

How do I accept files to be opened via IDropTarget instead of on the command line? – bonus content

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One of my colleagues tipped me off to some additional resources on the subject of [using the DropTarget technique for accepting files for execution](#). First, it turns out that there is [an SDK sample that demonstrates the DropTarget technique](#) after all. This sample is fifteen years late [according to one commenter](#) who apparently thinks that the Platform SDK needs to provide a sample for a feature that won't be invented for another twelve years. Maybe we can use [the Microsoft Research project to predict the future](#). No wait, we also need to get them to [invent the time machine](#) so we can take the future-predictor machine back in time 15 years. Second, there is [a sample for the ExecuteCommand technique](#). The [ExecuteCommand technique](#) is preferred over the DropTarget technique because it is much easier to implement. (Translation: much less you can get wrong.) Like the DropTarget technique, the ExecuteCommand supports out-of-process activation.

And third, as it turns out, [App Path registration supports HKEY_CURRENT_USER after all](#), thereby addressing [one of the complaints raised by a commenter](#) (a complaint I answered incorrectly).

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