

Re: Multiple references to same component in reference dialog

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How do I clean up the VB reference list? I am talking about the dialog that is displayed when you click the Project>References...menu in the VB IDE. I have several entries for components I evidently compiled to several different locations (some of which no longer exist) during development. On Win9x and Windows 2K I used to run the M\$ utility called RegClean. This utility does not work on XP.

Can anyone tell me how to clean up the registry of these invalid entries?

Thanks
Steve

fwiw, I use RegClean on XP/SP2. There are similar utilities out there as well. Those "extras" are caused by compiling an activex component without setting up and maintaining Binary Compatibility. Their physical location on the hard drive doesn't matter. The interface IDs do, which are regenerated every time you compile, unless you're using Binary Compatibility...

Binary Compatibility <http://www.vbsight.com/BinaryComp.htm>

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Ken Halter – MS–MVP–VB – Please keep all discussions in the groups..
In Loving Memory – <http://www.vbsight.com/Remembrance.htm>

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My experience is that if I compile a project with or without binary compatibility it will be registered and an entry will be created in the References dialog box. If I then delete the compiled file without unregistering it, the entry will still be in the registry and in the References dialog. This entry will be an orphaned entry in that it no longer points to a valid file. Furthermore, since the file no longer exists, you can not unregister it...hence there will be no way of getting rid of the entry.

As I said in my original post I used to use RegClean to clean these issues up but it is not working now. In an attempt to find out why it is not working I found an article from M\$ that states that the utility does not work on XP.

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