

Init

Initializes the ribbon in a single call with XML.

Syntax

```
Error = Send_Message(Ctrl, "OLE.Init", XmlData)
```

Parameters

Property	Description
XmlData	The XML snippet used to initialize this control.

Returns

An XML parsing error, or "" if the XML parsed successfully. *(Added in 4.1.20)*

Remarks

The Init method is a fast and convenient way to initialize the ribbon. The ribbon consists of many elements in a hierarchical relationship--lots of parents and children. With such complexity, using lots of properties and methods to initialize the control is confusing and prone to error. XML provides a nice way to handle the complex relationships without sacrificing clarity.

To use this method, pass a string containing XML. It does not matter where the XML was originally stored. All that matters is that the one parameter you pass contains XML with one [<Control>](#) element. Each XML element is documented on the wiki, but you'll want to start with the [<Control>](#) element and work your way down.

NOTE: As of 4.0.2, you can call this method multiple times as long as you call the [Clear](#) method before each Init method. If you need to add new elements without clearing first, see the [AddControls](#), [AddGroups](#), and [AddTabs](#) methods.

Example

```
// Read the XML from a table and pass it to the Init method
SetupXml = Xlate("SETUP", "MY_RIBBON_SETUP_XML", "", "X")
Send_Message(@Window:".OLE_RIBBON", "OLE.Init", SetupXml)
```

See Also

[<Control>](#), [AddControls](#), [AddGroups](#), [AddTabs](#)