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Hi all

I am a fresher and have been given a requirement in VB.net
I have to make an application in VB.net which will run as a system tray icon and will add one or two items in the default windows right click context menu.

on clicking on that menu item the application should write a signature on the current cursor position

for example

if this application is running and user opens notepad / outlook new mail and right clicks anywhere the default windows context menu will appear with an additional menu item "Add signature"

and on clicking on this menu item a pre defined signature will be inserted to the current cursor position.

Does anyone knows how to go for it in VB.net

any help ?

thanks in advance

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This is a similar thing what I asked before Christmas & no ones coding in this newsgroups was good enough for a solution.

The difference between your question & mine was that I wanted any application to minimize to the system tray & add an extra system menu item (2 actually as one was the separator).

Basically you have to hook the keyboard... & get the handle of that context menu. Because this method works only for Windows 95 / Windows 98 (not on XP, Vista, x64 - 64-bit Windows), to add items to Windows Explorer Shell context menu you should use, according to Microsoft guidelines, appropriate .Net component - Windows Explorer Shell Context Menu. Once you have that you can use AppendMenu API passing BYPOSITION constant adding the item. Then in WndProc handle the context menu message. That's the theory anyway. Luckily for me these was an article in unmanaged C++ that I converted to VB.NET to achieve the same result.

The best forum for answering this type of question was GotDotNet but they closed it down recently. At least then you had help of Microsoft too.

Sorry that I cannot be of any more help, but be assured you are wasting your time asking a question this complicated in here unless HERFRIED can use his Google Groups searching to come up with how to make an omlet (in Hebrew) then he'll post you that useless link.

Good luck & if you find the code then NEVER post the code for people like Herfried to copy, put on his website & call his own. You'll have many users like that around if you do post it

One last thing you could try:

If you have Visual Studio (not Express) then you can ask Microsoft 2 unpaid support questions, but you'll have to word your question into ONE full question because if its split into two then they will be pedantic & only answer one of them.