How to customise the TWebBrowser user interface (part 6 of 6)

Demo code, summary, references and feedback.

Demo Code

Demo code to accompany this article is available for download (see below). The demo includes the following:

- ▶ Two applications WBUIArtDemo1.exe and WBUIArtDemo2.exe that include Delphi code for stages 1 and 2 of the sample application.
- ▶ Separate units containing the nul and custom container classes UNulContainer.pas and UContainer.pas.
- ▶ IntfDocHostUIHandler.pas that contains the declaration of *IDocHostUIHandler*, associated structures and all the *DOCHOSTUIFLAG* flags.

This code has been tested with Delphi 7, 2006 and 2010 on Windows XP Pro and Internet Explorer 6 and on Windows Vista Home Premium with Internet Explorer 8.

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Summary

In this article we have investigated how to customize the appearance of a *TWebBrowser* control.

We noted that we can control the appearance and behaviour of *TWebBrowser* by developing a container object that implements the *IDocHostUIHandler* interface. In order for the browser control to find the *IDocHostUIHandler* implementation we also needed to implement *IOleClientSite*.

We first created a reusable, "do nothing" container class that provided a minimal implementation of the required interfaces. Then we derived a custom class from the "do nothing" container that provided the required customization. We also exposed properties to enable users to manipulate the browser's appearance and behaviour. Finally we developed a sample application to exercise the customizable container.

A downloadable demo program was made available that includes all the code discussed in the article.

References

Several references from MSDN were used in researching this article. They are:

- ▶ About the Browser.
- ▶ WebBrowser Customization.
- ▶ IDocHostUIHandler Interface.
- ▶ IOleClientSite Interface.

Feedback

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