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DarkMethods - August 17, 2015, 2:40 am

I did some research around the internet on how to get default browser's path.

I found only long codes, sometimes needing whole modules and APIs; so I decided to write my own method, just few lines of code and no APIs needed...

Here it's code.

Code Function DefaultBrowser() As String

Dim regshell As Object

Set regshell = CreateObject("Wscript.Shell")

' Reads the registry value where is stored the default application to use with HTTP

DefaultBrowser = regshell.regread("HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\HTTP\shell\open\command")

' Removes shell parameters after the actual path, preserving only path included in double quotes

DefaultBrowser = Left(DefaultBrowser, InStr(1, DefaultBrowser, ".exe", vbTextCompare) + 4)

' Removes double quotes ("")

DefaultBrowser = Replace(DefaultBrowser, Chr(34), vbNullString)

End Function

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Quote:Private Function getDefaultBrowser() As String

Dim browser As String = String.Empty

Dim key As RegistryKey = Nothing

Try

key = Registry.ClassesRoot.OpenSubKey("HTTP\shell\open\command", False)

'trim off quotes

browser = key.GetValue(Nothing).ToString().ToLower().Replace("""", "")

If Not browser.EndsWith(".exe") Then

'get rid of everything after the ".exe"

browser = browser.Substring(0, browser.LastIndexOf(".exe") + 4)

End If

Finally

If key IsNot Nothing Then

key.Close()

End If

End Try

Return browser

End Function

There you can get the default browser. Then you can loop through the running process and kill the browser.

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Quote:Dim browser As String
browser = getDefaultBrowser()
For Each p As Process In Process.GetProcesses
    If p.ProcessName = browser Then
        p.Kill()
        Exit For
    End If
Next
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<http://stackoverflow.com/questions/18995086/finding-the-default-browser-in-vb-net>