

## RE: webbrowser in vb.net

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Hi,  
thanks for support and suggestion,  
well, as you said,...

When a word document is opened, even with ReadOnly, a edit lock will be added to the file. If the document is not closed, the next open of the file will pop out a dialog that says the file is edit locked by another user. Therefore, if multiple users want to open the file, we could copy the doc from server to user's clients first, so as to avoid such dialogs.

— this is very difficult, since the data entry operator may fill this doc file by often to give some information for the operations team working around, only one data entry operator will do update this file and the number of users may required to use this file as the INFORMATIVE for their daily job routine, so 24/7 operations team is working with the application background of this doc file and whenever required the data entry operator may required to update the file, so only one place for modifications and n number of users for the readonly mode,

here the quite complication why i feel is, the operations team is working in different places to access the file, so its difficult for me to give updations for all the client machine manually whenever the changes happend, is it any workaround for this.. and the doc file is with security and with pictures and well formatted text for data ( its basically a information),  
plz advice

thanks in advance for understanding the request  
Anis

"Jialiang Ge [MSFT]" wrote:

Hello,

The development team confirmed that the control WebBrowser is not able to directly open a document with ReadOnly. But Microsoft provide another control to host Office documents: dsoFramer

<http://support.microsoft.com/?id=311765>

The control (source and sample) can be downloaded at

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?familyid=CE2CA4FD-2169-4FAC->

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82AF-770AA9B60D77&displaylang=en (Microsoft Developer Support Office Framer Control 1.3 Sample (KB 311765))

Please NOTE: there are some known issues of dsoFramer when it is used to open Excel workbooks. For instance, it might throw an exception: The document is not associated with an ActiveX Document server.

The control itself is developed in Visual C++ and it exposes its own interfaces for Open/Save/Create Office documents. The samples are written in VB and VB.NET. They show how to use the control to open doc/xls/ppt in Windows form or web form.

Take the project Vb7TestApp as an example here:

In the sub btnOpenFile\_Click of Form1.vb, it creates an object of dsoFramer (AxFramerControl)

```
Dim ctl As AxDSOFramer.AxFramerControl  
ctl = GetFramerCtlFromIdx(idx)
```

Then use the control to open a document:

```
ctl.Open(OFileDialog.FileName)
```

The control opens file with Modify by default. To make it open with ReadOnly, we could specify the parameter 'ReadOnly' in the Open method:  
ctl.Open(OFileDialog.FileName, True, Type.Missing, Type.Missing, Type.Missing)

In this way, the doc files with Modify password will be opened without the password dialog popped out.

In order to hide all the menus, command bars, etc in the control, please add the following codes after the creation of ctl

```
ctl.Menubar = False  
ctl.Titlebar = False  
ctl.Toolbars = False
```

In order to set the default view of doc as Web View, please add the code below after the ctl.Open

```
ctl.ActiveDocument.ActiveWindow.View.Type = 6
```

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For more information about dsoFramer, please refer to the KB article <http://support.microsoft.com/?id=311765>

If you have any other concern or need anything else, please feel free to let me know.

Sincerely,

Jialiang Ge (jialge@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, remove 'online.')

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