# ■ Traylcon OCX

Traylcon is a 32 bit OCX for Windows 95. It provides an easy way for OLE container applications such as Microsoft Visual BasicTM and Microsoft AccessTM (and several other development tools) to place their own icons in the tray area of the Windows 95 taskbar (as shown). It allows the application to receive messages in order to show custom menus.





Remeber to read the <u>License Agreement and Disclaimer</u> before continuing to use the OCX in your applications.

Traylcon OCX is shareware. Continued use of this OCX beyond 30 days requires Registration.

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#### **Files**

The following is a list of files that are distributed as part of the Traylcon OCX

• Traylcon.ocx \windows\system

• Traylcon.lic \windows\system

Traylcon.hlp \windows\systemTraylcon.cnt \windows\system

- Sample\Traylcon.exe
- Sample\Traylcon.vbp
- Sample\frmTraylcon.frm
- Sample\frmTraylcon.frx

Files not distributed are (these are usually part of the development system)

- regsvr32.exe
- mfc40.dll
- msvcrt40.dll
- olepro32.dll

Before using the ocx you must register it with the command regsvr32 c:\windows\system\trayicon.ocx

There is also a topic describing the files that need to be <u>distributed</u>.

# **Icon Property**

<u>Properties</u> <u>Methods</u> <u>Events</u>

This property lets you set the icon that is to be displayed in the tray area.

You need to use the 'Showlcon' method to display your icon, or the 'UpdateIcon' method if you change it at runtime.

```
Dim Success as Boolean
.
.
TrayIcon1.Icon = LoadPicture(icofilename)
Success = TrayIcon1.UpdateIcon
```

## **ToolTip Property**

<u>Properties</u> <u>Methods</u> <u>Events</u>

This property determines the tooltip that Windows displays when the cursor is placed over the icon. Windows API limits this property to be a maximum of 63 characters long.

As with the icon property, you need to use the 'UpdateIcon' method if you change it at runtime.

```
Dim Success as Boolean
.
.
TrayIcon1.ToolTip = "TrayIcon OCX Sample"
Success = TrayIcon1.UpdateIcon
.
```

# **Visible Property**

<u>Properties</u> <u>Methods</u> <u>Events</u>

This property lets the application check if its icon is visible or not. The property is read-only and is available only during runtime.

```
Dim Visible as Boolean
.
.
Visible = TrayIcon1.Visible
```

## **AutoUpdate Property**

<u>Properties</u> <u>Methods</u> <u>Events</u>

This property causes the ocx to update the icon in the tray area of the taskbar by calling the <a href="Updatelcon"><u>Updatelcon</u></a> method, whenever either the icon property or the tooltip property change. The default value is 'false' so as to allow greater control over changes in the icon display.

Example

Dim AutoUpdate as Boolean

•

TrayIcon1.AutoUpdate = AutoUpdate

•

## **MouseOverEvents Property**

<u>Properties</u> <u>Methods</u> <u>Events</u>

This property causes the ocx to fire the MouseOver event when the cursor moves the icon in the tray. The default value is 'false' so that potential overflow of events can be avoided.

Example

```
Dim GetMouseMoveMsg as Boolean
```

•

TrayIcon1.AutoUpdate = GetMouseMoveMsg

•

#### **Events**

<u>Properties</u> <u>Methods</u> Events

These events occur when either the user clicks the <u>icon</u> in the taskbar tray or places the cursor over it, and let you take appropriate action, such as displaying a context menu etc.

The general format for all events is

```
<event name>([index as Integer], x as Integer, y as Integer)
```

There are currently five events that may occur.

LeftClick when the user clicks the left mouse button on the icon

LeftDblClick when the user double clicks the left mouse button on the icon

RightClick when the user clicks the right mouse button on the icon

When the user double clicks the right mouse button on the icon

When the user moves the mouse over the icon

The parameters x and y to the event let your application know the mouse position (in terms of screen coordinates). The optional parameter Index lets the application know which Traylcon control of a control array caused the event.

#### **Showlcon Method**

<u>Properties</u> <u>Methods</u> <u>Events</u>

This method causes the OCX to display the selected <u>icon</u> along with the selected <u>tooltip</u> in the tray area of the taskbar. It returns 'true' if the operation was successful and 'false' otherwise. If the icon is already visible, it return 'false'.

```
Dim Success as Boolean
.
.
Success = TrayIcon1.ShowIcon
```

#### **Hidelcon Method**

<u>Properties</u> <u>Methods</u> <u>Events</u>

This method causes the OCX to remove the <u>icon</u> from the tray area of the taskbar. It returns 'true' if it was successful and 'false' otherwise. If the icon is currently not being displayed, the method returns 'false'.

# **UpdateIcon Method**

<u>Properties</u> <u>Methods</u> <u>Events</u>

This method is used to change the <u>icon</u> or <u>tooltip</u> that is being displayed or its tooltip. It returns 'true' id the modification was successful, 'false' otherwise. If the icon is currently not being displayed, the method returns 'false', and does not display the icon.

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# Feedback

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Report all bugs and feedback to the above email address. This will help me improve the OCX.

### **Distributing the Traylcon Control**

When distributing the OLE control the following support files must also be distributed:

The list includes the file names and the copy locations.

MFC40.DLL \Windows\System
MSVCRT40.DLL \Windows\System
OLEPRO32.DLL \Windows\System
REGSVR32.EXE \Windows\System
TRAYICON.OCX \Windows\System

Do **not** distribute the following files (these are meant only for the development environment) (These are to be placed in the same directory as the ocx)

TRAYICON.HLP TRAYICON.LIC

Once the TRAYICON.OCX is copied to the specified directory it must be registered in order to work correctly. This can be done using the REGSVR32.EXE utility. Simply call run the REGSVR32.EXE from the command line with TRAYICON.OCX as the parameter as shown below.

C:\Windows\System\REGSVR32 TRAYICON.OCX

### **Registering the Traylcon Control**

Traylcon OCX is shareware and can be registered for US \$25.00. When you register, the OCX's 'About Dialog Box' will not appear everytime you use it. It will also guarantee that you will continue to receive news as new features and improvements are made, and you will receive major updates free of charge. As a registered user you can purchase all the source code (commented) for US \$ 100.00.

To register send Name	the following i	nformati	on to nk	othari@ics.uci.edu via email:
Company Address				
Phone Email address				
How you obtain	ed this OCX			
Purchase the so	ource code	Yes	No	

On sending this, you will receive information as to where you can mail your check to, and once I receive your check, the registered version of the OCX will be sent to you through email. If you cannot receive the software through email, add \$5.00 to your check, and I will send it through mail on disk.