

# Problem copying MsgBox text in Vista

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In WXP your script can create a string of ANSI characters and display it in a message box. You can manually copy all the characters from the message box by hitting Ctrl-C while the message box is active, even if the original string was too large to be displayed in the message box. No Chr(0) or any character after it is displayed and thus can't be copied, but all other characters can be displayed and copied. The result can be pasted into Notepad and when saved to a file, exactly matches the original string displayed in the message box with a few extra lines for the message box's title and buttons.

This can be a handy way to collect and use debugging info while troubleshooting a VBScript as long as what you display does not contain Chr(0).

In Vista, it works pretty much the same, except when the copied message box is pasted into Notepad, a carriage return Chr(13) is inserted ahead of every linefeed Chr(10) character, even if the previous character is a Chr(13). Single spaced text in the message box becomes doublespaced in Notepad.

I don't know if Vista handles VBScript's message boxes differently than WXP or maybe Vista's Notepad works differently than XP's Notepad. Or maybe Vista's clipboard or its interface works differently.

I'd like suggestions on how to get what I see when I copy message boxes in Vista. I thought the whole idea of Windows is WYSIWYG.

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