



## Help for IniCon

IniCon is a Visual Basic custom control that will make access to INI files easier.

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## Usage

### Reading from WIN.INI

Set Filename property to blank

Set Section property to the name of the section in WIN.INI

Set Entry property to the name of the entry within the section

Read value in String property (it now contains the value of the profile string specified by Section and Entry)

### Writing to WIN.INI

Set Filename property to blank

Set Section property to the name of the section in WIN.INI

Set Entry property to the name of the entry within the section

Write value into String property (this will write the value given into the profile string specified by Section and Entry)

### Reading from a private INI file

Set Filename property to the path and filename of the private INI file

Set Section property to the name of the section in WIN.INI

Set Entry property to the name of the entry within the section

Read value in String property (it now contains the value of the profile string specified by Filename, Section and Entry)

### Writing to a private INI file

Set Filename property to the path and filename of the private INI file

Set Section property to the name of the section in WIN.INI

Set Entry property to the name of the entry within the section

Write value into String property (this will write the value given into the profile string specified by Filename, Section and Entry)

## Layout

If you look in an INI file (WIN.INI is a good example) you'll see many profile strings broken up into sections. Section headers are formatted as follows:

[Section Name]

In each section there are profile strings. Each profile string is identified by a an entry name. These lines are formatted as such:

Entry=String

## Properties

IniCon supports most of the usual control properties. On top of those, here are the additional properties that IniCon supports:

Entry

Filename

Section

String

## Entry Property

### Description

Sets filename of INI file to use.

### Usage

`[form.][label.]Entry[ = entry$]`

### Remarks

This property determines if IniCon uses a private INI file or WIN.INI. If this property is blank, profile strings are read from and written to WIN.INI. If this field is not blank, profile strings are written to and read from the file specified in this property.

### Data Type

String

## Filename Property

### Description

Sets filename of INI file to use.

### Usage

`[form.][label.]Filename[ = filename$]`

### Remarks

This property determines if IniCon uses a private INI file or WIN.INI. If this property is blank, profile strings are read from and written to WIN.INI. If this field is not blank, profile strings are written to and read from the file specified in this property.

### Data Type

String

## Section Property

### Description

Specifies what part of the INI file to use.

### Usage

`[form.][label.]Section[ = Section$]`

### Remarks

This property determines if IniCon uses a private INI file or WIN.INI. If this property is blank, profile strings are read from and written to WIN.INI. If this field is not blank, profile strings are written to and read from the file specified in this property.

### Data Type

String

## String Property

### Description

Value of profile string identified by Filename, Section and Entry properties.

### Usage

`[form.][label.]String[ = String$]`

### Remarks

This property serves two purposes: to read the value of a profile string from an INI file, and to write a profile string to an INI file. When a program reads this property, the profile string is read from the INI file. When a program writes to this property, the value written is put into the INI file specified.

### Data Type

String

## **INI Files**

An INI file contains profile strings. Windows programs keep configuration and other pieces of static data there. INI files are managed by the Windows API functions `GetProfileString`, `WriteProfileString`, `GetPrivateProfileString`, and `WritePrivateProfileString`.

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