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Al Reid wrote:

>The only problem here is that using "" an place of vbNullString
>does *NOT* result in any "Bloat." In fact, once compiled, they
>both result in exactly the same executable. WinDiff sees no
>difference in the executables, other than the file date.

That is an incorrect assumption.

Create a new project, add a command button to Form1, and add the following sub:

```
Private Sub Command1_Click()  
Dim S As String
```

```
S = ""  
End Sub
```

Copy the "S=" line so that there are 100 of them. Compile to Project1.exe

Then replace all literal zero-length strings with either vbNullString or with your own constant. Compile to Project2.exe.

The file size of Project1.exe and Project2.exe is different by 4K.

Using literal zero-length strings does induce bloat into your program, and the decision is truly more than merely one of personal preference.

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