

# Re: Open file and program

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After modifying the registry so that your program is the default, you will then need to:

1) Modify your startup code to read Command\$, and parse out the filename of what is to be loaded. The Command\$ is sent by Windows to start your app, and will include the full path of the filename.

If you want to allow multiple instances of your program, or if you want to end it automatically as soon as it's done what it has to do with the filename, then you're pretty well done; just end the program after doing the printing or whatever. If not, then:

2) Modify the startup code to check for a previous instance. If you find one, you'll need to transfer the filename you receive from the Command\$ to the other instance (typically by populating a text box, the change event of which will cause the other program to load the file), switch to the first instance, and end the second instance.

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Regards,

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Hi all.

The senario is:  
I have a file on the C drive named "C:\MyFile.mff" (My Funny File). It's

a

little text file containing:

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1,2,3,4,5

6,7,8,9,10

11,12,13,14,15

I have a VB6 form with 1 command button, the code is:

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Private Sub Command1_Click()  
Dim FileNum As Long  
Dim TheStr As String  
FileNum = FreeFile  
Open "C:\MyFile.mff" For Input As FileNum  
Do Until EOF(FileNum)  
Line Input #FileNum, TheStr  
Me.Print TheStr  
Loop  
Close FileNum  
End Sub
```

All simple stuff, run the compiled exe, click the button and stuff is printed on the form.

Now, what I would like to do is :-)

Associate the .mff extension with the little app.(as in – register the

.mmf

file extension to my little app in winders using a VB6 exe.

Double click "C:\MyFile.mff" in windows explorer and winders will open

my

little app and run the command1 code.

How to do?

Any pointers please.

To set up File Associations you can use the command–line Assoc through a shell, etc. or you can directly modify the Registry.

Here is an interesting article.

[http://www.vbaccelerator.com/home/VB/Code/Libraries/Shell\\_Projects/Registering\\_File\\_Associations/article.asp](http://www.vbaccelerator.com/home/VB/Code/Libraries/Shell_Projects/Registering_File_Associations/article.asp)

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