

## Re: Themes & Colors

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  - *Date:* Wed, 24 Jan 2007 08:18:59 -0800
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Stephen: Could not agree with you more.

If you have read my posts ever since I have been on this NG (long long time), I have never been rude discourteous etc. I am stuck at a problem with the clock ticking and rather than a solution or Tips, I get a Programming 101 lecture. I started this thread with "Against my better judgement..." so I do understand the implications of changing user settings etc.

But you are right. Dan & Fred, please accept my apology...just stressed out here.

Mohammed

"Stephen Ibbs" wrote:

When somebody is stuck with a problem and comes onto a NG to ask for help from experts who clearly know their stuff, are MVP, MCP etc etc there are two approaches if the response hasn't answered the question originally posed:

1) Be courteous, cheerful, friendly, apologise if the original post was misinterpreted because perhaps it was phrased badly, and rephrase the question.

2) Be short, offensive, insert some patronising remark about 'Are you with me so far', accuse the expert of being on a 'soapbox' and be generally rude

Which approach is likely to generate a positive response that will solve the problem, save time, stress, unpleasantness, etc etc and persuade people to offer help in the future.

Tough call – let me think – let me think ...

Stephen

"imaginecorp" <[imaginecorp@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:imaginecorp@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message <news:8DFCA9C6-25B9-4520-A916-8E84D0CA01B8@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Did you read the whole post? Nobody is suggesting scre\*ing around with the

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resolution or screen size, ONLY COLORS. User computers have XP themes enabled with VARIOUS color schemes, For the sake of uniformity Silver (color scheme) was selected by management for our app. Are you with me so far.) There is absolutely no problem with setting colors (NOT screen resolution, size etc) when the app starts then resetting it back when it ends. I fail to see how this impacts other applications IF it is programmed correctly? The magic word is "programmed correctly". After 20+ years of programming and over 60 or so applications under my belt, I am sure; I am familiar with good programming practices. As this app will not be used by you or your office you can get off your soapbox. Sometimes its better Not to respond to a post if you cannot suggest or do not know of a solution  
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"Fred Taylor" wrote:

Since any application that took it upon itself to mess with the color schemes and/or screen resolution on MY (or any computer in our offices) that would have an impact on other applications, would soon find itself in the circular file.

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Fred  
Microsoft Visual FoxPro MVP

"imaginecorp"  
<imaginecorp@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
[news:A9C65D36-332E-4A5A-AAC2-46D008DE90C9@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:A9C65D36-332E-4A5A-AAC2-46D008DE90C9@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

To get the silver XP theme,  
set the XP theme to the  
silver one. IOW,  
let  
XP  
do the work.

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If this was what I needed I would have  
posted my question in a NB for  
the  
mentally challenged...  
Thanks anyway  
Mohammed

"Dan Freeman" wrote:

The last version of FP where  
color schemes worked (or  
had any  
relevance  
at  
all) was FP/DOS.

Dan

"ImagineCorp"  
<ashruff@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>  
wrote in message  
[news:eCJNJdoPHHA.3544@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:eCJNJdoPHHA.3544@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Hello Dan;  
using VFP9  
SP1. Had  
problems  
with the  
cursor  
disappearing  
etc. App  
was  
not  
transported  
from FPW.  
Is there a  
Color  
scheme I  
can access  
in XP to  
change  
the XP  
Color  
Scheme to  
Silver with  
Themes  
enabled?

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"Dan  
Freeman"  
<spam@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>  
wrote in  
message  
news:Op6Z1UoPHHA.3344@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Assuming  
you  
are  
using  
VFP8  
or  
later,  
support  
for  
XP  
themes  
is  
built-in.

The  
turning  
off  
of  
Themes  
applies  
to  
forms  
transported  
from  
FPW.

Dan

"ImagineCorp"  
<ashruff@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>  
wrote  
in  
message  
news:%23E8ujDoPHHA.1240@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Much  
against  
my  
better

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judgment  
I  
have  
to  
set  
windows  
XP  
themes  
and  
colors  
in  
our  
app.  
We  
normally  
allow  
the  
users  
to  
set  
their  
own  
colors  
using  
RGB().  
A  
client  
wants  
us  
to  
disable  
this  
and  
set  
up  
XP  
themes.  
The  
choice  
is  
Silver  
as  
opposed  
to  
the  
Default  
Blue.  
My  
problem  
is  
some

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users  
may  
have  
Default  
Blue  
set  
up  
on  
their  
machines.  
I  
do  
not  
want  
to  
use  
GetSysColor()  
or  
SetSysColor()  
if  
I  
can  
get  
away  
with  
it.  
Though  
I  
could  
when  
the  
app  
starts  
and  
reset  
when  
it  
ends.  
Is  
there  
another  
way  
in  
VFP?  
I  
can  
change  
the  
colors  
for  
all

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except  
the  
MessageBox()  
(use  
this  
a  
lot)  
and  
the  
Form  
Title  
Bar.  
Any  
idea  
how  
to  
do  
this?

OR

How  
do  
I  
access  
the  
Silver  
XP  
theme,  
is  
there  
a  
scheme  
like  
in  
the  
old  
fox  
days?  
If  
I  
can  
then  
I  
will  
change  
the  
scheme  
and  
reset.

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Also  
I  
have  
seen  
quite  
a  
few  
posts  
about  
disabling  
themes  
for  
XP  
as  
it  
causes  
erratic  
behavior  
i.e.  
cursor  
disappearing  
etc.

Any  
and  
all  
ideas  
will  
be  
greatly  
appreciated.

Thanks

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