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It depends how critical it is to have a single instance and how devious

your

users are.

App.PreviousInstance can be fooled by making a copy of the executable and renaming it.

If you need to avoid that possibility research on MUTEX, however if it is not a potential problem then App.PreviousInstance will be adequate.

Regards
Dave O.

To add another petty distinction. App.PreviousInstance also depends on an app being fully initialized. So if you have an App that takes a bit of time on start-up it is possible for a user with rapid clicks to launch several instances.

IHMO, adding Mutex functionality is simple and avoids all short falls, so why not use it? Set it and forget it. <g>

Here is one way...

http://www.vbaccelerator.com/home/VB/Code/Libraries/Shell_Protocols/Registering_File_Associations/article.asp

Here is another...

<http://vbusers.com/code/codeget.asp?ThreadID=275&PostID=1&NumReplies=0>

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