

How to call Internet Explorer from Delphi

Now that Internet Explorer is a standard part of Windows NT 4.0 and future versions of Windows [95], you may find it useful to add a hot key to your program which will take the user to your home page. Here's a simple function which will do just that:

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program IExplorer;

uses
  Windows, OLEAuto;

procedure OpenInternetExplorer(sURL: string);
const
  csOLEObjName = 'InternetExplorer.Application';
var
  IE      : Variant;
  WinHandle : HWND;
begin
  if VarIsEmpty(IE) then
    begin
      IE := CreateOleObject(csOLEObjName);
      IE.Visible := true;
      IE.Navigate(sURL);
    end
  else
    begin
      WinHandle := FindWindow('IEFrame', nil);
      if(0 <> WinHandle) then
        begin
          IE.Navigate(sURL);
          SetForegroundWindow(WinHandle);
        end
      else
        begin
          // handle error ...
        end;
      end;
    end;
end;

begin
  OpenInternetExplorer('microsoft.com');
end.
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