

Communicate with Windows Program Manager using DDE

All the communications with the program manager of Windows has to be done with DDE (Dynamic Data Exchange). If you want to install a program icon to a Windows group you have to know something about DDE and the macro commands you can use.

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procedure Form1.ProgManDDE(const MacroLines : TStrings);
  {sends a group of macro's to the program-manager}
begin
  DDEClient.OpenLink;
  { DDEClient = name of the TDdeClientConv component }
  try
    if not DDEClient.ExecuteMacroLines(MacroLines, False) then
      MessageDlg(
        'Could not execute the DDE commands', mtInformation, [mbOk], 0
      );
  finally
    DDEClient.CloseLink;
    Application.BringToFront;
  end;
end;

procedure Form1.ButStartUpClick(Sender: TObject);
  {button click event handler}
var
  lines: TStringList;
  str: String;
begin
  lines := TStringList.Create;
  Lines.Clear;
  { compose the macro commands }
  str := Application.ExeName;
  Lines.Add('[CreateGroup(test group)]');
  Lines.Add('[AddItem(' + str + ', Reminder 2.0)]');
  { excute the macro commands }
  ProgmanDDE(lines);
  lines.free;
end;
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