windows 95

Article ID: Q125679

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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SUMMARY

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Windows 95 provides a number of new window styles that help make the user interface more attractive and intuitive. These new styles are listed in this article. Most of the new styles are extended styles, which are specified with the `CreateWindowEx()` function. All Windows version 3.1 window styles are still usable in Windows 95.

MORE INFORMATION

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Here are the new styles:

<code>WS_EX_ABSPOSITION</code>	Specifies that a window has an absolute position.
<code>WS_EX_CLIENTEDGE</code>	Specifies that a window has a 3D look -- that is a border with a sunken edge.
<code>WS_EX_CONTEXTHELP</code>	Includes a question mark in the title bar of the window. When the user clicks the question mark, the cursor changes to a question mark with a pointer. If the user then clicks a child window, the child receives a <code>WM_HELP</code> message.
<code>WS_EX_CONTROLPARENT</code>	Allows the user to navigate among the child windows of the window by using the <code>TAB</code> key.
<code>WS_EX_LEFT</code>	Gives window generic left-aligned properties. This is the default.
<code>WS_EX_LEFTSCROLLBAR</code>	Places vertical scroll bar to the left of the client area.
<code>WS_EX_LTRREADING</code>	Displays the window text using left-to-right reading order properties. This is the default.
<code>WS_EX_MDICHILD</code>	Creates an MDI child window.
<code>WS_EX_OVERLAPPEDWINDOW</code>	Combines the <code>WS_EX_CLIENTEDGE</code> and <code>WS_EX_WINDOWEDGE</code> styles.
<code>WS_EX_PALETTEWINDOW</code>	Combines the <code>WS_EX_WINDOWEDGE</code> , <code>WS_EX_SMCAPTION</code> , and <code>WS_EX_TOPMOST</code> styles.
<code>WS_EX_RIGHT</code>	Gives window generic right-aligned properties. This depends on the window class.

WS_EX_RIGHTSCROLLBAR	Places vertical scroll bar (if present) to the right of the client area. This is the default.
WS_EX_RTLREADING	Displays the window text using right-to-left reading order properties.
WS_EX_SMCAPTION	Creates a window that has a small title bar.
WS_EX_STATICEDGE	Creates a window with a three-dimensional border style intended to be used for items that do not accept user input.
WS_EX_TOOLWINDOW	Creates a tool window, which is a window intended to be used as a floating toolbar. A tool window has a title bar that is shorter than a normal title bar, and the window title is drawn using a smaller font. A tool window does not appear in the task bar or in the window that appears when the user presses ALT+TAB.
WS_EX_WINDOWEDGE	Specifies that a window has a border with a raised edge.

Additional reference words: 4.00 CreateWindowEx kbinf
 KBCategory: kbui kbprg
 KSubcategory: UsrWndw

How to Subclass a Window in Windows 95

Article ID: Q125680

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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SUMMARY

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While subclassing windows within the same application in Windows 95 is unchanged from Windows version 3.1, subclassing windows belonging to other applications is somewhat more complicated in Windows 95. This article explains the process.

MORE INFORMATION

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For a 16-bit application, subclassing methods are the same as they were in Windows version 3.1. However, Windows 95 performs some behind-the-scenes magic to make it possible for a 16-bit window to subclass a 32-bit window.

Usually, a subclass consists of saving one window procedure and substituting another in its place. However, this could present a problem when a 16-bit application tries to call a 32-bit window procedure. Windows 95 works around this potential problem by providing 32-bit windows with a 16-bit window procedure. All 32-bit windows will have the same selector for their wndProcs that references code in KRNL386.EXE where the 16-bit wndProcs for all 32-bit windows are stored. Eventually, each of these 16-bit wndProcs will jump to the real 32-bit window procedure.

Subclassing windows belonging to another process, either 16-bit or 32-bit, from a 32-bit process or application works as it does in Windows NT. The difficulty is that each 32-bit process has its own private address space. Hence, a window procedure's address in one process is not valid in another. To get a window procedure from one process into another, you need to inject the subclass procedure code into the other process's address space. There are a number of ways to do this.

Three Ways to Inject Code Into Another Process's Address Space

You can use the registry, hooks, or remote threads and the WriteProcessMemory() API to inject code into another process's address space.

If you use the registry, the code that needs to be injected should reside in a DLL. By either running REGEDIT.EXE or using the registry APIs, add the \HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Microsoft\Windows\AppInit_DLLs key to the registry if it does not exist. Set its value to a string containing the DLL's pathname. This key may contain more than one DLL pathname separated by single spaces. This has the effect, once the machine is restarted, of loading the library with DLL_PROCESS_ATTACH into every process at its creation time. While this method is very easy, it also has several disadvantages. For example, the computer must be restarted before it takes

effect, and the DLL will last the lifetime of the process.

You can also use hooks to inject code into another process's address space. When a window hooks another thread belonging to a different process, the system maps the DLL containing the hook procedure into the address space of the hooked thread. Windows will map the entire DLL, not just the hook procedure. So to subclass a window in another process, install a `WH_GETMESSAGE` hook or another such hook on the thread that owns the window to be subclassed. In the DLL that contains the hook procedure, include the subclass window procedure. In the hook procedure, call `SetWindowLong()` to enact the subclass. It is important to leave the hook in place until the subclass is no longer needed, so the DLL remains in the target window's address space. When the subclass is removed, the hook would be unhooked, thus unmapping the DLL.

A third way to inject a DLL into another address space involves the use of remote threads and the `WriteProcessMemory()` API. It is more flexible and significantly more complicated than the previously mentioned methods, and is described in the following reference.

REFERENCES

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"Load Your 32-bit DLL into Another Process's Address Space Using INJLIB" by Jeffrey Richter, MSJ May 1994.

Additional reference words: 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrWndw

One dialog base unit is equivalent to the number of pixels per dialog unit which gives:

```
1 horz dialog base unit == (2 * average char width dialog font /
                             average char width system font) pixels
1 vert dialog base unit == (2 * average char height dialog font /
                             average char height system font) pixels
```

Average character width and height of a font can be computed as follows:

```
hFontOld = SelectObject(hdc,hFont);
GetTextMetrics(hdc,&tm);
GetTextExtentPoint32(hdc,"ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZabcdefghijklmnopqrst"
                     "uvwxyz",52,&size);
avgWidth = (size.cx/26+1)/2;
avgHeight = (WORD)tm.tmHeight;
```

Additional reference words: 4.00 95
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: UsrDlg

How to Use the Small Icon in Windows 95

Article ID: Q125682

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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SUMMARY

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In Windows 95, each application is associated with two icons: a small icon (16x16) and a large icon (32x32). The small icon is displayed in the upper-left hand corner of the application and on the taskbar.

MORE INFORMATION

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Large and small icons are associated with an application by using the RegisterClassEx() function. This function takes a pointer to a WNDCLASSEX structure. The WNDCLASSEX structure is similar to the WNDCLASS structure except for the addition of the hIconSm parameter, which is used for the handle to the small icon. If no small icon is associated with an application, Windows 95 will use a 16x16 representation of the large icon.

NOTE: RegisterClassEx() is not currently implemented in Windows NT where it returns NULL.

The LoadIcon() function loads the large icon member of an icon resource. To load the small icon, use the new LoadImage() function as follows:

```
LoadImage( hInstance,  
          MAKEINTRESOURCE(<icon identifier>),  
          IMAGE_ICON,  
          16,  
          16,  
          0);
```

The small icon currently associated with the application will be displayed in the upper-left corner of the application's main window and on the task bar. Both the large and the small icon association can be changed at runtime by using the WM_SETICON message.

By default, the start menu will display the first icon defined in an application's resources. This can be changed through the start menu property sheets.

Explorer displays the first defined icon in an application's resources unless the application adds an entry to the registry under the program information called DefaultIcon or defines an icon handler shell extension for the file type. Refer to the Shell Extension documentation for more information on shell extensions.

Additional reference words: 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrWndw

How to Use SS_GRAYRECT SS_BLACKRECT SS_WHITERECT in Windows 95

Article ID: Q125684

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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SUMMARY

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The colors used in the gray, white, and black rectangle static controls has changed in Windows 95. In previous versions of Windows, these colors were based on the system colors for windows. In Windows 95, these colors are based on the colors for 3D objects.

MORE INFORMATION

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In Windows 95, the definitions for white, gray, and black rectangle static controls are as follows:

- SS_WHITERECT: Specifies a rectangle filled with the highlight color for three-dimensional display elements (for edges facing the light source). This is the same color retrieved by using GetSysColor() with COLOR_3DHILIGHT.
- SS_GRAYRECT: Specifies a rectangle filled with the shadow color for three-dimensional display elements (for edges facing away from the light source). This is the same color retrieved by using GetSysColor() with COLOR_3DSHADOW.
- SS_BLACKRECT: Specifies a rectangle filled with the Shadow color for three-dimensional display elements (for edges facing away from the light source). This is the same color retrieved by using GetSysColor() with COLOR_3DDKSHADOW. This is not the same color as COLOR_3DSHADOW. There are two shadow colors used on 3D objects.

In previous versions of Windows, the definitions for white, gray, and black rectangle static controls were as follows:

- SS_WHITERECT: Specifies a rectangle filled with the color used to fill window backgrounds. This color is white in the default Windows color scheme. This is the same color retrieved by using GetSysColor() with COLOR_WINDOW.
- SS_GRAYRECT: Specifies a rectangle filled with the color used to fill the screen background. This color is gray in the default Windows color scheme. This is the same color retrieved by using GetSysColor() with COLOR_BACKGROUND.
- SS_BLACKRECT: Specifies a rectangle filled with the color used to draw window frames. This color is black in the default Windows color scheme. This is the same color retrieved by using GetSysColor() with COLOR_WINDOWFRAME.

Additional reference words: 4.00
KBCategory: kbprg
KSubcategory: UsrCtl

How to Add Windows 95 Controls to Visual C++ 2.0 Dialog Editor

Article ID: Q125686

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
 - Microsoft Visual C++ version 2.0
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SUMMARY

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When using Visual C++ version 2.0 on Windows 95, the Windows 95 common controls do not appear by default on the control palette in the Visual C++ Dialog Editor. Many of these controls may be added, however, by adding an entry into the registry.

MORE INFORMATION

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To add buttons in the Dialog Editor's control palette for TreeView, ListView, HotKey, Trackbar, Progress, and UpDown controls:

1. Run REGEDIT from the start menu.
2. Select:

 HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Visual C++ 2.0 Dialog Editor
3. Select the New, Binary Value option from the Edit Menu.
4. Rename the new entry "ChicagoControls" without the quotation marks.
5. Select Modify from the edit menu to change the value of ChicagoControls to 01 00 00 00. The editor will add the spaces between each pair of digits.
6. Exit REGEDIT.
7. Restart Visual C++ version 2.0.

Additional reference words: 2.00 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

PRB: Inter-thread SetWindowText() Fails to Update Window Text
Article ID: Q125687

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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SYMPTOMS

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Calling SetWindowText() to set a static control text from a thread other than the one that created the control fails to display the new text in Windows 95.

CAUSE

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When SetWindowText() is called from another thread, instead of sending a WM_SETTEXT message to the appropriate window procedure, only DefWindowProc() is called, so the edit and static controls do not paint the control appropriately because the appropriate code is never executed, so the text on the screen is never updated. In other words, calling SetWindowText() updates the buffer internally, but the change is not reflected on the screen.

RESOLUTION

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One obvious workaround is to refrain from calling SetWindowText() from another thread, if possible.

If design considerations don't allow doing this, use one of these workarounds:

- Send a WM_SETTEXT message directly to the window or control.
- or-
- Call InvalidateRect() immediately after the SetWindowText(). This works because DefWindowProc() updates the buffer where the text is stored.

STATUS

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This inter-thread SetWindowText() behavior is by design in Windows version 3.x. It was maintained in Windows 95 for backward compatibility purposes. Applications written for Windows version 3.x can expect their inter-thread SetWindowText() calls to behave as they did in Windows version 3.x.

MORE INFORMATION

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Calling SetWindowText() from another thread in Windows NT displays the window text correctly, so it works differently from Windows 95.

Additional reference words: 4.00
KBCategory: kbprg kbprb
KBSubcategory: UsrWndw

How to Find Out Which Listview Column Was Right-Clicked

Article ID: Q125694

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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SUMMARY

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You can use the technique described in this article to find out which column was clicked after right-clicking the listview column header.

MORE INFORMATION

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LVN_COLUMNCLICK notifies a listview's parent window when a column is clicked using the left mouse button, but no such notification occurs when a column is clicked with the right mouse button.

Windows 95 sends an NM_RCLICK notification to the listview's parent window when a column is clicked with the right mouse button, but the message sent does not contain any information as to which column was clicked, especially if the window is sized so that the listview is scrolled to the right.

The correct way to determine which column was clicked with the right mouse button, regardless of whether the listview is scrolled, is to send the header control an HDM_HITTEST message, which returns the index of the column that was clicked in the iItem member of the HD_HITTESTINFO struct. In sending this message, make sure the point passed in the HD_HITTESTINFO structure is relative to the header control's client coordinates. Do not pass it a point relative to the listview's client coordinates; if you do, it will return an incorrect column index value.

The header control in this case turns out to be a child of the listview control of LVS_REPORT style.

The following code demonstrates this method. Note that while the code processes the NM_RCLICK notification on a WM_NOTIFY message, you also process the WM_CONTEXTMENU message, which is also received as a notification when the user clicks the right mouse button.

```
case WM_NOTIFY:
{
    if (((LPNMHDR)lparam)->code == NM_RCLICK)
    {
        HWND hChildWnd;
        POINT pointScreen, pointLVClient, pointHeader;
        DWORD dwpos;

        dwPos = GetMessagePos();

        pointScreen.x = LOWORD (dwPos);
        pointScreen.y = HIWORD (dwPos);
```

```

pointLVClient = pointScreen;

// Convert the point from screen to client coordinates,
// relative to the listview
ScreenToClient (ghwndLV, &pointLVClient);

// Because the header turns out to be a child of the
// listview control, we obtain its handle here.
hChildWnd = ChildWindowFromPoint (ghwndLV, pointLVClient);

// NULL hChildWnd means R-CLICKED outside the listview.
// hChildWnd == ghwndLV means listview got clicked: NOT the
// header.
if ((hChildWnd) && (hChildWnd != ghwndLV))
{
    char szClass [50];

    // Verify that this window handle is indeed the header
    // control's by checking its classname.
    GetClassName (hChildWnd, szClass, 50);
    if (!strcmp (szClass, "SysHeader32"))
    {
        HD_HITTESTINFO hdhti;
        char szBuffer [80];

        // Transform to client coordinates
        // relative to HEADER control, NOT the listview!
        // Otherwise, incorrect column number is returned.

        pointHeader = pointScreen;
        ScreenToClient (hChildWnd, &pointHeader);

        hdhti.pt = pointHeader;
        SendMessage (hChildWnd,
                    HDM_HITTEST,
                    (WPARAM)0,
                    (LPARAM) (HD_HITTESTINFO FAR *)&hdhti);
        wsprintf (szBuffer, "Column %d got clicked.\r\n", hdhti.iItem);

        MessageBox (NULL, szBuffer, "Test", MB_OK);
    }
}
}
return 0L;
}

```

Additional reference words: 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg kbcode

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Add-On Allows SystemParameterInfo() to Get/Set System Parameters

Article ID: Q125695

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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The SystemParameterInfo() API provides functionality to set and get many Windows System Parameters based on the action flag if Windows extension #1 is installed. Here are some examples:

- The Full Window Drag system parameter can be retrieved or set by using SPI_GETDRAGFULLWINDOWS/SPI_SETDRAGFULLWINDOWS as the action flag in the SystemParameterInfo() API. When full drag windows is enabled, users can move entire windows instead of just moving the outline. This makes it easier to see how a window looks while being resized. This feature is not available with Windows, so calling SystemParameterInfo using the SPI_GETDRAGFULLWINDOWS or SPI_SETDRAGFULLWINDOWS flag will always fail. However, this feature will be available if an add-on product, Windows extension #1, is installed.
- The Font Smoothing setting can be retrieved or set by using SPI_GETFONTSMOOTHING or SPI_SETFONTSMOOTHING as the action flag in the SystemParameterInfo() API. Enabling this system setting tells Windows to draw smooth characters using font anti-aliasing. This feature is not available with Windows. Thus the call to SystemParameterInfo with the SPI_GETFONTSMOOTHING or SPI_SETFONTSMOOTHING flag will always fail. However, this Font Smoothing feature will be available if an add-on product, Windows extension #1, is installed.
- SystemParameterInfo(SPI_GETWINDOWSEXTENSION, 1, 0, 0) returns true if Windows extension #1 is installed otherwise false. The Second parameter denotes Windows extension #1.

Additional reference words: 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrWnd

Windows 95 Support for Network DDE

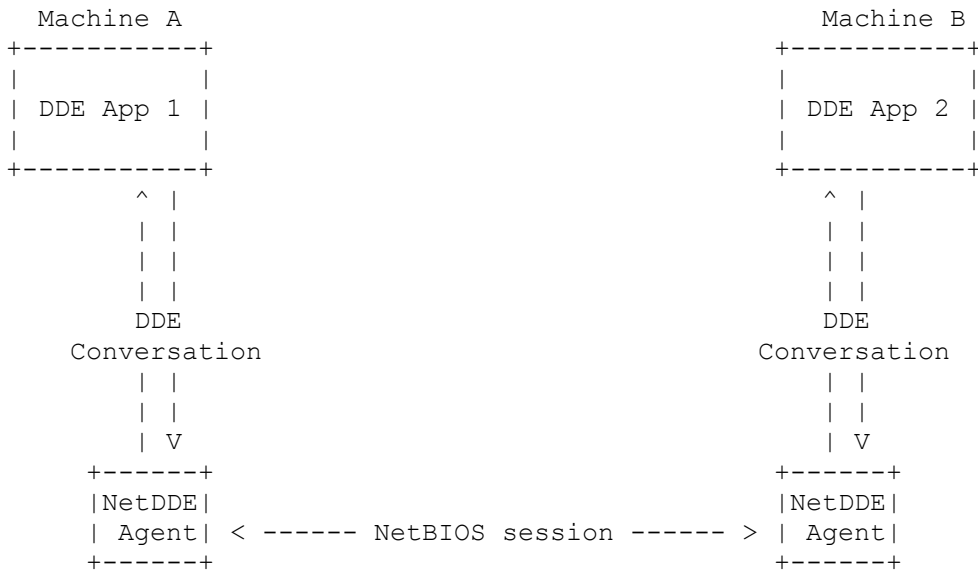
Article ID: Q125703

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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Network DDE is a technology that allows applications that use the DDE transport to transparently exchange data over a network. It consists of two major components:

1. The NetDDE agent. This is a service that acts as a proxy for the remote DDE application. It communicates with all local DDE applications, and with remote NetDDE agents using NetBIOS as shown in this chart:



2. A DLL that implements NetDDE API functions such as NDdeShareAdd, NDdeShareDel, and so on. This DLL is usually named NDDEAPI.DLL.

In the interests of backwards compatibility, Windows 95 includes a NetDDE agent and a 16-bit NetDDE API DLL. However, Windows 95 does not include a 32-bit NetDDE API DLL. Consequently, 32-bit applications that use NetDDE API functions will need to think to the 16-bit NETAPI.DLL.

Additional reference words: 4.00

KBCategory: kbnetwork kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrNetDde

Application Version Marking in Windows 95

Article ID: Q125705

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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SUMMARY

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Applications designed for Windows 95, whether 16- or 32-bit, should be marked for Windows version 4.0 so they receive the full benefit of new user interface features in Windows 95. Applications marked as being designed for earlier versions of Windows will display behavior consistent with the Windows version 3.1 user interface, which is not always identical to Windows 95 behavior.

Executables marked for Windows version 4.0 will load on Windows 95, Windows NT version 3.5, Win32s version 1.15, and later versions, but not on earlier versions.

NOTE: This article deals solely with marking executable files as compatible with a particular Windows version. This is different from the version resources (VS_VERSION_INFO) that may be contained in an executable.

MORE INFORMATION

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The Microsoft Visual C++ version 2.1 linker defaults to marking executables for Windows version 4.0 while the version 2.0 linker defaults to 3.1. To override the default, the Microsoft Visual C++ linkers accept the following syntax for the /SUBSYSTEM option:

```
/SUBSYSTEM:WINDOWS,4.0
```

In the development environment, you can change the /SUBSYSTEM option by going to the Project menu, selecting Settings, selecting either Win32 Debug or Win32 Release, choosing the Link tab, and editing the Project Options.

You may need to perform a full link for this to take effect, but subsequent incremental linking with this switch will work correctly.

To mark a 16-bit executable as Windows version 4.0 compatible, use the 16-bit resource compiler (RC.EXE) from the Windows 95 SDK to bind the resources into the executable file. By default, this version of RC marks the executable for version 4.0, but this can be overridden by using the -30 or -31 switch.

An application will display several behavioral differences depending on which Windows version the application is compatible with:

1. All standard control windows owned by a version 4.0 application are drawn with a chiseled 3D look. The same effect can be obtained for dialogs owned by a version 3.1 application by using the DS_3DLOOK dialog style. (This style is ignored on other Windows platforms.)

2. Thunks created using the Windows 95 SDK Thunk Compiler will not work unless the 16-bit thunk DLL is marked for version 4.0.
3. Windows version 3.1 allowed 16-bit applications to share GDI resources such as font or bitmap handles. For backwards compatibility, Windows 95 does not clean up objects left undeleted by a 16-bit version 3.x application when that application terminates because these objects may be in use by another application. Instead, such objects remain valid as long as there are any 16-bit applications running. When all 16-bit applications are closed, these objects are freed.

On the other hand, it is assumed that 16-bit version 4.0 applications follow the Windows 95 guidelines, and do not share objects. Thus, all objects owned by a 16-bit version 4.0-based application are freed when the application terminates.

Win32-based applications cannot freely share GDI objects, so all owned objects are freed when a Win32-based application terminates regardless of the version of the application.

4. New window messages, such as WM_STYLECHANGED, are only sent to windows owned by a version 4.0 application.
5. Printer DCs are reset during StartPage() in applications marked with version 4.0

Additional reference words: 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrMisc

Customizing the FileOpen Common Dialog in Windows 95

Article ID: Q125706

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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SUMMARY

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In Windows version 3.x, customizing the FileOpen common dialog meant providing a special hook function, and in most cases, a custom dialog box template. This custom dialog box template is created by modifying the standard FileOpen dialog box template used by COMMDLG, which was actually made available as part of the Windows versopm 3.1 SDK.

In Windows 95, the new dialog box templates will no longer be made available for modification. Instead, an application should provide a dialog template that includes only the items to be added to the standard dialog box. COMMDLG will then create this dialog as a child of the standard dialog box. Because it is a child, it must have the WS_CHILD style set.

Note that the Windows version 3.1 method of customizing common dialogs by modifying the dialog templates will still work for 16-bit applications.

MORE INFORMATION

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Follow these steps to customize the FileOpen common dialog in Windows 95:

1. Create a dialog box template that will have all the controls you want to add to the FileOpen common dialog. Be sure to specify the styles:

`WS_CHILD | WS_VISIBLE | DS_3DLOOK | DS_CONTROL | WS_CLIPSIBLINGS`

WS_CHILD is specified because without it, the call to GetOpenFileName() fails. COMMDLG creates the dialog specified as a child of the standard FileOpen common dialog box. As a result, the hDlg passed to the application's hook function will be the child of the standard FileOpen dialog box. To get a handle to the standard dialog box from the hook function, call GetParent (hDlg).

WS_CLIPSIBLINGS is specified so that overlapping controls paint properly.

DS_3DLOOK is a new style for Windows 95 that gives the dialog box a nonbold font, and gives all the controls the 3D look.

DS_CONTROL is another new style that among other things allows the user to tab between the controls of a dialog box to the controls of a child dialog box. As mentioned above, the dialog template will be created as a child of the standard FileOpen common dialog box, so specifying this style will allow tabbing from the application-defined controls to the standard controls.

2. Include a static control in your dialog template, specifying a control ID of stc32. This control will serve as a placeholder for the standard controls.

If there is no stc32 control specified, COMMDLG places all the new controls defined in your dialog template below the standard controls and looks at the size of the static control to attempt to fit all the standard controls in it. If it is not big enough, COMMDLG resizes this stc32 control to make room for the standard controls, and then repositions the new controls with respect to the resized stc32 control.

Be sure to use the #include directive to include DLGS.H in your .RC file, as stc32 is defined in <dlgs.h>.

3. Initialize the Flags member of the OPENFILENAME structure to include the following flags:

```
OFN_EXPLORER | OFN_ENABLETEMPLATE | OFN_ENABLEHOOK
```

OFN_ENABLETEMPLATEHANDLE may be used instead of OFN_ENABLETEMPLATE if you want to specify a handle to a memory block containing a preloaded dialog box template.

4. If the OFN_ENABLETEMPLATE flag is set, specify the name of your application-defined template in the lpTemplateName field of the OPENFILENAME structure, and specify your application's instance handle in the hInstance field.

If the OFN_ENABLETEMPLATEHANDLE flag is set, specify the handle to the memory block containing your dialog box template in the hInstance field of the OPENFILENAME structure.

5. Specify the address of a dialog box procedure associated with your dialog box in the lpfnHook field of the OPENFILENAME structure.
6. Process appropriate notifications and messages as a result of adding new controls.

REFERENCES

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Much of the information contained in this article is derived from the MSDN Technical Article entitled "Using the Common Dialogs Under Windows 95." Please refer to that article for more information.

Additional reference words: 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCmnDlg

How to Increase Windows NT System and Desktop Heap Sizes

Article ID: Q125752

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.5
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SUMMARY

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Sometimes, it may be necessary to increase the amount of memory that Windows NT will make available for the system and desktop heaps. This can be accomplished by editing an entry in the registration database. System heap items are things like desktops and one-time-allocated items like system metrics. The items that come out of the desktop heap are items such as windows, menus, hook structures, queues, and some thread information.

MORE INFORMATION

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The entry to be edited is under:

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\  
  System\  
    CurrentControlSet\  
      Control\  
        Session Manager\  
          SubSystems\  
            Windows
```

Under this entry, you will find a string similar to the following (the slash (/) is a line continuation character):

```
%SystemRoot%\system32\csrss.exe /  
  ObjectDirectory=\Windows /  
  SharedSection=1024,512 /  
  Windows=On /  
  SubSystemType=Windows /  
  ServerDll=basesrv,1 /  
  ServerDll=winsrv:GdiServerDllInitialization,4 /  
  ServerDll=winsrv:UserServerDllInitialization,3 /  
  ServerDll=winsrv:ConServerDllInitialization,2 /  
  ProfileControl=Off /  
  MaxRequestThreads=16
```

By changing the SharedSection values, you can affect the heap sizes. The first number (1024 as shown above) is the maximum size of the system wide heap in kilobytes. The second number (512 as shown above) is the maximum size of the per desktop heap in kilobytes. A desktop value of 512K can support approximately 2,500 windows.

The memory you allocate needs to be backed up by paging space. It should not have much effect on performance if you create the same number of items with different heap sizes. The main effect is overhead in heap management and initialization.

Additional reference words: 3.50
KBCategory: kbprg
KSubcategory: UsrWndw

How to Change the International Settings Programmatically

Article ID: Q126625

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.5, 3.51, 4.0
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The International control panel icon allows you to choose international settings for the time, date, keyboard, and so forth. You can change these settings from your application code by calling `SetLocaleInfo()`. Be sure to broadcast a `WM_WININICHANGE` message using `PostMessage()` so that all applications are notified of the change.

The Win32 API allows you to display the time and date in the correct international format. Use `GetDateFormat()` and `GetTimeFormat()` to get the date and time in the format specified by the user.

Additional reference words: 3.50 3.51 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrLoc WintlDev

Resource Sections are Read-only

Article ID: Q126630

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
 - Microsoft Win32s versions 1.2
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SUMMARY

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Resource sections are read-only by default under Windows NT and Win32s. However, under Windows NT, the resource section may appear to be read/write. If an application tries to write to the resource section, an exception occurs. Windows NT handles the exception by duplicating the page and making it read/write. Therefore, under Windows NT it is possible to write to the resource section, even though its section attribute is read-only.

In Win32s version 1.2, the resource section is read-only and you cannot write to it. To work around this, link with /SECTION:.rsrc,rw to make the resource section read/write. Or copy the resource to your own buffer and work with it from there. You cannot modify the protection of the resource section because the memory is owned by the system.

In Win32s version 1.25a and later, the resource section is read/write, regardless of what is specified in the section attributes.

Windows 95 has a handler similar to the one used in Windows NT.

MORE INFORMATION

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Under Windows NT, the default top level handler detects writes to resources and will make the resource writable. If you are running outside of a debugger and you have no exception handler, your resource writes will silently work. If you are running under the debugger, your resource write will look like an access violation:

First-Chance Exception in msin32.exe: 0xC0000005: Access Violation

This allows you to "fix" your resource writes. If you have the debugger pass on the exception to your application and you have no handler, the default handler will make your resource writable.

The disadvantage of setting the attribute of the resource section to read/write is that Windows NT and Windows 95 will use a separate copy of the resource section for each process that uses this section, instead of one copy for all processes.

Additional reference words: 1.20 3.50 4.00 LoadResource LockResource

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrRes W32s

Advanced Graphics Settings Slider under Windows 95

Article ID: Q127066

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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The following table shows exactly what the Advanced Graphics Settings Slider control does:

Slider Control	Hardware Cursor	Memory Mapped I/O	Accelerated Functions
None	No	No	Safe mode level 2
Basic	No	No	Safe mode level 1
Most	No	Yes	All
Full	Yes	Yes	All

NOTES:

- The hardware cursor adjusts the SWCursor switch in SYSTEM.INI [display] section. It applies only to S3 and WD drivers.
- The Memory Mapped I/O adjusts the MMIO switch in SYSTEM.INI [display] section. It applies only to the S3 driver.
- Accelerated Functions adjusts the SafeMode switch in WIN.INI [Windows] section. It applies to all DIB engine minidrivers. Level 1 allows basic, safe acceleration, such as srcCopy bitblt, patblt, and so on. Level 2 completely bypasses the driver for all operations (except cursor).

Additional reference words: 4.00 95 Video SYSTEM Applet

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

How to Toggle the NUM LOCK, CAPS LOCK, and SCROLL LOCK Keys

Article ID: Q127190

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The documentation for SetKeyboardState() correctly says that you cannot use this API to toggle the NUM LOCK, CAPS LOCK, and SCROLL LOCK keys.

You can use keybd_event() to toggle the NUM LOCK, CAPS LOCK, and SCROLL LOCK keys.

MORE INFORMATION

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The following sample program turns the NUM LOCK light on if it is off. The SetNumLock function defined here simulates pressing the NUM LOCK key, using keybd_event() with a virtual key of VK_NUMLOCK. It takes a boolean value that indicates whether the light should be turned off (FALSE) or on (TRUE).

The same technique can be used for the CAPS LOCK key (VK_CAPITAL) and the SCROLL LOCK key (VK_SCROLL).

Sample Code

```
/* Compile options needed:
*/

#include <windows.h>

void SetNumLock( BOOL bState )
{
    BYTE keyState[256];

    GetKeyboardState( (LPBYTE) &keyState );
    if( (bState && !(keyState[VK_NUMLOCK] & 1)) ||
        (!bState && (keyState[VK_NUMLOCK] & 1)) )
    {
        // Simulate a key press
        keybd_event( VK_NUMLOCK,
                    0x45,
                    KEYEVENTF_EXTENDEDKEY | 0,
                    0 );

        // Simulate a key release
        keybd_event( VK_NUMLOCK,
                    0x45,
                    KEYEVENTF_EXTENDEDKEY | KEYEVENTF_KEYUP,
                    0 );
    }
}
```

```
    }  
}
```

```
void main()  
{  
    SetNumLock( TRUE );  
}
```

Additional reference words: 3.50 4.00 95
KBCategory: kbprg kbcode
KBSubcategory: UsrInp

Network DDE For 16-bit Windows-based Apps Under Windows NT
Article ID: Q127861

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), version 3.5
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Network Dynamic Data Exchange (NetDDE) has limited support for 16-bit Windows application running under Windows NT. You can use DDE across the network, however, the NDde APIs are not supported.

The NDde APIs, such as NDdeShareAdd(), are used to create and manage the NetDDE shares, not for the actual communication. Therefore, for 16-bit applications to use NetDDE under Windows NT, you will need to use Generic Thunks to thank to the 32-bit NDde APIs to create and trust the share. Once that is done, you can communicate using DDE or DDEML.

NOTE: You must be an administrator to add a DDE share.

Additional reference words: 3.50
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: SubSys UsrNetDde

PRB: CBS_SIMPLE ComboBox Repainting Problem

Article ID: Q128110

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK version 3.5
 - Microsoft Win32s version 1.2
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SYMPTOMS

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When a CBS_SIMPLE combo box has a WS_CLIPCHILDREN parent, the area below the edit control and left to the list box is not repainted correctly. This problem exists for 16-bit as well as 32-bit applications.

RESOLUTION

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To work around this problem, subclass the combo box, calculate the blank area, and then repaint to the desired color.

The following ComboBox subclass procedure is written for a 16-bit application, but you can use the same idea in 32-bit applications.

Sample Code

```
LRESULT CALLBACK NewComboProc(
    HWND hWnd,
    UINT uMessage,
    WPARAM uParam,
    LPARAM lParam)
{
    HDC myDC;
    HPEN  hPen, hOldPen;
    HBRUSH hBrush;
    HBRUSH hOldBrush;
    COLORREF myColor=RGB(255,255,255); //It can be any color. Here
        //the area is painted white.

    HWND hEdit, hList;
    RECT comboRect, editRect, listRect;
    char *wndClassName="Edit";

    if (uMessage == WM_PAINT)
    {
        CallWindowProc(lpfnOldComboProc, hWnd, uMessage, uParam,
            lParam);
        myDC = GetDC(hWnd);
        hBrush = CreateSolidBrush(myColor);
        hPen = CreatePen(PS_SOLID, 1, myColor);
        hOldBrush = SelectObject(myDC, hBrush) ;
        hOldPen = SelectObject(myDC, hPen);
```

```

//This code obtains the handle to the edit control of the
//combobox.

hEdit = GetWindow(hWnd, GW_CHILD);
GetClassName (hEdit, wndClassName, 10);
if (!lstrcmp (wndClassName, "Edit"))

    hList=GetWindow(hEdit, GW_HWNDNEXT);

else
{
    hList=hEdit;
    hEdit=GetWindow(hList, GW_HWNDNEXT);
}

//The dimensions of the Edit Control, ListBox control and
//the Combobox are calculated and then used
//as the base dimensions for the Rectangle() routine.

GetClientRect (hWnd, &comboRect);
GetClientRect (hEdit, &editRect);
GetClientRect (hList, &listRect);
Rectangle (myDC,
           comboRect.left,
           editRect.bottom,
           comboRect.right-listRect.right,
           comboRect.bottom);
//Also paint the gap, if any exists, between the bottom
//of the listbox and the bottom of the ComboBox rectangle.
Rectangle (myDC,
           comboRect.right-listRect.right,
           editRect.bottom +
           listRect.bottom,
           comboRect.right,
           comboRect.bottom);

DeleteObject (SelectObject (myDC, hOldBrush)) ;
DeleteObject (SelectObject (myDC, hOldPen)) ;
ReleaseDC (hWnd, myDC);
return TRUE;
}

return CallWindowProc (lpfnOldComboProc, hWnd, uMessage, uParam,
lParam);
}

```

STATUS
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This behavior is by design.

MORE INFORMAITON
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Steps to Reproduce Behavior

To reproduce this behavior, use AppStudio to create a dialog with the WS_CLIPCHILDREN style, put a CBS_SIMPLE combobox in the dialog, and click the test button so you can test the dialog. Then move something on top of the dialog, and move the object on top of the combobox away. You can then see that area to the left of the listbox is not repainted correctly.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg kbcode kbprb

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Trusted DDE Shares

Article ID: Q128125

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), version 3.5
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SUMMARY

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To allow someone else to connect to DDE shares when you are logged in, you have to trust your existing DDE share. The reason is that when the other person connects to the share remotely, the application he will connect to is running in your security context, not the remote user's, because you are the logged-on user. You need to give permission for the other person to access the share. Even another person who is an administrator cannot trust a share for your account.

In your code, you would use `NDdeShareAdd()` to create the share and `NDdeSetTrustedShare()` to trust the share.

Alternatively, you can use `DDESHARE` to create the share. For more information on `DDESHARE`, please see the following article in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

ARTICLE-ID: Q114089

TITLE : Using the Windows NT NetDDE Share Manager

If you have a DDE share that always needs to be available, you can write a program that trusts the specific shares and sets up a logon script to trust the share for every user. The logon script should be a `.BAT` file that calls the `.EXE` file, so that you can add other things to the logon script as necessary.

MORE INFORMATION

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The online documentation for `NDdeSetTrustedShare` says:

The `NDdeSetTrustedShare` function is called to promote the referenced DDE share to trusted status within the current user's context.

DDE shares are a machine resource, not an account resource, just as shared drives are. However, `NetDDE` runs an application that must run in the context of the current user. This is the reason that the share must be trusted, so that the application can run in the user's context.

The prototype for the function is:

```
UINT NDdeSetTrustedShare(lpszServer, lpszShareName, dwTrustOptions)
```

The parameter `lpszServer` is the address of the server name on which the DDE share resides. The DDE Share Database (DSDM) will be modified. This service manages the shared DDE conversations and is used by the `NetDDE`

service. This parameter will generally be the current machine, because you can't trust a share for someone else.

The dwTrustOptions are NDDE_TRUST_SHARE_START and NDDE_TRUST_SHARE_INIT. NDDE_TRUST_SHARE_START allows the DDE server, such as Excel, to be started in the user's context. This allows a DDE client to make a NetDDE connection without the DDE server already running. When the NetDDE agent on the server machine detects the attempted connection, it launches the associated DDE server application if it is not already running.

NDDE_TRUST_SHARE_INIT allows a client to initiate to the DDE server if it is already executing in the user's context. This allows a DDE client to make a NetDDE connection to a DDE server already running on the server machine. If the DDE server is not already running, the connection will fail.

Additional reference words: 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrNetDde

Rich Edit Control Does Not Support Unicode

Article ID: Q128558

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development KIT (SDK) for Windows NT version 3.51 and Windows 95
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The Rich Edit control included with Windows 95 and Windows NT version 3.51 does not support Unicode.

For a Unicode application to use the Rich Edit control, it must convert any strings passed to the control to ASCII text. This includes strings used in the FINDTEXT structure and the TEXTRANGE structure.

Additional reference words: 3.50 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

WM_SYSCOLORCHANGE Must Be Sent to Windows 95 Common Controls
Article ID: Q129595

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
 - Microsoft Win32s version 1.3
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SUMMARY

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You must ensure that applications that use the new common controls introduced in Windows 95 and Windows NT version 3.51 forward the WM_SYSCOLORCHANGE message to the controls.

MORE INFORMATION

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Windows 95 makes it very easy for the user to change the colors of common user interface objects, therefore it is critical that applications not rely on particular colors being constant. When the user changes the color settings, Windows 95 will send a WM_SYSCOLORCHANGE message to all top level windows. Because this message is sent only to top level windows, the common controls will not be notified of the color change unless the application forwards the WM_SYSCOLORCHANGE message to the control.

An example of why this is important is the toolbar control. If the color settings are such that the "3D Objects" color is set to light gray, the toolbar will create its buttons to light gray. However if the WM_SYSCOLORCHANGE message is not forwarded to the toolbar and the 3D Object color is changed to blue, the toolbar buttons will remain light gray while all the other buttons in the system change to blue.

Additional reference words: 1.30 4.00 grey

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Using Text Bullets in a Rich Edit Control

Article ID: Q129859

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.51 and 4.0
 - Microsoft Win32s, version 1.3
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The Rich Edit control contains a built-in text bullet feature that is used to add paragraph bullets to the text. To use this feature, you must send the Rich Edit control a `EM_SETPARAFORMAT` message. The `EM_SETPARAFORMAT` message takes a pointer to a `PARAFORMAT` structure as its `lParam` parameter. In the `PARAFORMAT` structure, it is necessary to zero out the structure and fill in the following members:

`UINT cbSize` - Contains the size of the structure. Use `sizeof(PARAFORMAT)`.

`DWORD dwMask` - Contains the attributes to set. For bullets, use `PFM_NUMBERING | PFM_OFFSET`.

`WORD wNumbering` - Contains the value that specifies numbering options. For bullets, set this member equal to `PFN_BULLET`.

`LONG dxOffset` - Contains the value that specifies indentation of the second line and subsequent lines, relative to the starting indentation. For bullets, this value must be positive because the bullet is displayed in the area between the starting indentation and the offset. If this value is too small, the bullets are not displayed.

Additional reference words: 1.30 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg kbui

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl W32s

Using Built-In Printing Features from a Rich Edit Control

Article ID: Q129860

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.51 and 4.0
 - Microsoft Win32s, version 1.3
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SUMMARY

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The Rich Edit control contains built-in printing features that can be used to send formatted text to the printer with minimal effort from the programmer.

MORE INFORMATION

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Printing from a Rich Edit control involves the use of the standard printing APIs and two Rich Edit control messages, EM_FORMATRANGE and EM_DISPLAYBAND. The EM_FORMATRANGE message can be used by itself or used in combination with the EM_DISPLAYBAND message. Included below at the end of this article is a code sample which demonstrates the usage of these messages.

EM_FORMATRANGE

This message is used to format the text for the printer DC and can optionally send the output to the printer.

The wParam parameter for this message is a Boolean value that indicates whether or not the text should be rendered (printed) to the printer. A zero value only formats the text, while a nonzero value formats the text and renders it to the printer.

The lParam parameter for this message is a pointer to the FORMATRANGE structure. This structure needs to be filled out before sending the message to the control.

FORMATRANGE Members

HDC hdc - Contains the device context (DC) to render to if the wParam parameter is nonzero. The output is actually sent to this DC.

HDC hdcTarget - Contains the device context to format for, which is usually the same as the hdc member but can be different. For example, if you create a print preview module, the hdc member is the DC of the window in which the output is viewed, and the hdcTarget member is the DC for the printer.

RECT rc - Contains the area to render to. This member contains the rectangle that the text is formatted to fit in, and subsequently printed in. It also contains the margins, room for headers and footers, and so forth. The rc.bottom member may be changed after the message is sent. If it

is changed, it must indicate the largest rectangle that can fit within the bounds of the original rectangle and still contain the specified text without printing partial lines. It may be necessary to reset this value after each page is printed. These dimensions are given in TWIPS.

RECT rcPage - Contains the entire area of the rendering device. This area can be obtained using the GetDeviceCaps() function. These dimensions are given in TWIPS.

CHARRANGE chrg - Contains the range of characters to be printed. Set chrg.cpMin to 0 and chrg.cpMax to -1 to print all characters.

The return value from EM_FORMATRANGE is the index of the first character on the next page. If you are printing multiple pages, you should set chrg.cpMin to this value before the next EM_FORMATRANGE message is sent.

When printing is complete, this message must be sent to the control with wParam = 0 and lParam = NULL to free the information cache by the control.

EM_DISPLAYBAND

If you use 0 for the wParam parameter in the EM_FORMATRANGE message, then you can use the EM_DISPLAYBAND message to send the output to the printer.

The wParam parameter for this message is not used and should be 0.

The lParam parameter for this message is a pointer to a RECT structure. This RECT structure is the area to display to and is usually the same as the rc member of the FORMATRANGE structure used in the EM_FORMATRANGE message but can be different. For example, the rectangles are not the same if you are printing on a certain portion of a page or built-in margins are being used.

This message should only be used after a previous EM_FORMATRANGE message.

Sample Code

```
void Print(HDC hPrinterDC, HWND hRTFWnd)
{
    FORMATRANGE fr;
    int          nHorizRes = GetDeviceCaps(hPrinterDC, HORZRES),
                nVertRes  = GetDeviceCaps(hPrinterDC, VERTRES),
                nLogPixelsX = GetDeviceCaps(hPrinterDC, LOGPIXELSX),
                nLogPixelsY = GetDeviceCaps(hPrinterDC, LOGPIXELSY);
    LONG         lTextLength; // Length of document.
    LONG         lTextPrinted; // Amount of document printed.

    // Ensure the printer DC is in MM_TEXT mode.
    SetMapMode ( hPrinterDC, MM_TEXT );

    // Rendering to the same DC we are measuring.
    ZeroMemory(&fr, sizeof(fr));
    fr.hdc = fr.hdcTarget = hPrinterDC;

    // Set up the page.
```



```
#endif

    // Print last page.
    EndPage(hPrinterDC);

    // If there is more text to print, adjust the range of characters to
    // start printing at the first character of the next page.
    if (lTextPrinted < lTextLength)
    {
        fr.chrg.cpMin = lTextPrinted;
        fr.chrg.cpMax = -1;
    }
}
while (lTextPrinted < lTextLength);

// Tell the control to release cached information.
SendMessage(hRTFWnd, EM_FORMATRANGE, 0, (LPARAM)NULL);

EndDoc (hPrinterDC);
}
```

Additional reference words: 1.30 4.00 95
KBCategory: kbprg kbui
KBSubcategory: UsrCtl W32s

PRB: Editing Labels in a TreeView Gives WM_COMMAND|IDOK Errors
Article ID: Q130692

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.51, 4.0
 - Microsoft Win32s version 1.3
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SYMPTOMS

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WM_COMMAND|IDOK errors are received while editing labels in a TreeView control.

CAUSE

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While editing labels in a TreeView control, the edit control created by the TreeView control can, and usually does, have an identifier of 1. This identifier is the same as IDOK. This can cause the parent window or dialog box to receive WM_COMMAND messages with an identifier of 1. Then the TreeView control passes on the EN_UPDATE and EN_CHANGE notifications from the edit control to the TreeView's parent.

This was a design decision made to meet system requirements and cannot be changed. If the parent window is going to perform some action in response to a command with an identifier of 1, this problem can occur. This problem is especially significant in dialog boxes that use the standard IDOK for a command button control.

RESOLUTION

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Avoid using command and control identifiers with an identifier of 1 (IDOK). To be safe, the application should not use any identifiers less than 100 when used in conjunction with a TreeView control.

Another way to avoid this problem is to check the notification codes in the WM_COMMAND messages. Then respond only to the proper notification codes such as BN_CLICKED.

STATUS

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This behavior is by design.

Additional reference words: 1.30 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg kbui kbprb

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl W32s

How to Use CTL3D Under the Windows 95 Operating System

Article ID: Q130693

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) version 4.0
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SUMMARY

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When an application that uses CTL3D is run under Windows 95, CTL3D disables itself if any dialog box has the DS_3DLOOK style. By default, all applications based on Windows version 4.0 get the DS_3DLOOK style for all dialog boxes. This article explains how this affects the way dialog boxes and controls are displayed under the Windows 95 operating system.

MORE INFORMATION

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When CTL3D is disabled, Windows 95 draws dialog boxes and controls using its own 3D drawing properties. Windows 95 does not draw the static rectangles and frames in 3D as CTL3D does. For more information about how these frames and rectangles are drawn under Windows 95, please see the following article in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

ARTICLE-ID: Q125684

TITLE : How to Use SS_GRAYRECT SS_BLACKRECT SS_WHITERECT in Windows 95

There are two new static control styles (SS_SUNKEN and SS_ETCHEDFRAME) in Windows 95 that simulate two of the static panels used in CTL3D. SS_SUNKEN creates a sunken panel, and SS_ETCHEDFRAME creates a panel with a dipped edge. There is no static style for creating a raised panel, but you can use the DrawEdge API to draw a raised panel.

There are also two new static control styles that you can use to create 3D lines. SS_ETCHEDHORZ creates a dipped horizontal line, and SS_ETCHEDVERT creates a dipped vertical line.

An application should check the platform version at run time by using the GetVersion or GetVersionEx function, and then implement appropriate 3D effects. If the major version is less than 4, the application can use the CTL3D functions, messages, and controls. If the major version is 4 or greater, the application should not implement CTL3D; it should create the proper Windows 95 style controls (or use DrawEdge to draw its 3D panels) to achieve the desired effects.

Additional reference words: 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg kbui

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Note that the lpTemplateName parameter is set to NULL. To just install a hook, one does not need a custom template. The hook function will get called if it is specified in the structure.

Below is the ComDlg32HkgProc hook callback function that changes the small icon. This code below is for the open or save as dialog boxes only.

```
BOOL CALLBACK ComDlg32HkProc(HWND hDlg,
                             UINT uMsg,
                             WPARAM wParam,
                             LPARAM lParam
{

    HWND hWndParent;
    HICON hIcon;

    switch (uMsg)
    {
        case WM_INITDIALOG:

            hWndParent = GetParent(hDlg);

            hIcon = LoadIcon(g_hInst, "CustomIcon");

            SendMessage(hWndParent,
                        WM_SETICON,
                        (WPARAM) (BOOL) FALSE,
                        (LPARAM) (HICON) hIcon);

            return TRUE;

            break;

        default:
            break;

    }
}
```

NOTE: This code calls GetParent() to get the actual window handle of the common dialog box. This is done for the FileOpen and SaveAs dialog boxes only. These dialogs, when created with the OFN_EXPLORER look with a hook and a template (optional), create a separate dialog to hold all the controls. This is the dialog handle that is passed in the hook function. The parent of this dialog is the main common dialog window, whose caption icon must be modified. The FileOpen and SaveAs dialog boxes with the old style (no OFN_EXPLORER) need not call GetParent().

All other common dialogs, such as ChooseColor and ChooseFont, behave as the the Windows version 3.1 common dialogs behaved, so the code listed in this article does not need to call GetParent(). It can just send the WM_SETICON message to the hDlg that is passed to the hook function.

Additional reference words: 4.00 user common dialog
KBCategory: kbprg kbcode

KBSubcategory: UsrCmnDlg

EM_SETHANDLE and EM_GETHANDLE Messages Not Supported

Article ID: Q130759

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) version 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The EM_GETHANDLE and EM_SETHANDLE messages are not supported for edit controls that are created as controls of a 32-bit application under Windows 95. This is due to the way USER is designed under Windows 95. 16-bit applications work the same way they did under Windows version 3.1. That is, they can use the EM_GET/SETHANDLE messages. Also Win32-based applications running under Windows NT will be able to use these messages.

MORE INFORMATION

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The EM_GETHANDLE and EM_SETHANDLE messages are used to retrieve and set the handle of the memory currently allocated for a multiline edit control's text. USER under Windows 95 is a mixture of 16- and 32-bit code, so edit controls created inside a 32-bit application cannot use these messages to retrieve or set the handles. Trying to do so causes the application to cause a general protection (GP) fault and thereby be terminated by the System.

One workaround that involves a little code modification is to use the GetWindowTextLength(), GetWindowText(), and SetWindowText() APIs to retrieve and set the text in a edit control.

NOTE: USER is almost completely 16-bit, so 32-bit applications thunk down to the 16-bit USER. Also note that the EM_GETHANDLE and EM_SETHANDLE messages cannot be used with Win32s-based applications either.

Additional reference words: 4.00 user controls GPF

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

PRB: Can't Remove Minimize or Maximize Button from Caption Bar
Article ID: Q130760

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) version 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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Under Windows 95, applications cannot create an overlapped or a popup window that contains only the Minimize or the Maximize button.

CAUSE

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This is by design. Windows can have both buttons or none depending on the styles specified while creating the window, but specifying just one style (either the `WS_MAXIMIZEBOX` or `WS_MINIMIZEBOX`) creates both buttons on the caption, with the other one disabled.

STATUS

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This behavior is by design.

MORE INFORMATION

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Under Windows version 3.1 or Windows NT, applications could remove either the Maximize or Minimize buttons on the caption bar. (This was usually done when the application removed a corresponding menu item from the system menu of a window.)

Applications running under Windows 95 that try to remove one of the buttons (not both), will not succeed. The system displays both buttons and disables the one whose style was not specified during creation. This is by design, and there is no way to work around it, unless the application draws its own caption bar.

Applications that removed the maximize or minimize menu items under Windows version 3.1, should just gray them out (disable them) under Windows 95 to maintain a uniform user interface.

Under Windows 95, applications can create a window (overlapped or popup) with just the Close button (the X button) by creating the window without specifying the `WS_MAXIMIZEBOX` or `WS_MINIMIZEBOX` styles. Calling `SetWindowLong(GWL_STYLE)` to change or remove the minimize or the maximize buttons dynamically still displays both buttons with one of them disabled.

Additional reference words: 4.00 user

KBCategory: kbprg kbui kbprb

KBSubcategory: UsrWndw

Using FileOpen Common Dialog w/ OFN_ALLOWMULTIPLESELECT Style
Article ID: Q130761

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) version 4.0
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SUMMARY

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This article covers the format of file names returned by the FileOpen common dialog with the OFN_ALLOWMULTIPLESELECT style.

The FileOpen common dialog can be used to specify the location (drive and directory) and name of a file or a set of files. One of the flags needed to provide multiple-file selection from the FileOpen common dialog is the OFN_ALLOWMULTIPLESELECT flag. When this flag is used, and the user makes a valid selection, the file or files chosen by the user are returned in the lpstrFile member of the OPENFILENAME structure. The format of the string returned in the lpstrFile member depends on how many files (single or multiple) the user selected. This article assumes that the OFN_EXPLORER Style is set for the file open dialog.

MORE INFORMATION

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If multiple files were selected, the string is of this form:

Drive: \Directory Name\0FileName 1\0FileName 2\0FileName n\0\0.

The Directory Name is listed first. Then each file that was selected is listed with a terminating NULL Character, except for the last filename, which is terminated with two NULL characters. The two NULL characters signal the end of the string.

If a single file was selected, the string is of this form:

Drive: \Directory Name\FileName\0\0.

The Directory Name in this case is not terminated by a NULL character, and the file name is terminated with two NULL characters.

Applications must parse the string returned in the lpstrFile member. In doing so, they should make provisions in the parsing code to have a case where the user can make a single selection (even though the OFN_ALLOWMULTIPLESELECT flag is set) or multiple selections.

NOTE: When using OFN_ALLOWMULTIPLESELECT under Windows 95, you need to use the OFN_EXPLORER flag to get the explorer style dialog and NULL terminated strings. If you don't use OFN_EXPLORER with OFN_ALLOWMULTIPLESELECT, you get the old style dialog and space-delimited strings.

Additional reference words: 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCmnDlg

How to Use `DWL_MSGRESULT` in Property Sheets & Wizard Controls

Article ID: Q130762

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) version 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Each page in a property sheet or wizard control is an application-defined modeless dialog box that manages the control windows used to view and edit the properties of an item. Applications provide the dialog box template used to create each page as well as the dialog box procedure.

A property sheet or wizard control sends notification messages to the dialog box procedure for a page when the page is gaining or losing the focus and when the user chooses the OK, Cancel, or other buttons. The notifications are sent in the form of `WM_NOTIFY` messages. The dialog box procedure(s) for the corresponding page(s) should use the `SetWindowLong()` function to set the `DWL_MSGRESULT` value of the page dialog box to specify the return value from the dialog box procedure to prevent or accept the change. After doing so, the dialog box procedure must return `TRUE` in response to processing the `WM_NOTIFY` message. If it does not return `TRUE`, the return value set in the `DWL_MSGRESULT` index using the `SetWindowLong()` function is ignored by the property sheet or wizard control.

MORE INFORMATION

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Dialog box procedures return a `BOOL` value (`TRUE` or `FALSE`). This return value indicates to the caller of the dialog box function that the dialog box function either handled the message that it received or did not handle it. When the dialog box function returns `FALSE`, it is indicating that it did not handle the message it received. When the dialog box handles the message and generates a return value, it typically sets the `DWL_MSGRESULT` index of the dialog box with the return value.

The dialog box function of the property sheet or wizard page handles messages (`WM_NOTIFY`) sent by the property sheet or wizard control. The property sheet or wizard control determines whether the page that received the message processed the message or not by checking the return value from the call to `SendMessage()`. If the return value is `FALSE`, the control goes ahead and does what needs to be done by default. But if the return value is `TRUE`, the control checks for the return value by looking at the value stored in the `DWL_MSGRESULT` index of that page.

For example, the dialog box function of a property page might trap the `PSN_SETACTIVE` notification to prevent it from being activated under certain circumstances. In this case, the page dialog box function uses the `SetWindowLong()` function to set the `DWL_MSGRESULT` value to `-1`. If the dialog box does not return `TRUE` after setting the `DWL_MSGRESULT`, the property sheet control that sent the message completely ignores the return value because it assumes there is no return value.

Additional reference words: 4.00 common controls user Windows 95
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

How to Create 3D Controls in Client Area of Non-Dialog Window

Article ID: Q130763

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) version 4.0
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SUMMARY

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An application that uses standard Windows controls (edit boxes, list boxes, and so on) as part of a dialog box with the DS_3DLOOK style set, have the 3D look by default. But if an application creates child controls as part of the main window's client area, these controls do not have the 3D look by default. Applications should add the WS_EX_CLIENTEDGE style to the list of styles while creating the child controls to get the new 3D look.

MORE INFORMATION

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WS_EX_CLIENTEDGE is the new extended style that gives controls (or any window for that matter) the new 3D look. When controls are created as part of a dialog box by using a dialog template based in the resource file, Windows adds the WS_EX_CLIENTEDGE style to the list of styles.

Some applications use controls as child windows in the client area of the main window. If the WS_EX_CLIENTEDGE style is not specified, these controls have the Windows version 3.11 user interface (2D look).

Use CreateWindowEx() to create controls in the client area of a non-dialog window, and make sure you OR in the WS_EX_CLIENTEDGE style. If your application is using Microsoft Foundation Classes (MFC) version 3.x, you can override the CreateEx() member function of the CEdit, CList, or any other standard control class.

Additional reference words: 4.00 95 user

KBCategory: kbprg kbui

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

How to Obtain Fonts, ToolTips, and Other Non-Client Metrics

Article ID: Q130764

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) version 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The SystemParametersInfo() API under Windows 95 has been expanded to include a new set of FLAGS to set or get system-wide parameters. One such flag is the SPI_GET/SETNONCLIENTMETRICS flag and the NONCLIENTMETRICS structure. This flag and the related structure when used with the SystemParametersInfo() API can provide applications with a plethora of information on the non-client metrics system wide.

MORE INFORMATION

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Windows 95 provides users with the ability to change the fonts used (displayed) by menus and message boxes and change the height of caption bars of windows by simply changing the settings in the Appearance property sheet. They need only right click the desktop to bring up the Display properties dialog box; then they can choose the Appearance page. This was not possible under Windows version 3.1.

Windows 95 applications can programatically change these features with the help of the SystemParametersInfo() function and the NONCLIENTMETRICS structure. Windows 95 applications should not randomly change these system settings unless absolutely necessary because system-wide changes occur.

To obtain the fonts used by message boxes, menus, status bars, and captions, applications can call SystemParametersInfo() with the SPI_GETNONCLIENTMETRICS flag, passing the address of the NONCLIENTMETRICS structure as the third parameter. The system then fills this structure with all sorts of information. The lfMessageFont, lfMenuFont, lfStatusFont members of the NONCLIENTMETRICS structure have the font information.

Similarly, applications can change the font used by menus, message boxes, status bars, and captions by calling SystemParametersInfo() with the SPI_SETNONCLIENTMETRICS flag. When this flag is specified, a NONCLIENTMETRICS structure is filled with the appropriate values if its address is passed in as the third parameter. Once again, the changes made this way are reflected system wide, so application designers should use this flag sparingly.

Additional reference words: 4.00 user controls styles

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrSys

PRB: Property Sheet w/ Multiline Edit Control Ignores ESC Key
Article ID: Q130765

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) version 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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Pressing the ESC key when the focus is on a Multiline Edit control that is a child of a property sheet page, does not dismiss the property sheet control as expected.

CAUSE

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When the ESC key is pressed while focus is on a Multiline Edit control, the IDCANCEL notification (sent with a WM_COMMAND message) is sent to the property sheet dialog proc whose template contains the Multiline Edit control. Property sheet dialog procs do not process this message, so it is not forwarded to the property sheet control.

RESOLUTION

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Trap the IDCANCEL notification that is sent along with the WM_COMMAND message in the property sheet dialog proc that contains the multiline edit control. Then forward the message to the property sheet control. (The property sheet control is the parent of all the property sheet page dialogs.) The following code shows how to do this:

Code Sample

```
//  
// FUNCTION: SheetDialogProc(HWND, UINT, WPARAM, LPARAM)  
//  
// PURPOSE: Processes messages for a page in the PPT sheet control.  
//  
// PARAMETERS:  
//   hdlg - window handle of the property sheet  
//   wMessage - type of message  
//   wParam - message-specific information  
//   lParam - message-specific information  
//  
// RETURN VALUE:  
//   TRUE - message handled  
//   FALSE - message not handled  
//
```

```
LRESULT CALLBACK SheetDialogProc(HWND hdlg,  
                                UINT uMessage,  
                                WPARAM wParam,  
                                LPARAM lParam)
```

```

{
    LPNMHDR lpmhdr;
    HWND    hwndPropSheet;
    switch (uMessage)
    {
    case WM_INITDIALOG:

        // Do whatever initializations you have here.
        return TRUE;

    case WM_NOTIFY:

        // more code here ...

        break;

    case WM_COMMAND:

        switch(LOWORD(wparam))
        {

            case IDCANCEL:

                // Forward this message to the parent window
                // so that the PPT sheet is dismissed
                SendMessage(GetParent(hdlg),
                            uMessage,
                            wparam,
                            lparam);

                break;

            default:
                break;
        }
        break;
    }
}

```

NOTE: This solution also works with wizard controls. This behavior is seen under both Windows NT and Windows 95; the solution in this article works for both platforms.

Additional reference words: 4.00 user styles
 KBCategory: kbprg kbprb kbcode
 KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

PRB: Private Button Class Can't Get BM_SETSTYLE in Windows 95
Article ID: Q130951

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) version 4.0

SYMPTOMS

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When an application creates a new button class, the new buttons do not receive BM_SETSTYLE messages under Windows 95.

CAUSE

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In previous versions of Windows, the new button had only to return DLGC_BUTTON in response to the WM_GETDLGCODE message. This was all that was required to identify the window as a "button."

However, in Windows 95, returning DLGC_BUTTON to WM_GETDLGCODE is no longer sufficient to identify the window as a "button." The dialog manager code in Windows 95 is implemented in 16 bits. When a message is dispatched to a 32-bit window, the system automatically generates a thunk. Because the system does not know that the new class is actually a "button," it does not automatically perform the thunk - so the BM_SETSTYLE messages are not sent.

RESOLUTION

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To tell the system to treat the window as a "button," the window must call one of the following APIs at least once:

IsDlgButtonChecked
CheckRadioButton
CheckDlgButton

The preferable method for doing this is to call IsDlgButtonChecked during the WM_CREATE message. Once this is done, the window will receive all standard button messages.

STATUS

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This behavior is by design.

Additional reference words: 4.00
KBCategory: kbprg kbui kbprb
KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

WM_CTLCOLORxxx Message Changes for Windows 95

Article ID: Q130952

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) version 4.0
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SUMMARY

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In previous versions of Windows, an application could change the background, text, and/or text background colors of controls by performing certain actions in response to WM_CTLCOLORxxx messages.

However, in Windows 95, the messages sent by different types of controls are somewhat different.

MORE INFORMATION

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The following list outlines the changes in WM_CTLCOLORxxx messages sent by standard controls in Windows 95:

WM_CTLCOLORBTN

Sent By: command buttons (regular and default)

Changes made during this message have no effect on command buttons. Command buttons always use system colors for drawing themselves.

WM_CTLCOLORSTATIC

Sent By: Any control that displays text which would be displayed using the default dialog/window background color. This includes check boxes, radio buttons, group boxes, static text, read-only or disabled edit controls, and disabled combo boxes (all styles).

The changes affect the text drawn in the control. Changes do not affect the checkmarks on the buttons or the outline of the group box.

WM_CTLCOLOREDIT

Sent By: Enabled, non-read-only edit controls and enabled combo boxes (all styles)

The changes affect the background, text, and text background of these controls. For combo boxes, the changes made in this message affect only the "edit" portion of the control. The list portion is affected by the WM_CTLCOLORLISTBOX message.

In previous versions of Windows, radio buttons, check boxes and group boxes would send WM_CTLCOLORBTN messages and paint themselves accordingly. In

Windows 95, these controls send WM_CTLCOLORSTATIC messages instead.

These changes were implemented to make changing the appearance of controls more logical (text on the dialog background is now classified as "static").

Additional reference words: 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

PRB: NetDDE Fails to Connect Under Windows 95

Article ID: Q131025

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) version 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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An application using Network Dynamic Data Exchange (NetDDE) fails to connect to another DDE application on another computer.

CAUSE

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One of the reasons could be that NETDDE.EXE (a system component) is not running.

Network Dynamic Data Exchange (NetDDE) allows two DDE applications to communicate with each other over the network. In Windows for Workgroups, the NETDDE.EXE (a system component) was loaded by default. However under Window 95, NETDDE.EXE is not loaded by default.

RESOLUTION

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An application using the netDDE services should check if the netDDE system component is loaded. If NETDDE.EXE isn't running, the application should run it.

Sample Code

The following sample code checks to see if NETDDE.EXE is loaded and tries to load it if necessary. The sample code works for both 32-bit and 16-bit applications.

```
BOOL IsNetDdeActive()
{
    HWND hwndNetDDE;

    // find a netDDE window
    hwndNetDDE = FindWindow("NetDDEMainWdw", NULL);
    // if exists then NETDDE.EXE is running
    if(NULL == hwndNetDDE)
    {
        UINT uReturn;
        // otherwise launch the NETDDE.EXE with show no active
        uReturn = WinExec("NETDDE.EXE", SW_SHOWNA);
        // if unsuccessful return FALSE.
        if(uReturn <= 31)
            return FALSE;
    }
    // NetDDE is running
```

```
return TRUE;  
}
```

```
STATUS  
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```

This behavior is by design.

Additional reference words: 4.00
KBCategory: kbprg kbnetwork kbcode kbinterop
KBSubcategory: Usrdde

PRB: CFileDialog::DoModal() Does Not Display FileOpen Dialog
Article ID: Q131225

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) version 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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Calling CFileDialog::DoModal() returns without displaying the FileOpen common dialog.

CAUSE

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The CFileDialog class will automatically use the new Explorer-style FileOpen common dialog under Windows 95. This can break existing code which customizes these dialogs with custom templates, because the mechanism has changed in Windows 95.

NOTE: This does not apply to Windows NT 3.51, as this version of Windows NT will not display the new Explorer-style dialog.

RESOLUTION

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An application that depends on the old behavior of customizing the File Open common dialogs will need to reset the OFN_EXPLORER bit in the Flags member of the OPENFILENAME structure before calling CFileDialog::DoModal.

MORE INFORMATION

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The DIRPKR sample in particular, exhibits the symptoms described above, and will need to be modified to display the dialog box correctly in Windows 95. It works as is under Windows NT 3.51.

Sample Code

```
CMyFileDlg  cfdlg(FALSE, NULL, NULL, OFN_SHOWHELP | OFN_HIDEREADONLY |
              OFN_OVERWRITEPROMPT | OFN_ENABLETEMPLATE,
              NULL, m_pMainWnd);

cfdlg.m_ofn.hInstance      = AfxGetInstanceHandle();
cfdlg.m_ofn.lpTemplateName = MAKEINTRESOURCE(FILEOPENORD);
cfdlg.m_ofn.Flags          &= ~OFN_EXPLORER;

if (IDOK==cfdlg.DoModal())
{
    :
    :
}
```

REFERENCES

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This information was derived from Visual C++ 2.1 Technical Note 52:
"Writing Windows 95 Applications with MFC 3.1"

Additional reference words: 2.10 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCmnDlg

How to Detect Slow CPU & Unaccelerated Video Under Windows 95
Article ID: Q131259

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) version 4.0
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Under Windows 95, use `GetSystemMetrics(SM_SLOWMACHINE)` to check for low-end computers. It returns a nonzero value if the computer has a 386 CPU, is low on memory, or has a slow display card.

The return values (bit flags) are:

- 0x0001 - CPU is a 386
- 0x0002 - low memory machine (less than 5 megabytes)

The following is notable for video:

- 0x0004 - slow (nonaccelerated) display card

Additional reference words: 4.00 win95 system display slow machine

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrSys

Using cChildren Member of TV_ITEM to Add Speed & Use Less RAM

Article ID: Q131278

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.51, 4.0
 - Microsoft Win32s version 1.3
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SUMMARY

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The cChildren member of the TV_ITEM structure is used to denote the number of child items associated with a treeview item. When used correctly, the cChildren member helps an application go faster and use less memory.

Applications may specify I_CHILDRENCALLBACK for this member, instead of passing the actual number of child items. To retrieve the actual number of child items associated with a treeview item, I_CHILDRENCALLBACK causes the treeview to send a TVN_GETDISPINFO notification when the item needs to be redrawn.

MORE INFORMATION

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In a treeview with the TVS_HASBUTTONS style, specify a nonzero value for the cChildren member to add the appropriate plus or minus (+/-) button (to denote expand or collapse) to the left of the treeview item, without having to insert each of the child items to the treeview. Specifying a zero value indicates that the particular item does not have any child items associated with it.

An application that does not use the cChildren member of the TV_ITEM structure when inserting items to the treeview has to insert each of the child items associated with that treeview item in order for the +/- button to show up.

Using the cChildren member, therefore, helps to speed up an application and reduce memory requirements by allowing the application to fill the tree on demand.

Applications such as the Explorer, WinHelp, and RegEdit, which display huge hierarchical structures, take advantage of this feature by initially inserting only the visible items of the tree. The child items associated with a particular item are not inserted until the user clicks the parent item to expand it. At that point, the treeview's parent window receives a TVN_ITEMEXPANDING notification message, and the application inserts the child items for that parent item:

```
// WM_NOTIFY message handler
LRESULT MsgNotifyTreeView(HWND hwnd,
                          UINT uMessage,
                          WPARAM wparam,
                          LPARAM lparam)
{
```

```

LPNMHDR  lpnmhdr = (LPNMHDR)lparam;

// Just before the parent item gets EXPANDED,
// add the children.

if (lpnmhdr->code == TVN_ITEMEXPANDING)
{
    LPNM_TREEVIEW lpNMTreeView;
    TV_ITEM      tvi;

    lpNMTreeView = (LPNM_TREEVIEW)lparam;
    tvi = lpNMTreeView->itemNew;

    if ((tvi.lParam == PARENT_NODE) &&
        (lpNMTreeView->action == TVE_EXPAND))
    {

        // Fill in the TV_ITEM struct
        // and call TreeView_InsertItem() for each child item.

    }

}

return DefWindowProc(hwnd, uMessage, wparam, lparam);
}

```

When the user clicks the same parent item to collapse it, the application removes all the child items from the tree by using `TreeView_Expand` (`,,TVE_COLLAPSE | TVE_COLLAPSERESET`). The `TVN_ITEMEXPANDED` notification message is a good place to do this:

```

// WM_NOTIFY message handler
LRESULT MsgNotifyTreeView(HWND hwnd,
                          UINT uMessage,
                          WPARAM wparam,
                          LPARAM lparam)
{

    LPNMHDR  lpnmhdr = (LPNMHDR)lparam;

    // Just before the parent item is COLLAPSED,
    // remove the children.

    if (lpnmhdr->code == TVN_ITEMEXPANDED)
    {

        LPNM_TREEVIEW lpNMTreeView;
        TV_ITEM      tvi2;

        lpNMTreeView = (LPNM_TREEVIEW)lparam;
        tvi2 = lpNMTreeView->itemNew;

        // Do a TVE_COLLAPSERESET on the parent to minimize memory use.

        if ((lpNMTreeView->action == TVE_COLLAPSE) &&

```

```

        (tvi2.lParam == PARENT_NODE))
    {
        TreeView_Expand (ghWndTreeView,
                        tvi2.hItem,
                        TVE_COLLAPSE | TVE_COLLAPSERESET);
    }
}
return DefWindowProc(hwnd, uMessage, wParam, lParam);
}

```

Applications that dynamically change the number of child items associated with a particular treeview item may specify `I_CHILDRENCALLBACK` for the `cChildren` member of its `TV_ITEM` structure when it is inserted into the tree. Thereafter, when that treeview item needs to be redrawn, the treeview sends a `TVN_GETDISPINFO` to its parent window to retrieve the actual number of child items and display the +/- button to the left of the treeview item, as appropriate.

An application that uses `I_CHILDRENCALLBACK` may process the `TVN_GETDISPINFO` notification as follows:

```

// WM_NOTIFY message handler
LRESULT MsgNotifyTreeView(HWND hwnd,
                          UINT uMessage,
                          WPARAM wParam,
                          LPARAM lParam)
{
    LPNMHDR lpnmhdr = (LPNMHDR)lParam;

    if (lpnmhdr->code == TVN_GETDISPINFO)
    {
        TV_DISPINFO FAR *lptvdi;

        lptvdi = (TV_DISPINFO FAR *)lParam;

        if ((lptvdi->item.mask & TVIF_CHILDREN) &&
            (lptvdi->item.lParam == PARENT_NODE))
            lptvdi->item.cChildren = 1;
    }

    return DefWindowProc(hwnd, uMessage, wParam, lParam);
}

```

Additional reference words: 4.00 95 Common Control performance speed up
 KBCategory: kbprg kbcode
 KSubcategory: UsrCtl

PRB: SelectObject() Fails After ImageList_GetImageInfo()
Article ID: Q131279

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) version 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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When you try to select the hBitmap returned by ImageList_GetImageInfo() into a device context, the call to SelectObject() fails and returns NULL.

CAUSE

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Under the debug version of Windows 95, attempting to select the hBitmap returned by ImageList_GetImageInfo() into a DC causes the GDI to output the message "Bitmap already selected."

Image lists maintain memory DCs with the image and mask bitmaps already selected. This is done to prevent applications from modifying the images contained in the image list that are currently being used by the system. Because a bitmap cannot be selected into more than one DC at a time, applications that call SelectObject() on the same bitmap fail.

RESOLUTION

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An application can work around this in Windows 95 by calling CopyImage() on the hBitmap, as demonstrated in the following sample code. This API is new for Windows 95. Remember to delete the hBitmap copy when using this function.

Sample Code

```
HDC          hDC;
HBITMAP      hBitmap, hOldBitmap;
IMAGEINFO    imageInfo;

ImageList_GetImageInfo (hImgList, iWhichImage, &imageInfo);
hBitmap = CopyImage (imageInfo.hbmImage,
                    IMAGE_BITMAP, 0, 0, LR_COPYRETURNORG);

hOldBitmap = SelectObject(hDC, hBitmap);
:
:

// Delete hBitmap when you finish using it.
DeleteObject (SelectObject (hDC, hOldBitmap));
```

STATUS

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This behavior is by design.

Additional reference words: 4.00 unusable hDC Image Lists beta
KBCategory: kbprg kbgraphic kbprb kbcode
KSubcategory: UsrCtl

PRB: LoadCursor() Fails on IDC_SIZE/IDC_ICON

Article ID: Q131280

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) version 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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LoadCursor() returns NULL when passed IDC_SIZE or IDC_ICON for a second parameter.

CAUSE

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IDC_SIZE and IDC_ICON are obsolete. They are available only for backward compatibility. Applications marked as a version 4.0 application are not able to load these cursors under Windows 95.

STATUS

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This behavior is by design.

Additional reference words: 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: UsrRsc

PRB: Calling LoadMenuIndirect() with Invalid Data Hangs System
Article ID: Q131281

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) version 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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Under Windows 95 if you call LoadMenuIndirect() with invalid data, the system hangs (stops responding).

CAUSE

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Invalid data anywhere in the array of MENUITEMTEMPLATE structures passed to the LoadMenuIndirect() function may cause this problem. An example of this might be an extra NULL byte after a MENUITEMTEMPLATE structure.

Under Windows NT version 3.5, passing the same invalid data in the MENUITEMTEMPLATE structure causes LoadMenuIndirect() to return NULL, with GetLastError() reporting an ERROR_INVALID_DATA value.

STATUS

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This behavior is by design.

Additional reference words: 4.00 freeze lock up Menus

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: UsrMen

How to Display Old-Style FileOpen Common Dialog in Windows 95

Article ID: Q131282

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) version 4.0
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SUMMARY

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If you want an application to revert back to the old-style FileOpen or SaveAs common dialog box, you must either provide a dialog template or a hook function in addition to not specifying the OFN_EXPLORER flag.

MORE INFORMATION

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Windows 95 provides a new flag for the File Open or Save As common dialog box called OFN_EXPLORER. When set, this flag ensures that the File Open dialog box displays a user interface that is similar to the Windows Explorer (or so-called Explorer-style dialog box).

You may want your application to revert to the old Windows version 3.1 style dialog box. For example, you might want to maintain a user interface consistent with the Windows NT user interface. Windows NT version 3.51 currently does not support the new Explorer-style File Open common dialog box. The next version of Windows NT, however, should implement this new feature.)

To display the old-style common dialog box:

- Don't specify the OFN_EXPLORER value in the OPENFILENAME structure's Flags member.
- Provide a dialog template or a hook. If the application does not have either one, a simple hook that always returns FALSE should suffice.

NOTE: When you specify a hook function for the old-style common dialog box in Windows 95, the hDlg received in the hookProc is the actual handle to the dialog containing the standard controls. This is not true, however, for the new Explorer-style common dialog hookProc where the hDlg received is the handle to a child of the dialog box containing the standard controls. Therefore, to get a handle to the actual File Open or Save As dialog box, an application should call GetParent() on the hDlg passed to the hook procedure.

Additional reference words: 4.00 subdialog

KBCategory: kbprg kbui

KBSubcategory: UsrCmnDlg

PRB: Can't Use TAB to Move from Standard Controls to Custom
Article ID: Q131283

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) version 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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As you attempt to customize the new Explorer-style File Open or Save As common dialog, pressing the TAB key fails to move the focus from the standard dialog's controls to the new controls specified in the custom template.

CAUSE

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The custom dialog box template failed to specify the DS_CONTROL style.

RESOLUTION

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When creating a custom dialog box template to be used with the new FileOpen or Save As common dialog, you must specify the DS_CONTROL style.

STATUS

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This behavior is by design.

MORE INFORMATION

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With the new way of customizing the File Open or Save As common dialog in Windows 95, you can customize applications to provide a custom dialog box template that adds controls to the default Open or Save As dialog box. This custom dialog box is created as a child of the default dialog box and thus requires a WS_CHILD style.

DS_CONTROL is a new style provided in Windows 95. It makes a modal dialog created as a child of another dialog interact well with its parent dialog. This style ensures that the user can move between the controls of the parent dialog and the child dialog - or in this case between the standard Open or Save As common dialog and the custom dialog provided by the application.

NOTE: This article does not apply to Windows NT. This information applies only to the new way of customizing the Explorer-style File Open or Save As common dialog in Windows 95.

Additional reference words: 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: UsrCmnDlg

How to Select a Listview Item Programmatically in Windows 95

Article ID: Q131284

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.51, 4.0
 - Microsoft Win32s version 1.3
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SUMMARY

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Selecting a listview item in Windows 95 is not as easy as selecting a list box item was in Windows version 3.1. To select a list box item in Windows version 3.1, an application sends an LB_SETCURSEL or LB_SETSEL to a single- or multiple-selection list box respectively. To select a listview item in Windows 95, an application sends an LVM_SETITEMSTATE message or calls the ListView_SetItemState() macro.

MORE INFORMATION

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An application can force a selection of a listview item. You might want the application to do this when a user clicks a column other than the first column of a listview of multiple subitems or columns.

Currently, a listview item is selected only when the user clicks the first column of that item. However, you may want the application to select the item regardless of which column in the listview is clicked.

Windows 95 does not provide a separate message or function to set the current selection in a listview. Instead, it defines item states or LVIS_* values that determine the listview item's appearance and functionality. LVIS_FOCUSED and LVIS_SELECTED in particular are the states that determine a listview item's selection state.

To select a listview item programmatically, an application sets the listview item's state as follows:

```
ListView_SetItemState (hWndListView,          // handle to listview
                      iWhichItem,           // index to listview item
                      LVIS_FOCUSED | LVIS_SELECTED, // item state
                      0x000F);              // mask
```

Note that the last parameter passed to this macro is a mask specifying which bits are about to change. LVIS_FOCUSED and LVIS_SELECTED are defined in <commctrl.h> as 0x0001 and 0x0002 respectively, so you need to set the last four bits of the mask.

The same principle applies to selecting a treeview item programmatically. The only difference is that an application sends a TVM_SETITEM message or calls the TreeView_SetItem() macro.

Because listviews allow multiple selection by default, you can program an application to select multiple items by simulating a CTRL keydown (or SHIFT keydown event) prior to setting the item state. For example, the following

code simulates the pressing of the CTRL key:

```
BYTE pbKeyState [256];

GetKeyboardState ((LPBYTE)&pbKeyState);
pbKeyState[VK_CONTROL] |= 0x80;
SetKeyboardState ((LPBYTE)&pbKeyState);
```

Note that if an application simulates a keypress, it must also be responsible for releasing it by resetting the appropriate bit. For example, the following code simulates the release of a CTRL key:

```
BYTE pbKeyState [256];

GetKeyboardState ((LPBYTE)&pbKeyState);
pbKeyState[VK_CONTROL] = 0;
SetKeyboardState ((LPBYTE)&pbKeyState);
```

Similarly, retrieving the currently selected item in a listview control in Windows 95 is not as easy as sending an LB_GETCURSEL message to a listbox control was in Windows version 3.1.

For listviews, call the ListView_GetNextItem() function with the LVNI_SELECTED flag specified:

```
iCurSel = ListView_GetNextItem (ghwndLV, -1, LVNI_SELECTED);
```

For treeviews, retrieve the currently selected item by calling the TreeView_GetNextItem() function with the TVGN_CARET flag specified or by calling the TreeView_GetSelection() macro directly:

```
iCurSel = TreeView_GetNextItem (ghwndTV, NULL, TVGN_CARET);
or
iCurSel = TreeView_GetSelection (ghwndTV);
```

Additional reference words: 4.00 1.30

KBCategory: kbprg kbcode

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

How to Use LVIF_DI_SETITEM on an LVN_GETDISPINFO Notification

Article ID: Q131285

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.51, 4.0
 - Microsoft Win32s version 1.3
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SUMMARY

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Windows 95 provides two flags, LVIF_DI_SETITEM and TVIF_DI_SETITEM, for the listview and treeview controls respectively. When set, these flags instruct Windows to start storing information for that particular item previously set as a callback item.

MORE INFORMATION

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Windows 95 introduces the concept of callback items for the new listview and treeview common controls. A callback item is a listview or treeview item for which the application, not the control, stores the text, icon, or any appropriate information about the item. If the application already maintains this information anyway, setting up callback items could decrease the memory requirements of the control. Callback items are just as useful for items that display constantly changing information. Setting these items up as callback items allows the application to display the most current values appropriate for that item.

Take for example a SPY application that displays information in a hierarchical form (or a treeview) about the window being browsed or spied on. One of the things it displays is the window rectangle, or the dimensions of the window.

Because the user could resize this window at any time, this particular item is a good candidate for a callback item because it displays constantly changing information.

The application defines a callback item by specifying LPSTR_TEXTCALLBACK for the pszText member of the TV_ITEM structure. Whenever the item needs to be displayed, Windows requests the callback information by sending the treeview's parent a TVN_GETDISPINFO notification in the form of a WM_NOTIFY message. The parent window then fills the pszText member of the TV_ITEM structure as the following sample code demonstrates:

```
LRESULT MsgNotify(HWND    hwnd,
                  UINT    uMessage,
                  WPARAM  wParam,
                  LPARAM  lParam)
{
    TV_DISPINFO *ptvdi = (TV_DISPINFO *)lparam;

    switch (ptvdi->hdr.code)
    {
        case TVN_GETDISPINFO:
```

```

    if (ptvdi.mask & TVIF_TEXT)
    {
        RECT rect;
        char szBuf [30];

        GetWindowRect (hWndToBrowse, &rect);

        // where FormatRectText formats the rect information
        // in a nice <WindowRect: (x,y):cx,cy> format
        // and stores it in szBuf.
        FormatRectText (&rect, szBuf, sizeof (szBuf));

        lstrcpy (ptvdi.pszText, szBuf);
    }
    :

    default: break;
}
return 0;
}

```

At a certain point, the application may determine during run time, that the window dimensions will no longer change. At this point, there may be no reason for this particular treeview item to remain as a callback item. This time, you need to process the TVN_GETDISPINFO message in a slightly different manner, specifying the TVIF_DI_SETITEM flag as demonstrated in the following code:

```

case TVN_GETDISPINFO:

    if (ptvdi.mask & TVIF_TEXT)
    {
        RECT rect;
        char szBuf [30];

        GetWindowRect (hWndToBrowse, &rect);

        // where FormatRectText formats the rect information
        // in a nice <WindowRect: (x,y):cx,cy> format
        // and stores it in szBuf.
        FormatRectText (&rect, szBuf, sizeof (szBuf));

        lstrcpy (ptvdi.pszText, szBuf);
        plvdi->item.mask = plvdi->item.mask | TVIF_DI_SETITEM;
    }
}

```

By ORing the mask with TVIF_DI_SETITEM, you instruct Windows to start storing text information for the particular treeview item. At that point, the application stops receiving a TVN_GETDISPINFO notification whenever the item needs to be redrawn. This works almost as well as calling `TreeView_SetItem()` on the item and replacing `pszText`'s value with `LPSTR_TEXTCALLBACK` to the appropriate string.

The same holds true for listview controls when the mask is ORed with the `LVIF_DI_SETITEM` flag. However, note that setting the `LVIF_DI_SETITEM` flag

for listviews works only for the first column of text (iSubItem ==0).

If an application specifies LPSTR_TEXTCALLBACK therefore for a column other than 0 in report view, LVIF_DI_SETITEM does not store the text information for that listview item column.

For more information on other members of the LV_ITEM and TV_ITEM structures that can be set up for callback, refer to the documentation on LV_DISPINFO and TV_DISPINFO structures.

Additional reference words: 4.00 1.30 I_IMAGECALLBACK win95
I_CHILDRENCALLBACK
KBCategory: kbprg kbcode
KSubcategory: UsrCtl

PRB: LB_DIR with Long Filenames Returns LB_ERR in Windows 95
Article ID: Q131286

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.51, 4.0
 - Microsoft Win32s version 1.3
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SYMPTOMS

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Sending an LB_DIR message to a list box that specifies a long filename in the lParam returns LB_ERR in Windows 95 but works fine in Windows NT version 3.51.

CAUSE

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The implementation of list boxes in Windows 95 thunks down to 16-bit USER.EXE, and the LB_DIR command has not been enhanced to support long filenames.

RESOLUTION

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Convert the long filename to its short form before passing it as the lParam to LB_DIR by using GetShortPathName(). Similarly, when calling DlgDirList() to fill a list box with filenames, make sure the lpPathSpec parameter refers to the short name of the file.

Sample Code

```
char  szLong [256], szShort [256];
DWORD dwResult;
LONG  lResult;

lstrcpy (szLong, "C:\\\\This Is A Test Subdirectory");
dwResult = GetShortPathName (szLong, szShort, 256);
if (!dwResult)
    dwResult = GetLastError ();

lstrcat (szShort, "\\*.");
lResult = SendDlgItemMessage (hdlg,
                              IDC_LIST1,
                              LB_DIR,
                              (WPARAM) (DDL_READWRITE),
                              (LPARAM) (LPSTR) szShort);
if (LB_ERR == lResult)
    // an error occurred
```

NOTE: If a file with a long filename exists under the subdirectory specified, Windows 95 displays the short name in the list box, whereas Windows NT displays the long name.

STATUS

=====

This behavior is by design.

MORE INFORMATION

=====

This is not a problem under Windows NT because it always supported long filenames.

You can have an application check the system version and decide at run time if it should call GetShortPathName before passing the filename as lParam to the LB_DIR message. Windows NT will, however, take a short name and fill the list box with the filenames.

Additional reference words: 4.00 1.30 LongFileName LFN DlgDirList CB_DIR
DlgDirListComboBox

KBCategory: kbprg kbcode kbpb

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

Treeviews Share Image Lists by Default

Article ID: Q131287

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.51, 4.0
 - Microsoft Win32s version 1.3
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SUMMARY

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The LVS_SHAREIMAGELISTS style is available for listview controls to enable the same image lists to be used with multiple listview controls. There is no equivalent TVS_SHAREIMAGELISTS, however, for the treeview control because treeviews share image lists by default.

MORE INFORMATION

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By default, a listview control takes ownership of the image lists associated with it. For listviews, this could be any of three image lists (those with large icons, small icons, or state images). These three image lists are set by calling `ListView_SetImageList()` with the flags `LVSIL_NORMAL`, `LVSIL_SMALL`, or `LVSIL_STATE` respectively. The listview then takes responsibility for destroying these image lists when it is destroyed.

Setting the `LVS_SHAREIMAGELISTS` style, however, moves ownership of the image lists from the listview control to the application. Because this style assumes that the image lists are shared by multiple listviews, specifying this style requires that the application destroy the image lists when the last listview using them is destroyed. Failure to do so causes a memory leak in the system.

Similarly, because treeviews share image lists by default, an application that associates an image list with a treeview should ensure that the image list is destroyed after the last treeview using it is destroyed. Another way to do this is to first set the treeview's image list to `NULL` by using `TreeView_SetImageList()`; then destroy the handle to the previous image list returned by the function.

Additional reference words: 1.30 4.00 95 Common Controls

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

PRB: RegisterClass()/ClassEx() Fails If cbWndExtra > 40 Bytes
Article ID: Q131288

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) version 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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Under Windows 95, a call to RegisterClass() or RegisterClassEx() returns NULL if a value greater than 40 is specified for the cbWndExtra or cbClsExtra members of the WNDCLASS or WNDCLASSEX structure.

CAUSE

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Windows 95 checks to see if cbWndExtra or cbClsExtra is greater than 40. If so, it outputs these debug messages and returns NULL to indicate failure:

```
RegisterClassEx: Unusually large cbClsExtra (>40)
RegisterClassEx: Unusually large cbWndExtra (>40)
```

RESOLUTION

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If more than 40 bytes are needed to store window-specific or class-specific information, an application should allocate memory. Then set the cbWndExtra or cbClsExtra to 4 bytes, and pass the pointer to the allocated memory by using SetClassLong() as follows:

```
SetClassLong (hWnd, GCL_CBCLSEXTRA, lpMemoryAllocated);
SetClassLong (hWnd, GCL_CBWNDEXTRA, lpMemoryAllocated);
```

The pointer can then be retrieved when needed by using GetClassLong() as follows:

```
lpMemoryAllocated = GetClassLong (hWnd, GCL_CBCLSEXTRA);
lpMemoryAllocated = GetClassLong (hWnd, GCL_CBWNDEXTRA);
```

STATUS

=====

This behavior is by design. However, as of version 3.51, Windows NT does not have this 40-byte limitation.

Additional reference words: 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: UsrCls

PRB: RichEdit Control Hides Mouse Pointer (Cursor)

Article ID: Q131381

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.51, 4.0
 - Microsoft Win32s version 1.3
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SYMPTOMS

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When the mouse pointer (cursor) is over a RichEdit control and the user starts typing in the control, the RichEdit control hides the pointer.

CAUSE

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When the user is typing in a RichEdit control, the control automatically hides the mouse pointer if it is over the control. The control does this intentionally so the cursor does not obscure the text in the control. When the mouse is moved again, the pointer re-appears.

STATUS

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This behavior is by design.

Additional reference words: 4.00 95 1.30

KBCategory: kbprg kbui kbprb

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

How to Handle FNERR_BUFFERTOOSMALL in Windows 95

Article ID: Q131462

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) version 4.0

SUMMARY

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When an application uses the Open File common dialog with the OFN_ALLOWMULTISELECT flag, there is a danger that the buffer passed to the common dialog in the OPENFILENAME.lpstrFile field will be too small. In this situation, GetOpenFileName() will return an error value and CommDlgExtendedError() will return FNERR_BUFFERTOOSMALL.

To work around this problem, watch for the Open or OK button to be pressed in the dialog hook; then reallocate the buffer if necessary.

This technique works on Windows version 3.1, Windows NT, and Windows 95, but the implementation details are different when dealing with Windows 95 Explorer-type dialog boxes versus traditional Open and Save common dialog boxes. This article explains how to do it in Windows 95.

MORE INFORMATION

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With the introduction of the new common dialogs for Windows 95, a new way of handling the FNERR_BUFFERTOOSMALL error was developed. It is still necessary to watch for the Open button to be pressed and reallocate the buffer if needed, but the way to watch for the OK is much different.

When you install a hook on the Open File common dialog in Windows 95 using the OPENFILENAME.lpfnHook member, the dialog you are hooking is a child of the main Open File dialog. Therefore, to intercept the OK button, you need to subclass the parent dialog. To do this, you can install the hook procedure and watch for the CDN_INITDONE notification. The Open File dialog will send this as part of a WM_NOTIFY message when the initialization for the dialog is complete. For example:

```
LRESULT CALLBACK DialogHook(HWND hwnd, UINT uMsg, WPARAM wParam,
                             LPARAM lParam)
{
    static HWND hwndParentDialog;
    LPOFNOTIFY lpofn;

    switch (uMsg)
    {
        case WM_INITDIALOG:
            // You need to use a copy of the OPENFILENAME struct used to
            // create this dialog. You can store a pointer to the
            // OPENFILENAME struct in the ofn.lCustData so you can retrieve
            // it here in the lParam. Once you have it, you need to hang on
            // to it. Using window properties provides a good thread safe
            // solution to using a global variable.
```

```

        SetProp(hwnd, "OFN", lParam);
        return (0);

case WM_NOTIFY:
    // The OFNOTIFY struct is passed in the lParam of this message.

    lpofn = (LPOFNOTIFY) lParam;

    switch (lpofn->hdr.code)
    {
        CDN_INITDONE:
            // Subclass the parent dialog to watch for the OK
            // button.

            hwndParentDialog = GetParent(hwnd);
            g_lpfndialogProc =
                (FARPROC) SetWindowLong(hwndParentDialog,
                                        DWL_DLGPROC,
                                        OpenFileSubclassProc);

            break;

    }
    return (0);

case WM_DESTROY:
    // Need to clean up the subclassing we did on the dialog.
    SetWindowLong(hwndParentDialog, DWL_DLGPROC, g_lpfndialogProc);

    // Also need to free the property with the OPENFILENAME struct
    RemoveProp(hwnd, "OFN");
    return (0);
}
return (0);
}

```

Once the parent dialog is subclassed, the program can watch for the actual Open button. When the program gets the Open button command, it needs to check to see if the buffer originally allocated is large enough to handle all the files selected. The `CommDlg_OpenSave_GetFilePath()` API will return the length needed. Here is an example of the subclass procedure:

```

LRESULT CALLBACK OpenFileSubclassProc(HWND hwnd, UINT uMsg, WPARAM wParam,
                                     LPARAM lParam)
{
    LPTSTR lpsz;
    WORD    cbLength;

    switch (uMsg)
    {
        case WM_COMMAND:
            switch (LOWORD(wParam))
            {
                case IDOK:
                    // Need to verify the original buffer size is large
                    // enough to handle the files selected. The
                    // CommDlg_OpenSave_GetFilePath() API will return the

```

```

// length needed for this buffer.

cbLength = CommDlg_OpenSave_GetFilePath(hwnd, NULL, 0);

// OFN_BUFFER_SIZE is the size of the buffer originally
// used in the OPENFILENAME.lpszFile member.

if (OFN_BUFFER_SIZE < cbLength)
{
    // The buffer is too small, so allocate a
    // new buffer.
    lpsz = (LPTSTR) HeapAlloc(GetProcessHeap(),
                              HEAP_ZERO_MEMORY,
                              cbLength);

    if (lpsz)
    {
        // The OFN struct is stored in a property of
        // the dialog window.

        lpofn = (LPOPENFILENAME) GetProp(hwnd, "OFN");

        lpofn->lpstrFile = lpsz;
        lpofn->nMaxFile = cbLength;
    }
}

// Now let the dialog handle the message normally.
break;
}
break;
}

return (CallWindowProc(g_lpfnDialogProc, hwnd, uMsg, wParam, lParam));
}

```

The dialog should now return without error. Be aware that the buffer allocated in the subclass procedure needs to be freed once the dialog returns.

Finally, this technique only works for 32-bit applications that are using the Explorer-type common dialogs. For 32-bit applications that don't use the OFN_EXPLORER flag, Windows 95 thunks to the 16-bit common dialog and the hook function only gets a copy of the OPENFILENAME structure.

Additional reference words: 4.00
 KBCategory: kbui kbprg kbcode
 KBSubcategory: UsrCmnDlg

How to Obtain Icon Information from an .EXE in Windows 95

Article ID: Q131500

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) version 4.0
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SUMMARY

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SHGetFileInfo is a new API that Windows 95 provides to allow an application to extract icon information from a particular file. With the introduction of large (32x32) and small (16x16) icons in Windows 95, SHGetFileInfo provides this information as well by filling in the appropriate members of the SHFILEINFO structure.

MORE INFORMATION

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In Windows version 3.1, an application can use the ExtractIcon() to retrieve the handle of an icon associated with a specified executable file, dynamic link library, or icon file.

Windows 95 provides a new function, SHGetFileInfo(), which, among other things, provides this icon information when using the SHGFI_ICON flag. When the function returns, the handle to the icon is returned in the hIcon member of the SHFILEINFO structure, and the index of the icon within the system image list is returned in the iIcon member of the same structure.

The code below demonstrates how to retrieve the Gen32 sample's icon and associates that icon with a dialog box's button:

```
HICON hGen32Icon;
SHFILEINFO shfi;

if (SHGetFileInfo ((LPCSTR)"C:\\MySamplesDir\\Gen32\\Gen32.Exe",
                  0,
                  &shfi,
                  sizeof (SHFILEINFO),
                  SHGFI_ICON))
{
    hGen32Icon = shfi.hIcon;

    // Note that this button has been defined in the .RC file
    // to be of BS_ICON style
    SendDlgItemMessage (hDlg,
                       IDC_BUTTON,
                       BM_SETIMAGE,
                       (WPARAM) IMAGE_ICON,
                       (LPARAM) (HICON) hGen32Icon);
}
else
{
    // SHGetFileInfo failed...
}
```

Windows 95 also introduces the concept of large and small icons associated with applications where the large icon is displayed when the application is minimized and the small icon is displayed in the upper-left corner of the application. This small icon, when clicked, drops down the application's system menu.

SHGetFileInfo() provides the file's large and small icon information as well, using the SHGFI_LARGEICON and SHGFI_SMALLICON flags respectively. SHGFI_LARGEICON returns the handle of the system image list containing the large icon images, whereas SHGFI_SMALLICON returns that of the system image list containing the small icon images. These flags, when OR'ed with the SHGFI_SYSICONINDEX flag, return the icon index within the appropriate system image list in the iIcon member of the SHFILEINFO struct.

The code sample below demonstrates how to retrieve the small icon associated with the same GEN32 sample.

```
HICON hGen32Icon;
HIMAGELIST hSysImageList;
SHFILEINFO shfi;

hSysImageList = SHGetFileInfo
((LPCSTR)"C:\\MySamplesDir\\Gen32\\Gen32.Exe",
 0,
 &shfi,
 sizeof (SHFILEINFO),
 SHGFI_SYSICONINDEX | SHGFI_SMALLICON);

if (hSysImageList)
{
hGen32Icon = ImageList_GetIcon (hSysImageList,
                               shfi.iIcon,
                               ILD_NORMAL);
}
else
{
// SHGetFileInfo failed...
}
```

Before closing, the application must call DestroyIcon() to free system resources associated with the icon returned by ImageList_GetIcon().

NOTE: The SHGetFileInfo() API will be supported in the next release of Windows NT that supports the new shell interface very similar to Windows 95. This API is not supported in Windows NT version 3.51.

Additional reference words: DLL EXE ICO 32 x 32 16 x 16
KBCategory: kbprg kbcode
KBSubcategory: UsrRsc

How to Modify the Width of the Drop Down List in a Combo Box

Article ID: Q131845

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32s version 1.2
 - Microsoft Win32 Software Development KIT (SDK) versions 3.5 and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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The Windows combo box contains a list box (of the ComboBox class) within it. In the standard combo box, this list box has exactly the same width as the combo box. However, you can make the width of the list box wider or narrower than the width of the combo box. You may have seen combo box lists like this in Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel. This article shows by example how to subclass a standard combo box class to achieve this functionality.

MORE INFORMATION

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The combo box in Windows is actually a combination of two or more controls; that's why it's called a "combo" box. For more information about the parts of a combo box and how they relate to each other, please see the following article in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

ARTICLE-ID: Q65881

TITLE : The Parts of a Windows Combo Box and How They Relate

To make the combo box list wider or narrower, you need the handle of the list box control within the combo box. This task is difficult because the list box is actually a child of the desktop window (for CBS_DROPDOWN and CBS_DROPDOWNLIST styles). If it were a child of the ComboBox control, dropping down the list box would clip it to the parent, and it wouldn't display.

A combo box receives WM_CTLCOLOR messages for its component controls when they need to be painted. This allows the combo box to specify a color for these controls. The HIWORD of the lParam in this message is the type of the control. In case of the combo box, Windows sends it a WM_CTLCOLOR message with the HIWORD set to CTLCOLOR_LISTBOX when the list box control needs to be painted. The LOWORD of the lParam contains the handle of the list box control.

In 32-bit Windows, the WM_CTLCOLOR message has been replaced with multiple messages, one for each type of control (WM_CTLCOLORBTN). For more information about this, please see the following article in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

ARTICLE-ID: Q81707

TITLE : WM_CTLCOLOR Processing for Combo Boxes of All Styles

Once you obtain the handle to the list box control window, you can resize

the control by using the MoveWindow API.

The following code sample demonstrates how to do this. This sample assumes that you have placed the combo box control in a dialog box.

Sample Code

```
// Global declarations.

LRESULT CALLBACK NewComboProc (HWND hWnd,   UINT message,   WPARAM
    wParam, LPARAM lParam ); // prototype for the combo box subclass proc

HANDLE hInst;                // Current app instance
BOOL bFirst;                 // a flag

// Dialog procedure for the dialog containing the combo box.

BOOL __export CALLBACK DialogProc(HWND hDlg,  UINT message,  WPARAM wParam,
    LPARAM lParam)
{
    FARPROC lpfnNewComboProc;

    switch (message)
    {
        case WM_INITDIALOG:

            bFirst = TRUE;      // set flag here - see below for usage

            // subclass the combo box

            lpfnOldComboProc = (FARPROC ) SetWindowLong (
                GetDlgItem ( hDlg, IDC_COMBO1 ),
                GWL_WNDPROC,
                (LONG)NewComboProc );

            break;

            case WM_DESTROY:
                (FARPROC ) SetWindowLong (    GetDlgItem ( hDlg, IDC_COMBO1 ),
                    GWL_WNDPROC,
                    (LONG)lpfnOldComboProc );

            break;

            default:
                break;
    }

    return FALSE;
} // end dialog proc

// Combobox subclass proc.

LRESULT CALLBACK NewComboProc (HWND hWnd,   UINT message,   WPARAM
    wParam, LPARAM lParam );
```

```

{
    static HWND hwndList;
    static RECT rectList;

#ifdef WIN16
    if ( WM_CTLCOLOR == message) // combo controls are to be painted.
#else
    if ( WM_CTLCOLORLISTBOX == message ) // 32 bits has new message.
#endif
    {
        // is this message for the list box control in the combo?
#ifdef WIN16
        if ( CTLCOLOR_LISTBOX==HIWORD (lParam) ) // need only for 16 bits
        {
#endif
            // Do only the very first time, get the list
            // box handle and the list box rectangle.
            // Note the use of GetWindowRect, as the parent
            // of the list box is the desktop window

            if ( bFirst )
            {
#ifdef WIN16
                hwndList = LOWORD (lParam );
#else
                hwndList = (HWND) lParam ; // HWND is 32 bits
#endif
                GetWindowRect ( hwndList, &rectList );
                bFirst = FALSE;
            }

            // Resize listbox window cx by 50 ( use your size here )

            MoveWindow ( hwndList, rectList.left, rectList.top,
                ( rectList.right - rectList.left + 50 ),
                rectList.bottom - rectList.top, TRUE );
#ifdef WIN16
        }
#endif
    }

    // Call original combo box procedure to handle other combo messages.

    return CallWindowProc ( lpfnOldComboProc, hWnd, message,
wParam, lParam );
}

```

Additional reference words: 1.20 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg kbui kbcode

KBSubcategory: usrctl

General Overview of Win32s

Article ID: Q83520

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.1 and 1.2
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SUMMARY

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The following is intended as a general introduction to Win32s. More information can be found in the "Win32s Programmer's Reference" and by querying for Knowledge Base articles on "Win32s".

MORE INFORMATION

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General Overview

The Win32 API consists of the Window 3.1 (Win16) API, with types stretched to 32 bits, plus the addition of APIs which offer new functionality, like threads, security, services, and virtual memory. Applications developed using the Win32 API are called "Win32-based applications".

Win32s is a set of DLLs and a VxD which allow Win32-based applications to run on top of Windows or Windows for Workgroups version 3.1. Win32s supports a subset of the Win32 API, some directly (like memory management) and some through thunks to the 16-bit systems (particularly GDI and User). Win32s contains function stubs for the APIs that are not supported, which return `ERROR_NOT_IMPLEMENTED`. Win32s also includes 4 new APIs which support the Universal Thunk (UT). For details on which API are supported under Win32s, refer to the individual API entries in the help file "Win32 API Reference." Among the new features gained from Win32 are structured exception handling (SEH), FP emulation, memory-mapped files, named shared memory, and sparse memory.

Win32-based applications running on Windows 3.1 will generally be faster than their Win16 equivalents on Windows 3.1, particularly if they are memory or floating-point intensive. The actual speed improvement varies with each application, because it depends on how often you cross the thunk layer. Each call which uses a thunk is no more than 10 percent slower than a direct call.

Binary Compatibility

Win32s offers binary compatibility for Win32-based applications on Windows 3.1 and Windows NT.

When you call a Win32 API, two options should be allowed:

- Option A: Your code should allow for a successful return from the function call.

- Option B: Your code should allow for an unsuccessful return from the function call.

For example, if the application is running under Windows 3.1 and a call is made to one of the supported APIs, then the call returns successfully and option A is executed. If the call is made while running under Windows NT, the call again returns successfully and option A should be executed. However, if running under Windows 3.1 and a Win32 API function is called that is unsupported, then an error code is returned and option B should be executed.

If, for example, option A were using a `CreateThread()` call, then option B would be alternative code, which would handle the task using a single-thread solution.

Programming Issues

Win32-based applications cannot use MS-DOS and BIOS interrupts; therefore, the Win32s VxD has Win32 entries for each Interrupt 21 and the BIOS calls.

The Win32s DLLs may thunk to Win16 when a Win32 application makes a call. The 32-bit parameters are copied from the 32-bit stack to a 16-bit stack and the 16-bit entry point is called. The Win32 application has a 128K stack. When switching to the 16-bit side via UT, the same stack is used, and a 16:16 stack pointer is created which points to the top of the stack. The selector base is set so that there is at least an 8K stack for the 16-bit code.

There are other semantic difference between Windows 3.1 and Win32. Windows 3.1 will run applications for Win32 nonpreemptively in a single, shared address space, while Windows NT runs them preemptively in separate address spaces. It is therefore important that you test your Win32-based application on both Windows 3.1 and Windows NT.

If you need to call routines that reside in a 16-bit DLL or Windows from 32-bit code, you can do this using the Win32s Universal Thunk or other client-server techniques. For a description of UT, please see the "Win32s Programmer's Reference" and the sample UTSAMPLE.

DDE, OLE, WM_COPYDATA, the clipboard, metafiles, and bitmaps can be used between 16-bit Windows-based and Win32-based applications on both Windows 3.1 and Windows NT. RPC is not supported from Win32-based applications.

Additional reference words: 1.10 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: W32s

PRB: Win32s GetVolumeInformation() Returns 0x12345678 or 0
Article ID: Q93639

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s version 1.0, 1.1, 1.15, and 1.2
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SYMPTOMS

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In Win32s version 1.0 and 1.1, GetVolumeInformation() always returns a volume ID of 0x12345678. In Win32s version 1.15 and later, the return is 0.

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This is a known limitation of Win32s and is by design.

Additional reference words: 1.00 1.10 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: W32s

Calling a Win32 DLL from a Win16 App on Win32s
Article ID: Q97785

 The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.1 and 1.2
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SUMMARY
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A Windows version 3.1 application can call a Win32 dynamic-link library (DLL) under Win32s using Universal Thunks.

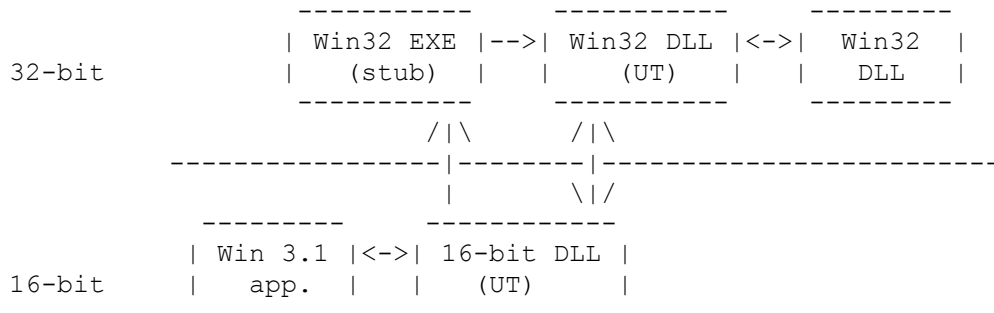
The following are required components (in addition to the Windows 3.1 application and the Win32 DLL):

- A 16-bit DLL that provides the same entry points as the Win32 DLL. This serves as the 16-bit end for the Universal Thunk. The programmer must also include code that will detect whether the 32-bit side is loaded.
- A Win32 DLL that sets up the Universal Thunk. This serves as the 32-bit end of the Universal Thunk. This DLL is supported only under Win32s.
- A Win32 EXE that loads the 32-bit DLL described above.

NOTE: Universal Thunks were designed to work with a Win32-based application calling a 16-bit DLL. The method described here has limitations. Because the application is 16-bit, no 32-bit context is created, so certain calls will not work from the Win32 DLL. For example, the first time you call malloc() or new() from a DLL entrypoint called by the 16-bit application, the system will hang. This is because MSVCRT20.DLL is using TLS to store C Run-time state information and there is no TLS set up.

MORE INFORMATION
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The following diagram illustrates how the pieces fit together:



The load order is as follows: The Windows 3.1 application loads the 16-bit DLL. The 16-bit DLL checks to see whether the 32-bit side has been initialized. If it has not been initialized, then the DLL spawns the 32-bit

EXE (stub), which then loads the 32-bit DLL that sets up the Universal Thunks with the 16-bit DLL. Once all of the components are loaded and initialized, when the Windows 3.x application calls an entry point in the 16-bit DLL, the 16-bit DLL uses the 32-bit Universal Thunk callback to pass the data over to the 32-bit side. Once the call has been received on the 32-bit side, the proper Win32 DLL entry point can be called.

Note that the components labeled Win32 DLL (UT) and Win32 DLL in the diagram above can be contained in the same Win32 DLL. Remember that the code in the Win32 DLL (UT) portion isn't supported under Windows NT, so this code must be special-cased if the DLLs are combined.

For more information, please see the "Win32s Programmer's Reference."

For a sample program, see the following file on CompuServe, in the MSWIN32 forum:

```
LIB 14 !dir /des /long /lib:all rev*.*
[76150,2543]    Lib:14
REVUT./Bin     Bytes:    8848, Count:  205, 10-Jan-94   Last:29-Jul-94
```

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Title      : Revut
Keywords:  UT UNIVERSAL THUNK WIN32S 32-BIT DLL 16-BIT APP
```

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16-bit app calling a 32 bit dll under win32s (reverse UT)
```

Additional reference words: 1.10 1.20 reverse universal thunk

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: W32s

Win32s Message Queue Checking

Article ID: Q97918

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.1 and 1.2
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Win32-based applications that are designed to run with Win32s need to check the message queue through a GetMessage() or PeekMessage() call to avoid locking up the system. With Windows NT this is not a problem, because the input model is desynchronized. That is, each thread has its own input event queue rather than having one queue for the entire system. In a synchronous input model, one application can block all of the others by allowing the single system queue to fill up with its messages. With Windows NT, an application that lets its input queue fill up will not affect other applications.

For more information, please see chapter 3 of the "Win32s Programmer's Reference".

Additional reference words: 1.10 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: W32s

PRB: _getdcwd() Returns the Root Directory Under Win32s
Article ID: Q98286

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.1 and 1.2
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SYMPTOMS

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In the following code segment, _getdcwd() always returns the root:

```
_getdcwd( 3, cBuf, MAX_PATH );  
MessageBox( hWnd, cBuf, "Drive 3 <C drive>", MB_OK );
```

Also, in the following code segment, _chdrive() and _getcwd() always return the root:

```
_chdrive( 3 );  
_getcwd( cBuf, MAX_PATH );  
MessageBox( hWnd, cBuf, "Drive 3 <C drive>", MB_OK );
```

CAUSE

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When a Win32-based application starts on Win32s, the root is set as the current directory for any drive except the default drive.

RESOLUTION

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The following code fragments work as expected under Win32s:

```
_getdcwd( 0, cBuf, MAX_PATH );  
MessageBox( hWnd, cBuf, "Drive 0 <default drive>", MB_OK );
```

-or-

```
GetCurrentDirectory( sizeof (cBuf), cBuf );  
MessageBox( hWnd, cBuf, "SCD", MB_OK );
```

MORE INFORMATION

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Windows NT uses the current directory of a process as the initial current directory for the current drive of a child process. So for example, if the current directory in the command prompt (CMD.EXE) is C:\WINNT then the current directory of the child process will be C:\WINNT.

However, on Win32s, the current directory for any drive except the default drive is set to the root and not the current directory of the parent process. A Win32-based application running on Win32s calling _chdrive() or SetCurrentDirectory() to change the drive GetCurrentDirectory() or _getcwd() will then return the root. The _getdcwd() function is a composite of changing drives, getting the current directory of that drive, and change

back to the original drive. Therefore, `_getdcwd()` will always return the root on Win32s.

Running the following sample to display the current directory of drives C and D under Windows NT properly displays the full path of the drive. Running the sample under Win32s always displays the root ("C:\", "D:\").

Sample Code

```
#include <direct.h>
```

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...
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```
status = _getdcwd(3, szPath, MAX_PATH);    // drive 3 == C:
if( status != NULL )
{
    MessageBox( hWnd, szPath, "Current working directory on C:", MB_OK );
}
```

```
status = _getdcwd( 4, szPath, MAX_PATH ); // drive 4 == D:
if( status != NULL )
{
    MessageBox( hWnd, szPath, "Current working directory on D:", MB_OK );
}
```

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...
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Additional reference words: 1.10 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: W32s

Support for Sleep() on Win32s

Article ID: Q100713

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.0, 1.1, and 1.2
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The Win32 application programming interface (API) documentation indicates that Sleep() is supported on Win32s. It is important to note, however, that the behavior of Sleep() on Win32s is not the same as it is under Windows NT.

Under Win32s, Sleep() calls Yield(). The Windows version 3.1 Yield() function yields only if the message queue is empty; therefore, Sleep() cannot be relied on to do anything. Use a PeekMessage() loop to do idle time processing.

Additional reference words: 1.00 1.10 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: W32s

Win32s Translated Pointers Guaranteed for 32K

Article ID: Q100833

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.0, 1.1, and 1.2
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SUMMARY

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Translated pointers are guaranteed to be valid only for 32K, rather than 64K, which selectors are usually limited to. This limitation is for performance reasons.

Selectors are tiled every 32K. A 0:32 pointer can be quickly translated into a 16:16 pointer, which will be valid for a minimum of 32K. In other words, the offset portion of the 16:16 pointer is not guaranteed to be 0 (zero) when translated. As a result, even though the translated selectors have a limit of 64K, the offset passed to the 16-bit side may be as large as 32K-1.

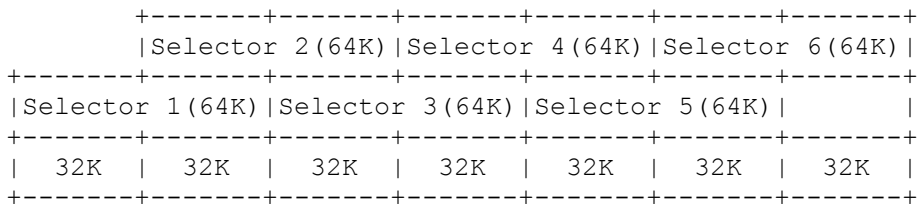
Selectors are created on a 32K alignment so that if you pass several pointers to the same range, the Universal Thunk (UT) uses the same selector. Selectors are freed when application terminates.

The alternative is to create a selector for each and every translation, which is very slow.

MORE INFORMATION

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For any given address, there are two selectors that point to it, but only one has a limit less than 32K:



Under Win32s, 16-bit and 32-bit applications share the same global data space; therefore, it is possible to share a buffer of up to 64K in size with a far pointer or more than 64K with a huge pointer by doing the following:

1. Do a GlobalAlloc() on the 32-bit side. Be sure to use GMEM_MOVEABLE.
2. Copy the data.
3. Send the handle to the 16-bit side.
4. Get a pointer to the data on the 16-bit side by using GlobalLock().

When you pass a pointer to a block that was allocated via GlobalAlloc() from the 32-bit side, it costs no selectors. The translated pointer is valid until the memory is freed.

Additional reference words: 1.00 1.10 1.20
KBCategory: kbprg
KSubcategory: W32s

Debugging Applications Under Win32s

Article ID: Q102430

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.0, 1.1, and 1.2
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SUMMARY

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To start debugging a Win32-based application, make sure that it runs correctly under Windows NT. Use either WinDbg or NTSD to track down any problems.

Then, install the debugging libraries for Windows 3.1 and the debug version of Win32s. Hook the machine to another machine running a terminal emulator and watch for any warnings that are issued. Be sure to select the Win32sDebug flags carefully--selecting too many will generate more information than you may care to see; selecting too few may cause you to miss important information and warnings.

If you need to debug on Win32s, there are currently two options:

- Use wdeb386 (note that this method is very tricky).
- Use remote WinDbg (WDBG32S.EXE) if you are not familiar with using a kernel debugger. This method requires two machines: a Win32s machine to run the application and the remote debugger and a Windows NT machine to run WinDbg.

If you have Microsoft Visual C++ 32-bit Edition version 1.0, CodeView for Win32s is an additional option. CodeView for Win32s is a user-level debugger; remote debugging is not necessary, and therefore CodeView for Win32s does not require a second machine. CVW32S does not come with Visual C++ 2.0 and later. You can still use CVW32S.EXE with later versions of Visual C++, if you link with /PDB:none and /INCREMENTAL:no and if you do not use new features such as templates or C++ exception handling.

MORE INFORMATION

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When performing remote debugging, make sure that the cable is set up exactly as specified in the Win32s Programmer's Reference. The remote WinDbg does not support software flow control, so it is very important that the hardware flow control is set up properly. If it is not set up correctly, you will have problems as the buffers overflow.

WinDbg supports XON/XOFF (software) flow control, which means that the standard 3-wire cable can now be used, although the default is still hardware handshaking (5-wire cable). To enable XON/XOFF, you must specify the XON flag in the serial transport parameters on both WinDbg and remote WinDbg.

To enable XON/XOFF in the remote WinDbg:

1. Select Options to bring up the Transport dynamic-link library (DLL) dialog box.
2. Select the serial transport and make any needed modifications to the communications port or baud rate parameters.
3. Place the XON flag at the end of the Parameters box. For example, "COM1:19200 XON". Note that the space is needed.

To enable XON/XOFF on WinDbg:

1. Select Options/Debug DLLs.
2. Select the proper serial transport layer.
3. Choose the Change button.
4. Add XON to the end of the Parameters line: "COM1:19200 XON".

It is very important that both sides of the debugger use the same protocol. If they do not, both debuggers will probably hang. Also, the remote debugging environment requires that binaries be located on the same drive/directory on both the development and target systems. For example, if WIN32APP.EXE is built from sources in a C:\DEV\WIN32APP directory, the binary should be located in this directory on both systems. If you build your source files by specifying fully qualified paths for the compiler, the compiler will place this information with the debug records which will allow WinDbg to automatically locate the appropriate source files.

For additional information on remote debugging, please see the "Win32s Programmer's Reference" which is included with the Win32 SDK.

Additional reference words: 1.00 1.10 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: W32s

GetCommandLine() Under Win32s

Article ID: Q102762

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.0, 1.1, and 1.2
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Under Win32s, GetCommandLine() includes the full drive/path of the executable, while under Windows NT GetCommandLine() does not include the full path.

When programs are run from the Program Manager or the File Manager on Windows 3.1, they are spawned using the full path. As a result, argv[0] will have the complete path. When a Win32s application is spawned by a 16-bit application, Windows detects that the application is a Win32s application. The full path is passed to Win32s regardless of whether or not WinExec() was invoked with the full path. As a result, 32-bit applications receive the full path.

When a Win32-based application is spawned from another Win32-based application, the 32-bit kernel passes the information as given by the parent process [that is, if a Win32-based application is started via CreateProcess() from another Win32-based application, argv[0] will contain the path that the spawning application passed in].

Additional reference words: 1.00 1.10 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: W32s

Win32s NetBIOS Programming Considerations

Article ID: Q104314

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s version 1.0, 1.1, and 1.2
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This article addresses common questions about NetBIOS programming under Win32s.

Under Windows 3.1, you normally do not issue a RESET command due to the common name table. When running your Win32-based application under Windows version 3.1, you may issue a NetBIOS RESET command. Win32s keeps an internal list of all the names added in the Windows 3.1 NetBIOS name table by Win32 processes. A RESET on Win32s mimics the RESET on Windows NT by clearing the names added by that process from the system-wide name table. As a result, issuing a RESET command as the first NetBIOS command (as required by Windows NT) on Win32s does not clear out all of the names.

The Windows 3.1 NetBIOS VxD expects memory allocated for the NetBIOS Control Block (NCB) and the data buffer (NCB.ncb_buffer) to be allocated with GlobalAlloc(). The VxD will lock the specified memory page. If a Win32-based application running under Win32s passes the Netbios() command virtual memory, Netbios() will return error 0x22, indicating that there are too many commands outstanding. On Win32s, each piece of memory that might pass through Netbios() must be allocated with GlobalAlloc().

The Win32s NetBIOS thunk layer translates the ncb_buffer pointer in the NCB itself. The translation back from a 16-bit to original 32-bit pointer is done for asynchronous commands in the Win32s private post routine. A problem might occur when an application checks the NCB and finds that the netbios() command is completed (ncb_retcode == NRC_GOODRET), but the Win32s post routine was not called yet. The ncb_buffer has not been translated back. The best way to avoid problems is to define and use a post routine. At that point you are sure that the netbios() command is completed and the NCB is correct. If you don't want to use a post routine, you should make sure that the command was completed by checking the the ncb_retcode field and verifying that the ncb_buffer pointer is a 32-bit pointer.

There is also no need to pagelock the NetBIOS post routine code under Win32s. NetBIOS post routine on Win32s is not called at interrupt time. The post routine is called in the context of the process, and therefore there is no need to page lock the post routine code.

Additional reference words: 1.00 1.10 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: W32s

Debugging Universal Thunks

Article ID: Q105756

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.0, 1.1, and 1.2
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The general recommendation for an application targeted for Win32s is to debug it under Windows NT, then make sure that the application works under Win32s. However, Universal Thunks are not supported on Windows NT, so it is not possible to debug Win32-based applications that use the Universal Thunk in this manner.

To debug across the Universal Thunk, you can use WDEB386, which is available with the Windows 3.1 Software Development Kit (SDK). If you are not familiar with WDEB386, you may find it simpler to use other methods. In that case, be sure to install the debug version of Windows 3.1 and the debug version of Win32s and enable suitable notifications for Win32s (unimplemented functions and messages, verbose, and so forth). You may find `OutputDebugString()` useful for displaying extra information.

For more information on WDEB386, please see the Knowledge Base article "Tips On Installing WDEB386." For information on installing the debug version of Windows, please see your Windows SDK documentation.

Additional reference words: 1.00 1.10 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: W32s

Using Windows Sockets Under Win32s and WOW

Article ID: Q105757

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.1 and 1.2
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SUMMARY

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Win32s versions 1.1 and later provide a thunking layer for Windows Sockets. A 16-bit Windows Sockets 1.1 package must be installed on the Windows machine. Otherwise, the system will report that WINSOCK.DLL was not found. Windows NT provides a versions 1.0- and 1.1-compliant WOW (Windows on Win32) thunking layer.

MORE INFORMATION

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There are a number of vendors that sell Windows Sockets packages. Windows Sockets support is available from Microsoft for LAN Manager version 2.2 for MS-DOS and Windows 3.1 at no additional cost. Similar support is also being shipped in "Microsoft TCP/IP for Windows For Workgroups" and the "Microsoft Network Client."

If you have LAN Manager with Microsoft TCP/IP, you can pick up everything you need from ftp.microsoft.com. Or, call Microsoft Sales at (800) 426-9400.

The following is information on how to subscribe to an Internet mailing list for Windows Socket programming as of 07/94:

Send mail to majordomo@mailbag.intel.com with a body that has

SUBSCRIBE WINSOCK <your_full_internet_email_address>.

If you want to be on the winsock hackers mailing list (for implementors of Windows sockets), use the following body in a separate piece of email.

SUBSCRIBE WINSOCK-HACKERS <your_full_internet_email_address>.

Other lists available include:

- winsnmp
- winsock-2
- ws2-app-review-board
- ws2-appletalk
- ws2-conn-oriented-media
- ws2-decnet
- ws2-generic-api-ext
- ws2-ipx-spx
- ws2-name-resolution
- ws2-oper-framework
- ws2-osi

ws2-spec-clarif
ws2-tcp-ip
ws2-transp-review-board
ws2-wireless

Use the command 'info <list>' to get more information about a specific list.

Additional reference words: 1.10 1.20
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: W32s

Win32s and Windows NT Timer Differences

Article ID: Q105758

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.0, 1.1, and 1.2
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Under Windows NT, timers are system objects; as such, they are not owned by an application. SetTimer() can be called from within one application with a handle to a window that was created by a different application. This application would process the WM_TIMER messages in the window procedure. The timer event will continue to occur even after the application that created the timer has terminated. Note that it is fairly uncommon for a Win32-based application to create a timer for another application, but this method does work.

Because Win32s runs on top of Windows 3.1 and shares many of its characteristics, timers are owned by the application that calls SetTimer(). The timer event terminates when the application that owns the timer terminates.

Additional reference words: 1.00 1.10 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: W32s

Using Serial Communications Under Win32s

Article ID: Q105759

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.0, 1.1, and 1.2
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Windows NT and Windows provide significantly different serial communications application programming interfaces (APIs). Win32s does not support the Win32 Communications API.

A good approach to take in writing a Win32-based application targetted for Win32s that uses serial communications is to create a pair of dynamic-link libraries (DLLs) with the same name. One DLL will use Win32 Communications APIs and be installed under Windows NT. The other DLL will use the Universal Thunk to call a 16-bit DLL that will call the Windows Communications API. This DLL will be installed under Win32s.

For more information on the Universal Thunk, see the "Win32s Programmers Guide" included with the Software Development Kit (SDK). In addition, there is a sample in MSTOOLS\WIN32S\UT\SAMPLES\UTSAMPLE.

Additional reference words: 1.00 1.10 1.20 comm

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: W32s

Using VxDs and Software Interrupts Under Win32s

Article ID: Q105760

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.0, 1.1, and 1.2
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Calling VxDs directly from a Win32-based application is not supported under Win32s. Win32s does not support the VxD interfaces, so the call is handled by the underlying Windows system. The Win32-based application runs with 32-bit stack and code sections, but Windows expects only 16-bit segments. Therefore, the calls to the VxD cannot be handled by Windows as expected.

To call software interrupts (such as Interrupt 2F) from a Win32-based application running under Windows 3.1 via Win32s, place the call in a 16-bit dynamic-link library (DLL) and use the Universal Thunks to access this DLL. To convert the addresses between segmented and linear address, use `UTSelectorOffsetToLinear()` and `UTLinearToSelectorOffset()`.

Additional reference words: 1.00 1.10 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: W32s

Getting Resources from 16-Bit DLLs Under Win32s

Article ID: Q105761

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.0, 1.1, and 1.2
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A Win32-based application running under Win32s can load a 16-bit dynamic-link library (DLL) using `LoadLibrary()` and free it with `FreeLibrary()`. This behavior is allowed primarily so that `GetProcAddress()` can be called for printer driver application programming interfaces (APIs).

Calling `FindResource()` with the handle that `LoadLibrary()` returns to the DLL that it just loaded results in an access violation. However, the Win32-based application can use the following APIs with this handle

- `LoadBitmap`
- `LoadCursor`
- `LoadIcon`

because this results in `USER.EXE` (16-bit) making calls to `KERNEL.EXE`.

If you go through a Universal Thunk to get raw resource data from the 16-bit DLL, it is necessary to convert the resource to 32-bit format, because the resource format is different from the 16-bit format. The 32-bit format is described in the Software Development Kit (SDK) file `DOC\SDK\FILEFRMT\RESFMT.TXT`.

To determine whether a DLL is a 32-bit or 16-bit DLL, check the DLL header. The `DWORD` at offset `0x3C` indicates where to look for the PE signature. Compare the 4 bytes there to `0x00004550` to determine whether this is a Win32 DLL.

Additional reference words: 1.00 1.10 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: W32s

Sharing Memory Between 32-Bit and 16-Bit Code on Win32s

Article ID: Q105762

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.0, 1.1, and 1.2
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SUMMARY

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This article discusses many of the issues involved in sharing memory across the process boundary under Win32s.

MORE INFORMATION

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Memory allocated by a Win32-based application using `GlobalAlloc()` can be shared with a 16-bit Windows-based application on Win32s. If the memory is allocated with `GMEM_MOVEABLE`, then `GlobalAlloc()` returns a handle and not a pointer. The 16-bit Windows-based application can use the low word of this handle. The high word is all zeros. Make sure to lock the handle using `GlobalLock()` in the 16-bit Windows-based application to get a pointer.

NOTE: `GlobalAlloc (GMEM_FIXED...)` is not the same as `GlobalFix(GlobalAlloc(GMEM_MOVEABLE...))`. `GMEM_FIXED` will allocate locked pages, which is most often not what you want.

Memory allocated by a 16-bit Windows-based application via `GlobalAlloc()` must be fixed via `GlobalFix()` and translated before it can be passed to a Win32-based application. Whenever a Windows object is passed to a Win32-based application by its 32-bit address, the memory must be fixed, because the address is computed from the selector base only once. If Windows moves the memory, the linear address used by the Win32-based application will no longer be valid.

If you are using the Universal Thunk, you can also pass a buffer from a Win32-based application to a 16-bit dynamic-link library (DLL) in the `UTRegister()` call. The address is translated for you. Another alternative is the translation list passed to the callable stubs. Addresses passed in the translation list will be translated during the thunking process. For more information on the Universal Thunk, please see the "Win32 Programmer's Reference."

NOTE: The ability to share global memory handles under Win32s is a result of the implementation of Windows 3.1, in which all applications run in the same address space. This is not true of existing Win32 platforms and will not be true of future Win32 platforms.

Allocating memory with `GlobalAlloc()` gets you tiled selectors. However, you can only tile 255 selectors at a time and there is an overall limit of 8192 selectors in the system. If you allocate memory using `new`, `malloc()`, `HeapAlloc()`, `LocalAlloc()` or `VirtualAlloc`, your allocated memory does not automatically get you tiled selectors. However, because you don't automatically get tiled selectors, whenever you pass memory to 16-bit code, selectors must be synthesized for you. There's currently a limit of 256

selectors that Win32s maintains for select synthesis. Also note that each block of memory that you pass is limited to 32K in size due to the way that Win32s tiles selectors.

Additional reference words: 1.00 1.10 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: W32s

Troubleshooting Win32s Installation Problems

Article ID: Q106715

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.1, 1.15, and 1.2
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SUMMARY

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The installation guide for Win32s that is included in the Win32 SDK recommends running Freecell to verify that the installation was successful. This article discusses some of the errors that may occur when trying to run Freecell on an unsuccessful install. The article also contains a list of corrective actions to help you reinstall Win32s.

MORE INFORMATION

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Possible symptoms

One of the following may occur when running Freecell if the installation is not successful:

- File Error: Cannot find OLECLI.DLL
- or-
- Win32s - Error:
Improper installation. Win32s requires WIN32S.EXE and WIN32S16.DLL to run. Reinstall Win32s.
- or-
- Win32s - Error:
Improper installation. Windows requires w32s.386 in order to run. Reinstall Win32s.
- or-
- Error: Cannot find file freecell.exe (or one of its components)...
- or-
- The display is corrupted as soon as you run FreeCell.

Possible solutions

Check the following when Win32s does not install correctly:

- If you are having video problems, check to see if you have an S3 video card. Certain S3 drivers do not work with Win32s. Either use the generic drivers shipped with Windows or contact your video card manufacturer for

an updated driver. For additional information on the S3 driver and Win32s please see the following article(s) in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

ARTICLE-ID: Q117153

TITLE : PRB: Display Problems with Win32s and the S3 Driver

- Make sure that the following line is in your SYSTEM.INI file

```
device=*vmcpd
```

- If you have a printer driver by LaserMaster, delete it or comment it out because it interferes with installing Win32s. Then reboot the computer so that the changes you made will take effect. After you successfully reinstall Win32s, reinstall the driver or remove the comment characters.

The driver interferes with installing Win32s because the LaserMaster drivers create a WINSPOOL device . The extension is ignored when the filename portion of a path matches a device name. As a result, when Setup tries to write to WINSPOOL.DRV, it fails, because it attempts to write to WINSPOOL. In fact, any Win32-based application that tries to link to WINSPOOL.DRV also fails; however, most Win32-based applications that print under Win32s do not use the WINSPOOL application programming interfaces(APIs) because they are not supported in Win32s. As a result, you can usually just disable this driver while installing Win32s and then reenale it afterwards.

- Delete the \WIN32S directory, the \WIN32APP directory, W32SYS.DLL, W32S16.DLL, and WIN32S.EXE from your hard drive before installing. Although it is possible to install Win32s on top of an old installation of Win32s, it is better to remove the old files before installing the new ones.

Edit the WIN32S.INI file on your hard drive. Change the line(s) SETUP = 1 to read SETUP = 0. Reboot your computer and reinstall Win32s.

- Make sure that paging is enabled. From the Control Panel, select the 386 Enhanced icon, choose Virtual Memory, and choose Change. Verify that the drive type is not set to none. The type can be set to either temporary or permanent.
- If you are using SHARE, not VSHARE.386 (which WFW machines use), make sure that SHARE is enabled. Edit AUTOEXEC.BAT and add the following line if it is not already there:

```
C:\DOS\SHARE.EXE
```

If you still receive errors when running Freecell, compare the binaries on your hard drive with those on the CD. Use the MS-DOS program FILECOMP.EXE, COMP.EXE, or FC.EXE and do a binary compare. For example, if you have the Win32 SDK CD, type the following:

```
fc /b <system>\win32s\w32s.386 <cd>:\mstools\win32s\nodebug\w32s.386
```

If you have the 32-bit Visual C++ CD, type the following:

```
fc /b <system>\win32s\w32s.386 <cd>:\msvc32s\win32s\retail\w32s.386
```

The results of the compare will be, "FC: no differences encountered", if the binaries were correctly installed. If the binaries are not the same, you might have a bad copy of the files or a bad CD.

As a last resort, you can try reinstalling Win32s that shipped in the Visual C++ 32-bit edition. There seems to be a slight difference between the SETUP.EXE program on the Win32 SDK CD and the SETUP.EXE on the Visual C++ CD. If you try installing from the 32-bit Visual C++ CD, you should NOT remove the \WIN32APP or \FREECELL directory or any of the Freecell files. The Visual C++ CD does not contain Freecell.

NOTE: Using Freecell Help will generate errors, including "Routine Not Found" or "Help Topic Does Not Exist." The generation of these errors has nothing to do with whether or not Win32s is installed correctly.

FREECELL.HLP was meant to be used with WINHLP32.EXE. FREECELL.HLP uses the advanced features of WINHLP32 for full-text searching. WINHELP.EXE, which runs on Windows 3.1, does not support this. As a result, each time FREECELL.HLP tries to bind the Find button to the full-text searching APIs, it fails, and Windows Help displays the message box. You can still read the information in the help file. You can use the Search button to do keyword searches.

Additional reference words: 1.10
KBCategory: kbsetup
KBSubcategory: W32s

DIB_PAL_INDICES and CBM_CREATEDIB Not Supported in Win32s
Article ID: Q108497

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.0, 1.1, and 1.2
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK (Windows 95 only)
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The Windows NT implementation of the Win32 application programming interface (API) includes two new flags, DIB_PAL_INDICES and CBM_CREATEDIB, that can be used with various device-independent bitmap (DIB) APIs. These flags are not supported by Windows 3.1, Win32s, or Windows 95.

DIB_PAL_INDICES

In Windows NT, the DIB_PAL_INDICES flag can be used with the following APIs:

```
CreatedDIBitmap()  
CreateDIBPatternBrush()  
CreateDIBPatternBrushPt()  
SetDIBits()  
GetDIBits()  
SetDIBitsToDevice()  
StretchDIBits()
```

When the dwUsage parameter is DIB_PAL_INDICES, the associated DIB does not have a color table. In this case, the bitmap bits are indices into the device palette.

Applications written to run on Windows 3.1 or Win32s should use DIB_PAL_COLORS or DIB_RGB_COLORS instead of DIB_PAL_INDICES.

Windows 95 does not support DIB_PAL_INDICES.

CBM_CREATEDIB

In Windows 3.1, CreatedDIBitmap() creates a device-dependent bitmap (DDB) from a DIB definition and optionally initializes the DDB. In Windows NT, the CBM_CREATEDIB flag can be used with CreatedDIBitmap() to create a new DIB instead of a DDB.

This functionality is not present in Windows 3.1 or Win32s.

Windows 95 does not support CBM_CREATEDIB. Equivalent functionality is provided in Windows 95 by CreateDIBSection().

Additional reference words: 1.00 1.10 1.20 4.00
KBCategory: kbprg
KBSubcategory: GdiBmp W32s

PRB: "Routine Not Found" Errors in Windows Help

Article ID: Q108722

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.0, 1.1, and 1.2
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SYMPTOMS

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When Freecell is running on Win32s, you may get some errors when you try to use Freecell Help. This has nothing to do with whether or not Win32s is installed correctly.

When you first open Help in Freecell running on Win32s, you will get a message box that says, "Routine Not Found." You will get that same message box when you choose the Find button.

When you choose any term in Freecell Help that has a dotted underline (a pop-up hot key), a window pops up but then quickly disappears. You will then get a message box that reads, "Help Topic Does Not Exist."

CAUSE

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FREECELL.HLP was meant to be used with WINHLP32.EXE. FREECELL.HLP uses the advanced features of WINHLP32.EXE for full-text searching. WINHELP.EXE, which runs on Windows 3.1, does not support full-text searching. WINHLP32.EXE does not run on Win32s or Windows 3.1. As a result, everytime FREECELL.HLP tries to bind the Find button to the full-text searching functions, it fails, and WinHelp pops up an error message box.

RESOLUTION

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You can still read the information in the help file. Although you cannot use the Find button to do full-text searches, you can use the Search button to do keyword searches. WINHLP32.EXE will not work on a MS-DOS + Windows + Win32s operating system. If you need to read the pop-up definitions or use the Find button, you can do so if you run Freecell Help on the Windows NT operating system.

Additional reference words: 1.00 1.10 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: W32s

Creating Instance Data in a Win32s DLL

Article ID: Q109620

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.0, 1.1, and 1.2
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SUMMARY

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The Win32 dynamic-link libraries (DLLs) that are running on Win32s use shared data by default. This means that any global data in the DLL is shared by all processes that use the DLL. Thread local storage (TLS) can be used to create instance data; that is, data in the DLL that is specific to each process.

The Win32s "Programmers Reference" mentions that TLS can be used to create instance data, but provides no details. The sample code below shows the source for a DLL that uses instance data on both Win32 and Win32s. The sample code was built using Microsoft Visual C++, 32-bit edition.

If you use a development environment that does not have similar support for TLS, you should still be able to use the API (application programming interface) calls. The API calls for TLS are TlsAlloc, TlsGetValue, TlsSetValue, and TlsFree.

MORE INFORMATION

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One reason for wanting to create instance data on Win32s is to create a DLL that behaves identically on Win32s and Win32 (although it introduces extra overhead on Windows NT and Windows 95). Another way to create a DLL that behaves identically on Win32s and Win32 is to share all of the data in the Win32-based DLL. For additional information, please see the following article(s) in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

ARTICLE-ID: Q109619
TITLE : Sharing All Data in a DLL

Sample Code

```
/* Compile options used: /LD /MD
*/

int __declspec(thread) nVar = 0;    // Variables should be initialized

int __declspec(dllexport) GetVar()
{
    return nVar;
}

void __declspec(dllexport) SetVar(int nNew)
{
    nVar = nNew;
}
```

}

Additional reference words: 1.00 1.10 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: W32s

Detecting the Presence of NetBIOS in Win32s

Article ID: Q110844

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.1 and 1.2
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The way to determine whether NetBIOS is present from a Win32 application running on Win32s is to issue an invalid NetBIOS command (such as 0xB2) and check that the return code is 0x3 (Illegal command).

Additional reference words: 1.10 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: W32s

How Win32-Based Applications Are Loaded Under Windows

Article ID: Q110845

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.0, 1.1, and 1.2
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SUMMARY

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Microsoft Win32s is an operating system extension that allows Win32-based applications to be run on Windows 3.1. Win32s consists of a VxD and a set of dynamic-link libraries (DLLs).

It is possible to distinguish whether an executable was built for Win32 or Win16. Win32 executables use the Portable Executable (PE) format, while Win16 executables use the New Executable (NE) format.

The Windows 3.1 loader was designed to be aware that Win32-based applications would potentially be loaded. When the user starts a Win32-based application, the Windows 3.1 loader tries to load the Win32-based application via WinExec(). WinExec() calls LoadModule(), which will fail with an error indicating that it was passed an .EXE with the PE format. At this point, WinExec() calls a special function to start up Win32s. This function loads W32SYS.DLL (16-bit DLL) via LoadModule(). If W32SYS determines that the EXE is indeed a valid PE file, it calls LoadModule() on WIN32S.EXE (16-bit EXE) (it is similar to WinOldApp for MS-DOS-based programs running in Windows). WIN32S.EXE contains the task database, PSP, task queue, and module database. WIN32S.EXE calls its only function to load the Win32s 16-bit translator DLL, W32S16.DLL, which does work as a translator between the Win32-based application and the 16-bit world that it is running in.

MORE INFORMATION

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Win32-based applications are loaded in the upper 2 gigabytes (GB) of the 4 GB address space under Win32s, whereas Windows NT loads them in the lower 2 GBs. This is because W32S.386, a VxD, allocates the memory, and VxDs get memory in the 2 GB to 4 GB range. The first 64K and the last 64K cannot be read or written to (similar to a null page on other architectures).

On Windows 3.1, all applications, even the Win32-based applications, share the same address space, unlike Windows NT where each Win32-based application gets its own address space. Each Windows-based application may be given its own address space, starting with Windows NT 3.5.

Additional reference words: 1.00 1.10 1.20 G byte

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: W32s

DOCERR: Errors in Win32s Compatibility

Article ID: Q113679

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.2 and 1.25a
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SUMMARY

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The following Win32 APIs are not listed in the Win32 Programmer's Reference as being supported under Win32s. This is incorrect. These Win32 APIs are supported under Win32s:

- FlushInstructionCache
- GetFileInformationByHandle
- MoveMemory
- TlsAlloc
- RegCreateKeyEx
- RegOpenKeyEx
- RegSetValueEx
- WNetAddConnection
- WNetGetConnection

In addition, all of the BS_ button styles are marked as not supported under Win32s. However, Win32s supports all of the button styles that Windows 3.1 supports.

MORE INFORMATION

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The following Win32 APIs and CRT (C Run-time) routines are supported under Win32s, with the restrictions noted.

Function	Associated Restriction
CreateFile	FILE_FLAG_NO_BUFFERING, FILE_FLAG_WRITE_THROUGH, FILE_FLAG_OVERLAPPED, FILE_DELETE_ON_CLOSE, and the security flags are not supported. Passing dwShareMode=0 opens the file in compatibility mode, not in exclusive mode.
CreateFileMapping	SEC_COMMIT is supported, but not SEC_IMAGE, SEC_NOCACHE or SEC_RESERVE. The size of named shared memory is limited by Windows memory.
CreatedDIBitmap	DIB_PAL_INDICES
CreateDIBPatternBrush	DIB_PAL_PHYSINDICES
CreateDIBPatternBrushPt	DIB_PAL_LOGINDICES are not supported.
GetDIBits	
SetDIBits	
SetDIBitsToDevice	
StretchDIBits	

CreatePolyPolygonRgn	The polygon must be closed.
CreateProcess	Handle inheritance is not supported. Only creation flags supported are DEBUG_PROCESS and DEBUG_ONLY_THIS_PROCESS. The only priority supported is NORMAL_PRIORITY_CLASS. The security attributes are ignored.
GetFileInformationByHandle	ftCreationTime, ftLastAccessTime, dwVolumeSerialNumber, nFileIndexHigh, and nFileIndexLow are all 0.
GetFileTime SetFileTime	Only lpLastWriteTime is supported.
GetPrivateProfileString GetProfileString	lpzSection parameter cannot be NULL.
GetSystemMetrics	SM_CMOUSEBUTTONS is not supported.
GetSystemPaletteEntries	The fourth parameter cannot be NULL.
GetVolumeInformation	Volume ID is not supported.
OpenProcess	Settings for fdwAccess and fInherit are ignored. In the implementation, fdwAccess=PROCESS_ALL_ACCESS and fInherit=TRUE.
PeekMessage	hWnd cannot be -1.
PlaySound	SND_ALIAS, SND_FILENAME, and SND_NOWAIT are not supported.
RegSetValueEx	Only supports the REG_SZ entries.
SetClipboardData	Use only a global handle.
SetWindowsHookEx	dwThreadId parameter is ignored.
signal	SIGBREAK is not supported.
spawn	P_WAIT is not supported.
WaitForDebugEvent	Any dwTimeOut other than 0 is treated as INFINITE.
WNetAddConnection	Password cannot be NULL, but can be "".

Additional reference words: 1.20
KBCategory: kbref kbdocerr
KBSubcategory: W32s

PRB: GlobalAlloc() Pagelocks Blocks on Win32s

Article ID: Q114611

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s, versions 1.1, 1.15, and 1.2
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SYMPTOMS

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If a Win32-based application running in Win32s uses GlobalAlloc() to allocate memory from the global heap with GMEM_FIXED, with GPTR, with GMEM_ZEROINIT, or without specifying GMEM_MOVEABLE the memory allocated will be fixed and page-locked.

CAUSE

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When a Win32 application running under Win32s on Windows 3.1 calls GlobalAlloc() the call is translated via a thunk supplied by Win32s in a 16-bit DLL. The 16-bit DLL then calls the Windows 3.1 function GlobalAlloc(). When GlobalAlloc() is called from a DLL in Windows 3.1 the allocated memory will be fixed and page-locked unless GMEM_MOVEABLE is specified.

RESOLUTION

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The GlobalAlloc() flags should always include GMEM_MOVEABLE if memory does not need to be fixed and page-locked. This is expected behavior for Windows 3.1.

MORE INFORMATION

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A Windows-based application will not fix or page-lock memory even when specifically using the GMEM_FIXED flag. This behavior is unique to Windows version 3.1; using GlobalAlloc() with GMEM_FIXED to allocate fixed and page-locked memory must be done in a DLL.

In Windows 3.1, the GMEM_FIXED flag is defined as 0x0000. Using GMEM_ZEROINIT without GMEM_MOVEABLE will command GlobalAlloc() to allocate using GMEM_FIXED by default. Since Win32s passes all GlobalAlloc() calls to the Windows 3.1 GlobalAlloc() by a DLL, GlobalAlloc() called from either a Win32 application or a Win32 DLL will allocate the block fixed and page-locked unless the GMEM_MOVEABLE flag is specified.

The following code illustrates this case:

```
{
  HGLOBAL hMem;

  // allocate a block from the global heap

  hMem = GlobalAlloc(GMEM_ZEROINIT, 512);
```

```
.  
:  
.  
}
```

Although this source code is compatible between applications for Windows 3.1 and applications for Windows NT running on Win32s, the result is different. A 16-bit application running on Windows 3.1 will allocate the memory as moveable and zero the contents. A Win32 application running on Win32s will allocate the memory as fixed and page-locked and zero the contents.

REFERENCES

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Appendix B, titled "System Limits", of the "Win32s Programmer's Reference Manual" briefly mentions on page 56 not to use `GMEM_FIXED` in `GlobalAlloc()` called by 32-bit applications.

Additional reference words: 1.10 1.20 3.10

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: W32s

Converting a Linear Address to a Flat Offset on Win32s

Article ID: Q115080

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s, versions 1.1, 1.15, and 1.2
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SUMMARY

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Win32s flat code and data selectors are not zero-based. Linear addresses retrieved through a VxD can be used in a Win32-based application running under Win32s, after one small change is made.

In addition, there are two Universal Thunk APIs that are used to convert segmented addresses to flat addresses and vice versa.

MORE INFORMATION

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Linear Address to Flat Address

Win32s does not base linear addresses at 0, so that exceptions will be generated when null pointers are dereferenced. Therefore, an access violation occurs when:

1. a 16-bit DLL calls a VxD to retrieve a linear address (the VxD got the address by translating a physical address to a linear address) through DPAPI function 0800h (map physical to linear).
2. the 16-bit DLL returns the address to a Win32-based application through the Universal Thunk.
3. the Win32-based application uses this linear address.

In order to convert a linear address (based at 0) to a flat offset, add the base to the linear address. To do this, get the offset through `GetThreadSelectorEntry()` with the DS or CS and then subtract that base from the linear address that was returned by the VxD.

Segmented Address to Flat Address

The following Win32s Universal Thunk APIs are used for address translation:

- `UTSelectorOffsetToLinear` (segmented address to flat address)
- `UTLinearToSelectorOffset` (flat address to segmented address)

NOTE: In the nested function call

```
UTLinearToSelectorOffset( UTSelectorOffsetToLinear( x ) );
```

where x is a segmented address, you may not necessarily get the original value of x back. It is by design that the sel:off pair may be different. If the memory was allocated by a 16-bit application, Win32s does not have x in its LinearAddress->selector translation tables. Therefore, when UTLinearToSelectorOffset() is called, new selectors are created.

Additional reference words: 1.10 1.20 gpf gp-fault

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: W32s

PRB: Page Fault in WIN32S16.DLL Under Win32s
Article ID: Q115082

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s, versions 1.1 and 1.15
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SYMPTOMS

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Start two instances of the Win32 application under Win32s. Close one instance, then close the other instance. A page fault is generated in WIN32S16.DLL. Under Win32s, version 1.1, a dialog box appears. Under Win32s, version 1.15, the error only appears in the output from the debug version of Win32s.

CAUSE

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This problem can be caused by using the static C run-time (CRT) libraries or using MSVCRT10.DLL. Note that even if the application does not make any CRT calls, one of its DLLs may call the CRT initialization and cleanup code. The CRT code makes the following sequence of API calls:

```
DeleteCriticalSection  
DeleteCriticalSection  
DeleteCriticalSection  
TlsFree  
VirtualFree  
VirtualFree  
VirtualFree
```

When the second application instance terminates, it faults before it makes the call to TlsFree(). The CRT has two blocks, one that contains strings from the environment and one that contains pointers to the first blocks. These are allocated by the first process that attach to the DLL. Other processes that attach do not allocate these blocks. When processes are terminated, these two blocks are freed. However, this succeeds only when the process that owns the memory frees them. Any other process that tries to access these blocks will fail.

RESOLUTION

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Because there is no instance data by default under Win32s, DLLs should use the CRT in a DLL instead of linking to the CRT statically. MSVCRT10.DLL (which comes with Visual C++) is not compatible with Win32s because MSVCRT10.DLL falsely assumes that Win32s implements instance data, which is only available on Windows NT. Therefore, until an updated MSVCRT.LIB file is released, use CRTDLL.LIB (which comes with the Win32 SDK) because Win32s has its own CRTDLL.DLL file that was specifically designed for this use.

Microsoft Visual C++ 2.0 contains two versions of MSVCRT20.DLL: one version is intended for use on Windows NT, the other is intended for use on Win32s. To avoid this problem, use and ship the Win32s version of MSVCRT20.DLL in

your application.

MORE INFORMATION

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The real problem is that memory is allocated for several applications. The allocation is done by the first application. When this application terminates, it takes with it all of its memory. This means that each time the remaining applications try to access this memory, an error occurs. Symptoms include data corruption, hanging, or the WIN32S16.DLL page fault mentioned above.

Additional reference words: 1.10 1.15

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: W32s

Win32s Device-Independent Bitmap Limit

Article ID: Q115084

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s, versions 1.1, 1.15, 1.2, and 1.25a
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Under versions of Win32s prior to 1.25, a device-independent bitmap (DIB) is limited to a size of 2.3 MB. This size was chosen to accommodate a bitmap of 1024 by 768 pixels at 24 bits per pixel.

In Win32s 1.25a, this limit was increased to 1280 by 1024 pixels at 24 bits per pixel.

This limit can cause a variety of problems to occur, such as painting problems with SetDIBitstoDevice() if a larger bitmap is used.

Additional reference words: 1.10 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: W32s

PRB: Display Problems with Win32s and the S3 Driver

Article ID: Q117153

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.1, 1.15, and 1.2
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SYMPTOMS

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Applications running on Windows 3.1 exhibit no problems when using an S3 driver, with a resolution of 1024x768 and 256 colors. However, the display is corrupted when Win32-based applications, such as FreeCell, run on Win32s in the same configuration.

CAUSE

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This is a known problem with the S3 driver.

A general protection (GP) fault occurs when the display driver is performing a bit-block transfer (BitBlt). This happens whether or not Win32s is running. However, when Win32s is not running, Windows recovers from the faults. When a Win32-based application is running, Win32s catches all exceptions and transfers control to the nearest try/except frame. As a result, the BitBlt is interrupted.

RESOLUTION

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Certain S3 drivers which exhibit these problems can be made to work with Win32s by making the following edit to your SYSTEM.INI file before running any Win32-based applications:

In the SYSTEM.INI file, you will find an entry in the [display] section

```
aperture-base=100
```

Change this entry to

```
aperture-base=0
```

Restart Windows and the display problems will no longer occur.

If this does not help, obtain the latest S3 drivers. It is reported that S3 driver version 1.3 does not have this problem.

Additional reference words: 1.10 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: W32s

Handling COMMDLG File Open Network Button Under Win32s

Article ID: Q117825

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.1, 1.15, and 1.2
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When you run a Win32-based application under Win32s on top of Windows 3.1 without a network, the File Open common dialog box still has a Network button.

Under Windows NT, the File Open common dialog box that appears when you call `GetOpenFileName()` has a Network button only when a network is present. The API (application programming interface) will either use the Network button in the dialog box template if it exists or dynamically add the button if it is not in the template and there is a network present. If there is no network present but the template contains a Network button, the button will be hidden.

The dialog box template that is included with the Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) does not have a Network button because Windows does not include a network. When the 16-bit Windows-based application is executed under Windows for Workgroups or under Windows NT, the Network button is dynamically added, because these operating systems have built-in networking.

The template that is included with the Win32 SDK has a Network button. If the Win32-based application is run under a non-networked Windows 3.1, the Network button is shown; however it is nonfunctional because there is no network. This happens because the `COMMDLG.DLL` that provides Windows 3.1 with the common dialog boxes does not recognize networks. Therefore, `GetOpenFileName()` does not remove the Network button from the template if there is no network.

One solution is to leave the button in the template, determine when you are running under Win32s, and include `OFN_NONNETWORKBUTTON` in the `OPENFILENAME` structure when Win32s is present but there is no network present. Define a hook function that during `WM_INITDIALOG` checks the `Flags` field of the `OPENFILENAME` struct that `lParam` is pointing to. If `OFN_NONNETWORKBUTTON` is used, call `ShowWindow(GetDlgItem(hWnd, psh14), SW_HIDE)`.

Alternatively, if your application will most likely run on networked Windows 3.1 machines, you can install the `COMMDLG.DLL` that ships with Windows for Workgroups 3.11 on all machines, because it is a redistributable dynamic-link library (DLL). This DLL checks to see if a network is present and removes the Network button for you if it is not.

Additional reference words: 1.10 1.15 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: W32s

PRB: GP Fault Caused by GROWSTUB in POINTER.DLL

Article ID: Q117864

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.1, 1.15, and 1.2
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SYMPTOMS

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As soon as your Win32-based application starts, there is a GP fault caused by GROWSTUB in POINTER.DLL.

CAUSE

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This problem is caused by a bug in GROWSTUB, which is part of the Microsoft Mouse driver version 9.01.

RESOLUTION

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Microsoft Mouse driver version 9.01b corrects this problem. Driver 9.01b is available via part number: 135-099-351 "Intellepoint Mouse Driver 2.0(dual)". This driver does not introduce new functionality, therefore, you need only upgrade if you have run into this problem.

For more information, please see the following article in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

ARTICLE-ID: Q119775

TITLE : HD1061: POINTER.DLL Corrects GP Fault with Win32 Apps

You can also avoid the problem by removing POINTER.EXE from the load= line in your WIN.INI file.

Additional reference words: 1.10

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: W32s

PRB: Result of localtime() Differs on Win32s and Windows NT
Article ID: Q117893

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.1, 1.15, and 1.2
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SYMPTOMS

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Under Windows NT, localtime(time()) returns the correct local time. However, under Win32s, the local time returned is not correct if the TZ environment variable is set. For example, suppose that you are in the Pacific time zone (GMT-08:00) and have set tz=pst8pdt. The time returned under Win32s is off by 8 hours.

CAUSE

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This is by design.

The localtime() function depends on time zone information, which is not available in Win32s. This is the reason that the Win32 API GetLocalTime() is not supported under Win32s. The C Run-time functions, like localtime(), use the tz environment variable for time zone information.

The time() function returns the current local time under Win32s, then the call to localtime() adjusts the time by the offset of your time zone from GMT, which it finds by reading the tz environment variable.

Under Windows NT, time() and GetSystemTime() return GMT, therefore localtime(time()) is the current local time.

RESOLUTION

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To get the current local time under both Win32s and Windows NT, use the following code to clear the tz environment variable and get the time:

```
_putenv( "TZ=" );  
_tzset();  
  
localtime( time() );
```

Note that _putenv() affects only the tz environment variable for the application. All other applications use the global environment settings and make their own modifications.

Additional reference words: 1.10 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: W32s

How to Remove Win32s

Article ID: Q120486

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.0, 1.1, 1.15, and 1.2
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SUMMARY

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To remove Win32s:

1. Remove the following line from the [386Enh] section in the SYSTEM.INI file:

```
device=<WINDOWS>\<SYSTEM>\win32s\w32s.386
```

where <WINDOWS> and <SYSTEM> are where the Windows and System directories are, respectively.

2. Modify the following line from the [BOOT] section in the SYSTEM.INI file:

```
drivers=mmsystem.dll winmm16.dll
```

to the following (remove winmm16.dll):

```
drivers=mmsystem.dll
```

3. Delete the following files from the <WINDOWS>\<SYSTEM> subdirectory or from the SYSTEM directory in network installations:

```
W32SYS.DLL  
WIN32S16.DLL  
WIN32S.INI
```

4. Delete all the files in the <WINDOWS>\<SYSTEM>\WIN32S subdirectory or the <SYSTEM>\WIN32S subdirectory in network installations. Then delete subdirectory itself.

5. Restart Windows.

NOTE: <WINDOWS> refers to the windows installation directory. On a networked Windows installation, the system directory may be located on a remote share. If you are only removing Win32s from your machine, then you do not need to remove the shared files (in <SYSTEM> and <SYSTEM>\WIN32S). Before removing these files from the network share, make sure that all users that use Win32s have removed the references to Win32s from the SYSTEM.INI file.

MORE INFORMATION

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This information can be found in the Win32s Programmer's Reference help file.

Additional reference words: 1.00 1.10 1.15 1.20
KBCategory: kbsetup kbprg
KSubcategory: W32s

How to Determine Which Version of Win32s Is Installed

Article ID: Q121091

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s, versions 1.1, 1.15, and 1.2
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SUMMARY

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The "Win32s Programmer's Reference" describes how to use the GetWin32sInfo() function in a program to determine which version of Win32s is installed. This article explains how to determine which version of Win32s is installed interactively.

MORE INFORMATION

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Use one of the following two methods to determine interactively which version of Win32s is installed:

1. Check the WIN32S.INI file in your Windows system directory. The Version entry contains the major version and the build number (m.mm.bbb.b). This entry should be modified by any Win32-based application which installs a later version of Win32s on your Windows machine.

NOTE: Because it is up to the application vendor to set this value when installing Win32s, the value may not be accurate. Microsoft strongly urges all independent software vendors (ISVs) to modify the WIN32S.INI file so that this information is available to customers.

-or-

2. If Win32s is installed on top of Windows for Workgroups, select the WIN32S16.DLL file from the Windows system directory in File Manager. Then from the File menu, choose Properties. The Version line contains the major version and the build number.

Version Information

Win32s version 1.1.88 was distributed as Win32s version 1.1 and Win32s version 1.1.89 was distributed as Win32s version 1.1a.

Win32s version 1.15.103 was distributed as Win32s version 1.15 and Win32s version 1.15.111 was distributed as Win32s version 1.15a.

Win32s version 1.2.123 was distributed as Win32s version 1.2.

Additional reference words: 1.10 1.15 1.20

KBCategory: kbenv

KBSubCategory: W32s

PRB: Local Reboot (CTRL+ALT+DEL) Doesn't Work Under Win32s
Article ID: Q121092

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s, versions 1.1, 1.15, and 1.2
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SYMPTOMS

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The Windows local reboot feature (CTRL+ALT+DEL) should terminate a hung application. However, if the application is a Win32-based application, using CTRL+ALT+DEL exits Windows.

CAUSE

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This is a limitation of Win32s. When the VxD that handles hung applications tries to access the application stack, it uses ss:sp, instead of ss:esp, as if the application were a 16-bit application. This causes the VxD to crash, and when the VxD crashes, the whole system terminates.

STATUS

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This behavior is by design.

Additional reference words: 1.10 1.15 1.20

KBCategory: kbenv kbprb

KBSubCategory: W32s

Points to Remember When Writing a Debugger for Win32s

Article ID: Q121093

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s, versions 1.1, 1.15, and 1.2
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SUMMARY

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This article is intended for developers of debugging tools for the Win32s environment. It covers the issues that should be taken into consideration while writing debugging tools for the Win32s environment.

Overall, the code of a debugger for the Win32s environment is similar to the code of a debugger for the Windows NT environment. There are special points that must be considered before and while writing debugging tools for the Win32s environment. They are:

- Using the WaitForDebugEvent() API Function
- Debugging Shared Code
- Getting and Setting Thread Context
- Tracing Through Mixed 16- and 32-bit Code
- Using Asynchronous Stops
- Identifying System DLLs
- Understanding Linear and Virtual Addresses
- Reading and Writing Process Memory
- Accessing the Thread Local Storage (TLS)

Each of these is discussed in detail in the More Information section below.

MORE INFORMATION

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The following information is specific to writing a debugger for the Win32s environment.

Using the WaitForDebugEvent() API Function

The WaitForDebugEvent() API function waits for a debugging event to occur in a process being debugged. Use it to trap debugging events.

Because of the non-preemptive nature of Windows version 3.1, it is not possible to guarantee the timeout functionality. For this reason, the dwTimeout parameter was implemented differently in Win32s. In Win32s, if dwTimeout is zero, the WaitForDebugEvent() function behaves as documented

in the "Win32 Programmer's Reference." Otherwise, the function waits indefinitely, until a debug event occurs or until a message is received for that process.

Make sure the function returns if a message is received, so that the calling process can respond to messages. If WaitForDebugEvent() returns because a debug event has occurred, the return value is TRUE. Otherwise, the return value is FALSE. In Win32, a FALSE return value means failure. Have the calling process use SetLastError() to set the error value to 0 before calling WaitForDebugEvent(). Then if the return value is FALSE and error value returned by GetLastError() is still zero, it means a message arrived.

The following code fragment demonstrates the use of WaitForDebugEvent() in the message loop:

```
while( GetMessage(&msg, NULL, NULL, NULL) )
{
    TranslateMessage(&msg); /* Translate virtual key codes */
    DispatchMessage(&msg); /* Dispatch message to window */

    SetLastError( 0 );      /* Set error code to zero */
    if( WaitForDebugEvent(&DebugEvent, INFINITE) )
    {
        /* Process the debug event */
        ProcessDebugEvents( &DebugEvent );
    }
    else
    {
        if( GetLastError() != 0 )
        {
            /* Handle error condition. */
        }
    }
}
```

Debugging Shared Code

Under Win32s, all processes run in a single address space. For that reason, if a debugger sets a breakpoint in shared code, all processes will encounter this breakpoint, even those that are not being debugged. For these processes, the debugger should restore the code, let the process execute the restored instruction, and then reset the breakpoint. The problem is that in order to do these operations, the debugger needs a handle to the process thread.

The debugger does not have a handle for the process thread of a process it did not create. To get the handle, Win32s supports a new function, OpenThread(), which is not a part of the Win32 API.

```
HANDLE OpenThread(dwThreadId);

DWORD dwThreadId; /* The thread ID */
```

Parameter description:

dwThreadId - Specifies the thread identifier of the thread to open.

Returns:

If the function succeeds, the return value is an open handle of the specified thread; otherwise, it is NULL. To get extended error information, use the GetLastError() API.

Comments:

The handle returned by OpenThread() can be used in any function that requires a handle to a thread.

OpenThread() is exported by KERNEL32.DLL, but is not included in any of the SDK import libraries.

To create an import library on a Windows NT development machine:

1. Place the following contents into a file named W32SOPH.C:

```
#include <windows.h>

HANDLE WINAPI OpenThread(DWORD dwThreadId)
{
    return (HANDLE)NULL;
}
```

2. Place the following contents into a file named W32SOPH.DEF:

```
LIBRARY kernel32

DESCRIPTION 'Win32s OpenThread library'

EXPORTS
    OpenThread
```

3. Place the following contents into a file named MAKEFILE:

```
w32soph.lib: w32soph.obj
    lib -out:w32soph.lib -machine:i386 -def:w32soph.def w32soph.obj

w32soph.obj: w32soph.c
    cl /c w32soph.c
```

4. Run the NMAKE utility from the directory that contains the files created in steps 1-3. This creates the W32SOPH.LIB file.

The debugger should perform the following test: in the DEBUG_INFO structure returned by WaitForDebugEvent(), there is a thread ID. The debugger should check to see if this ID is one of the debugged processes. If it is not, the debugger should call OpenThread() with the given thread ID as the parameter and receive a handle to the thread. Using this handle, the debugger should call GetThreadContext(), identify the breakpoint, restore the code, set the single step bit of EFlag, and resume the process by calling ContinueDebugEvent(). Then control returns to the debugger. The debugger restores the breakpoint. After dealing with the non-debugged process, the debugger must close the thread handle obtained from OpenThread() by using

CloseHandle().

The following code fragment demonstrates how a debugger can handle breakpoints in the context of a non-debugged process:

```
LPDEBUG_EVENT lpEvent; /* Pointer to the debug event structure */
HANDLE hProc; /* Handle to process */
HANDLE hThread; /* Handle to thread */
CONTEXT Context; /* Context structure */
BYTE bOrgByte; /* Original byte in the place of BP */
DWORD cWritten; /* Number of bytes written to memory */
static DWORD dwBPLoc; /* Breakpoint location */

/*
 * Other debugger functions:
 *
 * LookupThreadHandle -
 *   Receives a thread ID and returns a handle to the thread, if
 *   the thread created by the debugger, else returns NULL.
 */
HANDLE LookupThreadHandle( DWORD );

/*
 * LookupOriginalBPByte -
 *   Receives an address of a breakpoint and returns the original
 *   contents of the memory in the place of the breakpoint.
 *   The memory contents is returned in the byte buffer passed as
 *   a parameter.
 * Return value - If the breakpoint was set by the debugger the
 * return value is TRUE, else FALSE.
 */
BOOL LookupOriginalBPByte( LPVOID, LPBYTE );

/* Handle debug events according to event types */
switch( lpEvent->dwDebugEventCode )
{
/* ... */
case EXCEPTION_DEBUG_EVENT:
/* Handle exception debug events according to exception type */
switch( lpEvent->u.Exception.ExceptionRecord.ExceptionCode )
{
/* ... */
case EXCEPTION_BREAKPOINT:
/* Breakpoint exception */
/* Look for the thread handle in the debugger tables */
hThread = LookupThreadHandle( lpEvent->dwThreadId );
if( hThread == NULL )
{
/* Not a debuggee */
/* Get process and thread handles */
hProc = OpenProcess( 0, FALSE, lpEvent->dwProcessId );
hThread = OpenThread( lpEvent->dwThreadId );

/* Get the full context of the processor */
Context.ContextFlags = CONTEXT_FULL;
GetThreadContext( hThread, &Context );
}
}
}
}
```

```

/* We get the exception after executing the INT 3 */
dwBPLoc = --Context.Eip;

/* Restore the original byte in memory in the */

/* place of the breakpoint */
if( !LookupOriginalBPByte((LPVOID)dwBPLoc, &bOrgByte) )
{
/* Handle unfamiliar breakpoint */
}
else
{
/* Restore memory contents */
WriteProcessMemory( hProc, (LPVOID)dwBPLoc,
&bOrgByte, 1, &cWritten );

/* Set the Single Step bit in EFlags */
Context.EFlags |= 0x0100;
SetThreadContext( hThread, &Context );
}

/* Free Handles */
CloseHandle( hProc );
CloseHandle( hThread );

/* Resume the interrupted process */
ContinueDebugEvent( lpEvent->dwProcessId,
lpEvent->dwThreadId, DBG_CONTINUE );
}
else
{
/* Handle debuggee breakpoint. */
}
break;

case STATUS_SINGLE_STEP:
hThread = LookupThreadHandle( lpEvent->dwThreadId );
if( hThread == NULL )
{
/* Not a debuggee, just executed the original instruction */
/* and returned to the debugger. */

/* Get process handle */
hProc = OpenProcess( 0, FALSE, lpEvent->dwThreadId );

/* Restore the INT 3 instruction in the place of the BP */
bOrgByte = 0xCC;
WriteProcessMemory( hProc, (LPVOID)dwBPLoc,
&bOrgByte, 1, &cWritten );

/* Free Handle */
CloseHandle( hProc );

/* Resume the process */
ContinueDebugEvent( lpEvent->dwProcessId,
lpEvent->dwThreadId, DBG_CONTINUE );
}
}

```

```

        else
        {
            /* Handle debuggee single-step. */
        }
        break;
    /* .... */
}
/* .... */
}

```

This sample code does not contain code to handle error checking and return values from APIs. The assumption is that a non-debugged process generates a single step exception only when it is executing the instruction in the place of the breakpoint. The code for handling the single step exception does not handle debug registers.

Getting and Setting Thread Context

Because of architectural differences between Windows NT and Win32s, there is a difference in the way `GetThreadContext()` and `SetThreadContext()` work in Win32s. These functions return successfully only if they are called after returning from `WaitForDebugEvent()` with the `EXCEPTION_DEBUG_EVENT` value in the `dwDebugEventCode` field of the `DEBUG_INFO` structure and before calling `ContinueDebugEvent()`. At any other point, these APIs fail and `GetLastError()` returns `ERROR_CAN_NOT_COMPLETE`.

Tracing Through Mixed 16- and 32-bit Code

Occasionally, Win32-based applications switch to 16-bit mode and then go back to 32-bit mode. For example, part of the Windows API is implemented in Win32s by using thunks to connect to Windows version 3.1. That means that in order to call the API, Win32s switches to 16-bit mode, calls the corresponding API on the Windows version 3.1 side, and then returns to 32-bit mode.

Most debuggers do not allow tracing through 16-bit code. So when the code is about to switch to 16-bit mode, the debugger should trace over this code. To do so, Win32s supplies the `DbgBackTo32` label. All calls to 16-bit code return through this address. The `DbgBackTo32` label is exported by `W32SKRNL.DLL`. At this label, there is a `RET` instruction. After executing this `RET` instruction and immediately another following `RET` instruction, Win32s resumes execution at the application code, at the instruction following the call to the thunked function. So if the debugger determines that the next call is into a thunk function, it can set a breakpoint at `DbgBackTo32` and trace over this call.

Using Asynchronous Stops

The asynchronous stop key combination was set to `CTRL+ALT+F11` in Win32s. It allows a 16-bit debugger to run at the same time as a 32-bit debugger. Each debugger can synchronously stop the other.

If the user presses `CTRL+ALT+F11` when the executing code is 16-bit code, execution will not be interrupted until it returns to 32-bit code. This

way, the debugger does not have to handle 16-bit code. If the user presses CTRL+ALT+F11 when the executing code is 32-bit code, execution is interrupted immediately.

Execution is interrupted by generating a single step exception. To handle the case where the user presses CTRL+ALT+F11 while 16-bit code is executing, the address of the exception is at a special Win32s label (W32S_BackTo32). This label is exported by W32SKRNL.DLL and is located a few instructions before DbgBackTo32. For more information on this see the "Tracing Through Mixed 16- and 32-bit Code" above.

The code at W32S_BackTo32 is system code and usually debuggers should not allow tracing through system code. But between W32S_BackTo32 and DbgBackTo32, the debugger may allow tracing through this specific code and also through the two following RET instructions. This will bring the user to the point in the application at which CTRL+ALT+F11 was pressed.

Identifying System DLLs

When tracing through application code, it is not desirable to trace into system DLL code. The main reason for this is that in many cases the code goes to 16-bit code. To enable the debugger to distinguish between system and user DLLs, all Win32s system DLLs contain an extra exported symbol called WIN32SYSDDL. The address of this symbol is meaningless. The existence of such a symbol indicates that this is a system DLL.

Understanding Linear and Virtual Addresses

Win32s uses flat memory address space as does Windows NT, but unlike Windows NT, the base of the code and data segments is not at zero. You must consider this when dealing with linear addresses -- such as hardware debug registers when setting a hardware breakpoint. When setting a hardware breakpoint, you need to add the base of the selector to the virtual address of the breakpoint and set the debug register with this value. If you do not do so, the code will run on Windows NT but not on Win32s.

The debugger needs to get the base address of the selectors by using the GetThreadSelectorEntry() function.

Similarly, when the hardware breakpoint is encountered, you must subtract the selector base address from the contents of the debug register in order to read the process memory at the breakpoint location.

Reading and Writing Process Memory

When reading from or writing to process memory, all hardware breakpoints must be disabled. If you do not do so, accessing the memory locations pointed to by the debug registers will trigger the hardware breakpoints.

The following code demonstrates how a debugger can read process memory at the location of a read memory hardware breakpoint:

```
CONTEXT Context;  
LDT_ENTRY SelEntry;
```

```

DWORD dwDsBase;
DWORD DR7;
BYTE Buffer[4];

/* Get Context */
Context.ContextFlags = CONTEXT_FULL | CONTEXT_DEBUG_REGISTERS;
GetThreadContext( hThread, &Context );

/* Calculate the base address of DS */
GetThreadSelectorEntry(hThread, Context.SegDs, &SelEntry);
dwDsBase = ( SelEntry.HighWord.Bits.BaseHi << 24) |
            (SelEntry.HighWord.Bits.BaseMid << 16) |
            SelEntry.BaseLow;

/*
 * Disable all hardware breakpoints before reading the process
 * memory. Not doing so will lead to nested breapoints.
 */
DR7 = Context.Dr7;
Context.Dr7 &= ~0x3FF;
SetThreadContext( hThread, &Context );

/* Read DWORD at the location of DR0 */
ReadProcessMemory( hProcess,
                  (LPVOID) ((DWORD)Context.Dr0-dwDsBase),
                  Buffer, sizeof(Buffer), NULL);

/* Restore hardware breakpoints */
Context.Dr7 = DR7;
SetThreadContext( hThread, &Context );

```

Accessing the Thread Local Storage (TLS)

The `lpThreadLocalBase` field of the `CREATE_PROCESS_DEBUG_INFO` structure in Windows NT specifies the base address of a per-thread data block. At offset `0x2C` within this block, there exists a pointer to an array of LPVOIDs. There is one LPVOID for each DLL/EXE loaded at process initialization, and that LPVOID points to Thread Local Storage (TLS). This gives a debugger access to per-thread data in its debuggee's threads using the same algorithms that a compiler would use.

On the other hand, in Win32s, `lpThreadLocalBase` contains a pointer directly to the array of LPVOIDs, not the pointer to the per-thread data block.

Additional reference words: 1.10 1.15 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg kbcode

KBSubCategory: W32s

PRB: Controls Do Not Receive Expected Messages

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s, versions 1.1, 1.15, and 1.2
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SYMPTOMS

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A Win32-based application works as expected under Windows NT, but under Win32s, control messages are not received by the application as expected.

Here are some possible scenarios symptomatic of this problem:

- Sending LB_GETSELITEMS to a superclassed list box does not work.
- The custom control procedure does not receive messages such as CB_ADDSTRING, CB_INSERTSTRING, or CB_SHOWDROPDOWN.
- The wrong control message is received.

CAUSE

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This is a Win32s limitation. When a Win32-based application sends a message, Win32s processes the message and passes it to Windows. Windows is responsible for delivering the message. Win32s truncates wParam from a DWORD to a WORD. Most messages do not use the high word of wParam, however, if you do use the high word of wParam, be aware that it will be lost under Win32s.

In the course of processing known messages (messages that are not user-defined), Win32s translates any pointers in lParam. In addition, if a message is new to Win32, the corresponding Windows message is used instead. For example, the Windows WM_CTLCOLOR was replaced in Win32 with WM_CTLCOLORBTN, WM_CTRLCOLORDLG, WM_CTLCOLOREDIT, and so on. Therefore, if a Win32-based application uses WM_CTRLCOLORBTN, Win32s passes WM_CTLCOLOR to Windows with a type of CTLCOLOR_BTN.

Control messages are not unique on Windows version 3.1 as they are on Windows NT. Control messages on Windows have values above WM_USER, however, messages for one control may share the same number as a message of another control. For example, both CB_ADDSTRING and LB_DELETESTRING are defined as WM_USER+3. Therefore, when Win32s receives the WM_USER+3 message, it needs to determine the correct control message. Win32s looks at the window class of the window that will receive the message and maps the message accordingly. If the window class is not a recognized control class, as in the case of a superclassed control, the message is not mapped, which results in unexpected behavior.

RESOLUTION

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In order to get the desired behavior under Win32s, make the custom control

use a recognized control class (such as "combobox") and subclass the window procedure instead of superclassing. If you need to subclass before the WM_CREATE/WM_NCCREATE messages, use a CBT hook. You will not be able to change the class icon and cursor, but the messages will be handled correctly.

If you need to use a custom control, create and use user-defined messages instead of the control messages.

STATUS
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This behavior is by design.

Additional reference words: 1.10 1.15 1.20
KBCategory: kbprg kbprb
KBSUBCategory: W32s

PRB: GPF When Spawn Windows-Based App w/ WinExec() in Win32s
Article ID: Q121095

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s, versions 1.1, 1.15, and 1.2
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SYMPTOMS

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Win32-based applications running under Win32s can spawn both Windows-based and Win32-based applications by using either WinExec() or CreateProcess(). However, there is a case where spawning a Windows-based application with WinExec() does not work as expected and may cause a general protection (GP) fault.

CAUSE

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There is a bug in the C start-up code that comes with Microsoft C version 6.0. If you spawn an application built with Microsoft C version 6.0 by calling LoadModule() with an explicit environment, the application does not run correctly. This is true whether the application was spawned from a Win32-based application or a Windows-based application. Win32s calls LoadModule() with an explicit environment when you spawn a Windows-based application with WinExec(). As a result, under Win32s version 1.1 and 1.15, WinExec() will report success, but the Windows-based application built with Microsoft C version 6.0 may cause a GP fault.

RESOLUTION

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The best solution is to rebuild the application with another compiler package. However, because a number of Windows accessories (such as Notepad and Write) were built with Microsoft C version 6.0 and you cannot modify these applications, changes were introduced into Win32s version 1.2 to help you work around this problem. These changes are detailed in the More Information section below.

NOTE: Win32s uses a different mechanism to spawn Win32-based applications, so the problems discussed in this article do not occur when spawning Win32-based applications with WinExec().

MORE INFORMATION

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In Win32s version 1.2, WinExec() does not pass the environment to the spawned application (child). The child receives the standard global environment strings. This allows the application to run, but the child does not receive the modified environment from the parent. This seemed to be a reasonable compromise, because most applications do not change the environment for the child. If an application must modify the child's environment, it can spawn the application using CreateProcess() and specify an explicit environment. However, if the child was built using Microsoft C version 6.0, it may cause a GP fault. In addition, if the parent exits, the

child's environment becomes invalid. These three problems are not specific to Win32s and will happen with Windows-based applications as well.

Additional reference words: 1.00 1.15 1.20 GPF

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubCategory: W32s

Microsoft Win32s Upgrade

Article ID: Q122235

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s, version 1.25a
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SUMMARY

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Microsoft Win32s version 1.25a, the latest version of the software that allows you to run Win32-based applications on Windows version 3.1 or Windows for Workgroups versions 3.1 and later, is now available as a Microsoft Application Note.

The Application Note number is PW1118, and the title is "Microsoft Win32s Upgrade." It includes these files:

- W32S125.EXE, which is version 1.25a of Win32s.
- LICENSE.TXT, which has legal information regarding redistribution of Win32s files [please consult the Win32s "Programmer's Reference," which is part of the Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), for further information].
- README.TXT, which is the text of the Application Note.

The "Microsoft Win32s Upgrade" does not include OLE support. For OLE support for Win32-based applications under Win32s, obtain the OLE 2.02 appnote, number WW1116. For more information, please see the following article in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

ARTICLE-ID: Q123087
TITLE : WW1116: OLE Version 2.02

The Win32s upgrade is intended as an end-user upgrade and is not intended for further redistribution.

MORE INFORMATION

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To obtain this Application Note (number PW1118) and the files included with it, download PW1118.EXE, a self-extracting file, from the Microsoft Software Library (MSL) on the following services:

- CompuServe
GO MSL
Search for PW1118.EXE
Display results and download
- Microsoft Download Service (MSDL)
Dial (206) 936-6735 to connect to MSDL
Download PW1118.EXE
- Internet (anonymous FTP)

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ftp ftp.microsoft.com
Change to the \SOFTLIB\MSLFILES directory
Get PW1118.EXE
```

If you are unable to access the sources listed above, you can have this Application Note mailed to you by calling Microsoft Product Support Services Monday through Friday, 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Pacific time. If you are outside the United States, contact the Microsoft subsidiary for your area. To locate your subsidiary, please call Microsoft International Customer Service at (206) 936-8661.

Additional reference words: 1.25a
KBCategory: kbsetup kbappnote kbfile
KBSubcategory: W32s

PRB: Inconsistencies in GDI APIs Between Win32s and Windows NT
Article ID: Q123421

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s version 1.2
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SYMPTOMS

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The StretchBlt() and StretchDIBits()/SetDIBits() GDI APIs do not behave consistently under Win32s and Windows NT.

StretchBlt()

If the source width and height specified in the call to StretchBlt() are greater than the actual bitmap width and height, StretchBlt() fails. The same call to StretchBlt() succeeds under Windows NT.

StretchDIBits()/SetDIBits()

If the memory pointed to by the lpBits parameter is read-only, the call to StretchDIBits()/SetDIBits() fails.

NOTE: When a Win32-based application uses the memory returned from LockResource() as a parameter to SetDIBits(), by default, it's using read-only memory, because the resource section is defined by default as read-only.

CAUSE

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These problems are due to bugs in Windows. In the case of StretchDIBits() and SetDIBits(), Windows mistakenly verifies that the buffer is writable. This problem does not show up in a 16-bit Windows-based application running under Windows because resources are loaded into read/write (global) memory.

RESOLUTION

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In Win32s version 1.25, Win32s will always make the resource section read/write, regardless of what is specified in the section attributes. This will work around the problem. In the meantime, use the following resolutions:

StretchBlt()

To work around the problem, specify the proper width and height for the source bitmap.

StretchDIBits()/SetDIBits()

To work around the problem, do one of the following:

- Copy the memory to a temporary read/write buffer.

-or-

- Use the linker switch /SECTION:.rsrc,rw to make the resource section read/write. Windows NT will allocate separate resource sections for each copy of the application.

Additional reference words: 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: W32s

Win32s OLE 16/32 Interoperability

Article ID: Q123422

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s version 1.20
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The OLE support provided in Win32s version 1.2 provides full 16/32 interoperability for local servers (EXE servers). Therefore, you can embed a 32-bit object implemented by a local server in a 16-bit container and vice-versa.

There is no built-in support in Win32s for 16/32 interoperability for in-process servers (DLL servers). However, you can use Universal Thunks to load a 16-bit DLL in the context of a 32-bit process. This allows you to embed a 16-bit object implemented by a DLL server in a 32-bit container. However, it is quite complicated to write this code because:

- Any OLE interface has a hidden "this" pointer which you must handle in your thinking code.
- OLE uses callbacks. If your 32-bit container calls IDataObject:DAdvise, then your 16-bit server may call back into the 32-bit side with the Advise interface. Your thinking code will have to handle this type of conversation.

NOTE: Embedding a 32-bit object implemented by an in-process server in a 16-bit container is supported under Windows NT 3.5. However, this functionality may not work correctly for your in-process server because IDispatch and any custom interfaces do not work.

Additional reference words: 1.20

KBCategory: kbole

KBSubcategory: W32s

Calling LoadLibrary() on a 16-bit DLL

Article ID: Q123731

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.15a and 1.2
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SUMMARY

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In Win32-based applications, LoadLibrary() returns an HINSTANCE and GetLastError() is used to determine the error. If HINSTANCE is NULL, the DLL was not successfully loaded. If the HINSTANCE is not null, the DLL was loaded and the usage count was incremented; however, you may still see that the last error was set if the DLL is a 16-bit DLL.

NOTE: At this point, the DLL is loaded and the usage count is incremented. Call FreeLibrary() to unload the DLL.

MORE INFORMATION

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In order to see all possible error returns, you'll need to call SetLastError(0) before calling LoadLibrary(). If HINSTANCE is not NULL and GetLastError() is ERROR_BAD_EXE_FORMAT, the DLL is a 16-bit DLL. You can access the DLL resources and/or printer APIs from your Win32-based application.

To call routines in the 16-bit DLL, you should load and call the DLL via the Universal Thunk. This increments the usage count again. Later, you can use FreeLibrary() to free the DLL from the 16-bit code, but this won't unload the DLL from memory unless you already called FreeLibrary() from the 32-bit code. This is because the usage count is not zero. We recommend you call FreeLibrary() from the 32-bit code after the DLL is loaded by the 16-bit code, so the DLL isn't unloaded and then reloaded.

REFERENCES

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For more information on how to get resources from a 16-bit DLL, please see the following article in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

ARTICLE-ID: Q105761

TITLE : Getting Resources from 16-bit DLLs Under Win32s

For more information on Universal Thunk, please see Chapter 4 of the Win32s Programmer's Reference.

Additional reference words: 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: W32s

Debugging OLE 2.0 Applications Under Win32s

Article ID: Q123812

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s version 1.2
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SUMMARY

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The following are available to help you debug your OLE 2.0 applications under Win32s:

- Debug versions of the OLE DLLs, included with Win32s. (See the Win32s Programmer's Reference for more information on the debug DLLs.)
- Failure/trace messages.
- The OLE SDK for Win32s, version 1.2, included on the Microsoft Developer Network (MSDN) CD.

For information on a utility that will convert OLE error codes into error message, please see the following article in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

ARTICLE-ID: Q122957

TITLE : SAMPLE: DECODE32: OLE Error Code Decoder Tool

MORE INFORMATION

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The debug version of OLE can send diagnostic information to the debug terminal. To enable this feature, include the following lines in the SYSTEM.INI:

```
[Win32sDbg]
ole20str=xxxxx
ole20str16=yyy
```

Use ole20str for 32-bit OLE and ole20str16 for 16-bit OLE. Set them to a combination of the following letters (case sensitive):

- f - Failure message, kind of asserts.
- v - Verbose. General purpose messages.
- l - Trace special translation activity for 32/16 interoperability.
- i - Trace initialization of OLE.
- t - Trace termination and cleanup of OLE.

The following tools are contained in the OLE SDK for Win32s, version 1.2:

- DFVIEW - Show the content of storage files.
- LRPCSPY - Monitor LRPC messages sent by 16-bit OLE applications (does not require Win32s).

- RPCSPY32 - Monitor LRPC messages from both 16-bit and 32-bit OLE applications.
- DOBJVIEW and DOBJVW32 - View objects placed on the clipboard as well as objects transferred by drag and drop.
- IROTVIEW and IROTVW32 - Display the contents of the OLE running object table (ROT).
- OLE2VIEW and OLE2VW32 - Identify objects, interfaces, inproc and local servers, registration database entries, and so on.

Additional reference words: 1.20

KBCategory: kbole kbprg

KBSubcategory: W32s

Results of GetFileInformationByHandle() Under Win32s

Article ID: Q123813

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.2 and 1.25a
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The GetFileInformationByHandle() function returns information about the given file in a structure of type BY_HANDLE_FILE_INFORMATION.

The following are the BY_HANDLE_FILE_INFORMATION structure fields and the values they contain under Win32s:

dwFileAttributes - Always 0 in version 1.2 (A bug that has been fixed.)
ftCreationTime - Always 0. (An MS-DOS file system limitation.)
ftLastAccessTime - Always 0. (An MS-DOS file system limitation.)
ftLastWriteTime - Correct value.
dwVolumeSerialNumber - Always 0. (A Win32s limitation.)
nFileSizeHigh - Correct value.
nFileSizeLow - Correct value.
nNumberOfLinks - Always 1.
nFileIndexHigh - Always 0. (A Win32s limitation.)
nFileIndexLow - Always 0. (A Win32s limitation.)

Additional reference words: 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: W32s

PRB: ShellExecute() Succeeds But App Window Doesn't Appear
Article ID: Q124133

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s, versions 1.15, 1.15a, and 1.2
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SYMPTOMS

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The following call to ShellExecute() succeeds and the file association is set in File Manager, but the application does not appear to execute (the window is not shown):

```
hShell = ShellExecute( hWnd,  
                      NULL,  
                      lpszFile,  
                      NULL,  
                      lpszDir,  
                      SW_SHOWDEFAULT );
```

CAUSE

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ShellExecute() is directly thunked to 16-bit Windows. Windows-based applications do not support the SW_SHOWDEFAULT flag.

RESOLUTION

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Under Win32s, use SW_NORMAL instead of SW_SHOWDEFAULT when using ShellExecute() with a 16-bit Windows-based application. You can use SW_SHOWDEFAULT if the application specified is a Win32-based application.

STATUS

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This behavior is by design.

Additional reference words: 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: W32s

Allowing Only One Application Instance on Win32s

Article ID: Q124134

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s, versions 1.1, 1.15, 1.15a, and 1.2
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SUMMARY

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The entry point for both Windows-based and Win32-based applications is:

```
int WinMain( hInstance, hPrevInstance, lpszCmdLine, nCmdShow )

HINSTANCE hInstance;          /* Handle of current instance */
HINSTANCE hPrevInstance;      /* Handle of previous instance */
LPSTR lpszCmdLine;            /* Address of command line     */
int nCmdShow;                 /* Show state of window        */
```

You can allow only one instance of your Windows-based application to run at a time by using `hPrevInstance` to determine if there is already an existing application instance; then exit the process if there is one. If there is no previous instance, `hPrevInstance` is `NULL`.

However, in a Win32-based application, `hPrevInstance` is always `NULL`. Therefore, you cannot determine if another instance of your application has been started simply by examining `hPrevInstance`. This article gives you a method you can use.

MORE INFORMATION

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Use one of the following four methods to determine if there is an existing application instance on Win32s:

- Synchronize with a named object, such as a file mapping.
- or-
- Synchronize with a global atom.
- or-
- Synchronize with a private message.
- or-
- Use `FindWindow()` to check for the application.

Using a File Mapping

Using a file mapping works well on any Win32 platform. The global atom is a cheaper resource, whereas a file mapping will cost a page of memory. A private message is good if you want to inform the first instance that the

user attempted to start a second instance, and then let it handle the request -- post a message, become the active application, and so on.

NOTE: You need to clean up before terminating the second instance. FindWindow() doesn't require cleanup, but this method will not work as reliably in a preemptive multitasking environment, such as Windows NT, because you can get in a race condition.

The following code fragment demonstrates how a file mapping can be used to allow only one instance of a Win32-based application. This code should avoid any race conditions. Place this code at the beginning of WinMain().

The code creates a file mapping named MyTestMap using CreateFileMapping(). If MyTestMap already exists, then you know that there is already a running instance of this application. A similar technique would be used with a global atom.

Sample Code

```
HANDLE hMapping;

hMapping = CreateFileMapping( (HANDLE) 0xffffffff,
                             NULL,
                             PAGE_READONLY,
                             0,
                             32,
                             "MyTestMap" );

if( hMapping )
{
    if( GetLastError() == ERROR_ALREADY_EXISTS )
    {
        //
        // Display something that tells the user
        // the app is already running.
        //
        MessageBox( NULL, "Application is running.", "Test", MB_OK );
        ExitProcess(1);
    }
}
else
{
    //
    // Some other error; handle error.
    //
    MessageBox( NULL, "Error creating mapping", "Test", MB_OK );
    ExitProcess(1);
}
}
```

Additional reference words: 1.10 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg kbcode

KBSubcategory: W32s

Installing the Win32s NLS Files

Article ID: Q124136

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s version 1.2
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SUMMARY

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The help file for Win32s version 1.2 states that the following NLS files need to be installed in the <windows>\SYSTEM\WIN32S directory when you install Win32s version 1.2 with your application. However, if your Win32-based application is only targeting U.S. Windows, you do not need to install all these files.

.NLS files:

CTYPE.NLS	P_850.NLS
LOCALE.NLS	P_852.NLS
L_INTL.NLS	P_855.NLS
P_037.NLS	P_857.NLS
P_10000.NLS	P_860.NLS
P_10001.NLS	P_861.NLS
P_10006.NLS	P_863.NLS
P_10007.NLS	P_865.NLS
P_10029.NLS	P_866.NLS
P_10081.NLS	P_869.NLS
P_1026.NLS	P_875.NLS
P_1050.NLS	P_932.NLS
P_1051.NLS	P_936.NLS
P_1252.NLS	P_949.NLS
P_1053.NLS	P_950.NLS
P_1054.NLS	SORTKEY.NLS
P_437.NLS	SORTTBLS.NLS
P_500.NLS	UNICODE.NLS
P_737.NLS	

MORE INFORMATION

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Use the following guidelines when shipping a Win32-based application that targets Win32s:

Ship National Language Support (.NLS) files corresponding to the market of the Win32-based application. For a Win32-based application released for an international market, ship all the .NLS files found in MSTOOLS\WIN32S\NLS. For a Win32-based application released for use only in the United States, ship P_437.NLS, P_850.NLS, and P_1252.NLS.

NOTE: When installing Win32s, be sure to remove the obsolete files. These are tagged in WIN32S\SETUP\W32S.LYT with Win32sSystemObsoleteFiles.

Additional reference words: 1.20

KBCategory: kbusage kbpolicy kbdocerr

KBSubcategory: W32s

Virtual Memory and Win32s

Article ID: Q124137

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.1, 1.15, 1.15a, and 1.2
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SUMMARY

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This article discusses virtual memory issues under Win32s. These issues include how memory is managed, file mappings, and VirtualAlloc().

MORE INFORMATION

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Memory Management

Win32s does not manage the virtual memory by itself. Win32s sits on top of the Win386 virtual memory manager (VMM). The Win32s VxD and Win386 must cooperatively manage the memory.

Windows sets the amount of virtual memory (VM) at boot time, based on the amount of free physical RAM. Windows is also responsible for managing the physical pages.

The pages that map to the Win32-based application's code and data are reserved at application initialization time. This decreases the available virtual memory but not necessarily the available RAM. In 16-bit Windows-based applications, the selectors are initialized at initialization time, but they are marked as discarded and are loaded only when the segments are touched. This may lead you to think that a Win32 version of your application takes significantly more memory than its 16-bit Windows version. However, in reality, the available memory drops more when the Win32-based application is loaded, even though the actual RAM usage during execution may be lower.

NOTE: Code pages are never backed by the .EXE file, but are always backed by the pagefile.

File Mappings

Because of the way memory is managed, you cannot have a file mapping that is larger than the amount of virtual memory available on Win32s. This works fine on Windows NT and Windows 95. Win32s allocates regular virtual memory for the memory mapped section even though it does not need swap space, and the amount of VM set by Windows is too small to use for mapping large files.

VirtualAlloc()

VirtualAlloc() reserves or commits pages in virtual memory. When virtual

memory is allocated (committed), the page is still not present. Touching the page will make it present and initialized to zero. Unlike Windows NT, some of the address space on Win32s is not allocated by VirtualAlloc(). You can use VirtualQuery() for every address in the USER address space, as reported by GetSystemInfo().

VirtualAlloc() allocates private memory, so one process cannot commit or free memory reserved by another process. This is true for all Win32 platforms. However, on Win32s, the memory is still accessible by all processes because there is a shared address space provided by Windows.

NOTE: A "not enough memory" error occurs if you reserve memory using VirtualAlloc() in one application and then try to commit the memory from a second application. This happens because the call to commit from the second application is interpreted as a call to reserve. You need to commit at an address that is not available such as an address already reserved by the first application.

Additional reference words: 1.10 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: W32s

FixBrushOrgEx() and Brush Origins under Win32s

Article ID: Q124191

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.15, 1.15a, and 1.2
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FixBrushOrgEx() is not implemented in the Win32 API, but it is provided for compatibility with Win32s. If called, the function does nothing, and returns FALSE.

A brush's origin relates to the origin of the window being painted. If you move a window, the brush origin needs to be updated or else newly painted patterns won't line up with the old patterns. On Windows version 3.1, the system does not automatically update the brush origin when it is selected into a device context (DC), so applications have to call SetBrushOrg(). On Windows NT, the system automatically fixes brush origins when necessary.

Win32s uses FixBrushOrgEx() to hide this difference in system behavior. On Win32s, FixBrushOrgEx() calls SetBrushOrgEx(). A Win32-based application can check the platform and call SetBrushOrgEx() only if it is Win32s, or it could simply always call FixBrushOrgEx() wherever a Windows-based application would call SetBrushOrg() for brush origin tracking.

Additional reference words: 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: W32s

GetSystemMetrics(SM_CMOUSEBUTTONS) Fails Under Win32s

Article ID: Q124836

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.15, 1.15a, and 1.20
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Under Win32s, the Win32 API GetSystemMetrics() is implemented as a direct thunk to Windows version 3.1. Therefore, the call will return whatever Windows version 3.1 would return for a similar call to the Windows API GetSystemMetrics().

GetSystemMetrics() returns zero for all unrecognized parameters. Under Windows, this includes the new flag SM_CMOUSEBUTTONS, which was introduced in the Win32 API. Therefore, avoid using the SM_CMOUSEBUTTONS flag when your Win32-based application is running under Win32s.

Additional reference words: 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: W32s

How to Find the Version Number of Win32s

Article ID: Q125014

The information in this articles applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s, versions 1.0, 1.1, and 1.2
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SUMMARY

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This article describes how to obtain the version number information for Win32s installed on a Windows 3.1 machine from one of the following places:

- From an end user perspective, on either Windows for Workgroups 3.11 or Windows NT 3.5
- A 16-bit application running on Windows 3.1
- A 32-bit application running on Windows 3.1

The following section describes in more details how to obtain this information in all the above situations.

MORE INFORMATION

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From an End User Perspective

Because Win32s does not have a user interface, there is no obvious way to get the version number information for Win32s that is installed on Windows 3.1. However, end users have the following two options:

- Read the <windir>\SYSTEM\WIN32S.INI file, which has an entry for version information. Because this .INI file can be updated by the Setup program of any Win32s application, this information is not completely reliable.
- From File Manager on Windows for Workgroups 3.11 or Windows NT 3.5, select the WIN32S16.DLL and choose Properties from the File menu. This method yields a dialog box with version information on Win32s. Remember that WIN32S16.DLL is a 16-bit DLL; however, File Manager on Windows NT 3.5 can still read this version resource information.

From a 16-Bit Application

To get version number information for Win32s from a 16-bit application, use the Win32s specific function, GetWin32sInfo(), which is documented in the Win32s Programmer's Reference. This function is exported by the 16-bit W32SYS.DLL file in Win32s 1.1 and later. The GetWin32sInfo() function fills a specified structure with the information from Win32s VxD. Usually a 16-bit Windows setup program should use this function to determine if Win32s is already installed before continuing installation. Note that a 16-bit program must use LoadLibrary and GetProcAddress to call the function because the function did not exist in Win32s version 1.0.

The following example on using GetWin32sInfo() is extracted from the Win32s

Programmer's Reference:

```
// Example of a 16-bit application that indicates whether Win32s is
// installed, and the version number if Win32s is loaded and VxD is
// functional.
```

```
BOOL FAR PASCAL IsWin32sLoaded(LPSTR szVersion)
{
    BOOL                fWin32sLoaded = FALSE;
    FARPROC             pfnInfo;
    HANDLE              hWin32sys;
    WIN32SINFO          Info;

    hWin32sys = LoadLibrary("W32SYS.DLL");

    if (hWin32sys > HINSTANCE_ERROR) {
        pfnInfo = GetProcAddress(hWin32sys, "GETWIN32SINFO");
        if (pfnInfo) {
            // Win32s version 1.1 is installed
            if (!(*pfnInfo)((LPWIN32SINFO) &Info)) {

                fWin32sLoaded = TRUE;
                wsprintf(szVersion, "%d.%d.%d.0",
                    Info.bMajor, Info.bMinor, Info.wBuildNumber);
            } else
                fWin32sLoaded = FALSE;    // Win32s VxD not loaded.
        } else {
            // Win32s version 1.0 is installed.
            fWin32sLoaded = TRUE;
            lstrcpy( szVersion, "1.0.0.0" );
        }
        FreeLibrary( hWin32sys );
    } else
        fWin32sLoaded = FALSE;    // Win32s not installed.

    return fWin32sLoaded;
}
```

From a 32-Bit Application

To determine if Win32s is installed, use the function `GetVersion()`; to then get the version of Win32s use the function, `GetVersionEx()`. This function fills a specified structure with version information of Win32s on Windows 3.1. The following is an example illustrating the use of this function:

```
// Example of a 32-bit code that determines the operating system installed
// and the version number on all platforms: Windows NT, Windows 95, Win32s.
```

```
typedef BOOL (*LPFNGETVERSIONEX) (LPOSVERSIONINFO);
```

```
BOOL IsWin32sLoaded(char *szVersion)
{
    BOOL                fWin32sLoaded = FALSE;
    DWORD              dwGetVer;
    HMODULE             hKernel32;
```

```

OSVERSIONINFO    ver;
LPFNGETVERSIONEX lpfnGetVersionEx;

// First, check if Win32s is installed
dwGetVer = GetVersion();
if (!(dwGetVer & 0x80000000))
{
    // Windows NT is loaded
    // Note, GetVersion will also return version number on Windows NT

    return;
}
else if (LOBYTE(LOWORD(dwVersion)) < 4)
{
    // Win32s is loaded
    fWin32sLoaded = TRUE;
}
else {
    // Windows 95 is loaded
    // Note, GetVersion will also return version number on Windows 95

    return;
}

// Now, let's find the version number of Win32s
hKernel32 = GetModuleHandle("Kernel32");
if (hKernel32)
{
    lpfnGetVersionEx = (LPFNGETVERSIONEX)GetProcAddress(hKernel32,
"GetVersionExA");
    if (lpfnGetVersionEx)
    {
        // Win32s version 1.15 or later is installed
        ver.dwOSVersionInfoSize = sizeof(OSVERSIONINFO);
        if (!(*lpfnGetVersionEx)((LPOSVERSIONINFO) &ver))
            DisplayError("GetVersionEx");
        else
            wprintf(szVersion, "%d.%d.%d - %s", ver.dwMajorVersion,
ver.dwMinorVersion,
ver.dwBuildNumber, PlatformName(ver.dwPlatformId));
    }
    else
    {
// This failure could mean several things
// 1. On an NT system, it indicates NT version 3.1 because GetVersionEx()
//    is only implemented on NT 3.5.
// 2. On Windows 3.1 system, it means either Win32s version 1.1 or 1.0 is
//    installed. You can distinguish between 1.1 and 1.0 in two ways:
// a. Get version info from WIN32S16.DLL like File Manager on NT does.
// b. Think to 16-bit side and call GetWin32sInfo.

    }
}

return (fWin32sLoaded);
}

```

NOTE: In general, 32-bit applications that use Win32s should always ship with the latest version of Win32s. Therefore the detection code above can be greatly simplified if determination of previous versions of Win32s is not needed.

Additional reference words: 3.10 win32s w32s win32 wfw

KBCategory: kbenv

KBSubcategory: W32s

Performing a Synchronous Spawn Under Win32s

Article ID: Q125212

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s, version 1.2
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SUMMARY

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Under Windows NT, you can synchronously spawn an application (that is, spawn an application and wait until the spawned application is terminated before continuing). To do so, call `CreateProcess()` to start the application, and pass the handle returned to `WaitForSingleObject()` to wait for the application to terminate. This is shown in the sample code in the "More Information" section in this article.

However, this method does not work under Win32s. Under Win32s, `CreateProcess()` does not return the process handle for 16-bit Windows-based applications, only for Win32-based application. Even if it did, the method described in the proceeding paragraph would not work under Win32s because `WaitForSingleObject()` returns `TRUE` immediately under Win32s.

In fact, there is no 32-bit only solution for this issue. The 32-bit `WinExec()` does not return an instance handle as the 16-bit `WinExec()` does. In addition, you cannot use `GetExitCodeProcess()` to find the exit status of 16-bit Windows-based applications in order to loop on their status. It is a limitation that `GetExitCodeProcess()` returns zero for 16-bit Windows-based applications on both Windows NT and Win32s.

The solution is to create a thunk to the 16-bit side and from the 16-bit side, solve the problem as you would normally solve it from a Windows-based application. Namely, start the application with `WinExec()` and use one of the Toolhelp APIs in a test loop to determine when the application is terminated. Alternatively, you can use `EnumWindows()` to determine when the application is terminated. The sample code below uses the Toolhelp APIs.

MORE INFORMATION

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Sample code to perform a synchronous spawn is given below. The code is divided into three source files:

- The main application.
- The 32-bit side of the thunk.
- The 16-bit side of the thunk.

You can use the thunking code as is, calling `SynchSpawn()` in your own application as demonstrated in the main application below. For information on Universal thunks (including which header files and libraries to use), please see the "Win32s Programmer's Reference."

In all three modules, use the following header file `SPAWN.H`:

```
/** Function Prototypes ***/
```



```

DWORD APIENTRY SynchSpawn( LPCSTR lpszCmdLine, UINT nCmdShow );

/**** Constants for Dispatcher ****/

#define SYNCHSPAWN      1

Main Application
-----

This application attempts to synchronously spawn NOTEPAD under Windows NT
and Win32s. NOTE: Under Win32s, NOTEPAD is a 16-bit application.

GetVersion() is used to detect the platform. Under Windows NT,
CreateProcess() and WaitForSingleObject() perform the spawn. Under Win32s,
the thunked routine SynchSpawn() is called.

/**** Main application code ****/

#include <windows.h>
#include "spawn.h"

void main()
{
    DWORD dwVersion;
    STARTUPINFO si = {0};
    PROCESS_INFORMATION pi = {0};

    dwVersion = GetVersion();

    if( !(dwVersion & 0x80000000) ) // Windows NT
    {
        si.cb = sizeof(STARTUPINFO);
        si.lpReserved = NULL;
        si.lpReserved2 = NULL;
        si.cbReserved2 = 0;
        si.lpDesktop = NULL;
        si.dwFlags = 0;

        CreateProcess( NULL,
                      "notepad",
                      NULL,
                      NULL,
                      TRUE,
                      NORMAL_PRIORITY_CLASS,
                      NULL,
                      NULL,
                      &si,
                      &pi );

        WaitForSingleObject( pi.hProcess, INFINITE );
    }
    else if( LOBYTE(LOWORD(dwVersion)) < 4 ) // Win32s
    {
        SynchSpawn( "notepad.exe", SW_SHOWNORMAL );
    }

    MessageBox( NULL, "Return from SynchSpawn", " ", MB_OK );
}

```

```
}
```

32-bit Side of Thunk

This DLL provides the 32-bit side of the thunk. If the DLL is loaded under Win32s, it initializes the thunk in its DllMain() by calling UTRegister(). The entry point SynchSpawn() packages up the arguments and calls the 16-bit side through the thunk.

```
/** Code for 32-bit side of thunk **/
```

```
#define W32SUT_32    // Needed for w32sut.h in 32-bit code
```

```
#include <windows.h>
```

```
#include "w32sut.h"
```

```
#include "spawn.h"
```

```
typedef BOOL (WINAPI * PUTREGISTER) ( HANDLE      hModule,
                                     LPCSTR      lpsz16BitDLL,
                                     LPCSTR      lpszInitName,
                                     LPCSTR      lpszProcName,
                                     UT32PROC *  ppfn32Thunk,
                                     FARPROC     pfnUT32Callback,
                                     LPVOID      lpBuff
                                     );
```

```
typedef VOID (WINAPI * PUTUNREGISTER) (HANDLE hModule);
```

```
typedef DWORD (APIENTRY *PUT32CBPROC) (LPVOID lpBuff, DWORD dwUserDefined);
```

```
UT32PROC      pfnUTProc = NULL;
PUTREGISTER   pUTRegister = NULL;
PUTUNREGISTER pUTUnRegister = NULL;
PUT32CBPROC   pfnUT32CBProc = NULL;
int           cProcessesAttached = 0;
BOOL          fWin32s = FALSE;
HANDLE        hKernel32 = 0;
```

```
/* *****\
 * Function: BOOL WINAPI DllMain(HANDLE, DWORD, LPVOID)
 *
 * Purpose: DLL entry point. Establishes thunk.
 *
```

```
BOOL WINAPI DllMain(HANDLE hInst, DWORD fdwReason, LPVOID lpReserved)
```

```
{
```

```
    DWORD dwVersion;
```

```
    if ( fdwReason == DLL_PROCESS_ATTACH )
```

```
    {
```

```
        /*
```

```
        * Registration of UT need to be done only once for first
        * attaching process. At that time set the fWin32s flag
        * to indicate if the DLL is executing under Win32s or not.
        */
```

```
    */
```

```

if( cProcessesAttached++ )
{
    return(TRUE);          // Not the first initialization.
}

// Find out if we're running on Win32s
dwVersion = GetVersion();
fWin32s = (BOOL) (!(dwVersion < 0x80000000)
                && (LOBYTE(LOWORD(dwVersion)) < 4));

if( !fWin32s )
    return(TRUE);          // Win32s - no further initialization needed

hKernel32 = LoadLibrary( "Kernel32.Dll" ); // Get Kernel32.Dll handle
pUTRegister = (PUTREGISTER) GetProcAddress( hKernel32, "UTRegister"
);

if( !pUTRegister )
    return(FALSE);        // Error- Win32s, but can't find UTRegister

pUTUnRegister = (PUTUNREGISTER) GetProcAddress(hKernel32,
                                                "UTUnRegister");

if( !pUTUnRegister )
    return(FALSE);        // Error- Win32s, but can't find
UTUnRegister

return (*pUTRegister)( hInst,          // Spawn32.DLL module handle
                      "SPAWN16.DLL",   // 16-bit thunk dll
                      "UTInit",        // init routine
                      "UTProc",        // 16-bit dispatch routine
                      &pfnUTProc,      // Receives thunk address
                      pfnUT32CBProc,   // callback function
                      NULL );          // no shared memroy
}
if((fdwReason==DLL_PROCESS_DETACH) && (0==--cProcessesAttached) && fWin32s)
{
    (*pUTUnRegister)( hInst );
    FreeLibrary( hKernel32 );
}
} // DllMain()

/*****\
* Function: DWORD APIENTRY SynchSpawn(LPTSTR, UINT) *
* * * * *
* Purpose: Thunk to 16-bit code *

DWORD APIENTRY SynchSpawn( LPCSTR lpszCmdLine, UINT nCmdShow )
{
    DWORD Args[2];
    PVOID Translist[2];

```

```

    Args[0] = (DWORD) lpszCmdLine;
    Args[1] = (DWORD) nCmdShow;

    Translist[0] = &Args[0];
    Translist[1] = NULL;

    return( (* pfnUTProc)( Args, SYNCHSPAWN, Translist) );
}

```

16-bit Side of Thunk

This DLL provides the 16-bit side of the thunk. The LibMain() and WEP() of this 16-bit DLL perform no special initialization. The UTInit() function is called during thunk initialization; it stores the callback procedure address in a global variable. The UTProc() function is called with a code that indicates which thunk was called as its second parameter. In this example, the only thunk provided is for SynchSpawn(). The synchronous spawn is performed in the SYNCHSPAWN case of the switch statement in the UTProc().

NOTE: UTInit() and UTProc() must be exported. This can be done in the module definition (.DEF) file.

```

/* Code for 16-bit side of thunk.                                     */
/* Requires linking with TOOLHELP.LIB, for ModuleFindHandle(). */

#ifdef APIENTRY
#define APIENTRY
#endif
#define W32SUT_16          // Needed for w32sut.h in 16-bit code

#include <windows.h>
#include <toolhelp.h>
#include <malloc.h>
#include "w32sut.h"
#include "spawn.h"

UT16CBPROC glpfnUT16CallBack;

/*****\
* Function: LRESULT CALLBACK LibMain(HANDLE, WORD, WORD, LPSTR)      *
*                                                                 *
* Purpose: DLL entry point                                          *
*****/

int FAR PASCAL LibMain( HANDLE hLibInst, WORD wDataSeg,
                       WORD cbHeapSize, LPSTR lpszCmdLine)
{
    return (1);
} // LibMain()

/*****\
* Function: DWORD FAR PASCAL UTInit(UT16CBPROC, LPVOID)            *
*                                                                 *
* Purpose: Universal Thunk initialization procedure                 *
*****/

DWORD FAR PASCAL UTInit( UT16CBPROC lpfnUT16CallBack, LPVOID lpBuf )

```

```

{
    glpfnUT16CallBack = lpfnUT16CallBack;
    return(1);    // Return Success
} // UTInit()

/*****\
* Function: DWORD FAR PASCAL UTProc(LPVOID, DWORD)      *
*                                         *
* Purpose: Dispatch routine called by 32-bit UT DLL    *
*****/
DWORD FAR PASCAL UTProc( LPVOID lpBuf, DWORD dwFunc)
{
    switch (dwFunc)
    {
        case SYNCHSPAWN:
            {
                HMODULE hMod;
                MODULEENTRY FAR *me;
                UINT hInst;
                LPCSTR lpszCmdLine;
                UINT nCmdShow;
                MSG msg;
                BOOL again=TRUE;

                /* Retrieve the command line arguments stored in buffer */

                lpszCmdLine = (LPSTR) ((LPDWORD)lpBuf)[0];
                nCmdShow = (UINT) ((LPDWORD)lpBuf)[1];

                /* Start the application with WinExec() */

                hInst = WinExec( lpszCmdLine, nCmdShow );
                if( hInst < 32 )
                    return 0;

                /* Loop until the application is terminated. The Toolhelp API
                * ModuleFindHandle() returns NULL when the application is
                * terminated. NOTE: PeekMessage() is used to yield the
                * processor; otherwise, nothing else could execute on the
                * system.
                * /

                hMod = GetModuleHandle( lpszCmdLine );

                me = (MODULEENTRY FAR *) _fcalloc( 1, sizeof(MODULEENTRY) );
                me->dwSize = sizeof( MODULEENTRY );
                while( NULL != ModuleFindHandle( me, hMod ) && again )
                {
                    while( PeekMessage( &msg, NULL, 0, 0, PM_REMOVE ) && again )
                    {
                        if(msg.message == WM_QUIT)
                        {
                            PostQuitMessage(msg.wParam);
                            again=FALSE;
                        }
                        TranslateMessage(&msg);
                    }
                }
            }
        }
    }
}

```

```

        DispatchMessage(&msg);
    }
    }
    return 1;
}

} // switch (dwFunc)

return( (DWORD)-1L ); // We should never get here.
} // UTProc()

/*****\
* Function: int FAR PASCAL _WEP(int) *
* * *
* Purpose: Windows exit procedure *

int FAR PASCAL _WEP( int bSystemExit )
{
    return (1);
} // WEP()

Additional reference words: 1.20 win16
KBCategory: kbprg kbcode
KBSubcategory: W32s

```

Using Network DDE Under Win32s

Article ID: Q125475

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s, version 1.2
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Network Dynamic Data Exchange (NetDDE) has limited support in Win32s. You can use DDE across the network, however the NDde APIs are not supported under Win32s and will not be supported in the future.

The NDde APIs, such as NDdeShareAdd(), are used to create the NetDDE shares, not for the actual communication. Therefore, to use NetDDE with Win32s, manually create the shares with the DDESHARE utility included in the Windows for Workgroups Resource Kit or by thunking to the 16-bit NDde APIs. Then communicate through DDE or DDEML.

Additional reference words: 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg kbnetwork

KBSubcategory: W32s

PRB: Netbios RESET Cannot Be Called with Pending Commands
Article ID: Q125659

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s, versions 1.2 and 1.25
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SYMPTOMS

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A Win32-based application cannot call the Netbios RESET command as long as there are asynchronous commands still pending.

CAUSE

=====

This behavior is by design in Win32s.

RESOLUTION

=====

The application should cancel all pending commands, and wait for the post routines of all the pending commands to be called. After that, the application can issue a Netbios RESET command.

STATUS

=====

This behavior is by design but may be designed differently in a future version of Win32s.

Additional reference words: 1.20 1.25

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: W32s

PRB: Large DIBs May Not Display Under Win32s

Article ID: Q126575

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.10, 1.15, or 1.20
-

SYMPTOMS

=====

DIB functions fail when using large DIBs under Win32s.

CAUSE

=====

There is a two-megabyte limit on the size of the area of a DIB that can be blitted using blting functions under Win32s. In versions of Win32s up to 1.2, Microsoft set this size to accommodate DIB blts of 1024*768*24 bits-per-pixel. In version 1.25, the maximum size of the blitted area will be enlarged to accommodate 1280*1024*24 bits-per-pixel.

The following functions are affected:

```
SetDIBits
SetDIBitsToDevice
CreateDIBitmap
StretchDIBits
```

WORKAROUND

=====

To work around the problem, break down large blts into bands that are smaller than two megabytes. Please keep in mind that the biSizeImage field of the BITMAPINFOHEADER used with the blting functions will need to be set to a value smaller than the DIB size limit.

The following code demonstrates a simple implementation of StretchDIBits() that can be used with large DIBs under Win32s.

```
/* Macro to determine the bytes in a DWORD aligned DIB scanline */
#define BYTESPERLINE(Width, BPP) ((WORD)(((DWORD)(Width) *
(DWORD)(BPP) + 31) >> 5)) << 2)

int NewStretchDIBits(
    HDC  hdc,          // handle of device context
    int  XDest,       // x-coordinate of upper-left corner of dest. rect.
    int  YDest,       // y-coordinate of upper-left corner of dest. rect.
    int  nDestWidth,  // width of destination rectangle
    int  nDestHeight, // height of destination rectangle
    int  XSrc,        // x-coordinate of upper-left corner of source rect.
    int  YSrc,        // y-coordinate of upper-left corner of source rect.
    int  nSrcWidth,   // width of source rectangle
    int  nSrcHeight,  // height of source rectangle
    VOID *lpBits,     // address of bitmap bits
    BITMAPINFO *lpBitsInfo, // address of bitmap data
```

```

    UINT  iUsage, // usage
    DWORD dwRop  // raster operation code
)
{
    BITMAPINFOHEADER bmiTemp;
    float fDestYDelta;
    LPBYTE lpNewBits;
    int i;

    // Check for NULL pointers and return error
    if (lpBits == NULL) return 0;
    if (lpBitsInfo == NULL) return 0;

    // Get increment value for Y axis of destination
    fDestYDelta = (float)nDestHeight / (float)nSrcHeight;

    // Make backup copy of BITMAPINFOHEADER
    bmiTemp = lpBitsInfo->bmiHeader;

    // Adjust image sizes for one scan line
    lpBitsInfo->bmiHeader.biSizeImage =
        BYTESPERLINE(lpBitsInfo->bmiHeader.biWidth,
                    lpBitsInfo->bmiHeader.biBitCount);
    lpBitsInfo->bmiHeader.biHeight = 1;

    // Initialize pointer to the image data
    lpNewBits = (LPBYTE)lpBits;

    // Do the stretching
    for (i = 0; i < nSrcHeight; i++)
    if (!StretchDIBits(hdc,
        XDest, YDest + (int)floor(fDestYDelta * (nSrcHeight - (i+1))),
        nDestWidth, (int)ceil(fDestYDelta),
        XSrc, 0,
        nSrcWidth, 1,
        lpNewBits, lpBitsInfo,
        iUsage, SRCCOPY))
        break; // Error!
    else
        // Increment image pointer by one scan line
        lpNewBits += lpBitsInfo->bmiHeader.biSizeImage;

    // Restore BITMAPINFOHEADER
    lpBitsInfo->bmiHeader = bmiTemp;

    return(i);
}

```

STATUS
=====

This behavior is by design.

Additional reference words: 1.15 1.20 1.10
KBCategory: kbprg kbprb kbcode
KBSubcategory: W32s

PRB: GetLogicalDrives() Indicates that Drive B: Is Present
Article ID: Q126626

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s, versions 1.2 and 1.25
-

SYMPTOMS

=====

GetLogicalDrives() returns a bitmask that indicates that drive B is an available drive present on the system, even though there is no physical drive B.

CAUSE

=====

Drive B is a ghosted drive, so you can use it even if it does not exist. This is useful for performing a diskcopy.

RESOLUTION

=====

Use GetDriveType() to determine whether drive B: is present as a physical device.

STATUS

=====

This behavior is by design.

Additional reference words: 1.20 1.25

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: W32s

How to Pass Large Memory Block Through Win32s Universal Thunk Article ID: Q126708

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s version 1.2

SUMMARY

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You can pass a memory address to a thunk routine. The pointer address is translated via the universal thunk (UT). However, the translated pointer is only guaranteed for 32K. This article describes ways to pass a larger memory block through the universal thunk.

MORE INFORMATION

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GlobalAlloc()

You can call GlobalAlloc() to allocate a larger memory block on the 32-bit side of the thunk, copy the data into this memory block, send the handle to the 16-bit side, and lock the handle on the 16-bit side with GlobalLock().

VirtualAlloc()

If you allocate the memory using VirtualAlloc(), it will be aligned on a 64K boundary, so that you can address the entire memory block. HeapAlloc() allocates large memory blocks using VirtualAlloc() as well. NOTE: You are still limited to 64K of memory, due to the selector tiling.

Allocate a selector

To use this method, get the 32-bit offset used by the Win32-based application and the selector base for the data selector returned by GetThreadSelectorEntry(), then calculate the linear address of the memory block. With this linear address, you can use AllocSelector(), SetSelectorBase(), and SetSelectorLimit() to access the memory block from the 16-bit side of the thunk.

NOTE: Sparse memory will cause problems in the general case. Make sure that the memory range has been not only reserved, but also committed.

Additional reference words: 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: W32s

PRB: Error on Win32s: R6016 - not enough space for thread data
Article ID: Q126709

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s, versions 1.2 and 1.25
-

SYMPTOMS

=====

Spawning and closing an application repeatedly succeeds around 60 times, then the spawn fails with this error:

R6016 - not enough space for thread data

CAUSE

=====

The thread local storage (TLS) is not freed by the system.

The failure occurs only if there is another Win32-based application active while you are doing the spawns. The message itself is not generated by Win32s. It is generated by the Microsoft C Run-time (CRT) libraries LIBC.LIB and LIBCMT.LIB.

RESOLUTION

=====

In Win32s version 1.25, TLS indices are freed during module cleanup. The TLS index is owned by the application's main module, so that it is freed when the application terminates. This solves the problem for LIBC and LIBCMT.

There is a similar problem with MSVCRT20.DLL. This DLL version of the CRT allocates a new TLS index each time a process attaches to it. MSVCRT20 doesn't free the TLS indices when unloading. The system should free them. If only one application uses MSVCRT20 at a time, then the application can be spawned successfully up to about 60 times on Win32s version 1.20. On Win32s version 1.25, there is no limitation.

If there is already an active application that uses MSVCRT20, it is not possible to spawn and close a second application that uses MSVCRT20 more than about 60 times under Win32s version 1.25. This is because MSVCRT20 allocates a TLS index each time a process attaches to it. Win32s will free all of the TLS indices only when MSVCRT20 is unloaded.

MORE INFORMATION

=====

On Win32s, TLS allocation should be done once and not per process. Each process can use the index to store per-process data, just as a thread uses a TLS index on Windows NT. This is easy to do, because DLL data is shared between all processes under Win32s.

The following example demonstrates how to do the TLS allocation once on

Win32s:

```
BOOL WINAPI DllMain(HINSTANCE hinstDll, DWORD fdwReason,
    LPVOID lpvReserved)
{
    static BOOL fFirstProcess = TRUE;
    BOOL fWin32s = FALSE;
    DWORD dwVersion = GetVersion();
    static DWORD dwIndex;

    if ( !(dwVersion & 0x80000000) && LOBYTE(LOWORD(dwVersion))<4 )
        fWin32s = TRUE;

    if (dwReason == DLL_PROCESS_ATTACH) {
        if (fFirstProcess || !fWin32s) {
            dwIndex = TlsAlloc();
        }
        fFirstProcess = FALSE;
    }
    .
    .
    .
}
```

Additional reference words: 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg kbcode kbprb

KBSubcategory: W32s

PRB: WinExec() Fails Due to Memory Not Deallocated

Article ID: Q126710

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s, versions 1.15, 1.2, and 1.25
-

SYMPTOMS

=====

Under Win32s version 1.15, when a Win32-based application spawns a 16-bit application several times using WinExec(), after a few successful spawns, WinExec() fails.

Each time WinExec() is called to start a 16-bit application, Win32s allocates a fixed and pagelocked block. The owner of this block is the Win32-based application. The memory is not deallocated when the 16-bit application is terminated, only when the 32-bit application is terminated.

CAUSE

=====

This is actually a bug in Windows version 3.1. The 32-bit WinExec() calls the 16-bit LoadModule(). Win32s passes the environment of the calling process to LoadModule(). Then the Windows 3.1 LoadModule() allocates a buffer for the environment, copies this environment to the buffer, and passes this buffer to the child process. The problem is that the owner of the new allocated buffer is the parent, so the memory is freed when the parent exits. There is no code for otherwise freeing the memory. This bug also affects 16-bit Windows-based applications if LoadModule() is called with an environment selector that is not NULL.

In a related problem, when the parent terminates, the child's environment becomes invalid. This may cause a general protection (GP) fault.

RESOLUTION

=====

To work around the problem, you can call the Windows version 3.1 WinExec() through the Universal Thunk. However, the parent will not be able to modify the child's environment.

In Win32s version 1.2x, this problem exists only if you start 16-bit application using CreateProcess() or LoadModule() and pass it explicit environment strings. In this case, you will encounter the Windows version 3.1 bug. If you do not pass an explicit environment, the environment passed to the 16-bit application is NULL. This resolves the problems mentioned in the Symptoms and Cause sections of this article.

MORE INFORMATION

=====

With the changes in Win32s version 1.2x, if the calling application modifies the environment, the child process will not get the modified

environment of the parent. It will get the global MS-DOS environment. This is also true for WinExec().

If you need to pass a modified environment, call LoadModule() or CreateProcess() with the environment set to what GetEnvironmentStrings() returns. Be aware that this will cause a memory leak. In addition, if the parent terminates before the child, the child's environment will become invalid.

Additional reference words: 1.20 GPF

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: W32s

PRB: Oracle7 for Win32s Hangs When Initialize Database Manager
Article ID: Q127760

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.00, 1.10, 1.15, 1.20, and 1.25a
-

SYMPTOMS

=====

There is a known problem with using Oracle7 for Win32s with the Windows Sound System version 2.0. The problem occurs when starting up a database in the Database Manager. Oracle7 may hang during this process. The machine will need to be rebooted.

CAUSE

=====

The SNDEVNTS.DRV file is causing the problem by performing stack checking on the application stacks of Oracle7. The stack checking is corrupting the application stack of Oracle7 causing the application to hang.

RESOLUTION

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Download SEVNT022.EXE, a self extracting file from the Microsoft Software Library (MSL) available on the following services:

- CompuServe
 - GO MSL
 - Search for SEVNT022.EXE
 - Display results and download
- Microsoft Download Service (MSDL)
 - Dial (206) 936-6735 to connect to MSDL
 - Download SEVNT022.EXE
- Internet (anonymous FTP)
 - ftp ftp.microsoft.com
 - Change to the SOFTLIB\MSLFILES directory
 - Get SEVNT022.EXE

Follow the installation directions contained in the README.TXT file.

Additional reference words: 1.00 1.10 1.20 SNDEVNTS.DRV
KBCategory: kb3rdparty kbfile kbprb
KBSubcategory: W32s

How to Use RPC Under Win32s

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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s, versions 1.2 and 1.25a
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Win32s does not thunk Remote Procedure Call (RPC) calls. Therefore, if you have a Win32-based application that uses RPC and you want it to run on Win32s, you will need to write a thunking layer for your application to thunk the 32-bit calls to the 16-bit RPC implementation.

One issue to keep in mind when writing the thunking layer is how to handle stub code. It is convenient to direct the MIDL compiler to produce 16-bit stub code for the application. The stub code can be built as a 16-bit DLL, which can be called from the Win32-based application via the Universal Thunk. This eliminates the need to write a thunking layer for the RPC run-time functions that appear in 32-bit client stub code.

One limitation is that RPC servers are not supported with the 16-bit RPC, only clients. Microsoft's 32-bit RPC implements servers by spawning threads for each call, and threads are not supported under Win32s. There may be other vendors who supply a 16-bit RPC that supports servers.

Additional reference words: 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: W32s

Using the Registry Under Win32s

Article ID: Q129542

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s, version 1.2
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SUMMARY

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A Win32s-based application running under Win32s is limited to the Windows version 3.1 view of the registry. This means that there are no named values. In addition, HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT is available, but not HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE or HKEY_CURRENT_USER.

The Windows version 3.1 registry is very limited in size. Microsoft recommends that you store only the OLE registration information in the Windows registry.

MORE INFORMATION

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While Win32s does support some Registry APIs that Windows does not, it does not support all of the Win32 Registry APIs. For a complete list of the Registry APIs supported under Win32s, please see the file WIN32API.CSV, which is included with the Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) and in Microsoft Visual C++ (32-bit edition).

NOTE: All supported Registry APIs, except for RegQueryValueA() and RegQueryValueExA(), return the error codes defined for Windows version 3.1, not the codes defined by the Win32 API.

Additional reference words: 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: W32s

PRB: CreateFile Fails on Win32s w/ UNC Name of Local Machine
Article ID: Q129543

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s version 1.2
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SYMPTOMS

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CreateFile() fails on Win32s if the file name is a UNC name that refers to the local machine.

CAUSE

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This is a limitation of Windows for Workgroups version 3.11. The same problem occurs with 16-bit Windows-based applications using OpenFile().

RESOLUTION

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Do not use a UNC name to open a file on the local machine.

STATUS

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This behavior is by design.

MORE INFORMATION

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There is a similar limitation with Windows version 3.1 and LAN Manager. If you create a network drive and try to open a file on the same network share using a UNC name, it will fail. This also happens with 16-bit Windows-based applications.

Additional reference words: 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: W32s

PRB: CreateFile() Does Not Handle OEM Chars as Expected
Article ID: Q129544

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s, versions 1.2 and 1.25a
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SYMPTOMS

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When CreateFile() is passed a filename string that contains an OEM character, the name of the file created is not as expected. In particular, a file created with CreateFile() cannot be opened with OpenFile() when OpenFile() is passed the same filename string.

For example, suppose that the ANSI filename string contains a lower-case e accent character (0x0e9). The file created by CreateFile() contains an upper-case E and the file created by OpenFile() contains an upper-case E accent character.

CAUSE

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CreateFile() is implemented with calls to MS-DOS. MS-DOS converts the given file names to upper-case letters. OpenFile() is implemented with a thunk to the 16-bit Windows OpenFile(). OpenFile() converts the file name to upper-case before calling MS-DOS. The conversion that the 16-bit OpenFile() is doing is different from the conversion performed by MS-DOS for the OEM characters. The result is that different filenames are created for the same string passed to CreateFile() and OpenFile() if the name contains OEM characters.

RESOLUTION

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To make the file name created by CreateFile() consistent with the file name created by OpenFile(), call AnsiUpper() on the file name string before calling CreateFile().

STATUS

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This behavior is by design. This will not be changed in Win32s now, because it may break existing Win32-based applications.

MORE INFORMATION

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The 16-bit OpenFile() will fail to find an existing file if the file contains OEM characters but not an explicit full path. This also occurs with the 32-bit OpenFile(), because it is thunked to the 16-bit OpenFile().

SearchFile() will also fail to find files if the file name contains OEM characters or if the search path (lpszpath != NULL) contains OEM characters.

NOTE: In 16-bit Windows and Win32s 1.2 and earlier, OpenFile() returns the filename in OEM characters. However, the Win32 API documentation states that OpenFile() should return an ANSI string. Starting with the next version of Win32s, OpenFile() will return an ANSI string, as it does under Windows NT.

Additional reference words: 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: W32s

PRB: DialogBox() Call w/ Desktop Window Handle Disables Mouse
Article ID: Q129597

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s, version 1.2

SYMPTOMS

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Under Windows NT and Windows 95, you can call DialogBox() using the return from GetDesktopWindow() as the parent window handle. However, doing the same thing under Win32s will disable the mouse. Clicking any mouse button results in a beep, and you must reboot the computer to enable the mouse again.

CAUSE

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This is a bug in Windows, not Win32s. The same thing occurs from a 16-bit Windows-based application. Internally, Windows disables the parent window by calling EnableWindow(hwndParent, FALSE). If the handle is the desktop window handle, the desktop window is disabled. This disables the mouse as well, due to the bug in the Windows code.

RESOLUTION

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Do not call DialogBox() with the desktop window handle as the parent window handle.

Additional reference words: 1.20 HWND_DESKTOP

KBCategory: kprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: W32s

GetWindowRect() Returns TRUE with Desktop Window Handle

Article ID: Q129598

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s, version 1.2
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Under Windows NT and Windows 95, GetWindowRect() returns FALSE (to indicate failure) if the desktop window handle is used. Under Win32s, GetWindowRect() returns TRUE if the desktop window handle is used, however, the RECT structure is not correctly filled in.

On Win32s, GetWindowRect() returns TRUE unconditionally because the 16-bit Windows GetWindowRect() has no return value. Therefore, before calling GetWindowRect() on Win32s, you should first check that the window handle is not the desktop window handle.

Additional reference words: 1.20 GetDesktopWindow HWND_DESKTOP

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: W32s

How to Examine the Use of Process Memory Under Win32s

Article ID: Q129599

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s, version 1.2

SUMMARY

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Under Windows, tools like HeapWalk and PWalk can be used to examine memory use of 16-bit code. However, these tools cannot be used to look at memory use of 32-bit code. This article discusses how to look at process memory use under Win32s.

MORE INFORMATION

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If you run the debug version of Win32s and kernel debugger WDEB386, you can break into the debugger at any point by pressing CTRL+C and using debug information from the Win32s VxD. Use the command .w32s to get the list of information types available.

```
#.w32s
```

```
W32S debug routines:
```

```
A - General Info  
B - Print Free LS ranges  
C - Print RRD & Section lists  
D - Print Modules list  
E - Toggle SwapOut trace  
F - Toggle PageFault trace  
G - count present alias pages  
H - List RRD Commit List  
I - Toggle Virtual Alloc/Free trace  
J - Toggle Mapped Section trace  
K - List Locked Pages  
[ESC] Exit W32S Debug Routines
```

Option C gives you information about the sparse memory usage.

The memory for .EXE and .DLL files is allocated in the sparse memory. Here's an example printout using option C:

```
RRD List:
```

Index	Start	Size	Owner	#Commits	CommSize	#PresPg
00000000	87AA0000	0000E000	00000000	- VIEW -	- VIEW -	- VIEW -
00000001	87A90000	00001000	00001F37	00000001	00001000	00000001
00000002	87A50000	00040000	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000
00000003	87A40000	00002000	00000000	- VIEW -	- VIEW -	- VIEW -
00000004	87A30000	00009000	00000000	- VIEW -	- VIEW -	- VIEW -
00000005	87A20000	00002000	00000000	- VIEW -	- VIEW -	- VIEW -
00000006	87A10000	00002000	00000000	- VIEW -	- VIEW -	- VIEW -
00000007	87910000	00100000	00001F37	00000001	00001000	00000001
00000008	878F0000	00020000	00001F37	00000001	00020000	00000002

00000009	878C0000	00021000	00001F37	00000001	00021000	00000001
0000000A	878B0000	00005000	00000000	00000001	00005000	00000005
0000000B	87860000	00043000	00000000	00000001	00043000	00000031
0000000C	87830000	0002D000	00000000	00000001	0002D000	0000000C
0000000D	87810000	00011000	00000000	00000001	00011000	0000000E
0000000E	80869000	00001000	00001F37	00000001	00001000	00000000
0000000F	87800000	00002000	00001F37	00000001	00002000	00000001
00000010	80635000	00001000	00001F37	00000001	00001000	00000000
		=====			=====	=====
Total		00229000			000CD000	00000056

Sections List:

SecIndex	hFile	SecSize	#Ref	#Views	CommSize	#PresPg
00000001	00000004	00002000	00000000	00000001	00002000	00000001
00000002	00000005	00002000	00000000	00000001	00002000	00000001
00000003	00000006	00009000	00000000	00000001	00009000	00000003
00000004	00000007	00002000	00000000	00000001	00002000	00000001
00000005	00000008	0000E000	00000000	00000001	0000E000	00000001
		=====			=====	=====
Total		0001D000			0001D000	00000007

G. Total 000EA000 0000005D

The Size column contains the reserved size and the CommSize column contains the committed size. The addresses are zero-based (ring 0), not based on 0xffff0000 (ring 3). Therefore, you must add 0x10000 to the addresses you see in the list in order to get the ring 3 addresses.

Option D gives you the list of modules and where they reside in memory. These addresses are zero-based addresses as well, as is any information that you get from the VxD.

Another way to get information indicating where things are placed in memory is to set the verbose loader flag (0x20) in the Win32sDebug variable in the [386Enh] section of the SYSTEM.INI file.

NOTE: Do not add the 0x, just write Win32sDebug=20. The loader then will print in the debug terminal information about each loaded module. For example:

```
Open file D:\WIN32APP\FREECELL\FREECELL.EXE in mode 0xa0
LELDR: allocating 0x11000
LELDR: Module D:\WIN32APP\FREECELL\FREECELL.EXE [1] loaded at 0x87820000
LELDR: obj 1 loaded @ 0x87821000, 0x 5c00 bytes .text,flags=0x60000020
LELDR: obj 2 loaded @ 0x87827000, 0x 0 bytes .bss,flags=0xc0000080
LELDR: obj 3 loaded @ 0x87828000, 0x 200 bytes .rdata,flags=0x40000040
LELDR: obj 4 loaded @ 0x87829000, 0x a00 bytes .data,flags=0xc0000040
LELDR: obj 5 loaded @ 0x8782a000, 0x 2400 bytes .rsrc,flags=0x40000040
LELDR: obj 6 loaded @ 0x8782d000, 0x 200 bytes .CRT,flags=0xc0000040
LELDR: obj 7 loaded @ 0x8782e000, 0x a00 bytes .idata,flags=0x40000040
LELDR: obj 8 loaded @ 0x8782f000, 0x 1e00 bytes .reloc,flags=0x42000040
File D:\WIN32APP\FREECELL\FREECELL.EXE is closed
```

The addresses here are ring 3 addresses.

REFERENCES
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Please see the "Win32s Programmer's Reference" included in the Win32 SDK for more information about the debugging features. This information is not included in the version of the Win32s documentation distributed with Visual C++.

Additional reference words: 1.20

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: W32s

PRB: DLL Load Fails Under Win32s When Apps Share a DLL
Article ID: Q131224

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.2 and 1.25a
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SYMPTOMS

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LoadLibrary fails under Win32s in the following situation:

1. App1 is executed and loads MYDLL.DLL.
2. App2 is executed and loads MYDLL.DLL as well.
3. App1 is terminated and unloads MYDLL.DLL.

App2 can GP fault when MYDLL.DLL is accessed. In addition, if App1 is restarted and attempts to load MYDLL.DLL, the call to LoadLibrary fails and GetLastError reports ERROR_DLL_INIT_FAILED.

This problem does not occur under Windows NT or Windows 95.

CAUSE

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By default, Visual C++ create a DLL that statically links to the C Run-time (CRT). This version of the CRT is not compatible with Win32s. Problems occur when global data for the CRT is initialized, because of the shared address space under Windows.

The static CRT library uses global variables to manage memory allocations. In the scenario above, App2 can fault when allocating memory, if the global variables used to access App memory refer to memory that was allocated App1 which has since terminated, because the allocated memory was returned to the heap.

RESOLUTION

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Use the /MD (Multithreaded using CRT in a DLL) option when compiling the DLL and add the MSVCRT.LIB import library to the library list. Include the Win32s version of MSVCRT20.DLL which is included in Visual C++ 2.x (it is redistributable) in your project. Then the DLL will use the DLL version of the CRT libraries that is compatible with Win32s and the problem will not occur.

MORE INFORMATION

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When a DLL that uses the CRT is loaded into memory, all global variables for the DLL and for the CRT libraries are initialized. Under Windows NT and Windows 95, the application is given its own copy of the global data for

the DLL. When other applications use the same DLL, they each receive their own copy of the global variables as well. This eliminates conflicts, because the data is not shared.

Under Win32s, DLLs are loaded into the same shared memory space and all global variables for a DLL are shared. This means that the CRT global data is also shared. The version of MSVCRT20.DLL that targets Win32s was written to take this into account and avoid conflicts.

The Windows NT/Windows 95 version of MSVCRT20.DLL can be found in the MSVC20\REDIST directory of the CD. The Win32s version can be found in the WIN32S\REDIST directory.

Additional reference words: 1.20 2.00

KBCategory: kbprg kbprb

KBSubcategory: W32s

Win32s Version 1.25a Limitations

Article ID: Q131896

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s, version 1.25a
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SUMMARY

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The following lists the limitations of Win32s, not including the complete list of unsupported Win32 APIs. For information on which Win32 APIs are and are not supported under Win32s, please see the "Win32 Programmer's Reference" or the WIN32API.CSV file.

MORE INFORMATION

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- Thread creation is not supported.
- Win32s uses the Windows version 3.1 nonpreemptive scheduling mechanism.
- 32-bit processes should be started from a 16-bit application through WinExec() or Int 21 4B. LoadModule() does not start a 32-bit process.
- Win32-based applications cannot use the EM_SETHANDLE or EM_GETHANDLE messages to access the text in a multiline edit control. These messages allow the sharing of local memory handles between an application and USER.EXE. In Win32s, an application's local heap is 32-bit, so USER.EXE cannot interpret a local handle. To read and write multi-line edit control text, an application should use WM_GETTEXT and WM_SETTEXT.

Text for multi-line edit controls is stored in the 16-bit local heap in DGROUP, which is allocated by Windows version 3.1 for the WIN32S.EXE stub loaded before each Win32-based application is loaded. This means that the size of edit control text is limited to somewhat less than 64K.

- The CBT hook thunks do not copy back the contents of structures, so any changes are lost.
- Win32-based applications should not call through the return from SetWindowsHook(). SetWindowsHook() returns a pointer to the next hook in the chain. To call this function, the application should call DefHookProc(), and pass a pointer to a variable where this address is stored. Because Win32s simulates the old hook API in terms of the new, SetWindowsHook() actually passes back a hook handle, not a function pointer.
- Resource integer IDs must be 16-bit values.
- PostMessage() and PeekMessage() do not thunk structures. These functions do not allocate space for repacking structures, because there is no way to know when to free up the space.
- Private application messages should not use the high word of wParam.

Win32s uses Windows to deliver window messages. For unknown messages, wParam is truncated to make it fit into 16-bits. Therefore, Win32-based applications should not put 32-bit quantities into the wParam of privately-defined messages, which are unknown to the thunk layer.

- After calling FindText(), an application cannot directly access the FINDREPLACE structure. When an application calls the common dialog function FindText(), it passes a FINDREPLACE structure. The FindText() dialog communicates with the owner window through a registered message, in which the lParam points to the structure. The thunks repack this structure in place, so that unless the application is processing the registered message, it should not access the structure.
- Subclassing a window that owns a FindText() common dialog does not work. The FindText() thunk repacks the FINDREPLACE structure in place. This means that 32-bit window procedures cannot subclass 16-bit owners of FindText() dialogs without likely trashing four bytes beyond the end of the structure, because the 32-bit FINDREPLACE is four bytes bigger than the 16-bit version.

For 32-bit owners of the dialog box, there are also problems. Whenever the structure might be referenced by 16-bit code, it needs to be in the 16-bit format. However, when the FindText() dialog box terminates, the structure needs to be in 32-bit format so that the application can read the final values. The dialog box indicates to its owner that it is about to be destroyed by sending the `commdlg_FindReplace` message with the `FR_DIALOGTERM` bit set in the `Flags` field of the `FINDREPLACE` structure. After sending this message, the FindText() dialog box does not reference the structure anymore, so the `commdlg_FindReplace` thunk leaves it in 32-bit format.

The problem occurs when the owner has been subclassed. Once the message has moved to the 32-bit side, the structure will not be reconverted to 16-bits. Suppose the dialog box owner was subclassed by a 16-bit window procedure, which was in turn subclassed by a 32-bit window procedure. When a message is sent to the owner, it will first go to 32-bits, then to 16-bits, then back to 32-bits to the original window procedure:

1. 16->32 message sent to 32-bit subclasser (struct repacked to 32-bits)
2. 32->16 message sent to 16-bit subclasser (struct not repacked)
3. 16->32 message sent to 32-bit original WndProc (struct not repacked)

The 16-bit subclasser cannot interpret the message parameters because they are in 32-bit format. Between steps 2 and 3, the structure is not repacked because it's already in 32-bit format.

Therefore, when a Win32-based application calls FindText(), allocate the following:

1. A structure that contains the htask of WIN32S.EXE.
2. The original 32-bit FINDREPLACE pointer.
3. A count of the number of times the structure has been thunked without returning.
4. A 16-bit format copy of FINDREPLACE.

The structure is repacked into the 16-bit version and this copy is passed to Windows. The count is initially 0. When the `commdlg_FindReplace` message is sent in either direction (16->32 or 32->16), repack the structure on the stack. If it was originally 32-bit, increment the count. When returning in either direction, unpack the structure and, if originally 32-bit, decrement the count.

If the `Flags` field of the structure has the `FR_DIALOGTERM` bit set, the structure is originally 32-bit, and the count goes to 0 on a return, then repack the structure back to the original 32-bit space.

- DDE messages are always posted, not sent, except for two: `WM_DDE_INITIATE` and `WM_DDE_ACK` (responding to the former). The sent form of `WM_DDE_ACK` is different from the posted form. When sent, no thinking of `lParam` is necessary when going between 16- and 32-bit format. However, when posting, the `lParam` parameter is repacked as two `DWORD`s into private memory, allocated by `COMBO.DLL` (or by `USER.DLL` in Windows NT). The thunk layer makes this distinction through the `InSendMessage()` function. Therefore, a Win32-based application should not do anything in the processing of a `WM_DDE_INITIATE` message that would cause the return code from `InSendMessage()` to be `FALSE`.
- The following DDE messages are handled differently by applications under Windows and Win32:

```
WM_DDE_ACK
WM_DDE_ADVISE
WM_DDE_DATA
WM_DDE_EXECUTE
WM_DDE_POKE
```

Because of the widening of handles, there is not enough space in the Win32 message parameters for all the Windows data. Win32-based applications are required to call helper functions that package the data into memory (`DDEPACK` structure) referenced by a special handle. Win32s implements the helper functions and allocates the `DDEPACK` structure on behalf of 16-bit code when necessary.

As with other memory handles shared through DDE, there are rules concerning who frees the memory allocated by these helper routines.

```
lParam = PackDDElParam(...)
if (PostMessage(..., lParam))
    receiving window has obligation of freeing memory
    lParam now invalid for this process
else
    FreeDDElParam(..., lParam)
```

A Win32s hook procedure that has called `CallNextHookProc()` should not use the `lParam` handle as the later's return code indicates that the message has been processed. The hooks that could possibly process a DDE message are:

```
WH_DEBUG
WH_HARDWARE
WH_KEYBOARD
```


WH_MOUSE
WH_MSGFILTER
WH_SYSMSGFILTER

In each case, if the hook proc (and therefore CallNextHookEx()) returns a non-zero value, the message was either discarded or processed. Windows-based procedures should not use the lParam of a DDE message after handing it off to any other message API because they cannot know if the message has been processed, so they must assume that it has been.

- WDEB386 does not support FreeSegment() for 32-bit segments. Win32s Kernel Debugger support depends on it.
- The maximum size of shared memory is limited by Windows memory.

```
CreateFileMapping(hFile,  
                 lpsa,  
                 fdwProtect,  
                 dwMaximumSizeHigh,  
                 dwMaximumSizeHigh,  
                 lpszMapName)
```

lpsa - Ignored.
dwMaximumSizeHigh - Must be zero.

```
MapViewOfFile(hMapObject,  
              fdwAccess,  
              dwOffsetHigh,  
              dwOffsetLow,  
              cbMap)
```

dwOffsetHigh - Must be zero.

- SetClipboardData() must be used only with a global handle. Otherwise, the data can't be accessed by other applications.
- Win32s supports printing exactly as Windows version 3.1 does. Win32s does not add beziers, paths, or transforms to GDI; to allow applications to use these features on PostScript printers, you must call the Escape function with the appropriate escape codes.

Applications link to Windows version 3.1 printer drivers through LoadLibrary() and GetProcAddress(), which have special support for this purpose. There is no general mechanism allowing a Win32-based application to link to a 16-bit DLL.

- Win32s does not support these escape codes:

BANDINFO	;24
GETSETPAPERBINS	;29
ENUMPAPERMETRICS	;34
EXTTEXTOUT	;512
SETALLJUSTVALUES	;771

- Integer atoms must be in the range 0-0x3FFF. This restriction is necessary for the current implementation of the window properties API

thunks: SetProp(), GetProp(), RemoveProp(), EnumProps(), and EnumPropsEx(). Integer atoms above 0x4000 are rejected by the thunk layer.

- Arrays must fit in 64K after converting to 16-bit format. An array passed to a function such as SetCharABCWidths() or Polyline() must fit within 64K after its elements have been converted to their 16-bit form. Its 32-bit form may be bigger than 64K.
- All Windows version 3.1 APIs that return void, return 1 to the Win32-based application.

You can simulate a boolean return value by validating the API parameters and returning FALSE if one is bad. However, you can't always do complete validation, and if the API is called, you must assume it succeeded unless there is a method to verify whether or not it succeeded.

- Win32 child window IDs must be sign-extended 16-bit values. This excludes the use of 32-bit pointer values as child IDs.
- When calling PeekMessage(), a Win32-based application should not filter any messages for Windows internal window classes (button, edit, scrollbar, and so on). The messages for these controls are mapped to different values in Win32, and checking for the necessity of mapping is time-consuming.
- The dwThreadId parameter in SetWindowsHookEx() is ignored. The dwThreadId is translated to hTask in Windows 3.1. There's a bug in Windows version 3.1 where if hTask!=NULL, the call may fail.
- Floating point (FP) emulation by exception cannot be performed in 16-bit applications. When tasks are switched between applications, the CR0-EM bit state is not preserved in order to support 32-bit application FP emulation by exception without breaking the existing 16-bit applications that use FP instructions. The CR0-EM bit is assumed to be cleared during execution of 16-bit application FP instructions. Upon executing a 16-bit application FP instruction, the bit is cleared and reset when switching back to a 32-bit application. The CR0-EM bit management is done in the Win32s VxD, thus disabling the possibility of getting an int 7 exception just by setting the CR0-EM bit in a 16-bit application.
- EndDialog() nResult parameter is sign-extended. Applications specify the return value for the DialogBox() function by way of the nResult parameter to the EndDialog() API. This parameter is of type int, which is 32-bit in Win32s. However, this value is thunked through to the Windows version 3.1 EndDialog() API, which truncates it to a 16-bit value. Win32s sign-extends the return code from DialogBox().
- GetClipboard() returns SIMPLEREGION(2) and COMPLEXREGION(3). Because Windows NT is a preemptive multitasking system, GetClipboard() on Windows NT never returns SIMPLEREGION(2). The reason for this is that between the time the API was called and the time the application gets the result, the region may change. Win32s can return both SIMPLEREGION(2) and COMPLEXREGION(3).
- PeekMessage() filtering for posted messages (hWnd==-1) is not supported. The hWnd is replaced with NULL.

- Message queue length is limited to Windows default: 8 or whatever length was set by DefaultQueueSize=n in the WIN.INI file. This limit may be increased in the future to a larger size, but there will always be a limit.
- GetFileTime() and SetFileTime() process only the lpLastWriteTime parameter and return an error if this parameter is not supplied. In the DEBUG version, supplying the other parameters causes a warning message to be displayed.
- The precision of the time of a file is two seconds (MS-DOS limitation).
- CreateProcess has the following limitations:
 - fdwCreate - Only DEBUG_PROCESS and DEBUG_ONLY_THIS_PROCESS are supported.
 - Process priority is always NORMAL.
 - lpProcess, lpThread - Security information ignored.
- Always use device-independent bitmaps for color bitmaps. Win32s supports the four Win32 device-dependent bitmap APIs. These are device-dependent in the sense that the bitmap bits are supplied without a color table to explain their meaning.

CreateBitmap
 CreateBitmapIndirect
 GetBitmapBits
 SetBitmapBits

These are well defined and fully supported for monochrome bitmaps. For color bitmaps, these APIs are not well defined and Win32s relies on the Windows display driver for their support. This means that an application cannot know the format of the bits returned by GetBitmapBits() and should not attempt to directly manipulate them. The values returned by GetDeviceCaps() for PLANES and BITSPIXEL and the values returned by GetObject() for a bitmap do not necessarily indicate the format of the bits returned by GetBitmapBits(). It is possible for the GDI DIB APIs to be unsupported on some displays. However, it is now rare for display drivers to not support DIBs. The one case where you may encounter a lack of DIB support is with printer drivers, which may not support the GetDIBits() API, though most do support the SetDIBits() API.

Win32s does not transform the bits in any way when passing them on to a Windows version 3.1 API. When running an application that creates a device-dependent bitmap via CreateBitmap() or CreateBitmapIndirect(), be aware that the bits it is passing in may not be in the right format for the device. Windows NT takes care of this by treating the bits as a DIB whose format is consistent with the PLANES and BITSPIXEL values; but Win32s simply passes them through.

- GetPrivateProfileString() and GetProfileString() return an error when the lpzSection parameter is NULL. Under Windows NT, they give all the sections in the .INI file.

- String resources are limited to a length of 255, as they were in Windows version 3.1.
- TLS locations are the same in all processes for a specific DLL. This is because Win32s does not support per-instance data for DLLs. The TLS locations are unique per DLL. Each DLL should call TlsAlloc() only once if it is running on Win32s. The index returned will be valid for all Win32 processes.
- GlobalCompact() is thought through to Windows version 3.1 GlobalCompact(). This API has no effect on memory allocated through VirtualAlloc(), which does not come from the Windows global heap.
- GetVolumeInformation() does not support the Volume ID.
- GetFileInformationByHandle() create time and access time are always 0 (MS-DOS limitations). The volume id, file index low/high are also 0 (Win32s limitations). This affects the CRT fstat() as well.
- CreatePolyPolygonRgn() requires a closed polygon, as it does under Windows version 3.1. If the polygons are not closed, the Windows NT call closes the polygons for you. In Windows version 3.1 or Win32s, if the polygons are not closed, the call does not create the region correctly, or it returns an error for an invalid parameter.
- Win32s does not support the DIB_PAL_INDICES option for SetDIBits(). It will be supported in a future release. DIB_PAL_PHYSINDICES and DIB_PAL_LOGINDICES are not supported either.
- The WH_FOREGROUNDIDLE hook type is not supported. Windows version 3.1 does not provide the necessary support.
- The brush styles BS_DIBPATTERNPT and BS_PATTERN8X8 are not supported and cause an error to be returned.
- The hFile in DLL and PROCESS DEBUG events is not supported in Win32s because there is no support for duplicating file handles between processes (basically an MS-DOS limitation).

There are two way to access the image bytes: ReadProcessMemory() or open the file in compatibility mode using the name provided in lplpImageName.

- Under Windows NT, NetBIOS keeps a different name table for each process. On Win32s, there is only one NetBIOS name table for the system. Each name (group or unique) added by a process is kept in a doubly-linked list. Through NCBRESET or by destroying the process, you delete all the names that were added by the process. Win32s does not implement the full NetBIOS 3.0 specification, which has a separate name table per process.
- When calling 32-bit code from 16-bit code with UT (for example, from an interrupt routine), the stack must be at least 10K. The interrupt routine must assure that the stack will be big enough.
- GetThreadContext() and SetThreadContext() can be called only from within an exception handler or an exception debug event. At all other times, these functions return FALSE and the error code is set to ERROR_CAN_NOT_COMPLETE.

- CreateProcess() PROCESS_INFORMATION is not supported for 16-bit applications. A valid structure must be passed to CreateProcess(), but the function fills all the fields with NULLs and zeroes.
- Win32s does not support the Windows NT event mechanism, therefore the ncb_event field in NCB structure is not supported.
- CreateFileMapping() does not support SEC_NOCACHE or SEC_NOCOMMIT. The call fails with ERROR_INVALID_PARAMETER.
- WaitForDebugEvent() does not fully support the dwTimeout parameter. If the parameter is zero, WaitForDebugEvent() behaves the same as under Windows NT. Otherwise, the parameter is treated as if it were INFINITE. However, the function returns if any messages arrive. If a message arrives, the return value is FALSE. The calling process should call SetLastError(0) before calling WaitForDebugEvent() and examine GetLastError() if WaitForDebugEvent() returns FALSE. If the error is zero, it means that a message arrived and the process should process the message. Otherwise, the process should handle the error.
- If a section contains duplicated keys, GetPrivateProfileSection() returns the duplicated keys, but all values are the same as the value of the first key.

Suppose a section contains these keys:

```
key1=x1
key2=x2
key2=x3
key2=x4
key3=x5
key2=x6
```

The values returned are:

```
key1=x1
key2=x2
key2=x2
key2=x2
key3=x5
key2=x2
```

- String IDs of resources should not be longer than 255 characters.
- String IDs must be in the English language. The resources themselves can be multilingual.
- GetDlgItemInt() only translates up to 16-bit int/unsigned values. This is because it gets its value from Windows, which translates only 16-bit values. As a workaround, call GetDlgItem() and translate the value using atoi() or sscanf().

Additional reference words: limits

KBCategory: kbprg

KBSubcategory: W32s

BUG: Win32 SDK Ver. 3.5 Bug List for Win32 SDK and Win32 API
Article ID: Q121907

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), version 3.5
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SUMMARY

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The following is a list of bugs in the Win32 SDK and Win32 API (version 3.5) that were known at the time of its release. The list is divided into four sections: Base, GDI, Networking, and User.

MORE INFORMATION

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Base

- SetLastErrorEx() does not raise a RIP_INFO debug event.
- Overlapped I/O does not work on CD-ROM drives.
- CDECL should be defined to __cdecl in WINDEF.H.
- EVENTLOGRECORD strings are incorrectly given as type WCHAR in winnt.h. The online help correctly gives the strings as type TCHAR.
- SetComputerName(""); sets computer name to an empty string at reboot, which the logon service cannot handle. The Network applet does not allow this computer name. Your code should check for this case as well.
- Registry allows remote access to certain performance data, but not local access.
- RegCreateKeyEx() puts the class string in all created subkeys.
- Call FileTimeToLocalFileTime() with a structure containing 0, then pass the result to FileTimeToSystemTime(). FileTimeToSystemTime() returns a bad value in SystemTime.wHour.
- DLL does not receive DLL_PROCESS_DETACH if last thread in process calls ExitThread().

GDI

- Return values for certain GetBitmapBits() calls are not the same on Windows and Windows NT.
- Return values for certain StretchBlt() calls are not the same on Windows and Windows NT.
- When a transparent window is present and full drag is enabled, the

display is not refreshed correctly when a window is dragged.

- GetCharABCWidths() returns twice the width for character 0x92 that GetTextExtentPoint() returns using Arial font.
- Use a True Type font off the network, produce a few glyphs, and kill the network connection. You get an in page memory exception if you try to use the font with different (not cached) glyphs. Restore the network connection and try to use the font. The font was tagged as invalid, so all subsequent TextOut() calls fail.
- CreateDC() returns ERROR_MOD_NOT_FOUND instead of ERROR_ACCESS_DENIED for a printer with no access rights. The problem is that GDI does not check for ERROR_ACCESS_DENIED when the open printer fails; GDI directly tries to do a LoadLibrary() on the pszDevice.
- EndDoc() reports success when given an information context (IC).
- AbortDoc() reports success when given an information context (IC).
- glGet() doesn't generate GL_INVALID_OPERATION error code when it is called within glBegin()/glEnd().

Networking

- For MS-DOS clients, NetAccessGetInfo() returns code 53. (ERROR_BAD_NETPATH) for the local server.
- For MS-DOS clients, NetServerEnum2() with a bad domain should return error 2320, but it returns Windows NT error code 6118.
- For MS-DOS clients, NetShareGetInfo() level 2 fails with error 87.
- For MS-DOS clients, NetShareGetInfo() level 3 returns NERR_Success, but level 3 is not a valid level.
- NetWkstaGetInfo() returns a platform id of PLATFORM_ID_OS2 for a downlevel Windows for Workgroups machine.
- NetUserAdd() remoted from a 16-bit application to a server with a long name fails with error 59 (unexpected network error).
- NetServiceEnum() resumehandle and prefMaxLen fields are ignored.
- NetGetDCName() with domain name of "." or "?" returns error 2102 (NERR_NetNotStarted), not 2453 (NERR_DCNotFound).
- NetUseEnum() with a preferred buffer size less than 40 bytes returns ERROR_MORE_DATA, rather than NERR_BufTooSmall.
- NetServerEnum() with a zero length buffer returns ERROR_MORE_DATA, rather than NERR_BufTooSmall.
- NetScheduleJobEnum() with a small preferred buffer size returns ERROR_MORE_DATA, rather than NERR_BufTooSmall.

- NetStatisticsGet() remoted to a downlevel OS/2 server does not work for the service "LanmanWorkstation".
- NetAccessEnum() with NULL base path causes an access violation.
- NetUserModalsGet() level 2 returns error 87 (ERROR_INVALID_PARAMETER).
- Network API doc errors: NetUserModals() supports a level 3 structure in Windows NT 3.5, NetGroupSetUsers() also supports level 1, NetAccessCheck() is in docs but not the header files, and the NetAuditClear()/NetAuditRead() service parameter should be marked as a reserved field that must be NULL.
- NetConfigGet() and NetConfigGetAll() return error 2146 when remoted to Windows NT. This API should only work from Windows NT to a downlevel machine. It should return ERROR_NOT_SUPPORTED or NERR_InvalidApi is remoted to Windows NT.
- NetWkstaUserSetInfo() level 0 returns error 124 (invalid level).
- NetReplImportDirUnlock() returns error 87 (NERR_Invalid_Parameter) if the directory is not locked.
- NetReplExportDirEnum() ignores suggested buffer size.
- NetUseEnum() level 2 remoted to an OS/2 machine returns error 50 (ERROR_NOT_SUPPORTED), not error 124 (ERROR_INVALID_LEVEL).
- NetConfigSet() returns success when remoted to Windows NT.
- NetWkstaUserSetInfo() called with an incorrect level returns error 87 (INVALID_PARAMETER), rather than error 124 (ERROR_INVALID_LEVEL).
- NetMessageNameEnum() with a zero length buffer returns NERR_Success, rather than NERR_BufTooSmall.

User

- DDESPY frees locked global objects when filtering out WM_DDE_INITIATE messages.
- GetTabbedTextExtent(), TabbedTextOut(), TextOut(), and DrawText() GP fault with bad string length values.
- Journal Recording causes improper icon title painting.
- With a WH_MSGFILTER installed, MSGF_NEXTWINDOW is not sent when the user Alt-Tabs to the next window.
- Active Screen Saver doesn't allow WH_JOURNALPLAYBACK hook.
- 122-key kbd: WSctrl, Jump, Finish keys are VK_NONAME.
- Using of NumLock key for PF1 in terminal emulation programs does not work.

- Calling `GetKeyState()/GetKeyboardState()` from a thread that is not reading from an input queue causes a `QEVENT_UPDATEKEYSTATE` to be posted to the queue, but it is never removed. If the input queue is being read, the key state is one update event out of date.
- System hang during journalling if a hung application exists and many system events are posted to the hung application.
- Windows NT does not wait for all applications to return their response from `WM_QUERYENDSESSION` before starting to destroy an application. This can cause data loss in OLE.
- `WM_GETMINMAXINFO` not used when window has `WS_CAPTION` and `WS_THICKFRAME`.
- Edit control clips italic text.
- Hotkeys are not checked during journal playback.
- OLE 2.01 server creates a window and uses `SetParent()` on the window of the container. When the container is resized to a smaller window than the server, the container can no longer be resized with the mouse over the server window. This is a side effect of calling `SetParent()` on a window that does not have style `WS_CHILD`.
- `GetSystemMetrics()` does not check parameter to see if it is within range and returns garbage for out of range values.
- Windows applications with focus can be overlapped.
- In large font video mode, `AdjustWindowRect()` returns bad width if the window does not have a menu and a bad height if the window has a menu.
- Prototypes for `SetSystemCursor()` and `LoadCursorFromFile()` are missing from `WINUSER.H`.

Additional reference words: 3.50 buglist3.50

KBCategory: kbprg kbnetwork kbbuglist

KBSubcategory: BseMisc GdiMisc NtwkMisc UsrMisc

BUG: Win32 Ver 3.5 SDK Bug List at Release - Subsystems & WOW
Article ID: Q122048

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), version 3.5
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SUMMARY

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The following is a list of the bugs in the Win32 version 3.5 SDK that were known when Win32 version 3.5 was released. The list is divided into three sections: OS/2 Subsystem, POSIX Subsystem, and Windows on Win32 (WOW).

MORE INFORMATION

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OS/2 Subsystem

- Extended characters in editors don't work with right-hand Alt key.
- DosRmdir() returns ERROR_PATH_NOT_FOUND, not ERROR_FILE_NOT_FOUND, if passed the name of a directory that does not exist.
- CTRL-X doesn't show with OS/2 Epsilon, although it is received by the application.
- DosSelectDisk() returns error if disk not ready, but not under OS/2.
- DosFindFirst() doesn't find config.sys in the registry.
- Ctrl-C doesn't centre text in Word 5.5 for OS/2.
- Ctrl-C will not cancel Fortran 5.1 setup.
- DosQApptype() returns ERROR_INVALID_EXE_SIGNATURE (191) if pszFileName does not use the correct .EXE format, but OS/2 returns ERROR_BAD_EXE_FORMAT (193).
- DosMove() returns error 80 if the target file exists, but OS/2 returns error 5.
- DosSetFileMode() returns error 0x02 if the file does not exist, but OS/2 returns error 0xCE.
- OS/2 subsystem doesn't load REXXINIT.DLL on startup, as OS/2 does, so OS/2 applications using REXX will fail on the first attempt.
- Flags3 field not preserved between DosDevIOctl/ASYNC_SETDCB and DosDevIOctl/ASYNC_GETDCB. Flags3 is always returned with a value of 3.
- Many vio functions return the wrong error code.
- Epsilon not jumping back after matching braces.

- NetHandleGetInfo() returns error 87 at level 2 or level 3.
- DosCreateThread() corrupts 11 words of temporary (under OS/2, only 2 words are corrupted).
- UUPC OS/2 1.x application tries to open and write to the com port. CTS and DTR come up, but RTS never does.
- SQL 4.2 setup fails to configure sort order.
- DosKillProcess() of ancestor with DKP_PROCESSTREE succeeds, but OS/2 returns ERROR_NOT_DESCENDANT.
- DosCWait() with DCWA_PROCESSTREE returns when the process terminates, not when the tree terminates.
- OS/2 CMD.EXE hangs after running Epsilon or PWB.
- Signals not held while resizing data segments with DosReallocSeg().

POSIX Subsystem

- printf() doesn't check to see if writing fails on the first character; it tries to write the second character instead of returning an error.

Windows on Win32 (WOW)

- GlobalSize() of handle returned by GetMetaFile() may not match.
- Invalid TEMP environment variable causes problems, whereas Windows 3.1 will use the root if the TEMP environment variable is invalid.
- GetExitCodeProcess() does not return exit codes for WOW applications.
- Floating point exceptions are not reported to the debugger.
- Segment Load Failure in KRNL386 after using WINDISK.EXE.
- Locking at negative offset fails on WOW with EACCESS, but works under Windows.
- WIN16 emulator incorrectly handles FBSTP instruction on MIPS, Alpha, and x86 with no math coprocessor.
- WOW passes wrong size buffer to spooler when 16-bit application passes wrong size structure to WOW.
- WOW uses Windows 3.0 devmode structure, not 3.1 devmode structure, which has two extra fields.
- Fast Alt+Tab between WOW apps selects the File menu from one of the applications.
- WM_MENUSELECT wParam and lParam are lost in PostMessage().

- EndDeferWindowPos() returns 0 for success, but returns nonzero for success under Windows.

Additional reference words: 3.50 buglist3.50

KBCategory: kbprg kbbuglist

KBSubcategory: SubSys

BUG: Win32 SDK Version 3.5 Bug List - OLE

Article ID: Q122679

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), version 3.5
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SUMMARY

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The following lists the bugs in the Win32 SDK and OLE API that were known when the SDK was released.

MORE INFORMATION

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- Packager will report that there is not enough memory when you try to package a file which is in use.
- VB can't activate Word object if Word is running in separate VDM.
- MFC 2.5 OLE 2.0 Automation Server fails initialization.
- If a client thread terminates without calling CoUnitialize(), its servers in the same process are not released.
- OLE 2.0 hides application aborts. The server does not receive the exception.
- CoCreateInstance() returns REGDB_E_CLASSNOTREG when the object create fails, instead of the return code from DllGetClassObject() from the inproc server DLL.
- OLE objects inherit only "system" environment variables, not "user" environment variables.
- Users can log on and start an ole app before the OLE service is autostarted.
- Passing CoMarshalInterface() a NULL pUnk (pointer to IUnknown) causes an access violation.
- CoGetClassObject() returns E_OUTOFMEMORY when DllGetClassObject() fails.
- If an OLE Server which dies after registering its class, the container will stall waiting for CoGetClassObject() to succeed.
- Class cache never shrinks - all classes are treated as InUse.
- Default handler causes RPC_E_FAULT exceptions during OnClose.
- ::SetColorScheme() does not validate lpLogPal.
- Messages for server ownerdraw menuitems on menu bar go to the

container.

- The server is started if you "Insert" a "Link from File" choosing icon format.
- IsLinkUpToDate() returns S_FALSE after object creation. This can cause containers to run the server twice during creation of the object.
- Setting the link source with IOL::SetSourceMoniker() does not update the presentation cache, even though it does run the server app.
- AddRef() does not marshall count back properly for return value.
- BindToStorage() on non-existent file returns MK_E_INVALIDEXTEN.
- IOleCache::Cache() fails for ICON aspect unless metafile format is used.
- IOleCache2::DiscardCache() does not persist uncaches.
- If an enhanced metafile node exists and IOleCache::Cache is used to cache multiple NULL FORMATETCs, a node is added.
- IViewObject::GetColorSet() after flushing cache should return OLE_E_BLANK, but signals Win32 error 0x8007000e.
- OleDuplicateMedium() does not GlobalUnlock() source METAFILEPICT in the error case.
- Iconic aspect has incorrect colors when played in metafile.
- OLE Cache has a limit of 100 nodes, but accepts more and never returns from the call.
- GetColorSet() for WMF should return LOGPALLETE, which is the union of colors used in the contained CreatePalette() calls. GetColorSet() only returns the first colorset found in this case.

Additional reference words: 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg kbbuglist

KBSubcategory: LeTwoMisc

BUG: Win32 SDK Version 3.5 Bug List - WinDbg Debugger
Article ID: Q122681

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), version 3.5
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SUMMARY

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The following is a list of bugs in the WinDbg debugger that were known at the time of the release of the Win32 SDK version 3.5.

MORE INFORMATION

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- Enter rgbGlobal, s in watch window (note: rgbGlobal is defined as a character array). The variable is displayed as a character string and an array that can be expanded. When expanding the array, the value of each element is "CAN0026: Error: bad format string."
- REP and REPE are the same prefix codes. REPE is to be used for string comparisons and REP for all other instructions. WinDbg always uses REP.
- Type information defined in a DLL is not available when the current context is another DLL or an EXE.
- Breakpoint message classes do not match class list in SPY.
- C++ expression evaluator doesn't handle default function arguments. This is because the compiler does not include them in the debug information.
- Locals window updates on radix change.
- Evaluation of a function with breakpoints returns an incomplete result.
- The Memory Window can't be scrolled up before the starting address.
- Locals window collapses expanded structures on change of scope, such as stepping into a block (not a new function).
- The value of array members cannot be changed.
- The expression evaluator does not handle casting from a class to a primitive data type.
- Remove Last in Quickwatch only works once when multiple items are added to the watch list in a single quickwatch session.
- The return value type is not reported for ?<FuncName>.
- Function evaluation reports "Error: function requires implicit conversion" for a function taking a structure (not a pointer to a structure).

- Watch window shift-key selection is not consistent: sometimes all characters from the beginning of the expression to the caret position are selected, sometimes 2 characters are selected.
- User DLLs dialog silently discards edits after picking a DLL and changing the radio button from suppress to load.
- Information windows don't maintain color after structure expansion.
- WinDbg disassembles F2 66 F0 F0 AF as "repne lock lock sca" not "repne lock lock scasw".
- Breakpoints may not work correctly in multithreaded apps in areas not protected by critical sections.
- Choosing Stop Debugging and Restart causes memory leak (100K per iteration).
- Combo box in dialog for browsing symbol files is too narrow to show the *.dbg.
- Debug.Watch does not set default watch expression to the selection made in the source window.
- If you set a conditional breakpoint, you step over it with an F10, and the condition is not currently satisfied, the program will run to completion, rather than stepping.
- Long expression (?arg00+arg01+...+arg31) causes debuggee to run to termination.
- ?<function returning near pointer> displays segment.
- Windbg hangs if exited during aedebug start.
- A vararg function evaluation fails on Mips and Alpha.
- Private members may not be evaluatable.
- First Command Window prompt after connecting to target machine for kernel debugging is ">", not "KDx86>", "KDMIPS>", or "KDALPHA>".
- Context expression evaluation of item up the callstack cannot be evaluated and causes CXX0036: Error: bad context {...} specification.
- Alpha: Disassembly of RS, RC, RPCC, FETCH, and FETCH_M instructions displays no operand.
- Help file says "u" command is for unfreezing a thread. The "u" command is for unassemble; it is the "z" command that is used for unfreezing a thread.
- Automatic forward searching not done by breakpoint dialog. Otherwise, when setting a breakpoint on a line that does not contain executable code, the breakpoint is set on the next executable line.

- Automatic forward searching not done when modules are loaded. Otherwise, when setting a breakpoint on a line that does not contain executable code, the breakpoint is set on the next executable line.
- OK button not always active on Set Process dialog.
- Alpha: Large enumerated value not displayed correctly (16-bits instead of 32-bits).
- The Delete button in User DLLs dialog is always active.
- ?Spinlock::Spinlock should display the prototype for the function, but it causes CXX0046: Error: argument list required for member function.
- Flat callstack displayed debugging 16-bit Windows-based application.
- File menu Save_All is not enabled consistently on all platforms.
- Page up/down goes farther than scroll thumb in the Memory Window.
- Page up/down doesn't move scroll thumb in Memory Window.
- Disassembler option "Display Symbols" ignored on Alpha.
- Ppcodes always displayed in lower case in MIPS disassembly, even if "Uppercase symbols and opcodes" is checked.
- Create several workspaces for a single program, choose Delete from the Program menu, and select several of the workspaces. WinDbg locks up when you select OK.
- Deleting the last debugger DLL causes an access violation.
- Bad caret movement when editing Memory Window with ASCII format.
- Calls window not updated if the current thread is changed with the Set Thread dialog. The Calls window is updated if the Command window is used to set the current thread.
- Thread-specific translations of segment registers is not done. The segment register is translated using thread 0's descriptor table.
- When stepping over a function which contains a breakpoint, execution halts, but there is no message indicating that a breakpoint was hit.
- Value of "this" pointer is incorrect in a virtual function in a derived class.
- Based pointers in flat segments are displayed as a 16-bit value, not a 32-bit value. In addition, nothing happens when you click the expansion button.
- WINDBG won't set a breakpoint on code placed in memory and then executed.
- Windbg does not know about all exceptions that can occur while debugging 16-bit code.

- Alpha: CVTxx instructions disassembled with 3 operands, instead of only 2 operands. The first operand is wrong, the second operand would be the correct first operand, and the third operand would be the correct second operand.
- !help <str> reports that there is no help available.
- Set a breakpoint on a function call which spans multiple source lines, but don't set the breakpoint on the last line. Save the information and leave the debugger. When you restart WinDbg with the saved information, WinDbg cannot resolve the breakpoint.
- Alpha: Cannot step through call through a function pointer.
- Commands sxeld and sxldd cause the debugger to stop when a DLL is loaded.
- If there are no symbols loaded, double-clicking a symbol in the call stack produces a disassembly window with a starting address of 0.
- The following context operators cause "CXX0036: Error: bad context {...} specification":
 - ?{,functest.c,functest.exe}count
 - ?{,functest.c,}count

The following context operators cause "CXX0017: Error: symbol not found":

 - ?{,,functest.exe}count
 - ?{,,}count
- When the current instruction is "cmp dword ptr [esp+18],01", the register window shows a calculation based on [esp], rather than [esp+18].
- WinDbg displays only the first letter of a 'const WCHAR *const' variable. Casting the variable to a WCHAR * in the Watch window works around the problem.
- Run windbg -g cmd.exe and invoke a batch file that repeatedly invokes another command; WinDbg will leak memory.
- x86: f2a6 is disassembled as "repnee cmpsb", not "repne cmpsb",
 f2a7 is disassembled as "repnee cmpsb", not "repne cmpsd",
 f2ae is disassembled as "repnee scasb", not "repne scasb",
 f2af is disassembled as "repnee scasd", not "repne scasd",
 f0a6 is disassembled as "locke cmpsb", not "lock cmpsb",
 f0af is disassembled as "locke scasd", not "lock scasd",
 f32ea6 is disassembled as "rep cmpsb", not "repe cmpsb",
 f326a7 is disassembled as "rep cmpsd", not "repe cmpsd",
 f32ea7 is disassembled as "rep cmpsd", not "repe cmpsd",
 f366a7 is disassembled as "rep cmpsw", not "repe cmpsw",
 f36665a7 is disassembled as "rep cmpsw", not "repe cmpsw",
 f326ae is disassembled as "rep scasb", not "repe scasb",
 f365af is disassembled as "rep scasd", not "repe scasd",
 f33eaf is disassembled as "rep scasd", not "repe scasd",

f3f0af is disassembled as "rep locke scasw", not "repe lock scasw",
f366af is disassembled as "rep scasw", not "repe scasw",
f36636af is disassembled as "rep scasw", not "repe scasw".

- dc doesn't accept the '&' prefix for an address specifier.
- CXX0004: Error: syntax error on reference to float array. For example, the error is produced by "g .115;?Pf[8], where Pf is declared float Pf[11].
- If you have a DLL built with multiple files with the same name (that live in different source directories), you cannot set a break point in 2nd file with same name.
- Error "CXX0034: Error: types incompatable with operator" accessing members, member functions, and overloaded operators of base classes and virtual base classes or a derived class.
- Alpha: WinDbg doesn't display floating part of a float constant.
- Crash dumps fail because of bad symbol lookup. This breaks !process when kernel debugging as well.

Additional reference words: 3.50

KBCategory: kbtool kbuglist

KBSubcategory: TlsWindbg

BUG: GetKerningPairs Sometimes Fails on Win32s Version 1.2
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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s versions 1.2 and 1.25a
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SYMPTOMS

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GetKerningPairs will sometimes fail on Win32s version 1.2 causing the 32-bit application to exit mysteriously. The problem may only occur once in a while with many successful runs interrupted by a single unsuccessful run.

CAUSE

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The thinking layer for GetKerningPairs contains a bug in the code that allocates a temporary buffer passed to the 16-bit version of GetKerningPairs. The errant code executes whenever the number of kerning pairs requested is equal to or less than 128. Requesting GetKerningPairs to return 129 or more kerning pairs forces the thinking layer to use an alternative buffer allocation method.

RESOLUTION

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To work around the problem, ensure that the number of kerning pairs requested from GetKerningPairs is greater than 128.

Typically, kerning pairs are retrieved with two calls to GetKerningPairs. The first call retrieves the number of kerning pairs available. A buffer is allocated based on the number of pairs returned. Then the second call to GetKerningPairs retrieves the kerning pairs into the buffer.

To avoid the bug in GetKerningPairs, follow these steps:

1. Retrieve the number of kerning pairs available from GetKerningPairs.
2. Check that this value is greater than 128. If it is less than or equal to 128, reset the variable to an arbitrary value greater than 128 -- like 129.
3. Use the new value to allocate the buffer of KERNINGPAIRS and pass this new value with the buffer to the second GetKerningPairs call.

STATUS

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Microsoft has confirmed this to be a bug in the Microsoft products listed at the beginning of this article. We are researching this problem and will post new information here in the Microsoft Knowledge Base as it becomes available.

Additional reference words: 1.20 font kerning

KBCategory: kbprg kbbuglist
KBSubcategory: GdiFnt

BUG: Bad Characters in 32-bit App on Win32s on Russian Windows
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The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT version 3.5
 - Microsoft Win32s versions 1.2 and 1.25
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SYMPTOMS

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When compiling, linking, and running a Russian application which was built using Microsoft Visual C++ version 2 under on Windows NT version 3.5 the application runs correctly. If this application is run on Russian Windows version 3.1 with the Win32s libraries version 1.2 or 1.25 installed, some parts of the user interface appear as meaningless set of characters.

CAUSE

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The strings in the resources are stored in UNICODE format. Yet you must pass all strings to Windows 3.1 in ANSI format. The drawing of the resources is done by Windows 3.1. Win32s simply reads the 32-bit resources, converts them to the 16-bit format equivalent, and passes the resources to Windows 3.1. One stage of the conversion is to convert the UNICODE strings into ANSI strings. This conversion for the Russian language is broken.

STATUS

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Microsoft has confirmed this to be a problem in the product(s) listed at the beginning of this article. This bug will be fixed in the next release of Win32s.

Additional reference words: Cyrillic Russia 2.00 garbage corruption
KBCategory: kbuglist
KBSubcategory: WIntlDev W32s

BUG: CreatedDC Does Not Think DEVMODE Structure Correctly

Article ID: Q128701

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s, versions 1.2 and 1.25

SYMPTOMS

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Under Win32s version 1.2 and 1.25, when a Win32-based application displays a printer setup dialog box that calls PrintDlg with the PD_PRINTSETUP flag and the printing orientation is changed from Portrait to Landscape, the DEVMODE structure obtained from the PrintDlg call to CreatedDC is passed and creates a printer DC. If the printer driver is a postscript driver, anything printed using this DC is still in Portrait mode.

CAUSE

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The thinking layer for CreatedDC does not think the DEVMODE structure for the postscript driver correctly.

RESOLUTION

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To work around the problem, avoid calling CreatedDC with a DEVMODE structure. Instead, directly create the printer DC by calling PrintDlg with the PD_RETURNDC flag. Then change the printing orientation from within the print dialog box.

STATUS

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Microsoft has confirmed this to be a bug in the Microsoft products listed at the beginning of this article. We are reasearching this problem and will post new information here in the Microsoft Knowledge Base as it becomes available.

Additional reference words: 1.20 1.25 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg kbbuglist

KBSubcategory: GdiPrn

BUG: Pressing SHIFT+ESC Doesn't Generate WM_CHAR on Windows 95
Article ID: Q129861

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) version 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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Pressing SHIFT+ESC in an application running under Windows 95 doesn't generate a WM_CHAR message even though it does generate a WM_CHAR message for applications running under Windows version 3.x and Windows NT.

CAUSE

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The key table that TranslateMessage on Windows 95 uses to generate the WM_CHAR messages doesn't include the SHIFT+ESC key combination.

RESOLUTION

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If you need to use this key combination, use the WM_KEYDOWN or WM_KEYUP messages.

STATUS

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Microsoft has confirmed this to be a bug in the Microsoft products listed at the beginning of this article. We are researching this problem and will post new information here in the Microsoft Knowledge Base as it becomes available. This bug is scheduled to be corrected in a future version of Windows 95.

Additional reference words: 4.00

KBCategory: kbui kbuglist

KBSubcategory: UsrInp

BUG: Win32s 1.25a Bug List

Article ID: Q130138

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32s, version 1.25a
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The following is a list of the known bugs in Win32s version 1.25 at the time of its release.

- Incorrect context at EXIT_PROCESS_DEBUG_EVENT.
- Progman gets restored when debugger app exits.
- Using StartDoc() does not produce document from printer.
- EM_GETWORDBREAKPROC return code is incorrect.
- Int 3 cannot be trapped via Structured Exception Handling (SEH) on Win32s.
- Win32s does not open all files in RAW mode, as Windows NT does.
- Cannot do ReadProcessMemory (RPM) on memory that has a hardware breakpoint set on it.
- C run-time functions getdcwd()/getcwd() do not work.
- GetFullPathName() returns the root directory for any drive that is not the current drive.
- PlayMetaFileRecord()/EnumMetaFile() contains incorrect lpHTable.
- Size of memory mapped files is rounded to a whole number of pages, meaning that the size is a multiple of 4096 bytes.
- Functions chdrive() and SetCurrentDirectory() fail on PCNFS network drives.
- GetExitCodeProcess() does not return exit codes for 16-bit Windows-based applications.
- Memory passed to Netbios() must be allocated with GlobalAlloc().
- biSizeImage field of BITMAPINFOHEADER is zero.
- CreateFile() on certain invalid long filenames closes Windows.
- Only the first CBT hook gets messages.
- Most registry functions return the Windows 3.1 return codes, not the Windows NT return codes.
- GlobalReAlloc(x,y,GMEM_MOVEABLE) returns wrong handle type.

- GetVolumeInformation() fails for Universal Naming Convention (UNC) root path.
- ResumeThread while debugging writes to debuggee stack.
- GetShortPathName() doesn't fail with a bad path, as it does on Windows NT.
- CreateDirectory()/RemoveDirectory() handle errors differently than on Windows NT.
- SetCurrentDirctory() returns different error codes than on Windows NT.
- FindText() leaks memory.
- Win32s doesn't support language files other than default (l_intl.nls).
- spawnl does not pass parameters to an MS-DOS-based application.
- Win32s does not support forwarded exports.
- GetDlgItemInt() only translates numbers <= 32767 (a 16-bit integer).
- Changing system locale in Win32s will not have an effect until Win32s is loaded again, unlike on Windows NT.
- Module Management APIs missing ANSI to OEM translation.
- When WS_TABSTOP is passed to CreateWindow(), this forces a WS_MAXIMIZEBOX.
- Stubbed API FindFirstFileW() does not return -1 to indicate failure.
- SearchPath() and OpenFile() don't work properly with OEM chars in the filename.
- GetSystemInfo() doesn't set correct ProcessorType for the Pentium.
- FormatMessage() doesn't set last error.
- FormatMessage() fails with LANG_NEUTRAL | SUBLANG_DEFAULT, but works with LANG_ENGLISH | SUBLANG_ENGLISH_US.
- After calling CreateFile() on a write-protected floppy GetLastError() returns 2, instead of 19, as it should.
- VirtualProtect() with anything other than PAGE_NOACCESS, PAGE_READ, OR PAGE_READWRITE yields unpredictable page protections.
- COMPAREITEMSTRUCT, DELETEITEMSTRUCT, DRAWITEMSTRUCT, AND MEASUREITEMSTRUCT incorrectly sign-extend fields.
- GetWindowTextLength() & GetWindowText() incorrectly sign-extend the return value.
- MoveFile() fails on Windows for Workgroups when the source is remote and the destination is local.

Additional reference words: 1.25 1.25a
KBCategory: kbprg kbbuglist
KSubcategory: W32s

BUG: Using WM_SETREDRAW w/ TreeView Control Gives Odd Results
Article ID: Q130611

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.51 and 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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If a program uses the WM_SETREDRAW message to turn off updating of a TreeView control before adding items, the TreeView control can behave strangely.

For example, if the item being added to the control uses the TVI_FIRST style to insert it to the top of the tree and the top of the tree is scrolled above the top of the visible window, it may be impossible to bring the item into view.

Another possible symptom is that the TreeView control doesn't repaint itself at all. These problems occur only if the program has used the WM_SETREDRAW message to turn off updating the TreeView control.

RESOLUTION

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Don't use the WM_SETREDRAW message with the TreeView control while adding items to the control.

STATUS

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Microsoft has confirmed this to be a bug in the Microsoft products listed at the beginning of this article. We are researching this problem and will post new information here in the Microsoft Knowledge Base as it becomes available.

Additional reference words: 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg kbbuglist

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

BUG: ESC/ENTER Keys Don't Work When Editing Labels in TreeView
Article ID: Q130691

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.51 and 4.0
 - Microsoft Win32s version 1.3
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SYMPTOMS

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When editing labels in a TreeView control, you should be able to press the ESC key to cancel the changes or press the ENTER key to accept the changes. However, when the TreeView control is contained in a dialog box, IsDialogMessage processes the ESC and ENTER keystrokes and does not pass them on to the edit control created by the TreeView control, so the keystrokes have no effect.

CAUSE

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The TreeView control creates and subclasses the edit control used for in-place editing. The subclass procedure does not process the WM_GETDLGCODE and WM_CHAR messages for the edit control properly.

RESOLUTION

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To work around the problem, subclass the edit control and return DLGC_WANTALLKEYS in response to the WM_GETDLGCODE message. Then process the WM_CHAR messages for VK_ESCAPE and VK_RETURN.

To subclass the edit control, obtain the handle to the edit control by using the TVM_GETEDITCONTROL message in response to the TVN_BEGINLBELEDIT notification. Remove the subclassing when the TVN_ENDLBELEDIT notification is received.

In response to the WM_CHAR|VK_ESCAPE message, have the application send the TVM_ENDEDITLABELNOW with fCancel = TRUE message to cancel the edit. In response to the WM_CHAR|VK_ENTER message, have the application send the TVM_ENDEDITLABELNOW with fCancel = FALSE message to accept the edit.

All other WM_CHAR messages should be passed on to the default edit control window procedure.

STATUS

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Microsoft has confirmed this to be a bug in the Microsoft products listed at the beginning of this article. We are researching this problem and will post new information here in the Microsoft Knowledge Base as it becomes available.

Additional reference words: 1.30 4.00 95
KBCategory: kbprg kbui kbbuglist

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl W32s

BUG: SNMP Service Produces Bad "Error on getproc(InitEx) 127"
Article ID: Q130699

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SYMPTOMS

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When the SNMP service is started with debug level 2 or greater, it returns this error message:

```
error on getproc(InitEx) 127
```

RESOLUTION

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This error message should be ignored.

STATUS

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Microsoft has confirmed this to be a bug in the Microsoft products listed at the beginning of this article. We are re researching this problem and will post new information here in the Microsoft Knowledge Base as it becomes available.

MORE INFORMATION

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How to Start the SNMP Service

The SNMP service can be started from either the control panel or from a console window.

Type "net help start snmp" in a console box to see how to configure error logging of the SNMP agent.

The syntax of the command is:

```
net start snmp [/logtype: type] [/loglevel: level]
```

where:

- /LOGTYPE: type determines where the log will be created. The possible values are 2 for file, 4 for eventlog, and 6 for both. The default is 4. The file option creates a file under \WINNT\SYSTEM32 called SNMPDBG.LOG.
- /LOGLEVEL: level determines the debug level. The higher the number, the more the detail obtained. The default is 1 (minimum), and the range is from 1 to 20.

Here is an example:

```
net start snmp /logtype:6 /loglevel:10
```

This starts the SNMP service with loglevel 10, and logs events in the eventlog as well as in SNMPDBG.LOG.

The SNMP service can also be started from a console window without typing "net start." This makes all error messages go to the console window and can be used to help in debugging when writing SNMP applications. For example, the following starts the SNMP service:

```
cmd-prompt> snmp
```

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbnetwork kbbuglist

KBSubcategory: NtwkSnmp

BUG: Console Applications Do Not Receive Signals on Windows 95
Article ID: Q130717

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) version 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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Console applications call `SetConsoleCtrlHandler()` to install or remove application-defined callback functions to handle signals. On Windows 95, the signal handler function only gets called for the `CTRL_C_EVENT` and `CTRL_BREAK_EVENT` signals; the signal handler function is never called for the `CTRL_SHUTDOWN_EVENT`, `CTRL_LOGOFF_EVENT`, and `CTRL_CLOSE_EVENT` signals.

CAUSE

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Windows 95 sends `CTRL_C_EVENT` and `CTRL_BREAK_EVENT` signals to console applications that have installed signal handlers, but does not send `CTRL_SHUTDOWN_EVENT`, `CTRL_LOGOFF_EVENT`, or `CTRL_CLOSE_EVENT` signals.

STATUS

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Microsoft has confirmed this to be a bug in the Microsoft products listed at the beginning of this article. We are researching this problem and will post new information here in the Microsoft Knowledge Base as it becomes available.

Additional reference words: Win95 4.00 console event signal

KBCategory: kbprg kbbuglist

KBSubcategory: BseCon

BUG: FindFirstFile() Does Not Handle Wildcard (?) Correctly
Article ID: Q130860

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), version 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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In Windows 95, the FindFirstFile() function interprets a wildcard (?) as "any character" instead of "zero or one character," its true meaning. This incorrect interpretation causes some searches to return invalid results. For example, if the files, TEMP.TXT and TEMPTEMP.TXT, are in the same directory, the following code finds the TEMPTEMP.TXT file, but not the TEMP.TXT file:

```
HANDLE hFind;
WIN32_FIND_DATA findData = {0};

hFind = FindFirstFile ("TEM?????.???", &findData);

if (hFind == INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE)
    MessageBox (hwnd, "FindFirstFile() failed.", NULL, MB_OK);
else
{
    do
    {
        MessageBox (hwnd, findData.cFileName, "File found", MB_OK);
    }
    while (FindNextFile(hFind, &findData));

    CloseHandle (hFind);
}
```

Windows NT correctly finds both the TEMP.TXT and TEMPTEMP.TXT files.

RESOLUTION

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To work around this problem, choose an alternative wildcard search and apply further processing to eliminate files that are found by the alternative search, but do not match the original search. For example, the code above could be changed to search for TEM*.* instead of TEM?????.???. Then you could make an additional test for filenames that are up to 8 characters in length, followed by a ".", followed by up to 3 more characters (8.3).

STATUS

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Microsoft has confirmed this to be a bug in the Microsoft products listed at the beginning of this article. We are researching this bug and will post new information here in the Microsoft Knowledge Base as it becomes available.

Additional reference words: win95 4.00 regular expression wild
KBCategory: kbprg kbbuglist
KBSubcategory: BseFileio

BUG: WNetGetUniversalName Fails Under Windows 95

Article ID: Q131416

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) version 4.0
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SYMPTOMS

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The WNetGetUniversalName function takes a drive-based path for a network resource and obtains a data structure that contains a more universal form of the name. This function always fails with error 1200 when called from a 32-bit application running under Windows 95.

RESOLUTION

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The functionality provided by WNetGetUniversalName can be implemented using the Win32 network enumeration functions WNetOpenEnum and WNetEnumResource. Here is an example of how to use these functions to implement similar functionality:

```
#include <windows.h>
#include <stdio.h>

// Function Name:  GetUniversalName
//
// Parameters:     szUniv - contains the UNC equivalent of szDrive
//                  upon completion
//
//                  szDrive - contains a drive based path
//
// Return value:   TRUE if successful, otherwise FALSE
//
// Comments:       This function assumes that szDrive contains a
//                  valid drive based path.
//
//                  For simplicity, this code assumes szUniv points
//                  to a buffer large enough to accomodate the UNC
//                  equivalent of szDrive.

BOOL GetUniversalName( char szUniv[], char szDrive[] )
{
    // get the local drive letter
    char chLocal = toupper( szDrive[0] );

    // cursory validation
    if ( chLocal < 'A' || chLocal > 'Z' )
        return FALSE;

    if ( szDrive[1] != ':' || szDrive[2] != '\\\ ' )
        return FALSE;

    HANDLE hEnum;
```

```

DWORD dwResult = WNetOpenEnum( RESOURCE_CONNECTED, RESOURCETYPE_DISK,
                                0, NULL, &hEnum );

if ( dwResult != NO_ERROR )
    return FALSE;

// request all available entries
const int    c_cEntries    = 0xFFFFFFFF;
// start with a reasonable buffer size
DWORD       cbBuffer      = 50 * sizeof( NETRESOURCE );
NETRESOURCE *pNetResource = (NETRESOURCE*) malloc( cbBuffer );

BOOL fResult = FALSE;

while ( TRUE )
{
    DWORD dwSize    = cbBuffer,
          cEntries  = c_cEntries;

    dwResult = WNetEnumResource( hEnum, &cEntries, pNetResource,
                                &dwSize );

    if ( dwResult == ERROR_MORE_DATA )
    {
        // the buffer was too small, enlarge
        cbBuffer = dwSize;
        pNetResource = (NETRESOURCE*) realloc( pNetResource, cbBuffer );
        continue;
    }

    if ( dwResult != NO_ERROR )
        goto done;

    // search for the specified drive letter
    for ( int i = 0; i < (int) cEntries; i++ )
        if ( pNetResource[i].lpLocalName &&
             chLocal == toupper(pNetResource[i].lpLocalName[0]) )
        {
            // match
            fResult = TRUE;

            // build a UNC name
            strcpy( szUniv, pNetResource[i].lpRemoteName );
            strcat( szUniv, szDrive + 2 );
            _strupr( szUniv );
            goto done;
        }
}

done:
// cleanup
WNetCloseEnum( hEnum );
free( pNetResource );

return fResult;
}

```

STATUS

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Microsoft has confirmed this to be a bug in the Microsoft products listed at the beginning of this article. We are researching this problem and will post new information here in the Microsoft Knowledge Base as it becomes available.

Additional reference words: 4.00 Win95

KBCategory: kbnetwork kbbuglist kbcode

KBSubcategory: NtwkWinnet

SAMPLE: Using Blinking Text in an Application

Article ID: Q11787

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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It is possible to create blinking text in a Windows-based application. Because there are no character attributes similar to the normal MS-DOS text environment, the application must repeatedly paint the screen to implement the flash. This article, and an accompanying file in the Microsoft Software Library, demonstrate how this is done.

MORE INFORMATION

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A timer is used to determine the rate at which the text flashes. Timer messages are processed by inverting the appropriate area in the window using the DSTINVERT action of the PatBlt function. The second time that the PatBlt function is called, the text returns to its original state. Alternatively, the PATINVERT action of the PatBlt function may be used. To use this method, an appropriate brush must be selected into the display context as the current pattern. This method requires more work, however, it is more flexible.

The rate at which the text blinks can be set to match the cursor blink time set in the Control Panel. To do this, the following code should be run when the application starts and in response to WM_WININICHANGE messages:

```
nRate = GetProfileInt(  
    (LPSTR)"windows",          /* heading in [] */  
    (LPSTR)"CursorBlinkRate", /* string to match */  
    550);                     /* default value */
```

Be sure to delete the timer when the application terminates.

There is a sample program in the Microsoft Software Library named BLINK that uses this technique to demonstrate blinking text.

Download BLINK.EXE, a self-extracting file, from the Microsoft Software Library (MSL) on the following services:

- CompuServe
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Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 softlib BLINK.EXE
KBCategory: kbprg kbfile
KBSubcategory: UsrPnt

SAMPLE: FASTBLT Implements Smooth Movement of a Bitmap
Article ID: Q40959

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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There is a sample application called FASTBLT in the Microsoft Software Library that demonstrates how to implement the smooth movement of a bitmap around the screen. Basically, it sets up a pair of BitBlt() calls: one that erases the image and another that redisplayes the image. The necessary ROP codes for BitBlt() that should be used are SRCCOPY and SRCINVERT.

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Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 softlib FASTBLT.EXE

KBCategory: kbprg kbfile

KBSubcategory: GdiBmp

SAMPLE: Setting Tab Stops in a Windows List Box

Article ID: Q66652

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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Tab stops can be used in a list box to align columns of information. This article describes how to set tab stops in a list box and provides a code example that demonstrates the process.

MORE INFORMATION

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To set tab stops in a list box, perform the following three steps:

1. Specify the LBS_USETABSTOPS style when creating the list box.
2. Assign the desired tab stops to an integer array.
 - a. The tab stop values must be in increasing order -- back tab stops are not allowed. The tabs work the same as typewriter tabs: once a tab stop is overrun, a tab character will move the cursor to the next tab stop. If the tab stop list is overrun (that is, the current position is greater than the last tab stop value), the default tab of eight characters is used.
 - b. The tab stops should be specified in dialog units. On the average, each character is about four horizontal dialog units in width.
 - c. It is possible to hide columns of text from the user by specifying tab stops beyond the right side of the list box. This can be a useful way to hide information used for the application's internal processing.
3. Send an LB_SETTABSTOPS message to the list box to set the tab stops. For example, in Windows 3.1:

```
SendMessage(GetDlgItem(hDlg, IDD_LISTBOX),  
            LB_SETTABSTOPS,  
            TOTAL_TABS,  
            (LONG)(LPSTR)TabStopList);
```

- a. If wParam is set to 0 (zero) and lParam to NULL, the tab stops are set to two dialog units by default.
- b. SendMessage() will return TRUE if all of the tab stops are set successfully; otherwise, SendMessage() returns FALSE.

Example

Below is an example of the process. Tab stops are set at character positions 16, 32, 58, and 84.

```
int      TabStopList[TOTAL_TABS]; /* Array to store tabs */

TabStopList[0] = 16 * 4;          /* 16 spaces */
TabStopList[1] = 32 * 4;          /* 32 spaces */
TabStopList[2] = 58 * 4;          /* 58 spaces */
TabStopList[3] = 84 * 4;          /* 84 spaces */

SendMessage(GetDlgItem(hDlg, IDD_LISTBOX),
             LB_SETTABSTOPS,
             TOTAL_TABS,
             (LONG)(LPSTR)TabStopList);
```

NOTE: For Win32, use LPARAM instead of LONG.

If the desired unit of measure is character position, then specifying tab positions in dialog units is recommended. Dialog units are independent of the current font; they are loosely based on the average width of the system font. Each character takes approximately four dialog units.

NOTE: Under Windows 95, dialog base units for dialogs based on non-system fonts are calculated in a different way than under Windows 3.1. For more information, please see the following article in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

```
ARTICLE-ID: Q125681
TITLE      : How to Calculate Dialog Base Units with Non-system-based
            Font
```

For more control over the exact placement of a tab stop, the desired position should be converted to a pixel offset and this offset should be converted into dialog units. The following formula will take a pixel position and convert it into the first tab stop position before (or at) the desired pixel position:

```
TabStopList[n] = 4 * DesiredPixelPosition /
                 LOWORD(GetDialogBaseUnits());
```

There is a sample application named TABSTOPS in the Microsoft Software Library that demonstrates how tab stops are set and used in a list box.

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Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 softlib
KBCategory: kbprg kbfile
KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

SAMPLE: Changing Text Alignment in an Edit Control Dynamiclly
Article ID: Q66942

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.0 and 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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A Microsoft Windows edit control aligns its contents to the left or right margins, or centers its contents, depending on the window style of the control. The control styles `ES_LEFT`, `ES_CENTER`, and `ES_RIGHT` specify left-, center-, and right-alignment, respectively.

Only multiline edit controls can be right-aligned or centered. Single-line edit controls are always left-aligned, regardless of the control style given.

Windows does not support altering the alignment style of a multiline edit control after it has been created. However, there are two methods that you can use to cause a multiline edit control in a dialog box to appear to change alignment. Note that in each of these methods, the dialog box that contains the control must be created with the `DS_LOCALEEDIT` style.

MORE INFORMATION

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The first method applies to all platforms. The second method does not apply to Windows 95. Under Windows 95, `EM_SETHANDLE` and `EM_GETHANDLE` are not supported. For more information, please see the following articles in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

ARTICLE-ID: Q130759

TITLE : `EM_SETHANDLE` and `EM_GETHANDLE` Messages Not Supported

Method 1

Create three controls: one left-aligned, one centered, and one right-aligned. Each has the same dimensions and position in the dialog box, but only one is initially made visible.

When the alignment is to change, call `ShowWindow()` to hide the visible control and to make one of the other controls visible.

To keep the text identical in all three controls, use the `EM_GETHANDLE` and `EM_SETHANDLE` messages to share the same memory among all three controls.

Method 2

Initially create a single control. When the text alignment is to change, retrieve location, size, and style bits for the existing edit control.

Create a new control with the same size and in the same location, but change the style bits to reflect the new alignment.

Send the EM_GETHANDLE to each control to retrieve a handle to the memory that stores the contents. Send an EM_SETHANDLE to each control to exchange the memory used by each. Finally, destroy the original control.

There is a sample application named EDALIGN in the Microsoft Software Library that demonstrates each of these methods. Note, however, that this sample is a Windows 3.1 sample only.

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Additional reference words: 3.00 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 EDALIGN.EXE

KBCategory: kbprg kbfile

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

SAMPLE: 16 and 32 Bits-Per-Pel Bitmap Formats

Article ID: Q94326

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0

SUMMARY

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Windows NT supports the same bitmap formats as Microsoft Windows version 3.1, but includes two new formats: 16 and 32 bits-per-pel.

SEEDIB.EXE is a file in the Microsoft Software Library that contains the source code to an application that demonstrates how to load, display, and save 1, 4, 8, 16, 24, and 32-bits-per-pixel DIB formats. In addition, it demonstrates a simple method of creating an optimized palette for displaying DIBSs with more than 8-bits-per-pixel on 8-bits-per-pixel devices.

NOTE: In order to minimize color loss, SeedIB uses CreatedIBSection() to do conversions between uncompressed DIBs which have more than 8-bits-per-pixel. This function is not available on Windows NT 3.1.

You can download SEEDIB.EXE from the Microsoft Software Library (MSL) on the following services:

- CompuServe
GO MSL
Search for SEEDIB.EXE
Display results and download
- Microsoft Download Service (MSDL)
Dial (206) 936-6735 to connect to MSDL
Download SEEDIB.EXE
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ftp ftp.microsoft.com
Change to the \SOFTLIB\MSLFILES directory
Get SEEDIB.EXE

MORE INFORMATION

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For DIBs (device independent bitmaps), the 16 and 32-bit formats contain three DWORD masks in the bmiColors member of the BITMAPINFO structure. These masks specify which bits in the pel correspond to which color.

The three masks must have contiguous bits, and their order is assumed to be R, G, B (high bits to low bits). The order of the three masks in the color table must also be first red, then green, then blue (RGB). In this manner, the programmer can specify a mask indicating how many shades of each RGB color will be available for bitmaps created with CreatedIBitmap(). For 16-bits-per-pixel DIBs, CreatedIBitmap() defaults to the RGB555 format. For

32-bits-per-pixel DIBs, CreateDIBitmap() defaults to an RGB888 format.

NOTE: The DIB engine in Windows 95 supports only RGB555 and RGB565 for 16-bit DIBs and only RGB888 for 32-bit DIBs.

Example

The RGB555 format masks would look like:

```
0x00007C00  red   (0000 0000 0000 0000 0111 1100 0000 0000)
0x000003E0  green (0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0011 1110 0000)
0x0000001F  blue  (0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0001 1111)
```

NOTE: For 16 bits-per-pel, the upper half of the DWORDs are always zeroed.

The RGB888 format masks would look like:

```
0x00FF0000  red   (0000 0000 1111 1111 0000 0000 0000 0000)
0x0000FF00  green (0000 0000 0000 0000 1111 1111 0000 0000)
0x000000FF  blue  (0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 1111 1111)
```

Usage

When using 16 and 32-bit formats, there are also certain fields of the BITMAPINFOHEADER structure that must be set to the correct values:

1. The biCompression member must be set to either BI_RGB or BI_BITFIELDS. Using BI_RGB indicates that no bit masks are included in the color table and that the default (RGB555 for 16bpp and RGB888 for 32bpp) format is implied. Using BI_BITFIELDS indicates that there are masks (bit fields) specified in the color table.
2. As with 24-bits-per-pixel formats, the biClrUsed member specifies the size of the color table used to optimize performance of Windows color palettes. If the biCompression is set to BI_BITFIELDS, then the optimal color palette starts immediately following the three DWORD masks. Note that an optimal color palette is optional and many applications will ignore it.

A technical note related to this subject from the Microsoft Multimedia group is also available. It can be obtained from CompuServe in the WINEXT and WINSKD forums. The filename is VFW.ZIP. In addition, the technote is available by calling Microsoft Developer Services at (800) 227-4679, extension 11771. The technical note is part of the Video for Windows technical notes and describes how to create a display driver that supports these new DIB formats, which are used by Video for Windows. The technical note also includes definitions of installable image codecs.

Windows 95

In Windows 95, if the BI_BITFIELDS flag is set, then a color mask must be specified and it must be one of the following:

Resolution	Bits per color	Color Mask
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16bpp	5,5,5	0x00007c00	0x000003e0	0x0000001f
16bpp	5,6,5	0x0000f800	0x000007e0	0x0000001f
32bpp	8,8,8	0x00ff0000	0x0000ff00	0x000000ff

User-defined color masks are not available in Windows 95.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 bpp bmp

KBCategory: kbprg kbfile

KBSubcategory: GdiBmp

SAMPLE: SCLBLDLG - Demonstrates Scaleable Controls in Dialog
Article ID: Q112639

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, 4.0
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SUMMARY

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In certain circumstances it is desirable to dynamically scale the controls in a dialog box to the size of the dialog box window. SCLBLDLG.EXE is a file in the Microsoft Software Library that contains sample code implementing scaleable controls in a dialog box.

SCLBLDLG can be downloaded as a self-extracting file from the Microsoft Software Library (MSL) on the following services:

- CompuServe
GO MSL and download SCLBLDLG.EXE
- Microsoft Download Service (MSDL)
Dial (206) 936-6735 to connect to MSDL
Download SCLBLDLG.EXE
- Internet (anonymous FTP)
ftp ftp.microsoft.com
Change to the \SOFTLIB\MSLFILES directory
Get SCLBLDLG.EXE

MORE INFORMATION

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To accomplish scaleable controls in a dialog box, the following messages are processed:

WM_INITDIALOG - To store original dimensions of the dialog box and all its controls, together with the font the dialog box uses. The original dimensions are stored using SetProp() in this sample. The font handle is stored in a static variable to be used with in WM_SIZE.

WM_SIZE - To calculate the scaling factor, and then scale up or down the font and all the controls in the dialog box.

WM_GETMINMAXINFO - To set the minimum size of the dialog box so the controls are not truncated.

WM_COMMAND - To clean up when closing the dialog box. RemoveProp() is called to remove the stored dimensions from the property list of the dialog box window and all its child control windows.

NOTE: Special processing is required for calculating the dimensions of CBS_DROPDOWN and CBS_DROPDOWNLIST style combo boxes. GetWindowRect()

returns the dimensions of the edit portion of the combo box, excluding the drop-down list. To get the correct height for such combo boxes, the value returned by `CB_GETDROPPEDCONTROLRECT` is used instead of `GetWindowRect()`.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 3.51 4.00 95 proportional sizing
softlib

KBCategory: kbprg kbfile

KBSubcategory: UsrDlgs

SAMPLE: ServerEnumDialog DLL

Article ID: Q118327

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT version 3.1
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SUMMARY

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SERVENUM is a dynamic-link library (DLL) that implements a multithreaded dialog box, allowing a user to browse the network for servers. The dialog box is instantiated by calling the ServerEnumDialog application programming interface (API) implemented in the SERVENUM.DLL.

Download SRVENM.EXE, a self-extracting file, from the Microsoft Software Library (MSL) on the following services:

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Download SRVENM.EXE
- Internet (anonymous FTP)
ftp ftp.microsoft.com
Change to the \softlib\mslfiles directory
Get SRVENM.EXE

MORE INFORMATION

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The Win32 application programming interface (API) implements several WNet dialog boxes that allow users to connect to and browse network resources. However, an API allowing a user to browse the network for servers is currently not implemented.

Because such a dialog box is often useful in network programs, the SERVENUM sample implements such a dialog box within a DLL. The sample also includes a simple Windows program that calls the ServerEnumDialog API implemented in SERVENUM.DLL of the sample. For redistribution issues of the DLL, please see the README.TXT file included with the sample.

This sample demonstrates the following Win32 programming issues:

- DLLs
- thread local storage
- multithreading and thread synchronization
- owner-draw list boxes
- Unicode
- WNet APIs

API Interface

```
ServerEnumDialog(  
    HWND hwnd,           // Handle of calling window  
    LPWSTR lpszServer,   // Buffer to store chosen server name  
    LPDWORD lpcchServer, // Pointer to size of buffer in bytes  
    FARPROC lpfnHelpProc // User-defined help procedure  
)
```

Purpose:

Display a dialog box that allows a user to select a computer on the network. The user may also type in a string. The result is not guaranteed to be a valid computer name.

Parameters:

hwnd - Handle of calling window

lpszServer - Buffer to store resultant server name in. This should be of length MAX_COMPUTERNAME_LENGTH+3

lpcchServer - Pointer to size of lpszServer, including the NULL terminating character. The resultant length of the string is stored here. If ERROR_MORE_DATA is return, the value is the required size of the buffer.

lpfnHelpProc - Pointer to user-defined help procedure. The procedure should be prototyped as int HelpProc(VOID);

Return Value:

ERROR_SUCCESS - User selected or typed in a server name
ERROR_CANCELLED - Dialog box was canceled
ERROR_NOT_ENOUGH_MEMORY - Unable to initialize dialog box
ERROR_MORE_DATA - lpszServer not large enough

Additional reference words: 3.10 WNetServerBrowseDialog softlib SRVENM.EXE
KBCategory: kbprg kbfile
KBSubcategory: NtwkWinnet

SAMPLE: RASberry - an RAS API Demonstration

Article ID: Q118983

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows, version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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RASberry is a sample application that demonstrates the Remote Access Service (RAS) API. RASberry allows the user to enumerate current RAS connections, display the status of a selected connection, dial entries from the default phone book, and hang up an active connection. The sample may be built for both Windows version 3.1 and Win32 environments.

RASBRY.EXE can be downloaded as a self-extracting file from the Microsoft Software Library (MSL) on the following services:

- CompuServe
GO MSL and download RASBRY.EXE
- Microsoft Download Service (MSDL)
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Download RASBRY.EXE
- Internet (anonymous FTP)
ftp ftp.microsoft.com
Change to the \SOFTLIB\MSLFILES directory
Get RASBRY.EXE

MORE INFORMATION

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The RAS APIs used in this sample are:

- RasDial
- RasEnumConnections
- RasEnumEntries
- RasGetConnectStatus
- RasGetErrorString
- RasHangUp

The RAS SDK for Win32 is included as part of the Win32 SDK.

The RAS SDK for Windows version 3.1 (which contains additional files that can be used with the Windows version 3.1 SDK for RAS development) is available on the Microsoft Developer's Network Level 2 CD set, beginning with the April 1994 edition.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 softlib

KBCategory: kbnetwork kbprg kbfile

KBSubcategory: NtwkRAS

SAMPLE: How to Use File Associations

Article ID: Q122787

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK), version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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Windows provides file associations so that an application can register the type of documents it supports. The benefit of doing this is that it allows the user to double-click or select a document in File Manager to edit or print it. File association is also supported by the ShellExecute() API. File associations also allow the user to open multiple documents with a single instance of the application via the File Manager.

ShellExecute() has even more benefit in Windows 95.

The sample FILEASSO.EXE demonstrates how to use file associations. Download FILEASSO.EXE, a self-extracting file, from the Microsoft Software Library (MSL) on the following services:

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 - Get FILEASSO.EXE

MORE INFORMATION

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The following information applies to both File Open and File Print. For ease of reading, this article will discuss File Open to explain how File Associations work.

When the user double-clicks a document, the File Manager calls ShellExecute() with filename. ShellExecute() checks the Registration Database for an entry that associates that file extension with a particular application. If an entry exists and does not specify DDE commands, then ShellExecute() launches the application as specified in the registry. If the registry specifies to use DDE commands, ShellExecute() attempts to establish a DDE conversation with that application using the application topic. If an application responds to the DDE connections, ShellExecute() sends a DDE Execute command, as specified in the registry. It is up to the application to define the specifics on this conversation, particularly the

service and topic name to connect to, and also the correct DDE execute command syntax to use. However, if attempts to establish the conversation fail, ShellExecute() launches the application specified in the registry and tries to establish the DDE connection again.

There is one more option available when the application is not running, which seems to be appropriate for File Print. In this option, ShellExecute() sends a different Execute statement, the application needs to Open and Print the document. When the Printing is done, it exits.

There are two steps for an application to open multiple documents through single application instance via File association. As an example, assume MyApp is the application and AssocSupport is the topic. Most applications use MyApp as their application name and System as the topic.

1. When the application starts, register a DDE Server with the application name and topic (for example MyApp, and AssocSupport). The application also has to support DDE Execute Statements. The execute statement could be any format; at minimum, it should be:

<Action> <fileName> <options>

Here <Action> is anything specifying unique identification of the action, such as Open or Print. The <fileName> is the file that should be operated on. Finally, <options> can be any options that need to be passed on.

A typical Execute Statement follows this format:

[<Action>(<FileName>)]

For example, Microsoft Word uses:

[Open("%1")]

The Application has to support the required functionality for executed statements.

2. File association can be done in Windows NT via File Manager or regedit.

Using the File Manager to Set File Associations

When associating a file type using the File Manager, choose Associate from the File menu. The Associate dialog presents the list of existing file associations. This dialog allows you to add a new file type (or file association), modify an existing file type, or delete an existing file type. The New File Type button allows the user to add an association for a new file extension. Here are the steps:

1. Add a File type name. For example, name it "Microsoft Word 6.0 Document."
2. Choose an action (Open or Print). For example, select the Uses DDE check box.
3. Add the directory path and application name. For example, enter

WINWORD as the application.

4. Select the option Uses DDE.
5. Set the Application as the DDE Server Name.
6. Set the Topic as the DDE Server. For example enter System as the Topic.
7. Set the DDE Message <Action> <fileName> <options> to be the same as your application's Execute Statement. However the <fileName> and <options> should be replaced by whatever the command line arguments are. For example use:

```
DDE Message : [FileOpen("%1")]
```

Using Regedit in Windows NT to Set File Associations

NOTE: Regedit is available only in Windows NT, not in Windows version 3.1.

The user can also associate files with an application by using regedit. From the Edit menu, choose Add File Type or Modify File Type (to modify an existing file type). A dialog similar to File Manager Associate dialog appears. Follow the same steps as described for File Manager. In Windows version 3.1, once you have defined a File Type via this method, go to the File Manager associate dialog and attach the file type to the extension.

Using a Program to Set File Associations

You can also set the associations programmatically. This is useful when setting up your application on other machines. You would provide this functionality through your installation program. The first way to do this (the simpler method) is to use regedit to merge the changes from a file. The syntax for this is:

```
regedit <filename>.reg
```

An example of a <filename>.reg is:

```
REGEDIT
HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\.riy = FMA000_File_assoc
HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\FMA000_File_assoc = File_assoc
HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\FMA000_File_assoc\shell\open\command = fileasso.EXE
HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\FMA000_File_assoc\shell\open\ddeexec = [Open(%1)]
HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\FMA000_File_assoc\shell\open\ddeexec\application
= Myserver
HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\FMA000_File_assoc\shell\open\ddeexec\topic = system
HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\FMA000_File_assoc\shell\print\command = fileasso.EXE
HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\FMA000_File_assoc\shell\print\ddeexec = [Open(%1)]
HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\FMA000_File_assoc\shell\print\ddeexec\application =
MYSERVER
HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\FMA000_File_assoc\shell\print\ddeexec\topic = System
HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\FMA000_File_assoc\shell\print\ddeexec\ifexec =
[Test(%1)]
```

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In the program, you can also add keys to the registry by using the registry APIs. The developer needs to add the following keys to the registration database:

```
// Your extensions.
HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\.riy = FMA000_File_assoc

//File type name.
HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\FMA000_File_assoc = File_assoc

// Command to execute when application is not running or dde is not
// present and Open command is issued.
HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\FMA000_File_assoc\shell\open\command = fileasso.EXE

// DDE execute statement for Open.
HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\FMA000_File_assoc\shell\open\ddeexec = [Open(%1)]

// The server name your application responds to.
HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\FMA000_File_assoc\shell\open\ddeexec\application =
Myserver

// Topic name your application responds to.
HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\FMA000_File_assoc\shell\open\ddeexec\topic = system

// Command to execute when application is not running or dde is not
// present and print command is issued.
HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\FMA000_File_assoc\shell\print\command = fileasso.EXE

// DDE execute statement for Print.
HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\FMA000_File_assoc\shell\print\ddeexec = [Open(%1)]

// The server name your application responds to.
HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\FMA000_File_assoc\shell\print\ddeexec\application =
MYServer

// Topic name your application responds to.
HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\FMA000_File assoc\shell\print\ddeexec\topic = System

// DDE execute statement for print if the application is not already
// running. This gives the options for a an application to Run, Print
// and Exit.
HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\FMA000_File assoc\shell\print\ddeexec\ifexec =
[Test(%1)]
```

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File Manager Help File.

REGEDIT.HLP

REGEDT32.HLP

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50

KBCategory: kbprg kbfile

KBSubcategory: UsrMisc

SAMPLE: RESIZE App Shows How to Resize a Window in Jumps
Article ID: Q123605

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT versions 3.1 and 3.5
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SUMMARY

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Sometimes it's useful to have a window that can only be certain sizes. For example, Microsoft Word and Microsoft Visual C++ have toolbars that are resizable only to particular sizes that best fit the controls in the toolbar. When you do this, it's a good idea to give the user visual cues about the available window sizes. The RESIZE sample code shows by example how to modify the way Windows resizes a window so that when a user uses the mouse to resize the window the border jumps automatically to the next available size.

To obtain the RESIZE sample code, download RESIZE.EXE, a self-extracting file, from the Microsoft Software Library (MSL) on the following services:

- CompuServe
 - GO MSL
 - Search for RESIZE.EXE
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 - Dial (206) 936-6735 to connect to MSDL
 - Download RESIZE.EXE
- Internet (anonymous FTP)
 - ftp ftp.microsoft.com
 - Change to the SOFTLIB\MSLFILES directory
 - Get RESIZE.EXE

MORE INFORMATION

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When a user clicks the resizing border of a window, Windows enters a PeekMessage loop to capture all the mouse messages that occur until the left mouse button is released. While inside this loop, every time the mouse moves it moves the rectangle that shows the new window size to provide a visual cue to the user as to what the new window size will be.

The RESIZE sample code modifies the resizing operation by entering it's own message loop to capture the mouse messages until the left button is released. Instead of updating the rectangle every time a mouse move is received, the RESIZE code checks to see if the current mouse position would make the window size one of the possible window width and height sizes as defined by the application. By doing this, the RESIZE application provides more accurate visual cues about what the resizing operation will do.

The resizing operation is triggered by the WM_NCLBUTTONDOWN message both

for Windows and the RESIZE application. When this message is received, a message loop is entered to filter out all the mouse messages except for two, WM_MOUSEMOVE and WM_LBUTTONDOWN. When the WM_MOUSEMOVE message is received, the RESIZE application checks to see if the current mouse position would make the window larger or smaller. If the window would be smaller, the resizing rectangle is moved to the next smaller dimension defined by the application. If the window would be larger, the program checks to see if the new size would be large enough for the next possible dimension and updates the rectangle accordingly. When the WM_LBUTTONDOWN message is received, the resizing operation is completed by updating the window size to the current position defined by the mouse and the rectangle is removed.

The RESIZE application also takes advantage of some of the flexibility provided by processing the WM_NCHITTEST message. Windows sends this message to an application with a mouse position and expects the application to describe which part of the window that mouse position covers. Frequently, applications pass this message on to DefWindowProc() and let the default calculations take care of telling the system what the mouse is on top of. The RESIZE application allows DefWindowProc() to process the message, but then checks to see if the mouse is over one of the resizing corners or in the client area. To simplify the resizing operation, RESIZE doesn't let the user resize from a window corner, so the application overrides the HTBOTTOMLEFT, HTBOTTOMRIGHT, HTTOPLEFT, and HTTOPRIGHT hit test codes and returns HTBOTTOM or HTTOP. By doing this, the mouse cursor accurately reflects the direction of the resize. When the HTCLIENT hit test code is returned, RESIZE changes this to HTCAPTION to allow the window to be moved even though it doesn't have a title bar.

Although this technique will work in Windows 95, it is not necessary. Windows 95 provides a new message WM_SIZING that will enable the program to do exactly the same thing without processing the WM_NCxxx messages or entering a PeekMessage() loop.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00
KBCategory: kbprg kbui kbcode kbfile
KBSubcategory: UsrWndw

SAMPLE: How to Simulate Multiple-Selection TreeView Control
Article ID: Q125587

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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SUMMARY

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The TVWSTATE sample demonstrates how to simulate a multiple-selection TreeView control. The Windows 95 TreeView control does not support multiple selection. If you want a multiple-selection TreeView, you can use state images to simulate it in your application.

The TVWSTATE sample accomplishes this by using a checkbox type of state image to indicate that the item is selected or cleared (de-selected). These checkboxes will retain their state even if the TreeView loses focus.

Download TVWSTATE.EXE, a self-extracting file, from the Microsoft Software Library (MSL) on the following services:

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 - Get TVWSTATE.EXE

MORE INFORMATION

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The multiple-selection TreeView control simulation is implemented by setting the state image list of the TreeView control to an image list that contains the checked and unchecked checkbox bitmaps. This image list is set by using the TVM_SETIMAGELIST message with lParam == TVSIL_STATE (see InitImageList in TVWSTATE.C). A TreeView control can have two image lists, a normal image list and a state image list. In the TreeView, the display order from left to right is: the expansion button, the state image (if present), the normal image (if present), and then the item text.

When processing the WM_NOTIFY message where (LPNMHDR)lParam->code == NM_CLICK (see MsgNotifyTreeView in TVWSTATE.C), the code checks to see if the user clicked the left mouse button in the checkbox. If this is the case, the state image index of the item is retrieved, the index is toggled between the checked and unchecked image list items, and then the new index is saved.

The state image index identifies which member of the state image list should be displayed. The state image index is stored in bits 12-16 of the item state value. Either TVIS_STATEIMAGEMASK or TVIS_USERMASK can be used to mask off the lower bits. To access just the state image index, use a statement similar to this:

```
StateIndex = tvi.state & TVIS_STATEIMAGEMASK;
```

The INDEXTOSTATEIMAGEMASK macro offsets a value to the correct bits for the state image index. This is accomplished by shifting the given value left 12 places. If the desired state image index is 1, the state can be set using a statement similar to this:

```
tvi.state = INDEXTOSTATEIMAGEMASK(1);
```

This sample can also be modified to implement selection methods similar to those of an extended-selection listbox where the user uses the SHIFT key to select a range of items and/or the CTRL key to select or clear individual items.

Additional reference words: 3.51 4.00

KBCategory: kbprg kbcode kbfile

KBSubcategory: UsrCtl

SAMPLE: Customizing the TOOLBAR Control

Article ID: Q125683

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK)
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SUMMARY

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The sample BARSDI demonstrates how to provide Customization features for the Toolbar Common Control. The Toolbar Common Control under Windows 95 provides Customization features that are useful when the user needs to change the toolbar control's buttons dynamically (add, delete, interchange, etc. buttons).

Download BARSDI.EXE, a self-extracting file, from the Microsoft Software Library (MSL) on the following services:

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MORE INFORMATION

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There are two ways the user can cusotmize the toolbar.

First, the user can use the Drag Drop Customization process to delete or change the position of buttons on the toolbar. This method does not allow the user to add buttons to the toolbar dynamically.

The second method involves displaying the Customize dialog box through which the user can add, remove, interchange buttons on the toolbar.

To provide Customization, the toolbar control has to be created with the CCS_ADJUSTABLE style, and the parent of the toolbar control has to process a series of TBN_XXXX notifications. The BARSDI sample implements both methods of Customization.

Method 1: Drag Drop Customization

This method of toolbar customization allows the user to reposition or delete buttons on the toolbar. The user initiates this operation

by holding down the SHIFT key and begins dragging a button. The toolbar control handles all of the drag operations automatically, including the cursor changes.

To delete a button, the user has to release the drag operation outside the Toolbar control. The Toolbar control sends the TBN_QUERYDELETE message to its parent window. The parent window can return TRUE to allow the button to be deleted and FALSE to prevent the button from being deleted.

If the application wants to do custom dragging, it has to process the TBN_BEGINDRAG and TBN_ENDDRAG notifications itself and perform the drag/drop process, which involves more coding.

Method 2: Customization Dialog Box

This method of customization allows users to add buttons to the toolbar dynamically in addition to deleting and rearranging buttons on the toolbar. For example, if the toolbar has N total buttons, and displays only 10 of those buttons initially, the bitmap that was used to create the toolbar, should contain all N buttons (where $N > 10$).

There are two ways in which the Toolbar control displays the customize dialog box. The user can bring up the Customization dialog box by double-clicking the left mouse button on the toolbar control or the application can send the TB_CUSTOMIZE message to the toolbar control.

The Customize dialog box displayed by the Toolbar control has two list boxes. One, on the left contains the list of N-10 Buttons that were not displayed on the initial toolbar, and the one on the right will have the currently displayed buttons on the toolbar. The toolbar control provides the add, remove and other features in the Customize dialog box.

Here is a code sample that shows how the Customization feature is implemented:

SAMPLE CODE

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```
// The initial set of toolbar buttons.
```

```
TBBUTTON tbButton[] =
{
    {0,   IDM_FILENEW,      TBSTATE_ENABLED, TBSTYLE_BUTTON, 0, 0},
    {1,   IDM_FILEOPEN,    TBSTATE_ENABLED, TBSTYLE_BUTTON, 0, 0},
    {2,   IDM_FILESAVE,    TBSTATE_ENABLED, TBSTYLE_BUTTON, 0, 0},
    {3,   IDM_EDITCUT,     TBSTATE_ENABLED, TBSTYLE_BUTTON, 0, 0},
    {4,   0,                TBSTATE_ENABLED, TBSTYLE_SEP,    0, 0},
    {4,   IDM_EDITCOPY,    TBSTATE_ENABLED, TBSTYLE_BUTTON, 0, 0},
    {5,   IDM_EDITPASTE,   TBSTATE_ENABLED, TBSTYLE_BUTTON, 0, 0},
    {6,   IDM_FILEPRINT,   TBSTATE_ENABLED, TBSTYLE_BUTTON, 0, 0},
    {0,   0,                TBSTATE_ENABLED, TBSTYLE_SEP,    0, 0},
    {7,   IDM_ABOUT,       TBSTATE_ENABLED, TBSTYLE_BUTTON, 0, 0},
};
```

```
// Buttons that can be added at a later stage.
```

```

TBBUTTON tbButtonNew[] =
{
    { 8,  IDM_ERASE,          TBSTATE_ENABLED, TBSTYLE_BUTTON, 0, 0},
    { 9,  IDM_PEN,           TBSTATE_ENABLED, TBSTYLE_BUTTON, 0, 0},
    {10,  IDM_SELECT,        TBSTATE_ENABLED, TBSTYLE_BUTTON, 0, 0},
    {11,  IDM_BRUSH,         TBSTATE_ENABLED, TBSTYLE_BUTTON, 0, 0},
    {12,  IDM_AIRBRUSH,      TBSTATE_ENABLED, TBSTYLE_BUTTON, 0, 0},
    {13,  IDM_FILL,          TBSTATE_ENABLED, TBSTYLE_BUTTON, 0, 0},
    {14,  IDM_LINE,          TBSTATE_ENABLED, TBSTYLE_BUTTON, 0, 0},
    {15,  IDM_EYEDROP,       TBSTATE_ENABLED, TBSTYLE_BUTTON, 0, 0},
    {16,  IDM_ZOOM,          TBSTATE_ENABLED, TBSTYLE_BUTTON, 0, 0},
    {17,  IDM_RECT,          TBSTATE_ENABLED, TBSTYLE_BUTTON, 0, 0},
    {18,  IDM_FRAME,         TBSTATE_ENABLED, TBSTYLE_BUTTON, 0, 0},
    {19,  IDM_OVAL,          TBSTATE_ENABLED, TBSTYLE_BUTTON, 0, 0},
};

// The bitmap that is used to create the toolbar should have all
// tbButtonNew + tbButton buttons = 20 in this case.

// Use tbButtons array to create the initial toolbar control.

// Once the user starts to customize the toolbar, process the WM_NOTIFY
// message and the following notifications.
// The toolbar control sends a WM_NOTIFY message to the parent window
// during each process of the customization.

LRESULT OnMsgNotify(HWND hwnd, UINT uMessage, WPARAM wparam, LPARAM lparam)
{
    LPNMHDR          lpnmhdr;
    lpnmhdr =        (LPNMHDR)lparam;

    // process the QUERYINSERT And QUERYDELETE notifications
    // to allow the drag/drop operation to succeed.
    if (lpnmhdr->code == TBN_QUERYINSERT)
        return TRUE;
    else if (lpnmhdr->code == TBN_QUERYDELETE)
        return TRUE;
    else if (lpnmhdr->code == TBN_GETBUTTONINFO)
    // The user has brought up the customization dialog box,
    // so provide the the control will button information to
    // fill the listbox on the left side.
    {
        LPTBNOTIFY lpTbNotify = (LPTBNOTIFY)lparam;
        char szBuffer [20];
        if (lpTbNotify->iItem < 12) // 20 == the total number of buttons
        {
            // tbButton and tbButtonNew
            // Since initially we displayed
            // 8 buttons
            // send back information about the rest of
            // 12 buttons that can be added the toolbar.

            lpTbNotify->tbButton = tbButtonNew[lpTbNotify->iItem];

            LoadString(hInst,
                NEWBUTTONIDS + lpTbNotify->iItem, // string
                //ID == command ID

```

```
        szBuffer,  
        sizeof(szBuffer));  
  
        lstrcpy (lpTbNotify->pszText, szBuffer);  
        lpTbNotify->cchText = sizeof (szBuffer);  
        return TRUE;  
    }  
    else  
        return 0;  
}
```

Additional reference words: 4.00 BARSDI
KBCategory: kbprg kbcode kbfile
KSubcategory: UsrCtl

SAMPLE: MFCOGL a Generic MFC OpenGL Code Sample

Article ID: Q127071

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
 - The Microsoft Foundation Classes (MFC) included with:
 - Microsoft Visual C++ 32-bit Edition, versions 2.0 and 2.1
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SUMMARY

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Microsoft Windows NT's OpenGL can be used with the Microsoft Foundation Class (MFC) library. This article gives you the steps to follow to enable MFC applications to use OpenGL.

The companion sample (MFCOGL) is a generic sample that demonstrates using OpenGL with MFC. Download MFCOGL.EXE, a self-extracting file, from the Microsoft Software Library (MSL) on the following services:

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MORE INFORMATION

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Step-by-Step Example to Use OpenGL in MFC Application

1. Include the necessary header files to use OpenGL including:

- "gl\gl.h" for all core OpenGL library functions. These functions have the "gl" prefix such as glBegin().
- "gl\glu.h" for all OpenGL utility library functions. These functions have the "glu" prefix such as gluLookAt().
- "gl\glaux.h" for all Windows NT OpenGL auxiliary library functions. These functions have the "aux" prefix such as auxSphere().

You don't need to add a header file for functions with the "wgl" prefix.

2. Add necessary library modules to the link project settings. These library modules include OPENGL32.LIB, GLU32.LIB, and GLAUX.LIB.
3. Add implementations for OnPaletteChanged() and OnQueryNewPalette() in CMainFrame class for palette-aware applications.

```
void CMainFrame::OnPaletteChanged(CWnd* pFocusWnd)
{
    CFrameWnd::OnPaletteChanged(pFocusWnd);

    if (pFocusWnd != this)
        OnQueryNewPalette();
}
```

```
BOOL CMainFrame::OnQueryNewPalette()
{
    WORD    i;
    CPalette *pOldPal;
    CMfcOglView *pView = (CMfcOglView *)GetActiveView();
    CClientDC  dc(pView);

    pOldPal = dc.SelectPalette(&pView->m_cPalette, FALSE);
    i = dc.RealizePalette();
    dc.SelectPalette(pOldPal, FALSE);

    if (i > 0)
        InvalidateRect(NULL);

    return CFrameWnd::OnQueryNewPalette();
}
```

4. Use the one or more of the following classes derived from CWnd, including view classes, that will use OpenGL for rendering onto:

- Implement PreCreateWindow() and add WS_CLIPSIBLINGS and WS_CLIPCHILDREN to the windows styles:

```
BOOL CMfcOglView::PreCreateWindow(CREATESTRUCT& cs)
{
    cs.style |= WS_CLIPSIBLINGS | WS_CLIPCHILDREN;

    return CView::PreCreateWindow(cs);
}
```

- Implement OnCreate() to initialize a rendering context and make it current. Also, initialize any OpenGL states here:

```
int CMfcOglView::OnCreate(LPCREATESTRUCT lpCreateStruct)
{
    if (CView::OnCreate(lpCreateStruct) == -1)
        return -1;

    Init(); // initialize OpenGL
```

```
    return 0;
}
```

- Implement OnSize() if the window is sizeable:

```
void CMfcOglView::OnSize(UINT nType, int cx, int cy)
{
    CView::OnSize(nType, cx, cy);

    if (cy > 0)
    {
        glViewport(0, 0, cx, cy);

        if ((m_oldRect.right > cx) || (m_oldRect.bottom > cy))
            RedrawWindow();

        m_oldRect.right = cx;
        m_oldRect.bottom = cy;

        glMatrixMode(GL_PROJECTION);
        glLoadIdentity();
        gluPerspective(45.0f, (GLdouble)cx / cy, 3.0f, 7.0f);
        glMatrixMode(GL_MODELVIEW);
    }
}
```

- Implement OpenGL rendering code. This can be done in OnDraw() or other application-specific places such as OnTimer().

- Implement clean-up code, which is typically done in OnDestroy():

```
void CMfcOglView::OnDestroy()
{
    HGLRC    hrc;

    if (m_nTimerID)
        KillTimer(m_nTimerID);

    hrc = ::wglGetCurrentContext();

    ::wglMakeCurrent(NULL, NULL);

    if (hrc)
        ::wglDeleteContext(hrc);

    CPalette    palDefault;

    // Select our palette out of the dc
    palDefault.CreateStockObject(DEFAULT_PALETTE);
    m_pDC->SelectPalette(&palDefault, FALSE);

    if (m_pDC)
        delete m_pDC;

    CView::OnDestroy();
}
```

Additional reference words: 3.50 3.51 2.00 2.10 3.00 3.10 4.00 95 graphics
KBCategory: kbprg kbcode kbfile
KBSubcategory: GdiOpenGL

SAMPLE: How to Use Paths to Create Text Effects

Article ID: Q128091

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0

SUMMARY

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This article defines the term "path" for the purposes of this article, and it explains how you can get sample code (provided in TEXTFX.EXE, a self-extracting file) that shows by example how to use paths to draw text at varying angles, orientations, and sizes. In addition, the sample code gives useful routines for displaying path data.

Download TEXTFX.EXE, a self-extracting file, from the Microsoft Software Library (MSL) on the following services:

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MORE INFORMATION

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A path is one or more figures (or shapes) that are filled, outlined, or both filled and outlined. Computer-aided design (CAD) applications use paths to create unique clipping regions, to draw outlines of irregular shapes, and to fill the interiors of irregular shapes.

A path is associated with a Device Context (DC) but unlike other objects associated with a DC, such as pens and brushes, a path has no default object.

To create a path, you first call `BeginPath()`. Then use the drawing functions in the table below to add to the path. Any drawing done using these functions is recorded as part of the path. When you finish building the path, call `EndPath()`. The new path can then be converted to a region by using `PathToRegion()`, selected as a clipping region for a device context by using `SelectClipPath()`, and rendered by using `StrokePath()` or `FillPath()`. In addition, as this sample illustrates, the path can be retrieved by using `GetPath()` and manipulated programmatically.

Functions supported in paths:

AngleArc	LineTo	Polyline
Arc	MoveToEx	PolylineTo
ArcTo	Pie	PolyPolygon
Chord	PolyBezier	PolyPolyline
CloseFigure	PolyBezierTo	Rectangle
Ellipse	PolyDraw	RoundRect
ExtTextOut	Polygon	TextOut

Functions not supported under Windows 95:

AngleArc
ArcTo
PolyDraw

Functions not supported in a path under Windows 95:

Arc
Chord
Ellipse
Pie
Rectangle
RoundRect

MORE INFORMATION

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The following path functions are used in the TextFX sample:

BeginPath
EndPath
GetPath
FillPath
StrokePath

To use TextFX, run it, and then draw two lines into the client area (they don't have to be straight). The first line appears as blue and the second appears as red. These lines serve as guides for how the text will be rendered. After completing the second line, the text "This is a test" will be drawn so that it appears between the two guide lines.

To reposition the text so that it appears between the two lines, TextFX first breaks down the guide lines (which are composed of line segments) into distinct adjacent points. The result is that the x,y position of each point in the lines is adjacent to its neighboring points x,y position.

Next, the text "This is a test" is drawn into a device context as a path. The points that make up the lines and curves in this path are then retrieved from the device context by using the GetPath() function.

To reposition the points in the path data, the code must establish a relationship between the relative position of the points in the original text and the position defined by the guide lines. To establish this relationship, the code calculates the x and y positions of each point in the path data relative to the overall extent of the text string. The relative x position is used to calculate a corresponding point on each of

the two the guide lines, while the relative y value is used as a weight to determine how far along on a line between the two guide line points the remapped position should be.

For example, if the point in the upper left corner of the "T" in the string "This is a test" is 2% of the total x extent of the string and 10% of the total y extent, then TextFX would find the point in each guide line that corresponds to 2% of the total number of points in that guide line. Then TextFX would reposition the point in the path data representing the upper left corner of the "T" so that it would be 10% of the way along an imaginary line extending from the point on the top guide line to the point on the bottom guide line.

Two different methods can be selected for drawing the remapped data, one draws just the outline of the characters, while the other fills in the characters.

To draw the outline of the characters, TextFX converts the remapped data back into a path and uses StrokePath() to display the outlines. To do the conversion, TextFX begins a new path, and then loops through the remapped data and uses the vertex types returned from GetPath() to determine how to draw the points. After drawing all the data, TextFX ends the path and calls StrokePath().

To draw the solid characters, instead of using StrokePath(), TextFX uses FillPath(). However, in order to get the interior areas of characters like "O", "A", "D", and so on, TextFX sets the ROP2 code to R2_MERGEPEENNOT before calling FillPath(). This is done so that characters like "O" that consist of two separate polygons (one representing the outer perimeter and one representing the inner perimeter) will not be drawn as a solid blob. By drawing the polygons with the R2_MERGEPEENNOT code, the code ensures that the second polygon will cancel the effects of the first in the area of the inner polygon.

REFERENCES

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For additional information on paths, please see the PATHS sample included with the Win32 SDK.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 stones effects effect font fx
KBCategory: kbprg kbfile kbcode
KBSubcategory: GdiDraw

SAMPLE: Implementing Multiple Threads in an OpenGL Application
Article ID: Q128122

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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It is possible to create multiple threads in an OpenGL application and have each thread call OpenGL functions to draw an image. You might want to do this when multiple objects need to be drawn at the same time or when you want to have certain threads perform the rendering of specific types of objects.

This article explains how to obtain GLTHREAD, a sample that demonstrates how to implement multiple threads in an OpenGL application. The main process default thread creates two threads that each draw a three-dimensional wave on the main window. The first thread draws a wave on the left side of the screen. The second thread draws a wave on the right side of the screen. Both objects are drawn simultaneously, demonstrating OpenGL's ability to handle multiple threads.

How to Get the GLTHREAD Sample

Download GLTHREAD.EXE, a self-extracting file, from the Microsoft Software Library (MSL) on the following services:

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MORE INFORMATION

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When implementing multiple threads in any type of application, it is important to have adequate communication between threads. In OpenGL, it is important for two threads to know what the other thread is doing. For example, it is common practice to clear the display window before drawing an OpenGL scene. If both threads are called to draw portions of a scene and they both try to call glClear before drawing, one thread's object may get erased by another thread's call to glClear.

The GLTHREAD sample assigns the glClear function to a single thread, and ensures that the other thread does not perform any drawing until glClear has been called. When a menu command message is sent to the main window, the application calls CreateThread twice to create two threads. Each thread calls GetDC(hwndMain) to obtain its own device context to the main window.

Then, each thread calls GLTHREAD's bSetupPixelFormat function to set up the pixel format and calls wglCreateContext to create a new OpenGL Rendering Context. Now, each thread has its own Rendering Context and both can call wglMakeCurrent to make its new OpenGL rendering context its (the calling thread's) current rendering context.

All subsequent OpenGL calls made by the thread are drawn on the device identified by the HDC returned from each thread's call to GetDC(). Now, because only one thread should call glClear, GLTHREAD has thread number one call it. The second thread is created "suspended" so it does nothing until a call to ResumeThread is made. After thread one has called glClear, it enables thread two to resume by calling ResumeThread with a handle to the second thread.

The procedure in the main thread that created the two other threads waits until both threads are finished before returning from the processing of the menu command message that is sent when the user selects the "Draw Waves" menu selection from the "Test Threads" menu. It will use the WaitForMultipleObjects function to do this.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 GDI GRAPHICS THREADS

KBCategory: kbprg kbgraphic kbfile kbcode

KBSubcategory: codesam GdiDrwOpenGL

SAMPLE: Adding TrueType, Raster, or Vector Fonts to System
Article ID: Q130459

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK), versions 3.1 and 3.11
 - Microsoft Win32 SDK, versions 3.1, 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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FONTINST is a sample application in the Microsoft Software Library that demonstrates how to programmatically add a TrueType, raster, or vector font to the system.

When working with a TrueType font file (.TTF file), FONTINST creates a .FOT file and moves the specified .TTF file to the Windows system directory. For a raster or vector font file (.FON file), FONTINST moves the .FON file to the Windows system directory. After the font file has been moved to the system directory, FONTINST adds the font to the system by using the AddFontResource() API. Then it adds font information to the [fonts] section of the WIN.INI file so that the font is automatically loaded every time Windows starts. For example, the following line is added to the WIN.INI file when FONTINST adds the ARIAL.TTF file to the system:

```
    Arial (TrueType)=ARIAL.FOT
```

FONTINST also demonstrates how to retrieve the facename of a font given a .TTF or .FON file. In the case of a TrueType font, FONTINST opens up the file and reads the naming table of the .TTF file. FONTINST also shows how to read the FONTINFO structure (as described on pages 49-50 of the "Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit: Programmer's Reference, Volume 4: Resources") of a .FON file. The facename of a font in a .FON file can also be found in this manner.

After a font is installed by FONTINST, information about the font is displayed in the window. Information such as the TEXTMETRIC structure and font type, as well as sample font text, is displayed. Information added to the WIN.INI file is also displayed in this window.

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Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 softlib

KBCategory: kbprg kbfile
KBSubcategory: GdiFnt GdiFntCreate

SAMPLE: Simulating Palette Animation on Non-Palette Displays
Article ID: Q130476

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows NT, version 3.5
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SUMMARY

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LAVALAMP is a sample application in the Microsoft Software Library that demonstrates how to simulate the effects of the AnimatePalette() function on devices that may not support palettes. This program also demonstrates how to create and manipulate dibsections. The following dibsection functions are used in LAVALAMP:

```
CreatedIBSection()  
GetDIBColorTable()  
SetDIBColorTable()
```

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MORE INFORMATION

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When running in display modes that are not palette-based, many of the effects that can be performed easily with palette animation need to be reprogrammed. A simple method of simulating palette animation can be achieved by "animating" a device-independent bitmap's (DIBs) color table and redisplaying the DIB with the new colors. To demonstrate this technique, LAVALAMP creates an 8-bits-per-pixel (bpp) dibsection. Then it shifts each of the RGBQUAD data structures in the color table by one position to the left, and recycles the first entry in the color table to the last position. After each modification to the color table, the DIB is redisplayed.

Because the entire DIB must be redisplayed after each modification to the color table, this technique is not recommended for large bitmaps.

Additional reference words: 3.50 technote BMP softlib
KBCategory: kbprg kbfile
KSubcategory: GdiBmp GdiPal

SAMPLE: Fade a Bitmap Using Palette Animation

Article ID: Q130804

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.5, 3.51, and 4.0
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SUMMARY

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PALFADE is a sample application available in the Microsoft Software Library. It demonstrates:

- How to use the AnimatePalette function to fade a bitmap to black.
- How to use the DIBAPI32.DLL library that can be built by the WINCAP32 sample that ships with the Microsoft Win32 SDK.

To perform palette animation, the sample creates a logical palette for a device-independent bitmap (DIB) with the PC_RESERVED flag set for each palette entry. PALFADE loads, displays, and animates both Windows-style and OS/2-style DIB files.

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MORE INFORMATION

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Before performing palette animation on a logical palette entry, ensure that the palette entry has the PC_RESERVED flag set. To fade a bitmap drawn on a device context with a PC_RESERVED palette selected, you can lower the RGB values for each color in the palette in a loop until all colors are black.

The default system palette contains 20 static colors. These static colors take up the first ten and last ten colors of the system palette; these palette entries are not available for animation. If you try to fade a bitmap that has 256 unique colors by creating a 256-color palette with each palette entry set to PC_RESERVED, you are not guaranteed that every logical palette entry will map to an entry in the system palette that is available

for palette animation.

One solution to this is to create a logical palette that contains only 236 colors. The PALFADE sample demonstrates one way to create an optimal palette of 236 colors given a device-independent bitmap with 256 colors in its color table.

Given a 256-color DIB, PALFADE traverses through every bit in the bitmap to find the least-used 20 colors in the color table. Then it creates a logical palette out of the 236 most-used colors. This ensures that all entries in the logical palette will animate.

This sample uses many of the DIB support functions included with the DIBAPI32.DLL library. It does not use the LoadDIB() function, because it was not written to handle OS/2-style DIB files. Instead, PALFADE implements the DIB-loading routines found in the Win32 SDK SHOWDIB sample.

NOTE: DIBAPI32.DLL is included with this sample.

Additional reference words: 3.10 3.50 4.00 95

KBCategory: kbprg kbfile kbgraphic

KBSubcategory: GdiPal

SAMPLE: Drawing to a Memory Bitmap for Faster Performance
Article ID: Q130805

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) for Windows version 3.1
 - Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) versions 3.5, 4.0
 - Microsoft Win32s version 1.2
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An application whose client area is a complex image can realize a performance benefit from drawing to a memory bitmap. The complex, time consuming drawing code need only be performed once - to initialize the offscreen bitmap. During the handling of the WM_PAINT message, the only work that needs to be done is a simple BitBlt from the memory bitmap to the screen.

Sample code demonstrating this technique is available in the Microsoft Software Library. The MemDC sample code draws a complex pattern on its client area. A menu option toggle allows the user to see the speed difference between using and not using the offscreen bitmap.

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Additional reference words: 1.20 3.10 3.50 4.00 95 device context memory DC speed fast buffer
KBCategory: kbgraphic kbfile
KBSubcategory: GdiDc

SAMPLE: Drawing Three-Dimensional Text in OpenGL Applications
Article ID: Q131024

The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Win32 Software Development Kit (SDK) version 3.51
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SUMMARY

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GDI operations, such as TextOut, can be performed on an OpenGL window only if the window is single-buffered. The Windows NT implementation of OpenGL does not support GDI graphics in a double-buffered window. Therefore, you can not use GDI functions to draw text in a double-buffered window, for example. To draw text in a double-buffered window, an application can use the wglUseFontBitmaps and wglUseFontOutlines functions to create display lists for characters in a font and then draw the characters in the font with the glCallLists function.

The wglUseFontOutlines function is new to Windows NT 3.51 and can be used to draw 3-D characters of TrueType fonts. These characters can be rotated, scaled, transformed, and viewed like any other OpenGL 3-D image. This function is designed to work with TrueType fonts.

The GLFONT sample shows how to use the wglUseFontOutlines function to create display lists for characters in a TrueType font and how to draw, scale, and rotate the glyphs in the font by using glCallLists to draw the characters and other OpenGL functions to rotate and scale them. You will need the Win32 SDK for Windows NT 3.51 to compile this sample and to incorporate wglUseFontOutlines in your own application. You will need Windows NT 3.51 to execute the application.

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To specify which TrueType font you want wglUseFontOutlines to create display lists for, you must first create the desired logical font with

CreateFont or CreateFontIndirect. Then, you must select the HFONT created into a screen device context (HDC) with SelectObject and send the HDC to the wglUseFontOutlines function. Each character is mapped in the "x" and "y" directions in the display lists and you specify the depth in the negative "z" direction in the "extrusion" parameter of wglUseFontOutlines.

You can also specify whether you want the 3-D glyphs to be created with line segments or polygons. To instruct wglUseFontOutlines to create the 3-D glyphs with lines segments, specify WGL_FONT_LINES in the "format" parameter and to create them with polygons, you need to specify WGL_FONT_POLYGONS.

Here is an example of how one could create a set of display lists to draw the characters of the "Arial" TrueType font as a set of polygons:

```
LOGFONT    lf;
HFONT      hFont, hOldFont;
GLYPHMETRICSFLOAT agmf[256];

// An hDC and an hRC have already been created.
wglMakeCurrent( hDC, hRC );

// Let's create a TrueType font to display.
memset(&lf,0,sizeof(LOGFONT));
lf.lfHeight          =   -20 ;
lf.lfWeight          =   FW_NORMAL ;
lf.lfCharSet         =   ANSI_CHARSET ;
lf.lfOutPrecision    =   OUT_DEFAULT_PRECIS ;
lf.lfClipPrecision   =   CLIP_DEFAULT_PRECIS ;
lf.lfQuality         =   DEFAULT_QUALITY ;
lf.lfPitchAndFamily  =   FF_DONTCARE|DEFAULT_PITCH;
lstrcpy (lf.lfFaceName, "Arial" );

hFont = CreateFontIndirect(&lf);
hOldFont = SelectObject(hDC,hFont);

// Create a set of display lists based on the TT font we selected
if (!(wglUseFontOutlines(hDC, 0, 255, GLF_START_LIST, 0.0f, 0.15f,
    WGL_FONT_POLYGONS, agmf)))
    MessageBox(hWnd,"wglUseFontOutlines failed!","GLFont",MB_OK);

DeleteObject(SelectObject(hDC,hOldFont));
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```

To display these 3-D characters in a string, use the following code:

```
// Display string with display lists created by wglUseFontOutlines()
glListBase(GLF_START_LIST); // indicate start of display lists

// Draw the characters
glCallLists(6, GL_UNSIGNED_BYTE, "OpenGL");
```

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SAMPLE: Highlighting an Entire Row in a ListView Control

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SUMMARY

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One of the limitations of the ListView common control is that when the control is in report view, the control only highlights the first column when a row is selected. To work around this limitation, you can create the ListView as an owner draw control (using the LVS_OWNERDRAWFIXED style) and perform all the painting yourself.

The ODLISTVW sample demonstrates how to create an owner draw ListView control that highlights an entire row.

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MORE INFORMATION

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One of the supported styles for the ListView control is LVS_OWNERDRAWFIXED, which allows the program to perform all the drawing of items in the ListView control. Whenever the ListView control needs to have a portion of the control repainted, it calculates which items are in that area and sends a WM_DRAWITEM message to its parent for each item. If any part of an item needs to be redrawn, the ListView sends the WM_DRAWITEM with the update rectangle set to the entire item.

The ListView control handles owner drawn items differently from other owner drawn controls. Previous owner drawn controls use the DRAWITEMSTRUCT's itemAction field to let the parent know if it needs to draw the item, change the selected state, or change the focus state. The ListView control always sends the WM_DRAWITEM message with the itemAction set to ODA_DRAWENTIRE. The parent needs to check the itemState to see if the focus or selection needs to be updated.

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