

Re: Installing COM add-in

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You don't need admin rights to install, just user rights to install new software. If the user doesn't have that then an admin would be needed to install no matter what.

An addin created using VB 6 with a designer will create all the needed entries on its own when registered. When I'm running in the IDE and then want to test compiled code I just run regsvr32 on the COM addin DLL and automagically all the needed registry entries are created.

When I create installers (I use InstallShield myself) they work for normal users if they can install new software. I don't do anything special. Does running regsvr32 on your DLL work to set things up?

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Ken,

I'm thrashing about here making lots of mistakes trying to get this right. I would really appreciate it if you could straighten me out.

I initially created the Add-in with the VB6 COM Add-in template and designer. It worked but would only install for users with admin privilege.

That's when I came up with the "two step" install that I

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described earlier.

I wrote a program that would create the key in HKCU (following the guide for VB5 setup in your book). That in itself, however, didn't seem to be enough on the user workstations. (I noted that the key didn't include a path to the .dll file). I created a second program that registers the Add-in in HKLM\Software\Classes\CLSID. The second program must, of course, be run by an admin user. These two, together, work. It's a really clumsy set up.

Can you tell me what I should be doing to make this a single step, user installable package?

Randy Harris