

Re: Must TLB be distributed with app?

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"Brian Muth" <bmuth@mvps.org> wrote:

>I would need to understand your requirements better before advising.
>Remember, you can set the security settings of your COM object to insist on
[snip]

Thanks again Brian,

Unfortunately, my requirements are quite specific. Authorizing clients is not an issue here. I wouldn't want the users to even be aware about the private functionality. If the private functionality must be advertised in a type library, then it isn't very private any more.

My interfaces are dual actually (I thought I said IDispatch before). If I understand the matter correctly, clients that don't use IDispatch will experience no problem even with no type library. Clients that rely on IDispatch must have a properly registered type library.

Now, if I implemented IDispatch from scratch and provided all the bits and pieces myself, I might get away without a type library, but it doesn't sound neither smart nor easy.

What I need is to disallow distribution of a type library (used only for development) and still have fully functional dual interfaces. It seems to be possible but not at all easy.

As for the interface outside of a library block... yes, I knew about it and it would probably be a way to go if C++ clients were my primary and only concern. But can Visual Basic access this interface for instance?

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Alex