
Subject: Re: Preferences file for/from a runtime application

Posted by [mallors](#) on Wed, 14 Apr 1999 07:00:00 GMT

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In article <01be8685\$d248a0a0\$5c0c66a1@eusunw0246.rec.bp.com>,

"Robert King" <kingrj2@bp.com> writes:

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> Thanks for the help,

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I have a Preferences object that allows you to use an

ASCII preferences file of the format

KEY = value

The object includes a widget to allow interactive

editing of user preferences. For more info, check

<http://cspar.uah.edu/~mallozzir/software/idl/idl.html>

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I'm quite sure this is not true. There is no restriction
as far as I know that runtime programs can't create save
files (as long as you are doing nothing but saving variables).
In fact, I have a program here in front of me for one of our
clients that does exactly that on a Windows NT machine.
I don't know off hand if this is a limitation on other
architectures.

Runtime licenses can also write files, so I don't see
any reason you can't easily implement a "preferences
editor", which might, for example, tell the runtime
application where to find the appropriate save file.

Cheers,

David

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