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Thread: [\(Source, Tut\) How to get currently playing artist / song from WinAmp / MediaMonkey](#)

nathan72389 - December 10, 2011, 7:40 am

a few months back b4 my old laptop died i was working on a project that would allow me to update my signature with the song info that i was listening to. (dynamic sig). at the end of the day, i got it all working, but there was one part that so simple to do i almost couldnt believe that i ws googling how to do it.

Get the song info.

well, after staring at pointless vb6 code that used alot of api's (find window....ect) i decided to update the whole mess that everyone had posted and do it up in pure .net.

here we go...

from there i could simply upload the string to my host and generate the image with the string. but anyway, thats for another day, lets look at how to get that info.

From doing a bit of googling i found out that there was just a few ways that would work, the first was simply making a plugin that would export the info. The problem with this is that, (in short) my delphi skills suck. The other option (which was the most popular) is to simply grab the window title, so lets do that.

Code Public Class Form1

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Dim WithEvents tTimer As New Timer
Dim Last As String
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Private Sub Form1_Load(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e As System.EventArgs)
Handles MyBase.Load
    tTimer.Interval = 100
    tTimer.Start()
End Sub
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```
Dim cur As String
Private Sub tTimer_Tick(ByVal sender As Object, ByVal e As System.EventArgs) Handles
tTimer.Tick
    cur = FindProcessTitle("mediamonkey")
    If cur IsNot Nothing And cur.Length > 10 Then
        If Not Last = cur Then
            Last = cur
            ListView1.Items.Insert(0, New ListViewItem With {.Text = cur})
            ListView1.AutoResizeColumn(0, ColumnHeaderAutoResizeStyle.ColumnContent)
        End If
    End If
End Sub
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Function FindProcessTitle(ByVal processName As String) As String
If Process.GetProcessesByName(processName)(0) IsNot Nothing Then
Return Process.GetProcessesByName(processName)(0).MainWindowTitle
Else
Return Nothing
End If
End Function
End Class
Pow!

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ok, lets walk through there

declare a new timer (yeah yeah, blah blah threads, a timer works just fine)

when the form loads, start the timer

when the timer ticks simply use the function to get the window title and check it against the previous one to see if it changed i set it to check the length also because i was getting a single char blank string.

then simply insert it at the top of the listview.

the great thing about this is that it works even when my media player is minimized.

so, there we go...

go have some fun.

?eumonic - December 10, 2011, 8:12 am

(Dec 10, 2011 08:46 AM)Duker Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) nathan72389, can you reply to my thread about the proxy checker, i cant send you pm, you must blocked me before or something

This is completely off-topic and impertinent. I understand that you may need help with something, but posting in a thread without any regard for what the posts actual topic is just makes you look low-quality and makes you look like a bad member. Just saying.

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pr0t0typ3 - December 10, 2011, 8:19 am

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50GTB - December 10, 2011, 9:02 am

Yes well as i have been getting help from nathan and i cannot message him so i thought of posting a message here

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True. I feel like a moron for not seeing that.