

Re: using OpenFileDialog

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William DePalo [MVP VC++] <willd.no.spam@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

> Some rambling ...
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> 1) I think I heard that there are "millions" of pages on MSDN. Keeping it
> straight in magnetic or gray matter is a huge undertaking. :-)
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> Google is good at that sort of thing so I tend to use it to find things on
> MSDN. Just append
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> site:msdn.microsoft.com
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> to a google query.

Good suggestion. I'll keep it in mind. I often find references to MSDN in my Google searches even without adding the site though.

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> 2) If you don't find what you need, or if you don't go there first, come
> back here. Chances are that someone will help you out.

I was delighted to have the answer in under an hour. :-)

I used to frequent the programming lounges that related to my work (Mac for 15 years, Java for 7 years, etc). I have been pretty much out of the game for the past 3 years though (dot-bomb bit me, and suddenly my 35 years of experience was a liability rather than an asset), and am just getting back into it. This is my first foray into Windows programming via C++. I've written several Java apps for Windows though.

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> 3) It is usually best to describe what you want to do and not how you
> want to do it. I was about to answer the question you asked when I realized
> you probably didn't want to go down that path.

I didn't even realize there were separate frameworks for managed and unmanaged code until this thread. I thought that was just a compiler flag that redefined Object constructors/destructors to manage memory for

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me. Shows how little I know about this new game... I've only been in it for 2 weeks. :-)

In this case, I knew I wanted to open a file, so I Googled and found OpenFileDialog. Looked reasonable, so I went to use it and hit a completely unexpected wall. I never even thought that might not be the right Class for unmanaged code.

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> 4) Due to personal bias and experience, I don't usually suggest MFC solutions to problems. But you might want to look at its CFileDialog class > as it probably best approximates the .Net class you happened on in the docs

I have no choice in the matter. The client has almost 10 years of legacy code that is being enhanced for version 10. There is some C# work being done on new subsystems, but the section I am in uses VC++ MFC, so that is what I need to learn quickly.

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