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* Hiding the Windows Taskbar:
  1. After building the top-level VI into an executable, open its corresponding .ini file. In LabVIEW 7.1 and previous, LabVIEW does not automatically create an .ini file for you upon building of the executable. Running the VI once will create this .ini file automatically (it will be empty).
  2. Verify that the top line of the .ini file is *Application.exe* where *Application.exe* is the name of your executable file.
  3. Add HideRootWindow = True to the .ini file. This will hide the Windows Taskbar Entry for the executable.
  4. Finally, make sure the modified .ini file is placed in the same directory as the executable when the stand-alone application is taken to the target machine.

Make sure to include a way of closing the program once it is done executing. The Front Panel will be hidden, but the VI will still be loaded in memory. Since you don't have a user interface, if you don't close the program programmatically, you will have to go to the task manager to close it. In the example attached, the **Quit LabVIEW** function was used to close the program. Closing the front panel window programmatically should also work.

**Note**: In LabVIEW 8.0, the HideRootWindow .ini tag discussed above does not work. This was fixed in LabVIEW 8.0.1.

**Note:** The proposed method will hide the front panel of the VI or executable once it is loaded. You will notice the front panel being loaded for a split-second before the hiding process is enabled.