
Subject: Active X with Excel VBA

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I am trying Active X (I appologize in advance ;) for the first time with IDL 5.3 on Windows NT.

Basically I am attempting to run an example shown in the v.5 External Development Guide book (pgs. 39-43). However, the example is for regular Visual Basic and since I don't have access to that, I am using VBA with Excel 97 (I know it keeps getting worse.;

The first problem I encountered was that VBA didn't recognize the Form_Load function. So I changed this to UserForm_Activate and the function then was recognized on start up.

The next problem involves the lines that contain "hWnd". Namely,

```
n = IDLDrawWidget1.InitIDL(Form1.hWnd)
IDLDrawWidget1.SetOutputWnd(IDL_Output_Box.hWnd)
```

I get the following error while hWnd is highlighted:

Compile error: Method or data member not found.

I'm not sure what the problem is. I successfully added the IDLDrawWidget Control 2.0 component and VBA seems to recognize the methods and properties.

I know most of you don't want to deal with Active X and I don't blame you. However, I'm curious to see if I can get this experiment to work before I delve into using Active X with IDL and LabView.

Any help is greatly appreciated and thanks in advance!

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