
Subject: Re: How to display live Video in IDL
Posted by [Rick Towler](#) on Tue, 11 Oct 2005 21:39:37 GMT
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Mark Hadfield wrote:

> Rick Towler wrote:

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>> About the best you can use the win API's GetActiveWindow() function to
>> get a handle to the active window. If you create the window in IDL
>> then immediately call a function to get the handle then you should be
>> fine 99.9% of the time :)

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> Those sound like good odds to me! But I'm curious: what is likely to
> happen in the other 0.1%?

Well, say you run this IDL program and then click on your email client to check for the latest gossip on comp.lang.idl-pvwave at just the right moment after IDL has created the window but before the program has called the DLM to make the GetActiveWindow() call. Now you'll get a handle to your email client window, not your new IDL window, and is this case it would most likely bring IDL down.

I use this in my directInput dlm and to be honest, I haven't had a problem. But I'm pretty sure that at least theoretically this is an issue.

-Rick
