
Subject: Re: Ole Automation [FEATURE REQUEST?]

Posted by [koldo](#) on Mon, 30 Sep 2013 06:17:23 GMT

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iST1 wrote on Thu, 26 September 2013 17:47 This is strange, because .net code here work perfectly with Word 2007 and use the analogue of the VBA above code + SetParent method.
Hello iST1

I have tried that code and it works well, although as I previously reported it does not remove the menus.

You can see the explanation here (<http://social.msdn.microsoft.com/Forums/office/en-US/c329f3e5-0e25-44a2-8b07-1182d428de37/how-to-disable-menu-bar-in-word-2007-programmatically-in-c>). In summary:

Word 2007 (and later versions) no longer use the CommandBars (Menu and toolbars) for the UI. This was changed, for various reasons, not least of which to explicitly prevent applications running out-of-process from interfering in the application's UI. Among other considerations, this is a security measure to prevent outside apps from leveraging the Office object models for "bad intentions".

So the short answer to your request is that there is no way for your app to affect an Office UI that implements the Ribbon (Office Fluent UI). The Ribbon can be defined only by RibbonXML embedded in an Office document, or that is part of a COM Add-in (implements the IDT2Exensibility interface).

Possibly, you could create a custom template that contains a RibbonXML with startFromScratch attribute set to True. That will reduce available Ribbon commands to a minimum. It's not possible, however, to remove all commands from the UI. Certain ones in Office 2007 are always enabled, in order to allow the user to have final control over the Office environment.