

EZ-Format

EZ-Format allows you the programmer a way of formatting a floppy disk without shelling to File Manager or Explorer and using DDE Connections, or SendKeys.

This program allows you to use a command line to format the disk. When you shell to this program it minimizes itself and displays what it is doing in its caption. All The work is do for you, all you have to add is this line in your code...

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x% = Shell("[path]\format.exe [cmdLine$]", 0)
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where [path] = the location of the ***EZ-Format*** program and cmdLine\$ is the command line to use (refer to Format.RTF for command line options)

This is an option for VB Developers who want to show the Format Progress in there program. Paste the following code in the forms KEY_DOWN event.

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'
T$ = "" ' assume no message
State% = Int(KeyCode \ 256%) ' avoid negatives
Track% = KeyCode And 255
Select Case State%
Case Is < 100
    Head% = Track% And 1
    Cylinder% = Track% \ 2
    Cyl$ = Str$(Cylinder%)
    If WindowState = 1 Then ' Minimized
        Caption = "Format " + Drive$ + ": Track" + Cyl$
    Else
        ' Use any meter control.... I use 3D Panel
        mtrDone.FloodPercent = State%
        T$ = "Formatting Track #" & Cyl$ & " Head #" & Str$(Head%)
    End If
Case 128
    T$ = "Preparing ..."
Case 129
    T$ = "Beginning Format..."
Case 132
    T$ = "Reading boot sector"
Case 133
    T$ = "Reading FAT"
Case 136
    T$ = "Writing boot sector"
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Case 137
    T$ = "Writing FATs"
Case 138
    T$ = "Writing Directory"
Case 139
    T$ = "Locating System files"
Case 140
    T$ = "Copying System files"
Case 141
    T$ = "Copying COMMAND.COM"
Case 143
    T$ = "Adding System..."
End Select
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' Message.Caption  is a label control that holds the messages
If WindowState = 1 Then 'Minimized
    If Len(T$) Then
        Message.Caption = T$
    End If
Else
    Message.Caption = T$
End If
DoEvents
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' End CLIP *****
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The following code has been tested it has trouble displaying some times ... If you can figure out when just let me know....

Thanks and Good Luck....

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