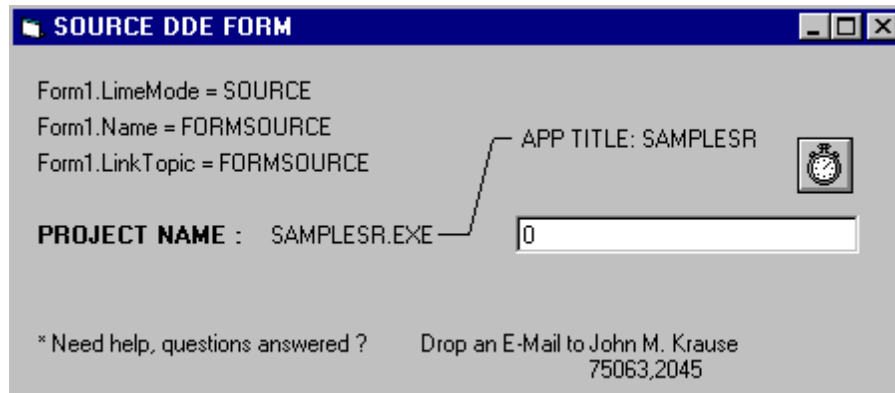# Creating Microsoft® Visual Basic Application w/ DDE Links

How do you communicate with another VB4 application using DDE links ? The following example demonstrates the simple process:
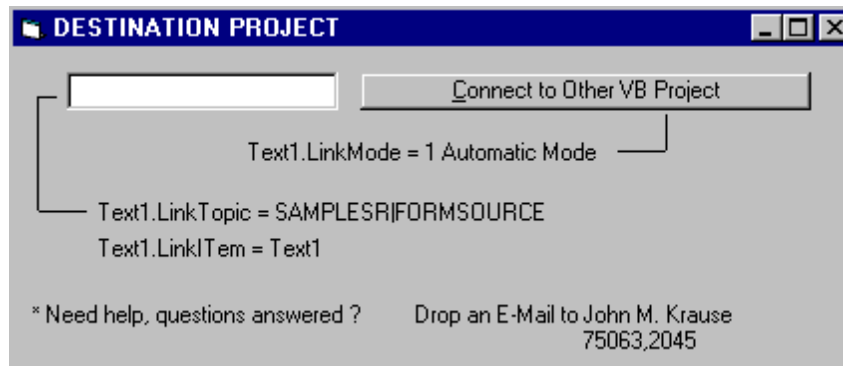
SOURCE PROGRAM

1. Create a new application called "SAMPLESR"
2. Set the form link mode to "Source".
3. Set the form Name to something like "FormSource".
4. Set the form link topic to same as above "FormSource".
5. Place your link objects on the form, such as the text box.
6. Compile the program with the same application name.

DESTINATION PROGRAM

1. Create a new application called "DESTPROG".
2. Place a text box on the form.
3. Set the text box link topic to the source program and its linktopic name, example "SAMPLE|ORMSOURCE". *<- Same as above !*
4. Set the text box link Item to "Text1" because thats the text box you want to read from on the source application.
5. Place a command button or something to execute a "ext1.LinkMode = 1". This causes the destination application to contact the source application a begin the DDE link.

NEED MORE HELP ?

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