

DDETOPIC

Applies to

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Description

Part two of the DDE three-level hierarchy. A string that identifies a logical data context. Typically, this is a file name to be run by the service application, but refer to your service application documentation for details on what it expects for its DDE server function.

Usage

Set a server name as the DDE conversation application:

existingprop = **Set_Property** (*objectname*, "DDETOPIC", *topic*)

Return the currently specified topic (usually, the file name at the server):

servicetopic = **Get_Property** (*objectname*, "DDETOPIC")

Remarks

Values passed in Set_Property:

Value	Description
<i>Topic</i>	Name of the topic to be initiated by the server. Typically, this is a file name.

Returns

Values returned by both Get_Property and Set_Property:

Value	Description
<i>Servicetopic</i>	Current service topic, if any.
<i>existingprop</i>	Name of current topic when Set_Property was called.

Each DDE server-capable application has an interpretation for the topic value. Typically, this is a file name, but check with the server application, for more details.

When DDETOPIC is set, the system will check to see whether DDESERVICE is also set (non-null value). If so, the system will terminate any existing connection, and will attempt to establish a DDE conversation for the specified Service/Topic pair. If DDESERVICE is not set, then setting DDETOPIC will terminate any existing connection, and store the topic name, without attempting to establish a connection.

DDESERVICE (application)	Topic	Item
Excel	*.XLS, *.XLC	Range of cells.
Word for Windows	*.DOC, *.DOT	Bookmark.

See also

[DDEITEM property](#), [DDESERVICE property](#).