

## Re: Transparent child window

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Kellie Fitton wrote:

On Jul 21, 12:37 pm, Edward Diener  
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I have a child window with a light-colored background color brush, which I want to be transparent so that the underlying parent window shows through the background. A layered window does not work with a child window. Is there any way I can do this with a child window ?

Hi,

Have you tried the following Windows style to create a transparent window:

`CreateWindowEx() WS_EX_TRANSPARENT`

This does not work at all. I am not painting the window but just creating it with a brush of a certain color. When I show the window, even with the `WS_EX_TRANSPARENT` style specified as the extended style when the window is created, the window completely obscures its parent window.

Or,

`SetWindowRgn()`

I do not understand how transparency is to be achieved using `SetWindowRgn()`.