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VERSION HISTORY

CHANGES IN V7

- Added support for 64-bit AddIns, restructured and simplified code
- Updated this document included more details on the [Assumptions and Approach](#)

CHANGES IN V6.1

- Resolve issue with display of EA Version and program location

CHANGES IN V6

- Added button to display EA.exe.Config if present in EA installation directory

CHANGES IN V5

- Added DLL version to List of AddIns
- Added Registry Tree view complete with registry details
- Added context menu to Registry Tree view items to support queries based on contents of selected item
- Added Query results tab to display results from Registry Tree View queries as well as support user defined queries
- Output of queries to individual log files

CHANGES IN V4

- Added form to display **list of classes and methods** retrieved from the DLL

CHANGES IN V3

- Additional registry locations checked for add-in keys

CHANGES IN V2

- Searches HKLM for Sparx keys as well as HKCU
- Pop-up added to make it easier to read

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PURPOSE

EA Installation Inspector is a small utility for developers of EA Addins who wish to check registry information about current EA Addins.

THE RUNNING EA INSTALLATION INSPECTOR

The program is a windows application that will present the user with basic information about the installed environment and version together with a list of the EA Addin keys found in the registry with details of the relevant classes/DLLs - similar to the screen shot below.

The screenshot shows the EA Installation Inspector Version 7.0Alpha_C window. At the top, it displays system information: OS (64-bit detected), EA 32 Version (16.0.1604), EA 32 location (C:\Program Files (x86)\Sparx Systems\EA), EA 64 version (16.0.1604), and EA 64 Location (C:\Program Files\Sparx Systems\EA). Below this, there are three tabs: 'List of Addins', 'Registry tree view', and 'Query results'. The 'List of Addins' tab is active, displaying a table with the following columns: AddIn Name, Sparx key, Class (Assembly name), Source, CLSID, Source, DLL version, and DLL. The table lists various EA Addins, including E002_32, eaDocX, eaXL, ModelExpert, PM, TEST, eaDocX64, eaXL64, ModelExpert64, E002_64, and eaDocX64. Each row provides details about the addin's registry key, class, source, CLSID, and the DLL it uses. At the bottom of the window, there are three buttons: 'Help', 'Copy current list image to clipboard', and 'Refresh'. The website 'EXploringEA.com' is visible in the bottom right corner.

AddIn Name	Sparx key	Class (Assembly name)	Source	CLSID	Source	DLL version	DLL
E002_32	HKCU32	E002_ASimpleEAMe...	HKCU32	{A6B92B3B-6BEC-30E2-B9C2-16FB8...	HKCU32	1.0.0.1	C:\Users\EXploringEA\AppData\Roaming\ea002_64\E002...
eaDocX	HKCU32	eaDocXAddIn.eaDo...	HKLM32	{F35D8276-9990-34E1-8499-ADF5A...	HKLM32	5.0.5.15	C:\Users\EXploringEA\Documents\Visual Studio 2012\Proj...
eaXL	HKCU32	eaDocXAddIn.eaXL	HKLM32	{DF9BCFA8-D028-38E8-B44D-CC3D...	HKLM32	5.0.5.15	C:\Users\EXploringEA\Documents\Visual Studio 2012\Proj...
ModelExpert	HKCU32	Model_Expert.Model...	HKCU32	{D5905499-3933-382D-9F86-83BA1A...	HKCU32	2.2.4.1	C:\Users\EXploringEA\Documents\Visual Studio 2012\Proj...
PM	HKCU32	PortfolioManager.PM...	HKLM32	{B4797F4A-F618-3823-96A5-D8F815...	HKLM32	1.0.7.0	C:\Users\EXploringEA\Documents\Visual Studio 2012\Proj...
TEST	HKCU32	NOT SET	HKLM32				
eaDocX	HKLM32Wow	eaDocXAddIn.eaDo...	HKLM32	{F35D8276-9990-34E1-8499-ADF5A...	HKLM32	5.0.5.15	C:\Users\EXploringEA\Documents\Visual Studio 2012\Proj...
eaXL	HKLM32Wow	eaDocXAddIn.eaXL	HKLM32	{DF9BCFA8-D028-38E8-B44D-CC3D...	HKLM32	5.0.5.15	C:\Users\EXploringEA\Documents\Visual Studio 2012\Proj...
My Simples	HKLM32Wow	ASimpleAddIn.ASimp...	HKLM32				
Tester	HKLM32Wow	tester.EAInterface	HKLM32				
Visual Studio	HKLM32Wow	EAVSBridge.EAVSA...	HKLM32	{4BD5529E-80EE-41F6-971C-689BD...	HKLM32		NOT SET
E002_64	HKCU64	E002_ASimpleEAMe...	HKCU64	{A6B92B3B-6BEC-30E2-B9C2-16FB8...	HKCU64	1.0.0.1	C:\Users\EXploringEA\AppData\Roaming\ea002_64\E002...
eaDocX64	HKCU64	eaDocXAddIn.eaDo...	HKLM64	{F35D8276-9990-34E1-8499-ADF5A...	HKLM64	5.0.5.15	C:\Users\EXploringEA\Documents\Visual Studio 2012\Proj...
eaXL64	HKCU64	eaDocXAddIn.eaXL	HKLM64	{DF9BCFA8-D028-38E8-B44D-CC3D...	HKLM64	5.0.5.15	C:\Users\EXploringEA\Documents\Visual Studio 2012\Proj...
ModelExpert64	HKCU64	Model_Expert.Model...	HKCU64	{D5905499-3933-382D-9F86-83BA1A...	HKCU64	2.2.4.1	C:\Users\EXploringEA\Documents\Visual Studio 2012\Proj...
E002_64	HKLM64	E002_ASimpleEAMe...	HKLM64	{A6B92B3B-6BEC-30E2-B9C2-16FB8...	Not found		
eaDocX64	HKLM64	eaDocXAddIn.eaDo...	HKLM64	{F35D8276-9990-34E1-8499-ADF5A...	HKLM64	5.0.5.15	C:\Users\EXploringEA\Documents\Visual Studio 2012\Proj...

Each row represents an AddIn entry – and for a valid entry will display all of:

- The AddIn Name
- The location of the Sparx AddIn key within the windows registry
- Class(Assembly name) - Addin entry class
- (CLSID) Source – the location where the ClassID is defined in the registry
- CLSID – Class ID – as defined when the class was registered
- (DLL) Source – the location where the DLL is defined in the registry
- DLL Version – read from the file information
- DLL – Full file name for the AddIn DLL

In some cases, and as illustrated in the screen shot not all entries are complete; it may be that the AddIn is working or correctly installed and to help see any issues each row is coloured to reflect the status of the entry.

- Green – OK - the AddIn DLL has been found and the keys exist in the same hive; we assume that AddIn will be found by EA.
- Cyan – indicates that all the keys look fine but the DLL file does not exist at the specified location
- Magenta – means that no Class ID is set for the AddIn, hence the DLL cannot be indentified
- Red – indicates that CLSID and DLL are specified in different registry Key Sections
- Yellow – means that the DLL path is not set so cannot be found

FUNCTIONS

The program will automatically perform the search and present the list of AddIn's when run. The following functions are available by accessing the buttons at the bottom of the screen dialog.

- **Help** – will present this document
- **Refresh** – will redo the search to reflect any changes that the user may have made to their system
- **Copy current list image to clipboard** – will copy the current list as an image to the clipboard for those times when the user may wish to forward to others.
- **EXploringEA.com** – will launch the default web browser with our blog page. You can also find contact information on this site should you wish to contact us

POP-UP ENTRY DETAILS FORM

It can sometimes be difficult to see all the information in a row so you can now **double_click** an entry and a form (similar to that illustrated below) is presented with the values more readily seen.

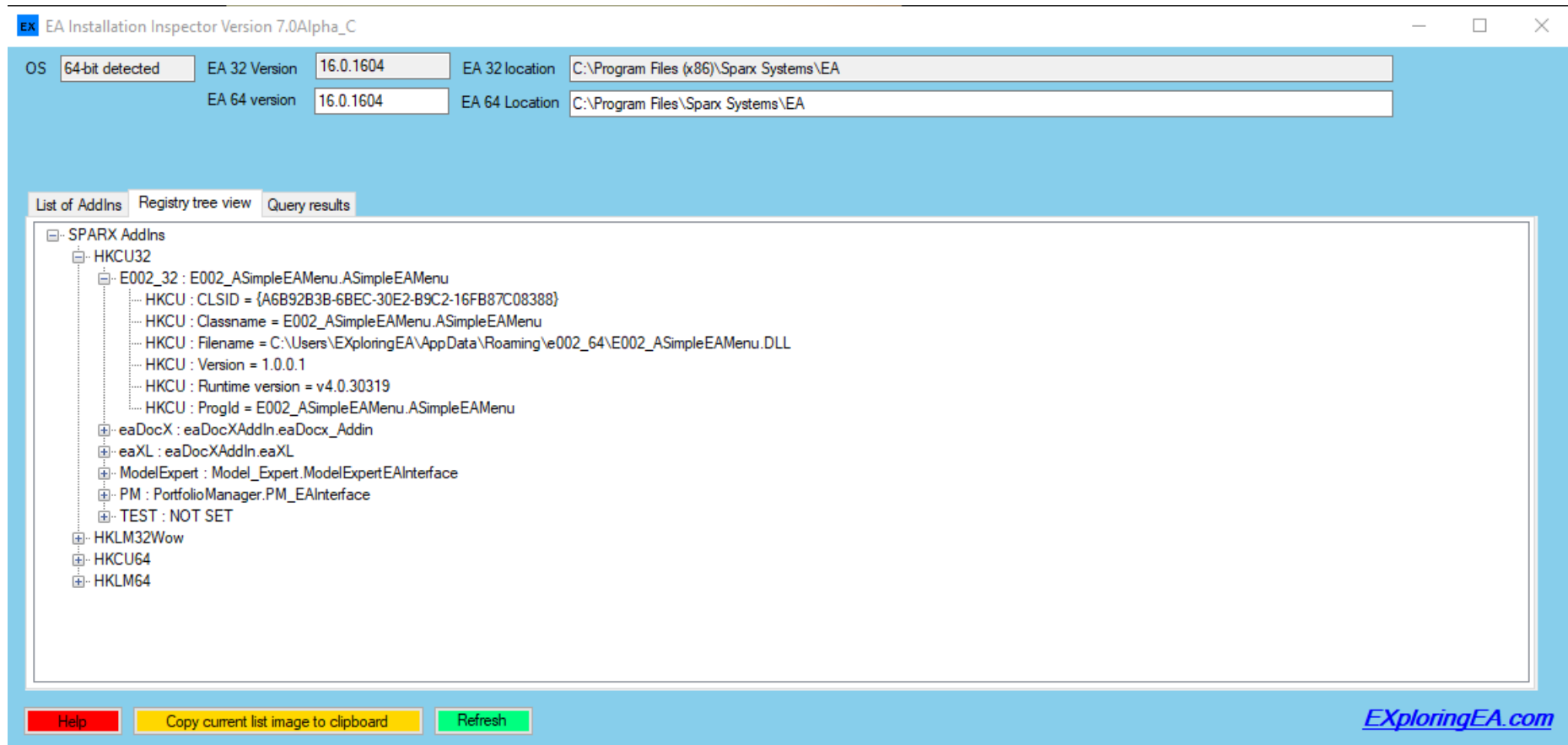
The screenshot shows a window titled "EA AddIn Entry & DLL Details" with a dark red header bar. The main area has a light blue background. The form contains the following fields and buttons:

AddIn name	E002_32	Sparx entry	HKCU32
Class source	HKCU32	Class	E002_ASimpleEAMenu.ASimpleEAMenu
Class ID source	HKCU32	Class ID	{A6B92B3B-6BEC-30E2-B9C2-16FB87C08388}
DLL - full path	C:\Users\EXploringEA\AppData\Roaming\e002_64\E002_ASimpleEAMenu.DLL		
DLL version	1.0.0.1	File datetime	04/06/2022 17:27:08

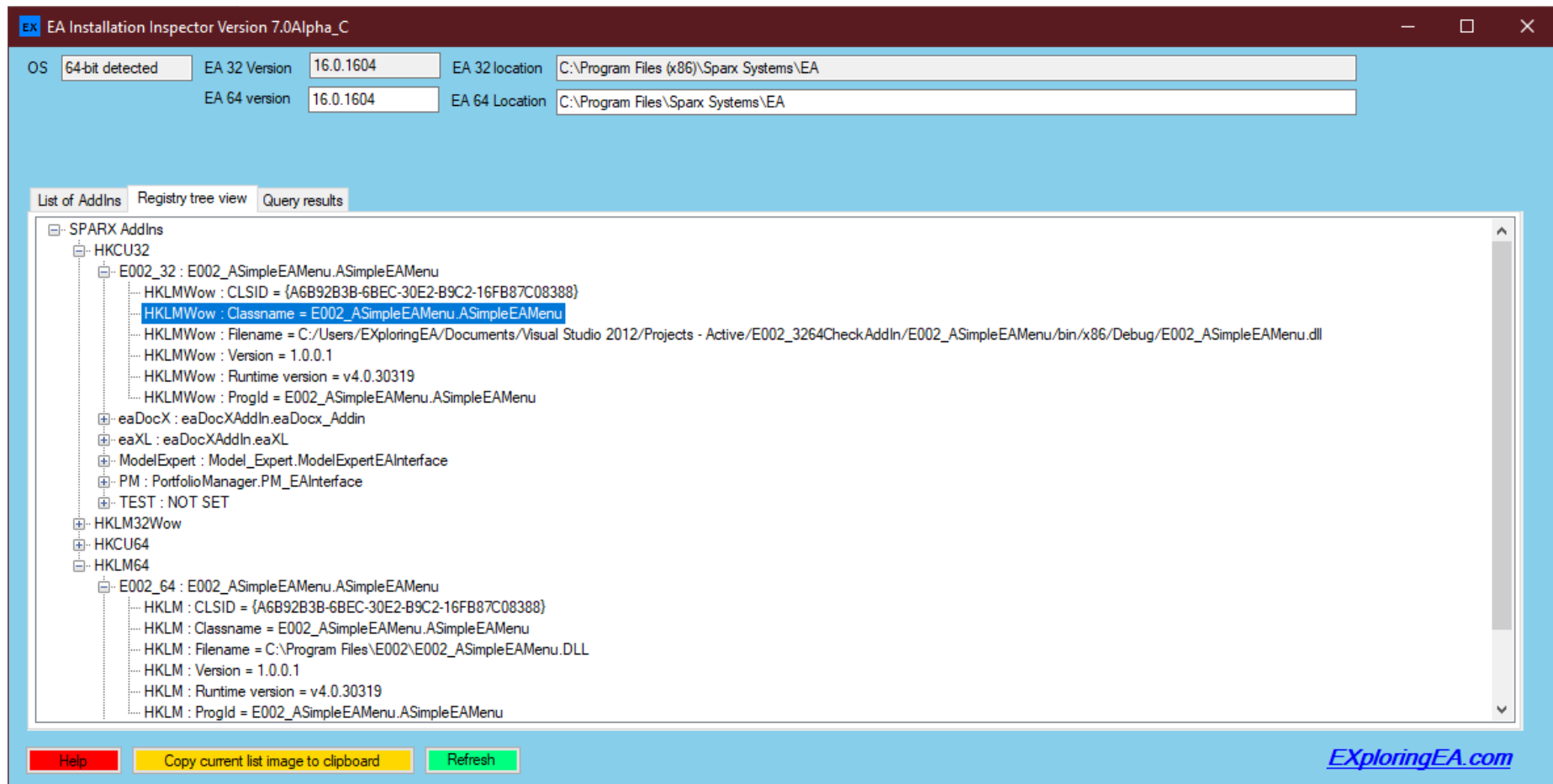
At the bottom, there are three buttons: "Copy to clipboard" (yellow), "Get list of classes and methods" (yellow), and "Close" (green).

REGISTRY TREE VIEW

This tab presents the AddIn information as a tree format, based on the location of the information stored within the registry



This means that if there are entries for an AddIn which for example has been installed both for 32-bit and 64-bit use then it can be seen – See E002 which has been installed for 32-bit and 64-bit use; worth noting that the classID's are the same although but they refer to different dll's in different locations.



REGISTRY TREE VIEW QUERIES

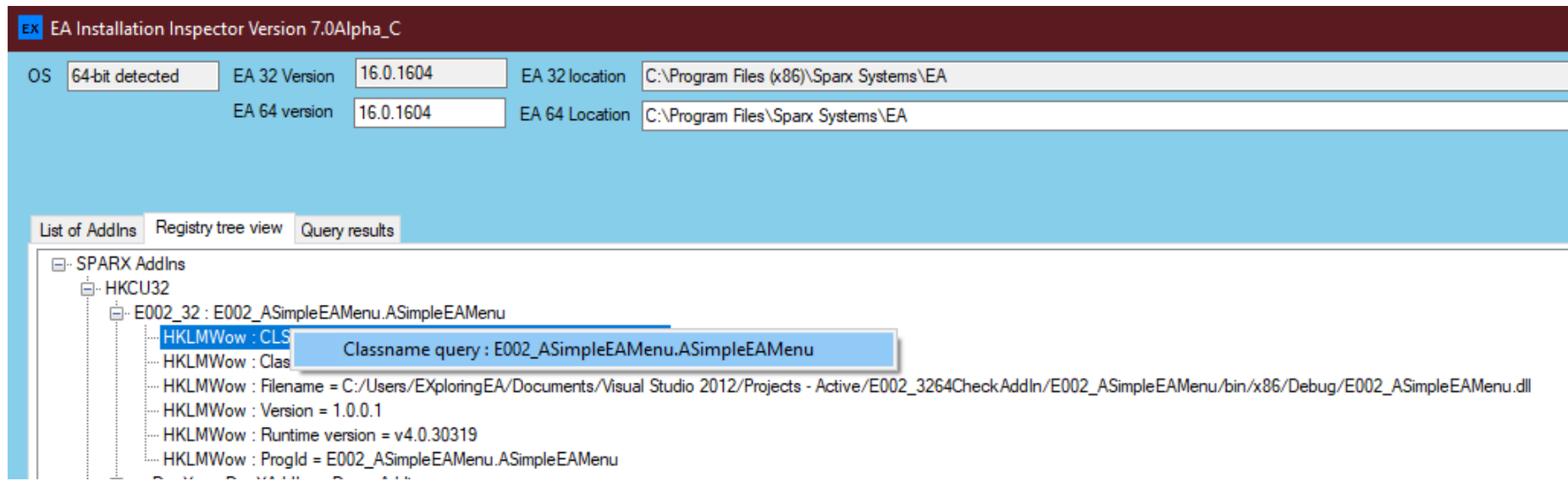
The user can select the context menu for some items:

- CLSID
- Classname
- Filename
- ProgID

to initiate a query for value within the selected line i.e. GUID, classname, filename, classname respectively. Menu items that provide an immediate response will have a pop-up dialog, whilst those that query the registry will be initiated in the background (so other actions can continue) - with the current registry query present in the Query info text box and a "Query active" indicator present on its right hand side, and results presented in the Query tab, where each query executed is listed before its results are displayed.

CLASSNAME QUERY

For CLISD and Classname entries a classname query can be performed. This will search the registry and output details of ANY key which contain the classname.



Filename entries:

- Open file location in windows explorer - will open windows explorer at the location specified in the selected key
- FileInformation - will present a pop-up window displaying information about the DLL.
- Filename query - will initiate a query across all the registry for the specific DLL.

An example of the query is Query started: reg query HKLM\SOFTWARE\CLASSES /reg:32 /s /f EAFeaturesTester.dll The results are display in the query results tab. Note some queries may take some time - they will execute in the background.

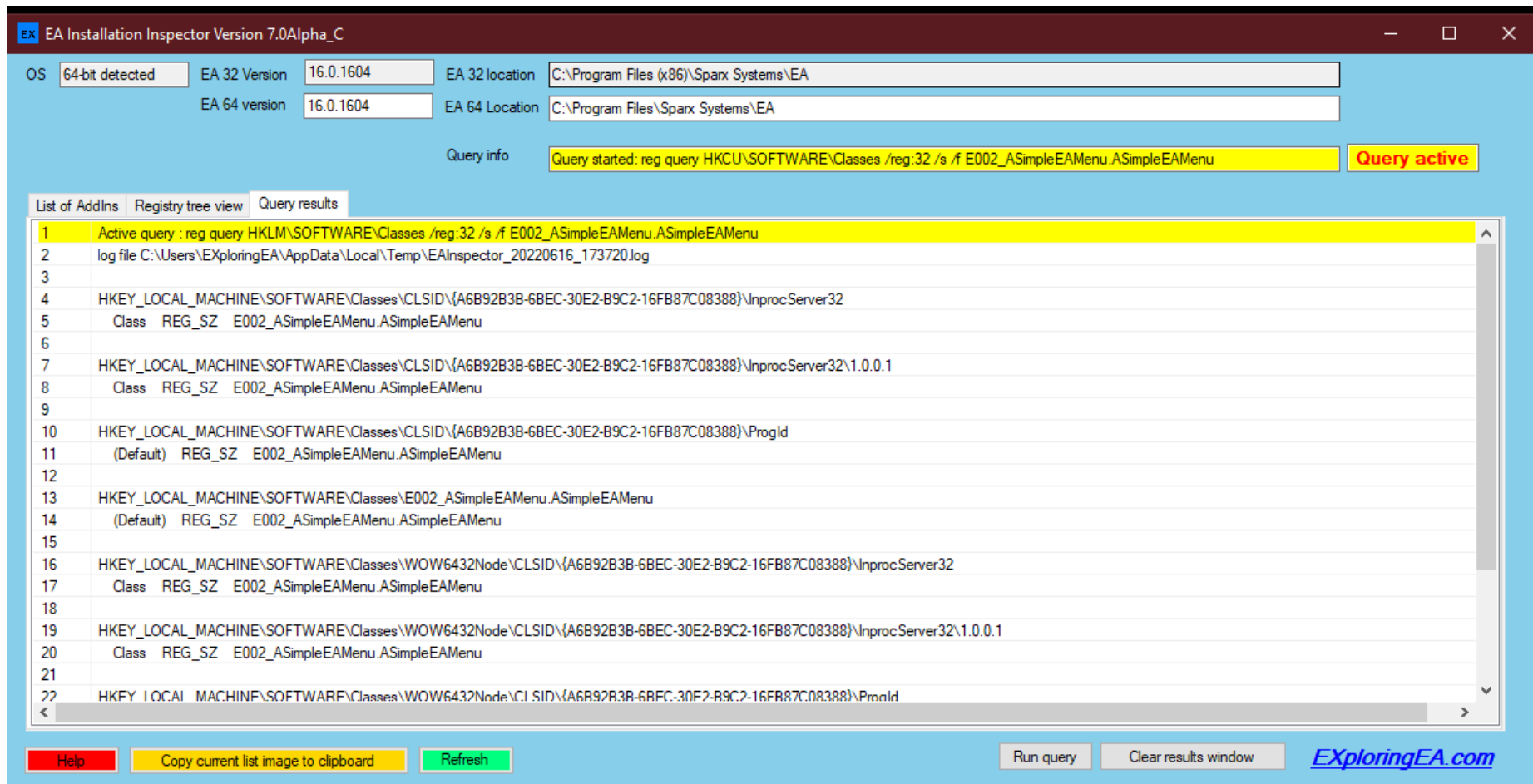
PROG ID ENTRIES

The Prog ID query will search the whole registry for ProgID's that match the selected entry. An example of the query is **Query started: reg query HKCU\SOFTWARE\CLASSES /reg:32 /s /f EAFeaturesTester.EA_Interface**

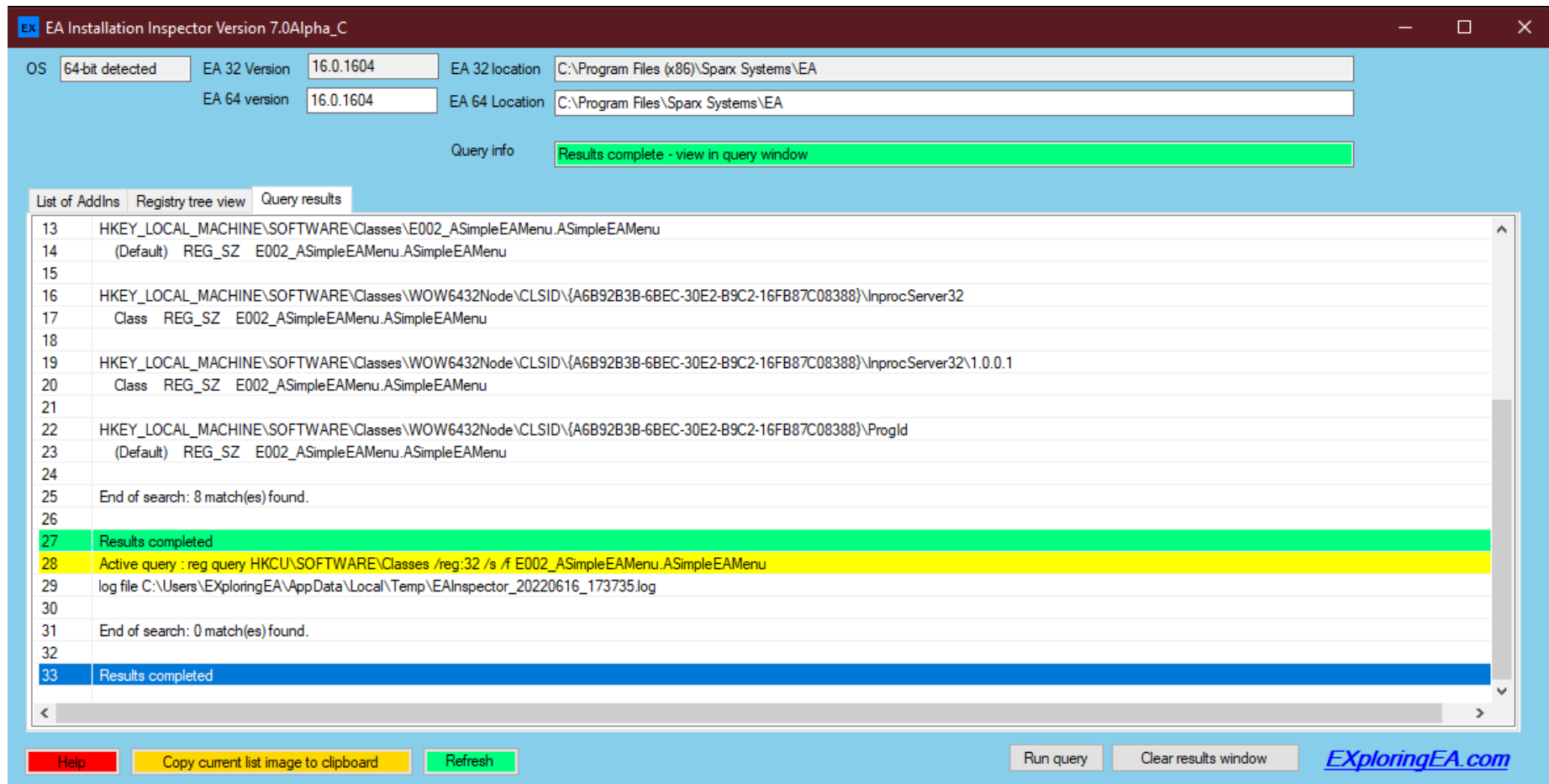
QUERY RESULTS TAB

The main function of this tab is to display results from queries. The output is display in the main area as shown below.

NB: Queries of the registry can take a lot of time hence each query is queued and the results output as they are obtained. The current query is displayed in the **query info** box which will have a yellow background with red text whilst queries are running, also a **Query active** label to the right of the query info box will be present. When all queries are completed then the **query info** box background turns green and the **query active** label disappears: Note this can take some time – the query will continue in the background allowing you to do other things if needed.



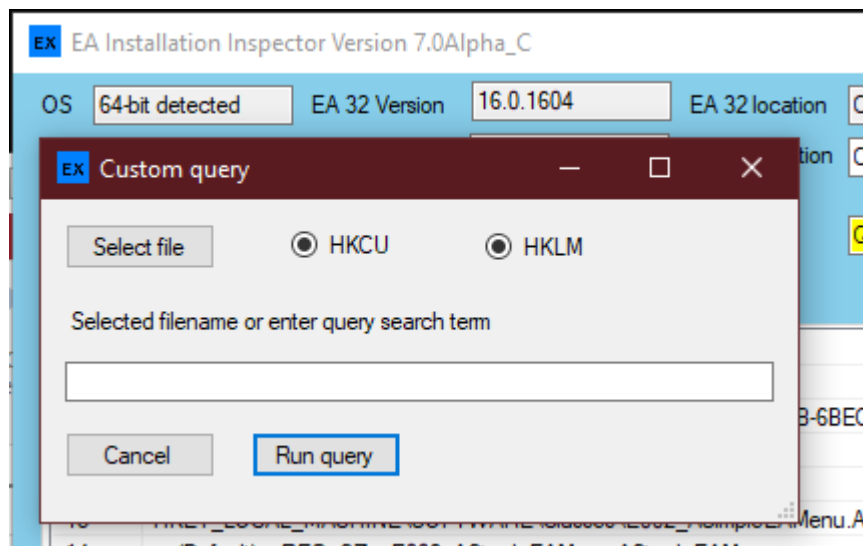
Below is a screenshot of all queries complete - also note the name of each log file should the user wish to get a hard copy of the results for a specific query.



Note: Unless the user specifically clears the results, they are appended to the page so there may be a need to scroll down.

The **Clear results window** button can be used to clear the contents.

In addition to queries initiated by the context menu on the **Registry Tree View** a user can create their own query using the **Run query** button.



QUERY LOG FILE

A log file for each query is produced and saved in the users AppData area in the directory for example:

C:\USERS\USERNAME\APPDATA\LOCAL\TEMP\EAINSPECTOR_DATE_TIME.LOG

OTHER BUTTONS

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ASSUMPTIONS AND APPROACH

CHANGES WITH OPTIONS FOR 32-BIT AND 64-BIT VERSIONS OF EA

The initial versions of the EA Installation Inspector only supported 32-bit Add-ins. This meant that an approach which simply trawled the registry for AddIn information could be used.

With the introduction of a 64-bit version of EA, which can coexist with the 32-bit version, there is the possibility that there are both 32-bit and 64-bit versions of the same AddIn installed and hence the aim is to display information that relates to each item. And although there will be differences between the two versions, it is reasonable to have an AddIn which has the same ClassName and Class ID(CLSID) especially if they are built from the same code base. Windows recognises when a call to a class is made from a 32-bit or 64-bit application and is able to select the relevant DLL.

Within this section details are provided on how the information relating to AddIns is found and the relevant registry entries that are inspected.

Note that there are difference when running 32-bit and 64-bit versions of EA as well as differences when running on 32-bit or 64-bit operating systems.

BTW: If all else fails whilst reviewing the table or treeview and you are looking for problems associated with misplaced keys use can be made of the Query function to look for stray keys!

ADDIN'S

We don't have access to the Sparx Code which loads the Add-ins, but assume that EA identifies AddIns by inspection of the following registry keys during startup. *The abbreviation in () is the value that is used within the EA Installation Inspector.*

32-BIT EA

- "HKCU\SOFTWARE\Sparx Systems\EAddins" (HKCU32)
- "HKLM\ SOFTWARE\Sparx Systems\EAddins" (HKLM32) if running on a 32-bit operating system

OR

- "HKLM\ SOFTWARE\WOW6432NODE\Sparx Systems\EAddins" (HKLM32Wow) if running on a 64-bit operating system

64-BIT EA

- "HKCU\SOFTWARE\Sparx Systems\EAddins64" (HKCU64)
- "HKLM\ SOFTWARE\Sparx Systems\EAddins64" (HKLM64)

Within these folders the name of the keys is how EA refers to the AddIn e.g. in the Manage Add-Ins dialog, and the value of the key is the class name which provides the interface to EA i.e. menus etc.

CLASS IDENTIFY

EA will attempt to load the class for a specific Add-In as defined in the Sparx Add-In registry entries (above). EA can make a request to access the class and interact using the API that Sparx defines for Add-Ins. To make this possible each AddIn must be registered so that Windows has information about the class library (dll).

As an Add-In developer you may wish to inspect the information that windows has about your Add-In(s) and this is the main purpose of the installation Inspector. It can also be used to check the installation to verify which files are being used.

1. Inspect the Sparx AddIn registry entries and obtain a list of AddIns and their EAInterface class name

2. Using the class name inspect the various locations which contain information about the AddIn based on the
 - a. Version(s) of EA - 32-bit or 64-bit
 - b. Operating system - 32-bit or 64-bit
 - c. Installation type – current user or local machine (all users)
3. Present the information found

There are rules that define how to get from the classname to the relevant registry entry for the AddIn.

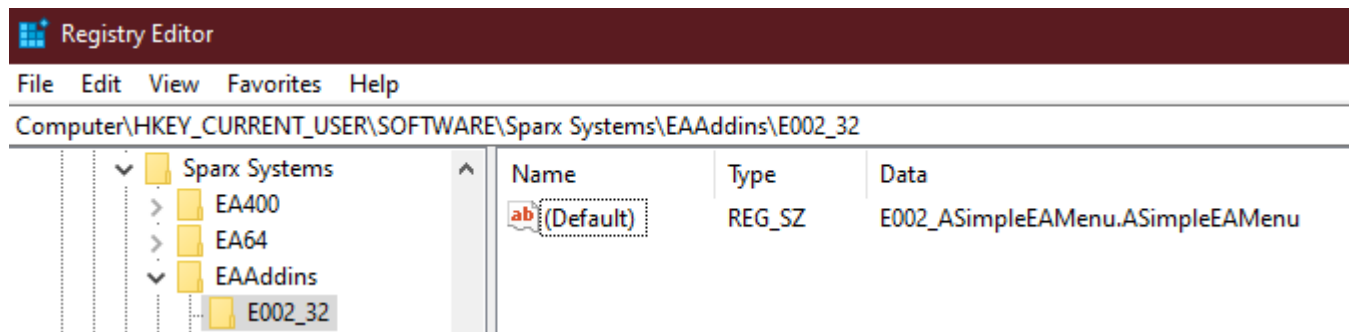
32-BIT REGISTRY KEYS

- Class name (MyAddIn.EAInterface) from Computer\HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\Sparx Systems\EAAddins\MyAddIn
- ClassID ({MyClassID}) from Computer\HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\Classes\MyAddIn.EAInterface\CLSID
- Information on 64-bit system DLL located in Computer\HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\Classes\Wow6432Node\CLSID\{MyClassID}
 - See below the Information available from the InprocServer32 subfolder – note it's InprocServer32 for 64-bit classes as well!
 - Filename
 - Assembly version
 - .NET version

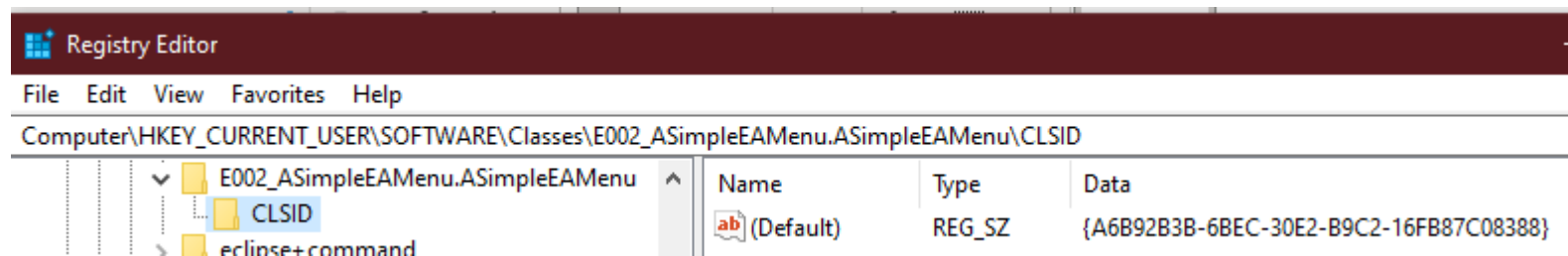
EC-30E2-B9C2-16FB87C08388}\InprocServer32		
Name	Type	Data
(Default)	REG_SZ	mscorlib.dll
Assembly	REG_SZ	E002_ASimpleEAMenu, Version=1.0.0.1, Culture=neutral, PublicKeyToken=null
Class	REG_SZ	E002_ASimpleEAMenu.ASimpleEAMenu
CodeBase	REG_SZ	file:///C:\Program Files\E002\E002_ASimpleEAMenu.DLL
RuntimeVersion	REG_SZ	v4.0.30319
ThreadingModel	REG_SZ	Both

EXAMPLE E002_32

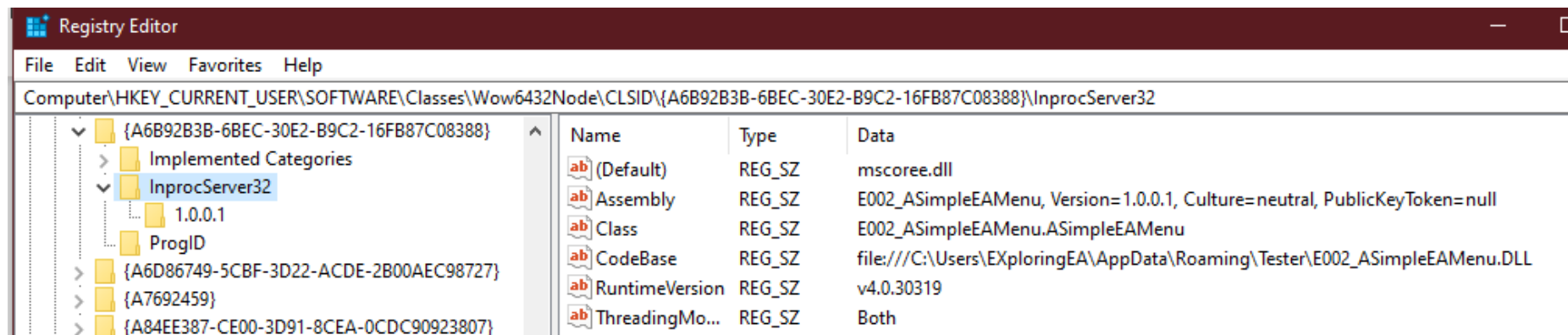
Sparx entry for AddIn **E002_32**, whose class name is **E002_ASimpleEAMenu.ASimpleEAMenu**



Class ID from HKCU Classes using the class name as the key



Class Information for HKCU WOW6432Node (i.e. 32-bit DLL in 64-bit system)

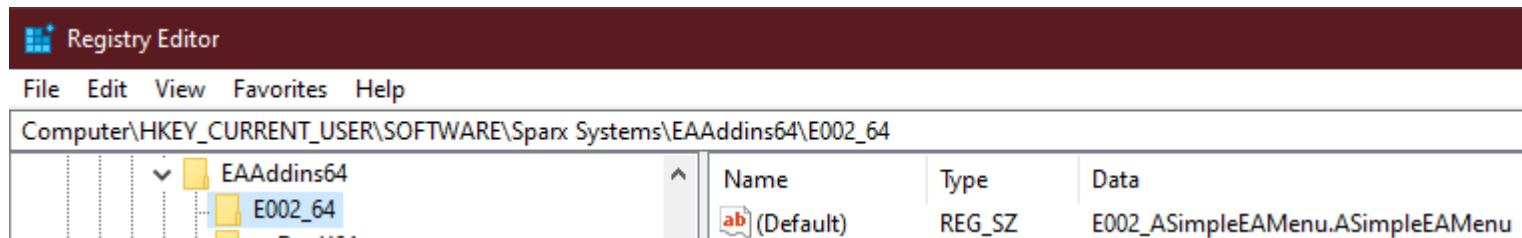


64-BIT EXAMPLE

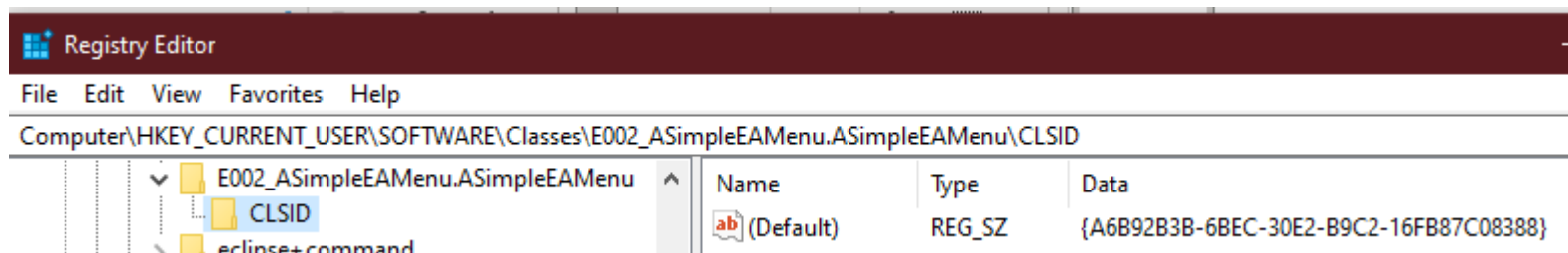
- Class name (MyAddIn.EAInterface) from Computer\HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\Sparx Systems\EAAddins64\MyAddIn
- ClassID ({MyClassID}) from Computer\HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\Classes\MyAddIn.EAInterface\CLSID
- Information on DLL located in Computer\HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\Classes\CLSID\{MyClassID}
 - See below the Information available from the InprocServer32 subfolder – note it's InprocServer32 for 64-bit classes as well!
 - Filename
 - Assembly version
 - .NET version

EXAMPLE E002_64

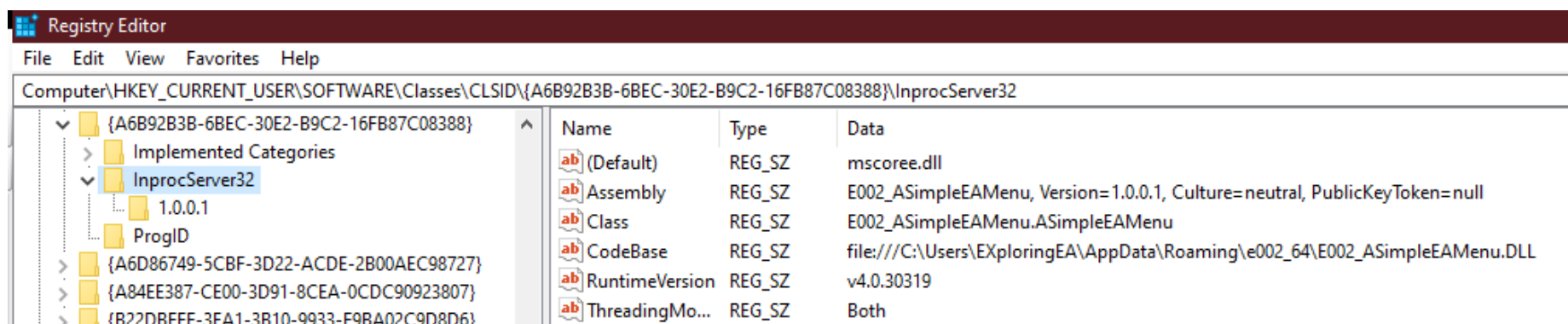
The same AddIn installed for 64-bit EA and hence as a 64-bit class library, where the Sparx entry is listed as a 64-bit Addin



ClassID in HKCU – Note that it is identical to the 32-bit version above



Class Information for HKCU



EXPECTED LOCATIONS OF KEYS AND CLASS INFORMATION

The information used by the EA Installation Inspector is obtained from the windows registry, which contains information about both programs and class libraries, amongst many other things. The following sections summarise the registry key location from where information is retrieved.

SPARX ADDIN KEYS

The following table details the locations where AddIn keys are stored

Type of AddIn	Registry Location	Abbreviation
eaHKCU32AddInKey	Computer\HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\Sparx Systems\EAAddins	HKCU32
eaHKCU64AddInKey	Computer\HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\Sparx Systems\EAAddins64	HKCU64
eaHKLM32AddInKey	Computer\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\WOW6432Node\Sparx Systems\EAAddins	HKLM32
eaHKLM64AddInKey	Computer\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Sparx Systems\EAAddins64	HKLM64

Class information is contained within the following areas.

Both the class name e.g. myAddIn.EAInterface and it's class guid – under the CLSID subkey folder

Class Locations Abbreviations	Registry Location
HKCU_Classes	Computer\HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\Classes\
HKCUWOW_Classes	Computer\HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\Classes\Wow6432Node\
HKLM_Classes	Computer\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\
HKLMWOW1_Classes	Computer\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\WOW6432Node\
HKLMWOW2_Classes	Computer\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\WOW6432Node\Classes\

CLASS INFORMATION 32-BIT OS - 32-BIT EA ONLY - 32-BIT ADDIN

The following areas are inspected for 32-bit addins running on 32-bit OS

Sparx Key	Class location abbreviation	Registry location
eaHKCU32AddInKey	HKCU_Classes	Computer\HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\Classes\
eaHKLM32AddInKey	HKLM_Classes	Computer\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\

CLASS INFORMATION 64-BIT OS - 32 BIT EA - 32-BIT ADDIN

The following areas are inspected for 32-bit addins running on 32-bit or 64-bit OS

Sparx Key	Class location abbreviation	Registry location
eaHKCU32AddInKey	HKCUWOW_Classes	Computer\HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\Classes\Wow6432Node\
eaHKLM32AddInKey	HKLMWOW1_Classes or HKLMWOW2_Classes	Computer\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\WOW6432Node\ Computer\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\WOW6432Node\Classes\

CLASS INFORMATION 64-BIT OS - 64 BIT EA - 64-BIT ADDIN

The following areas are inspected for 64-bit addins running on 64-bit OS

Sparx Key	Class location abbreviation	Registry location
eaHKCU64AddInKey	HKCU_Classes	Computer\HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\Classes\
eaHKLM64AddInKey	HKLM_Classes	Computer\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\

OTHER LOCATIONS

The tables above indicate the expected locations where information about the relevant AddIn Class libraries are located. The output the EA Installation Inspector indicates where the class library is found and sometimes this is not as expected. For example a 32-bit addin may have been installed for the current user so the Sparx key is in HKCU but the class library has been registered for all users (HKLM).

It has been known that for reasons unknown the class library is registered in a completely different location and as such may not appear in the list of AddIns. In this case the query features of the tool can be used to do a search of the registry to see what entries contain information

about an addin class. For example, if you have an AddIn whose interface class is MyAddIn.EAInterface enter this string and inspect the results from the search. For more details on this feature see “Query Tab”

PROGRAM APPROACH

For information the program steps are:

1. Identify all the Add-ins from the Sparx registry keys
2. Locate class name in the expected hive and get the ClassID
 - a. 32-bit EA and OS
 - i. HKCU32
 - ii. HKLM32
 - b. 32-bit EA, 64-bit OS
 - i. HKCU32WOW
 - ii. HKLM32WOW
 - c. 64-bit EA, 64-bit OS
 - i. HKCU64
 - ii. HKLM64
3. Using the ClassID access the relevant location based on the type of class library and collect information on:
 - Filename and location
 - File datestamp
 - Assembly version
 - DotNet runtime version