

## Re: SelInfo – window handle

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"Rob Kennedy" <[me3@privacy.net](mailto:me3@privacy.net)> wrote in message  
news:2nfod2FekclU1@uni-berlin.de...

> frederick wrote:

>> *Is there a way to get the handle of a window created by an  
application*

>> *started with ShellExecuteEX(@SelInfo) ?*

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> *Remember that some programs don't have any windows, so whatever  
solution*

> *you find won't be guaranteed to get a valid result. Also remember that*

> *ShellExecuteEx might not start any application at all -- it might  
re-use*

> *an application that was already running -- and it won't tell you*

> *anything about that program.*

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>> *Googling hasn't found a solution for me, but maybe I am looking for  
the*

>> *wrong thing.*

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> *I would start here:*

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[http://groups.google.com/groups?q=shellexecuteex+window+handle&as\\_ugroup=\\*delphi\\*](http://groups.google.com/groups?q=shellexecuteex+window+handle&as_ugroup=*delphi*)

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> *If none of the top results looked promising, I would alter the query*

to

> *the following since ShellExecuteEx might return a process handle.*

(It's

> *the process handle that you need to "convert" to a window handle; your*

> *question isn't limited to ShellExecuteEx.)*

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> *Rob*

Thanks Rob

The first entry of the second google groups search returns an unanswered post from 1996, that fairly neatly summarises the frustration that I have.

I was hoping for something simple, but I don't think I am going to find it.

The answer perhaps lies in using EnumWindows and finding the process handle

returned by ShellExecuteEx. The fun part for me (not a happy reader of the SDK!) is figuring out how.