WinView v2.0

Introduction

Procedures

What is WinView

WinView is a utility which was written to help the Visual Basic programmer snoop around a windows attibutes.   This utility has proved very useful to me and since the original author permitted the free use, modification, and distribution of this utility, I thought Id share it with others.

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Installation

Distribution Files:

WINVIEW.EXE   The main executable file.   You can put this file anywhere you wish.

WINVIEW.HLP   Help file for **WinView.** This must be in the same directory as the executable.

WINVWLIB.DLL   Extension library integral to **WinView**.   This file goes to your \windows\ system directory or, for better manageability, you can put this in the same directory as the executable.

CTL3D.DLL   Dynamic link library used by **WinView**.   Place this file in your \windows\ system directory. Please make sure you dont have a newer copy of this library residing in your system directory.   If you find one and decide to replace it with the one in this distribution, its a good idea to make a backup of the file.

File Not Included But Required:

VBRUN300.DLL   Although this file is needed to run theprogram, it is not included in the package to reduce its size.   If you dont have this file in your system (check your \windows or \windows\system directory) you can download it from the site where you acquired this program.   If not, write the author and hell be happy to help you find a copy.

Accessing the Popup Menu

To access the Popup menu, click the right mouse button anywhere on the form, excluding the command buttons of course.

Button Functions

Attibutes Buttons:

The attributes buttons have been removed.   To view a window's attributes, double-click the item in the listbox with the left mouse button.

Command Buttons: (click on a button for a description)

Examining a Specific Window

If you want to examine the attributes of a specific window visible on the desktop, choose the **Pointed** button.   **WinView** will change the shape of the cursor to a magnifying glass. Click on the window you want to examine.

Control Name

Displays the form or controls Visual Basic name.

Top Level

Enumerates all top-level windows currently on the desktop.

Owned

Enumerates all owned windows, if any, of the currently selected window.

Parent

Shows the parent, if any, of the currently selected window.

Children

Enumerates all children windows, if any, of the currently selected window.

Flash Window

Flashes the currently selected window, if applicable.

Pointed

Allows you to select a window on the desktop to snoop.

Clear List Box

Clears the list box.