

Re: run Shell with /wait

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Kevin, you're very welcome to your opinion, and no offence taken.

MS has had a couple of goes at plugging the FileOpen dialog into Access. The earlier example was a "common control", but it was quite buggy, and broke the database when you moved versions, so most of us gave up on it recently. The more recent example is the FileDialog object supplied by the Office library, but it is also unworkable. It is version dependent, fails to work with SaveAs (even though it appears to offer this option), and does not work at all in the runtime version. So, the API call is still the best approach.

For me, this kind of thing is just mildly annoying. Once you get the API call working the first time, you just copy the module and use it in any database where you need this. What really annoys me are the cases where Access actually *appears* to work but gives you the wrong answers! Those are the ones I would like to get Microsoft to fix, but I've not been very successful to date. We are talking about basic stuff like Access sorting wrongly, returning the wrong records in a query, silently losing the data you typed into a form, corrupting your data, displaying the wrong information and so on. Since I can't get them to fix this stuff, the best I can do is to warn other users about these flaws:

<http://allenbrowne.com/tips.html#flaws>

On the positive side, though, MS should be commended for the knowledgebase where you can get to know about these flaws, traps, and other issues. It is also commendable that they encourage these groups with free feedback and assistance, even though we sometimes use these forums to complain about what we don't like.

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Tips for Access users – <http://allenbrowne.com/tips.html>

Reply to group, rather than allenbrowne at mvps dot org.

"Kevin Witty" <kdw@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message

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> Allen –

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> Thanks very much for your response. I know you've been one of the Most

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> Valuable Players here for a long time, and I certainly appreciate your
> help
>
> But really, isn't it time we just acknowledged that the Emperor has no
> clothes? Why the hell shouldn't have the MS designers have recognized
> that
> this is something that people want to do, and have built it in, instead of
> having to have us jump through all the hoops we have to? I just heard,
> for
> example. that vb.net has no Left or Right function. Have their designers
> never had to develop an app? It's a typical example of why people like me
> are getting disgusted with MS. There are a thousand examples of how MS
> has
> blown it in the past 30 years, changing things which worked in W/2k to
> things
> which don't work in W/XP.
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> Believe me, this is not a diatribe at you, but because I think you may
> have
> MS's ears, a diatribe to them. If they'd written their software right in
> the
> first place, a lot of these support forums wouldn't be necessary. And
> it's
> not because they're short of cash, they're just short of user wisdom, and
> long on techs. Hey, ask anyone who deals with Word!
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> A thoroughly disgusted with MS, and eternally grateful to you..
>
> Kevin (Who promises he won't write any more diatribes like this to you.)
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> "Allen Browne" wrote:
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>> See:
>> API: Shell and Wait
>> at:
>> <http://www.mvps.org/access/api/api0004.htm>
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>> "Kevin Witty" <kdw@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
>> news:566ABDCD-C876-41C6-9607-8DFE773A8D1E@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
>>> I'm creating a cmd file I want to run with Shell which copies an
>>> existing
>>> file, performs an operation on it which will change the file size, and
>>> then
>>> deletes the original and saves the new file back with the old file
>>> name.
>>> After the cmd file finishes, I want to report the length of the new
>>> file
>>> size
>>> using FileLen.
>>>

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>>> By default, Shell executes asynchronously, which means my VBA code
>>> which
>>> runs after the Shell statement and tries to report the length of the
>>> file
>>> created using FileLen, fails. It reports the size of the original
>>> file.
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>>> I've tried using /wait in the cmd file which runs, but that hasn't
>>> helped.
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>>> Is there a way to make Shell Wait until the operation it started
>>> finishes,
>>> and then proceed to the rest of the VBA code?
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>>> Thanks,
>>>
>>> Kevin

• **Follow-Ups:**

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