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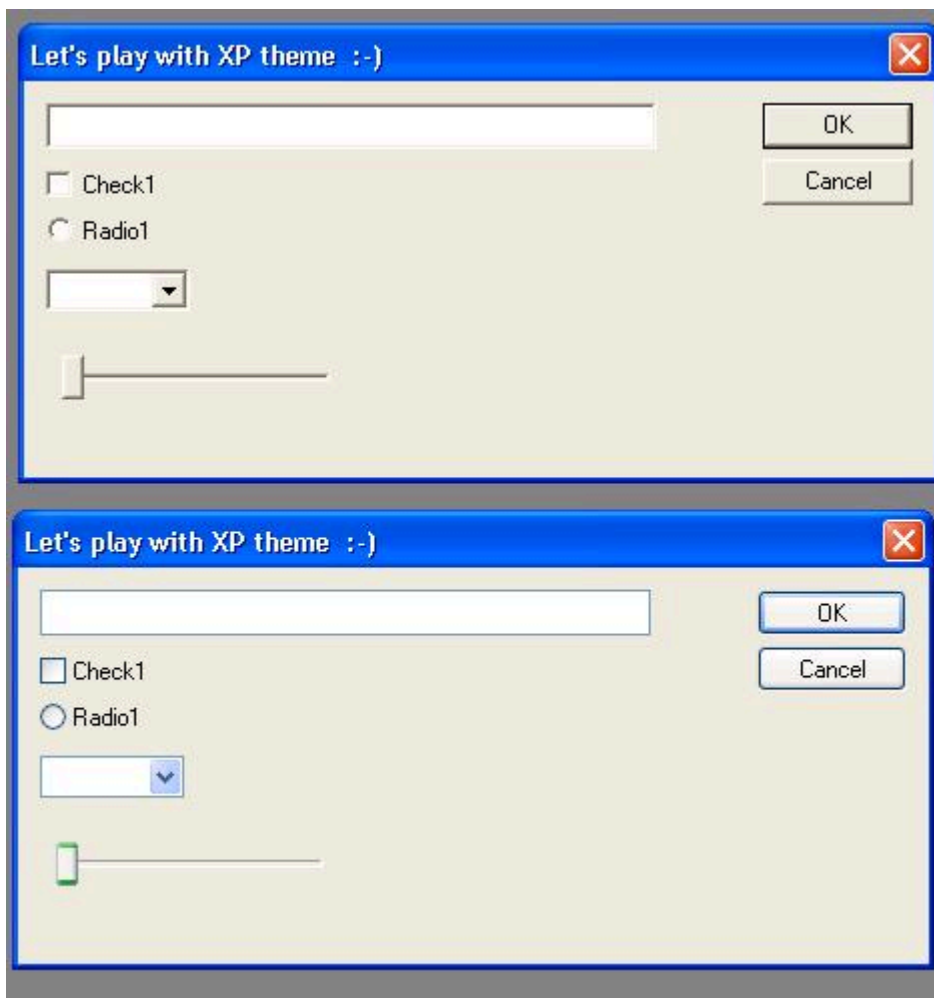
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The following steps introduces XP Theme Style to your project:

1. Insert Resource, choose "Custom", input "24" (without quotes) as resource type
2. Copy and paste the following XML sheets into the editor.

XML

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?>
<assembly
    xmlns="urn:schemas-microsoft-com:asm.v1"
    manifestVersion="1.0">
 <assemblyIdentity
    processorArchitecture="x86"
    version="5.1.0.0"
    type="win32"
    name="test.exe"/>
 <description>Test Application</description>
 <dependency>
  <dependentAssembly>
    <assemblyIdentity
        type="win32"
        name="Microsoft.Windows.Common-Controls"
        version="6.0.0.0"
        publicKeyToken="6595b64144ccf1df"
        language="*"
        processorArchitecture="x86"/>
  </dependentAssembly>
 </dependency>
</assembly>
```

You can replace `test.exe` and `Test Application` with any string you like. This will not affect the behaviour of the application.

3. Change resource ID to 1.
4. Add calls to `InitCommonControls()` in your `WinMain()`. Don't forget to include *commctrl.h* and link *comctl32.lib*. Rebuild your project, all done :-)

This special resource type is only recognized by Windows XP. In any other version of Windows (Windows 9x/NT/2000), the program simply runs as before.

You can also create a manifest file with the same name of the EXE file, plus an extension *.manifest*, which contains the same lines as the ones above. For our *test.exe*, the manifest file is *test.exe.manifest*.

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