## Prevent a TreeView from firing events in VB6?

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In some VB6 code, I have a handler for a TreeView's Collapse event:



Private Sub MyTree\_Collapse(ByVal Node as MSComCtlLib.Node)



This is called whenever a node in the tree is collapsed, whether by the user or programmatically. As it turns out, through some roundabout execution, it may happen that this handler will wind up telling a node to collapse, leading to infinite recursion.



I can think of multiple ways to skin this cat, but what seems simplest to me is to tell the TreeView not to raise events for some period of time. I can't find a simple call to let me do this, though. Has anyone successfully done this, or do I need to keep track of state in some other manner so I can respond appropriately when recursive events come along?



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@Phil - I came to the same conclusion. My implementation of MyTree\_Collapse now looks something like this (where m\_bHandlingCallback is a member variable):

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If m\_bHandlingCallback Then Exit Sub
m\_bHandlingCallback = True
DoSomeStuff

m\_bHandlingCallback = False

End Sub

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Private Sub MyTree\_Collapse(ByVal Node as MSComCtlLib.Node)

at 1:19 answered Aug 19, 2008 at 17:56



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Another way in VB6 is to have an alternate withevents reference to the control:

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Private WithEvents alt as TreeView



and in Form\_Load:

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Private Sub Form\_Load()
Set alt = MyTree
End Sub

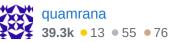
Now alt will receive lots of events like this:

```
Private Sub alt_Collapse(ByVal Node as MSComCtlLib.Node)
Set alt = Nothing
'DoSomeStuff'
Set alt = MyTree
End Sub
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But, during the <code>Dosomestuff</code>, the events are unhooked - which also applies to all other event <code>sub</code> s for <code>alt</code> without the need for them to have intrusive changes.

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I think that like many events in VB, it can't be switched off.

Just set a boolean flag as you've suggested.















I would declare the flag variable as STATIC in the Sub. This avoids making the variable global and makes it keep its value between calls.



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Is a function static variable in VB shared across all instances of a class, like it is in C++? I went with member data (not global data) so that setting the flag wouldn't affect all instances of my class - just the one I cared about. - Matt Dillard Sep 29, 2008 at 12:04