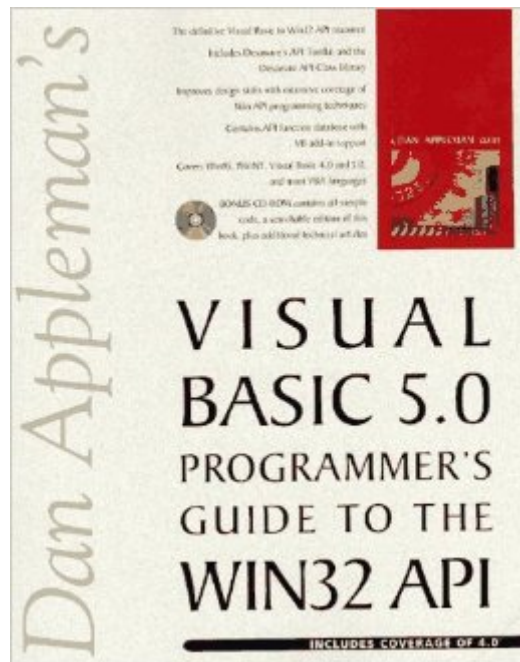# Dan Appleman's Visual Basic 5.0 Programmer's Guide To The Win32 Api

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After several recommendations I found on the internet, I spent the $40.00+ and purchased the book. Very disappointing. Many of the declarations found in the code are never explained - some are never even mentioned, even though they reside in the demo code. Constant references to his "Spyworks" software in the book and megabytes wasted on the CD with self-serving "testimonials" and hawking of his software - complete with video! What a waste. I kept thinking that the CD would have been an excellent tool for highlighting the more difficult complexities in the book with either audio/video or audio only explanations, but instead I watched an infomercial on a product I will never buy. In addition - on my system at least - some of the demo programs crashed. "MenuLook", as an example, gave me page-fault-arama whether it was run straight from VB5, or even compiled and then run. IMHO, that's complete horse pudding. At least make sure the demo will run before you put the price sticker on, and cheerfully hand me the book. In a word - disappointing.

With just a few statements, you can have access to the kind of functionality that used to belong to only C/C++ programmers. By tapping into the core of Windows itself, you can avoid re-inventing the wheel in many cases. This book is THE source to turn to when dealing with the Windows API. I dont rate it a 10 because although it covers API Registry functions, it dosent mention the "inconsistencies" that are present in the Registry and how to get around them using Visual Basic and the Windows API.

This book is THE API bible for any VB Programmer. Sooner or later, every serious VB Programmer will have to delve into the Windows API.. and without some guidance, it can be treacherous! Microsoft provides virtually NO guide for VB Programmers. Dan Appleman has filled that void.If there's one book that is a MUST on EVERY VB Programmer's shelf, it's this one! Get it! Tame the beast that is the Windows API, and accomplish things one used to turn to C/C++ to do!

This book is an excellent reference work to the Win32 API. It is not, however, a book for people without loads of programming skill. If you are a skilled VB programmer, this book is a requirement. It presents the dark heart of windows (the Win32 API) in a clear way, pointing out the specific difficulties that can arise when one tries to use the Win32 API from Visual Basic. PS: It weighs a ton, so make sure your shelves are strong enough for it :)

I rate a book primarily on the index, and this reference has the mother of them all. But, it doesn't point you to specific pages that show an EXAMPLE, only the page that has the DESCRIPTION. So you may know that you need to use SetWindowPos, and you know what it does, but you need the example, the index is useless for that. I didn't count, but it seems that there are only examples in the book for about 75% of the API calls. I realize that is a significant amount, but what about the other 25%? If you need an example, you need an example, and a self-proclaimed "Programmer's Guide to the Win32 API" shouldn't have gaping holes. I have the book, but it's sitting in a corner with "Teach Yourself Database Programming with VB5 In 21 Days". I prefer to talk to people on newsgroups or IRC to get samples of API calls. At least that way I can question what's going on and get interactive help, and I know it's going to be relevant.

I was hoping for an explanation of ALL of the Windows API functions listed with the API viewer, and expected to find them in this self-described "definitive" resource. I looked for an explanation of GetScrollInfo, and it wasn't there. This particular function is useful to know the number of visible lines and total lines in a text box. The structure of the SCROLLINFO type has some items like "fMask" that obviously control what is returned by the API call, but that too is not to be found in the "Programmer's Guide to the WIN32 API." Hopefully, in the next version of this guide, Mr. Appleman and ZD Press will produce a truly definitive, that is "Complete" guide to the WIN32API that includes all of the API declarations and types that are found in the API viewer

In depth coverage of Win32 API for the VB programmer. Dan covers a lot of material and goes a step further to explain background, syntax, usage, and other material so that you can continue to use this knowledge to explore the API on your own. Plenty of great examples and materials on the CD. However, unless you are expecting to do a fair amount of work with the API, you may find this book too involved for the novice programmer.

This book is probably the only must-have reference book for any real VB shop. This is the only descriptive source for VB programmers on the Win32 API, (unlike Vis C++, MS doesn't supply VB Programmers anything but the API declerations) and any serious VB programmer (yes, even 5.0) will eventually need to dig down into windows -so, unless you have an encyclopedic knowledge of the Win32API, this book is a MUST HAVE.

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