



## **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 Application property to the name of the application section in WIN.INI

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

Read value in Value property (it now contains the value of the profile string specified by Application and Parameter)

### Writing to WIN.INI

Set Filename property to blank

Set Application property to the name of the application section in WIN.INI

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

Write value into Value property (this will write the value given into the profile string specified by Application and Parameter)

### Deleting an application in WIN.INI

Set Filename property to blank

Set Application property to the name of the application section in WIN.INI

Set DeleteApp property to True

### Deleting a property in WIN.INI

Set Filename property to blank

Set Application property to the name of the application section in WIN.INI

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

Set DeleteParm property to True

### Reading from a private INI file

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

Set Application property to the name of the application section in the private INI file

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

Read value in Value property (it now contains the value of the profile string specified by Filename, Application and Parameter)

### Writing to a private INI file

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

Set Application property to the name of the application section in the private INI file

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

Write value into Value property (this will write the value given into the profile string specified by Filename, Application and Parameter)

### Deleting an application in a private INI file

Set Filename property to blank

Set Application property to the name of the application section in the private INI file

Set DeleteApp property to True

### Deleting a property in a private INI file

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

Set Application property to the name of the application section in the private INI file

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

Set DeleteParm property to True

## 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:

[Application Name]

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

Parameter=Value

## Properties

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

Application

DeleteApp

DeleteParm

Filename

Parameter

Value

## DeleteApp Property

### Description

Deletes an application from an INI file.

### Usage

[*form.*][*label.*]DeleteApp[ = *delete*]

### Remarks

This property, when set to True, deletes the specified application from the INI file. The property deleted is determined by setting the Filename and Application properties.

### Data Type

Integer (boolean)

## **DeleteParm Property**

### **Description**

Deletes a property from an INI file.

### **Usage**

[*form.*][*label.*]DeleteParm[ = *delete*]

### **Remarks**

This property, when set to True, deletes the specified property from the INI file. The property deleted is determined by setting the Filename, Application, and Parameter properties.

### **Data Type**

Integer (boolean)

## Parameter Property

### Description

Sets filename of INI file to use.

### Usage

[*form.*][*label.*]Parameter[ = *parameter*\$]

### Remarks

This property determines which line in an application section of an INI file to use. This property must be non-blank. When a new value is written to this property the value specified by this property, Filename, and Application, is read into the Value 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.

When a new value is written to this property the value specified by this property, Parameter, and Application, is read into the Value property.

### Data Type

String

## Application Property

### Description

Specifies what part of the INI file to use.

### Usage

[*form.*][*label.*]Application[ = *application\$*]

### Remarks

This property determines which application section of an INI file to use. This property must be non-blank. When a new value is written to this property the value specified by this property, Filename, and Parameter, is read into the Value property.

### Data Type

String

## Value Property

### Description

Value of profile string identified by Filename, Application and Parameter properties.

### Usage

[*form.*][*label.*]Value[ = *Value\$*]

### 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 them. INI files are managed by the Windows API functions `GetProfileString`, `WriteProfileString`, `GetPrivateProfileString`, and `WritePrivateProfileString`.

## About IniCon

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Source code to this control is available for \$25 (\$30 for international orders). With source code you get a registered version of the control. If you are a CompuServe member, you may get the source code in the Software Registration forum (GO SWREG). It's registration number is 1003.

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## **Getting Custom Controls Written**

If you or your organization would like to have custom controls written, contact either me or Zane Thomas (co-author of the Waite Group's VB How-To, 2nd Edition). Here's how we can be reached:

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