## Subject: Re: IDLcomIDispatch question (newbie alert!) Posted by Mark Hadfield on Fri, 23 Apr 2004 23:35:39 GMT

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Don't the newbies ask hard questions these days?!

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Subject: Re: IDLcomIDispatch question (newbie alert!) Posted by cartik sharma on Sun, 25 Apr 2004 23:24:44 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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> Thanks and have a good weekend,

Subject: Re: IDLcomIDispatch question (newbie alert!) Posted by jnettle1 on Mon, 26 Apr 2004 15:37:33 GMT

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## Cartik,

Thanks for the reply. I knew about this already - I thought the routine you mentioned was going to have everything I needed, but it doesn't quite do it. I'm sure you know this, but despite the title of the routine, ActiveXExcel doesn't really link to Excel, it links to a smaller spreadsheet activeX control. I was trying to set up the link to excel for teaching purposes, so I'd rather bypass this smaller control. But you're right, I will make do with this if I have to. I just can't figure out why I can't get the link straight to excel to work - it seems to me that it should. But thanks!

## Jeff

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