

User Opinions

The easiest way to find, what is Windows Explorer Context Menu - is to hear, what other users tell about it.

Here are some short reviews, sent to us by people, who already use Windows Explorer Context Menu: “At April MSDN magazine issue I read, that Windows Explorer Context Menu – is the best method of appending custom menu items to Windows Explorer context menu. Because it was needed in my work, I advised procurement department to buy site license of it for our company and explained why. Now I and my colleagues use Windows Explorer Context Menu in our development. What I can say about Windows Explorer Context Menu? Easy to use it in development, it always works, even on all new operating systems, so with it I have no compatibility issues. Useful component, that saves time and money.”

Kevin Allen, .Net developer from Dallas Computing, LLC., Texas

 “I searched for the simple way to append custom menu items to Windows Explorer context menu. According to Microsoft guidelines, custom items may be appended to Explorer context menu only using a special extension, written on unmanaged C++. But C++ programming and, especially, unmanaged programming, is not my area. First, I work on C# and, sometimes, on VB, but not on C++. Why should I use language and technology I at least never use and whose are not comfortable for me? Second – is a time. I want to get my problem solved (get menu items to be appended to shell context menu), not to spend a whole days programming low-level WinAPI declarations. And the third – is an unmanaged code. It is very hard to debug it, especially such exotic thing as Explorer extensions. I breathed with relief when in Microsoft certified components directory I found directly what I searched – Windows Explorer Context Menu. Installed and, with step-by-step tutorial help, already over an hour all custom menu items were appended to Explorer context menu. This .Net component saved me a lot of time.”

Wesley Stover, software engineer from Nortel Applied Systems, New York department

 “I am chief executive of software Development Company. We provide software for home users. The most import issue for me in software development process – is if all planned is made in the timely manner. We created new .Net – based product for CD-burning. In it was needed appending of large amount of menu items to Windows Shell context menu – both for regular files (items such as “Burn to CD”) and for type-specific files, such as DVD-image files (items such as “Insert to virtual drive”). On SoftEXPO-2008 software exhibition I had seen Windows Explorer Context Menu (.Net Component) in work and tried to use it in my project. I sent it to development department and already over several hours I already tested compiled version of our CD-burning program with its menu items, appended to Windows Explorer context menu. It works great – we checked it on all modern operating systems, including Windows XP, Vista and even Vista 64-bit.

Daniel Pennebaker, chief executive from Alabama Software Systems Inc.

 “Our department is developing software for air flights control and records keeping. We created a new software product, which stores information for every flight in the separate file on the air agency file server. It was needed to append several items to Windows Explorer context menu, so if employee right-click on file with flight information, custom menu items should be shown, such as “Show flight information”, “Incidents while flight”, “Show flight map”. First we tried to add menu items to shell context menu by writing a separate C++ library on unmanaged code, but when we sent beta version to flight agency it hanged Windows Explorer and even forced to reboot file server! I was reprimanded by management and we tried to rewrite code, but problems appeared again and again, first in one place and in another one. I already fought, that all project plan was frustrated and did not know, what to do… One of my colleagues from the adjacent building advised me to use Windows Explorer Context Menu, which helped him in another project. We tried it – and it really helped! All is easy – add to project and write several lines of template code, describing which items you want to add to Explorer context menu. This .Net component rescued our project plan and it was released in the timely manner. It is really useful for everybody, who needs to add items to Explorer context menu.

Paul Graham, Chief engineer at Eastern Airlines, Atlanta

products, such as hardware-based video processing systems, we need to add custom items to Windows Explorer context menu. We tried to add items to shell context menu using our own, unmanaged C++ code, but result was unacceptable - it didn't work on some computers, had problems on 64-bit operating systems, and on Windows Vista our menu items for some reason didn't shown at all. I even supposed to hire a separate full-time employee for developing and supporting of context-menu systems for our software. One of our engineers advised to use Windows Explorer Context Menu. Already over a hour all our menu items were appended to Windows Explorer context menu. And I was not surprised, that it is much better than all that we had done: Windows Explorer Context Menu Solutions, Inc. - is an organization, that is focused on developing of context menu systems and it developed Windows Explorer Context Menu for more than 5 years. I may recommend this .Net component for everyone, who needs to add custom menu items to shell context menu."

Mark Varming, Software development coordinator from Lenovo Corporation, Atlanta division

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