

Using Raw Input

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Registering for Raw Input

Example 1

In this sample, an application specifies the raw input from game controllers (both game pads and joysticks) and all devices off the telephony usage page except answering machines.

C++

```
RAWINPUTDEVICE Rid[4];

Rid[0].usUsagePage = 0x01;           // HID_USAGE_PAGE_GENERIC
Rid[0].usUsage = 0x05;              // HID_USAGE_GENERIC_GAMEPAD
Rid[0].dwFlags = 0;                 // adds game pad
Rid[0].hwndTarget = 0;

Rid[1].usUsagePage = 0x01;           // HID_USAGE_PAGE_GENERIC
Rid[1].usUsage = 0x04;              // HID_USAGE_GENERIC_JOYSTICK
Rid[1].dwFlags = 0;                 // adds joystick
Rid[1].hwndTarget = 0;

Rid[2].usUsagePage = 0x0B;           // HID_USAGE_PAGE_TELEPHONY
Rid[2].usUsage = 0x00;
Rid[2].dwFlags = RIDEV_PAGEONLY;    // adds all devices from telephony
page
Rid[2].hwndTarget = 0;

Rid[3].usUsagePage = 0x0B;           // HID_USAGE_PAGE_TELEPHONY
Rid[3].usUsage = 0x02;              //
HID_USAGE_TELEPHONY_ANSWERING_MACHINE
Rid[3].dwFlags = RIDEV_EXCLUDE;     // excludes answering machines
Rid[3].hwndTarget = 0;

if (RegisterRawInputDevices(Rid, 4, sizeof(Rid[0])) == FALSE)
```

```
{
    //registration failed. Call GetLastError for the cause of the error.
}
```

Example 2

In this sample, an application wants raw input from the keyboard and mouse but wants to ignore [legacy keyboard](#) and [mouse window messages](#) (which would come from the same keyboard and mouse).

C++

```
RAWINPUTDEVICE Rid[2];

Rid[0].usUsagePage = 0x01;           // HID_USAGE_PAGE_GENERIC
Rid[0].usUsage = 0x02;              // HID_USAGE_GENERIC_MOUSE
Rid[0].dwFlags = RIDEV_NOLEGACY;    // adds mouse and also ignores legacy
mouse messages
Rid[0].hwndTarget = 0;

Rid[1].usUsagePage = 0x01;           // HID_USAGE_PAGE_GENERIC
Rid[1].usUsage = 0x06;              // HID_USAGE_GENERIC_KEYBOARD
Rid[1].dwFlags = RIDEV_NOLEGACY;    // adds keyboard and also ignores
legacy keyboard messages
Rid[1].hwndTarget = 0;

if (RegisterRawInputDevices(Rid, 2, sizeof(Rid[0])) == FALSE)
{
    //registration failed. Call GetLastError for the cause of the error
}
```

Performing a Standard Read of Raw Input

This sample shows how an application does an unbuffered (or standard) read of raw input from either a keyboard or mouse Human Interface Device (HID) and then prints out various information from the device.

C++

```
case WM_INPUT:
{
    UINT dwSize;

    GetRawInputData((HRAWINPUT)lParam, RID_INPUT, NULL, &dwSize,
sizeof(RAWINPUTHEADER));
    LPBYTE lpb = new BYTE[dwSize];
    if (lpb == NULL)
```

```

{
    return 0;
}

if (GetRawInputData((HRAWINPUT)lParam, RID_INPUT, lpb, &dwSize,
sizeof(RAWINPUTHEADER)) != dwSize)
    OutputDebugString (TEXT("GetRawInputData does not return correct
size !\n"));

RAWINPUT* raw = (RAWINPUT*)lpb;

if (raw->header.dwType == RIM_TYPEKEYBOARD)
{
    HRESULT = StringCchPrintf(szTempOutput, STRSAFE_MAX_CCH,
        TEXT(" Kbd: make=%04x Flags:%04x Reserved:%04x
ExtraInformation:%08x, msg=%04x VK=%04x \n"),
        raw->data.keyboard.MakeCode,
        raw->data.keyboard.Flags,
        raw->data.keyboard.Reserved,
        raw->data.keyboard.ExtraInformation,
        raw->data.keyboard.Message,
        raw->data.keyboard.VKey);
    if (FAILED(hResult))
    {
        // TODO: write error handler
    }
    OutputDebugString(szTempOutput);
}
else if (raw->header.dwType == RIM_TYPEMOUSE)
{
    HRESULT = StringCchPrintf(szTempOutput, STRSAFE_MAX_CCH,
        TEXT("Mouse: usFlags=%04x ulButtons=%04x usButtonFlags=%04x
usButtonData=%04x ulRawButtons=%04x lLastX=%04x lLastY=%04x
ulExtraInformation=%04x\r\n"),
        raw->data.mouse.usFlags,
        raw->data.mouse.ulButtons,
        raw->data.mouse.usButtonFlags,
        raw->data.mouse.usButtonData,
        raw->data.mouse.ulRawButtons,
        raw->data.mouse.lLastX,
        raw->data.mouse.lLastY,
        raw->data.mouse.ulExtraInformation);

    if (FAILED(hResult))
    {
        // TODO: write error handler
    }
    OutputDebugString(szTempOutput);
}

delete[] lpb;
return 0;
}

```

Performing a Buffered Read of Raw Input

This sample shows how an application does a buffered read of raw input from a generic HID.

C++

```
case MSG_GETRIBUFFER: // Private message
{
    UINT cbSize;
    Sleep(1000);

    VERIFY(GetRawInputBuffer(NULL, &cbSize, sizeof(RAWINPUTHEADER)) ==
0);
    cbSize *= 16; // up to 16 messages
    Log(_T("Allocating %d bytes"), cbSize);
    PRAWINPUT pRawInput = (PRAWINPUT)malloc(cbSize);
    if (pRawInput == NULL)
    {
        Log(_T("Not enough memory"));
        return;
    }

    for (;;)
    {
        UINT cbSizeT = cbSize;
        UINT nInput = GetRawInputBuffer(pRawInput, &cbSizeT,
sizeof(RAWINPUTHEADER));
        Log(_T("nInput = %d"), nInput);
        if (nInput == 0)
        {
            break;
        }

        ASSERT(nInput > 0);
        PRAWINPUT* paRawInput = (PRAWINPUT*)malloc(sizeof(PRAWINPUT) *
nInput);
        if (paRawInput == NULL)
        {
            Log(_T("paRawInput NULL"));
            break;
        }

        PRAWINPUT pri = pRawInput;
        for (UINT i = 0; i < nInput; ++i)
        {
            Log(_T(" input[%d] = @%p"), i, pri);
            paRawInput[i] = pri;
            pri = NEXTRAWINPUTBLOCK(pri);
        }

        free(paRawInput);
    }
}
```

```
    free(pRawInput);  
}
```

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