

Re: Best way to use INI file

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Thanks for clearing that up...time to learn more about the registry and Get/SaveSetting.

"Chip Pearson" <chip@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:udohjA8FHHA.3468@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Permissions may be an issue for writing keys in some registry areas, but if you use GetSetting(s) and SaveSetting, the keys and values are stored in

HKCU\Software\VB and VBA Program Settings

which you should always have permission to add/change/delete.

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Thanks Bob/Tom/Chip.

Chip,

I was told that there may be some issues with the security settings on some of our computers (for certain computers just about everything is locked down). I didn't have a way to test writing to the registry and I don't know enough to say whether that may be an issue so I went the INI route. I will eventually get some test time on the different set up and hope to move to registry rather than INI, but this is the way it is for now. I learned quite a bit about classes and API calls during the

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development so certainly nothing lost in the effort.

I originally had the settings in the add-in workbook, but realized that users will change some of them (that is the design) and if I ever update the code, say using registry rather than INI, I want to just replace the .xla file but needed a way for the users' to keep their settings. Something about separating the various layers of the application...I read it in Professional Excel Development :-)

So that's my rationale...suggestions and corrections are always welcome. Thanks again for the help.

"Chip Pearson" <chip@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:%23eFFCOxFHHA.1252@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

I would read the entire INI file at startup, store the values somewhere, and then write back the entire INI file at shutdown.

As an aside, INI files were supposed to be made obsolete by the System Registry. Is there any particular reason you are using an INI file rather than GetSettings and SaveSetting to store data in the registry.

Moreover, why not just save the settings in the add-in itself?

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I am developing an add-in and am using an INI file to store various options and lists. My question is this: am I better off reading the INI file into a worksheet as part of the Workbook_Open event (and therefore having only 1 call to the INI file) or just call the INI file as needed? I have a class module that defines all of the INI reads/writes, so the

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code is no problem. Just wondering if there are advantages/disadvantages to the two methods. TIA.

Using WinXP and XL2003.