

MS Windows C Programming



A Poor-Man's Introduction

Is This Really Necessary?



- Direct C Programming of the GUI Interface is a Daunting Task
- Visual-Basic is Slow -- Some Tasks Need The Speed of Compiled C Code
- The Trick is to Integrate C Code with Visual Basic Programming

Dynamic Link Libraries



- A Separately Compiled Program
- Contains Only Functions
- GUI Interface Can Usually Be Ignored
- Used By Several Programs At Once
- Loaded At Run Time
- Must Be “Available” When Program Starts

VB Programming with C Code



- Write Independent C Functions for Each Required Operation
- Export the Functions That Will Be Called By VB Code
- Compile and Move .DLL File to Windows System Directory
- Write VB Definitions for Functions

Use of DLL Functions



- Can Be Used As If They Were VB Functions or Subroutines
- Extreme Care is Required To Formulate Correct VB Definitions
- Most Common Error is Inability to Locate .DLL File When VB Program is Executed

Required Prolog



```
#include <windows.h>
```

```
/* The following two functions are required, but do nothing */
```

```
int FAR PASCAL _export WEP(int exittype)
{
    return 1;
}
```

```
int FAR PASCAL LibMain (HANDLE hInstance, WORD wDataSeg,
    WORD wHeapSize, LPSTR lpszCmdLine)
{
    return 1 ;
}
```

An Exported Function



```
int FAR PASCAL _export Modulus(int Img,int Real)
{
    int R1,I1,Result

    R1 = Real * Real;
    I1 = Img * Img;
    Result = SquareRoot(R1 + R2);
    return Result;
}
```

A Non-Exported Function

```
int SquareRoot(int x)
{
    int R1,I1,Result

    r = 0; n=0;
    while (n < x)
    {
        n += r + r + 1
        r++;
    }
    return r - 1;
}
```

The .DEF File



LIBRARY LIBNAME

DESCRIPTION 'My First DLL'

EXETYPE WINDOWS

CODE PRELOAD MOVEABLE DISCARDABLE

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HEAPSIZE 4096

VB vs. C Definitions

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```
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