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The API for Instant Text

An Application Programming Interface for Applications using Instant Text



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How to Use Instant Text as the Abbreviation Engine for your Applications

Introduction

The Application Programming Interface (API) for Instant Text allows you to use Instant Text as an abbreviation expansion engine for your applications. The API is supplied as a DLL (dynamic link library), which can be called by your application to control all aspects of Instant Text. For example, you can call functions and procedures of the DLL to do the following:

- Start Instant Text, minimize it, and restore it.
- Dimension the advisories according to the needs of you application.
- Open glossaries and dynamically select the current glossary according to the field in which text is currently being entered into your application.
- Select the field, the editor, or the memo which is to receive text generated by Instant Text..

For Pen Computer applications, this allows Instant Text and the Fitaly on-screen keyboard to be integrated with your application. Input can be achieved with the Fitaly keyboard and you can use the pen in your application to generate text by abbreviations which depend on the context: the current part of your application.

For Desktop Applications, this also allows development of an integration level similar to that offered for word processors such as MS Word or WordPerfect.

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Description of the API Functions and Procedures

The following describes the function and procedures provided by the Application Programming Interface.

For each entry, we give the Pascal syntax as well as the C and Visual Basic syntax. (The Visual Basic syntax is omitted in the case of functions returning a string.)

Instant_Text_Running

```
Pascal Syntax: function Instant_Text_Running: Boolean;
```

C Syntax: BOOL Instant_Text_Running ();

VBA Syntax: Function Instant_Text_Running () As Boolean

Returns True if Instant Text is currently running, False otherwise.

Start Instant Text

```
Pascal Syntax: procedure Start_Instant_Text;
C Syntax: void Start_Instant_Text ();
VB Syntax: Sub Start_Instant_Text ()
```

This procedure starts Instant Text if it is not currently running. If Instant Text is currently running and minimized, the effect is to restore it. Otherwise, if Instant Text is currently running and not minimized, it has no effect.

Start_Instant_Text_Lower

```
Pascal Syntax: procedure Start_Instant_Text (Lines: Integer);
C Syntax: void Start_Instant_Text (int Lines);
VB Syntax: Sub Start_Instant_Text (ByVal Lines As Integer)
```

This procedure starts Instant Text in lower screen position if it is not currently running. If Instant Text is currently running and minimized, the effect is to restore it. Otherwise, if Instant Text is currently running and not minimized, it has no effect.

If the number of lines specified by the Lines parameter is in the range 1 to 15, Instant Text is started with the specified number of advisory lines.

Minimize Instant Text;

```
Pascal Syntax: procedure Minimize_Instant_Text;
C Syntax: void Minimize_Instant_Text ();
VB Syntax: Sub Minimize_Instant_Text ()
```

This procedure minimizes Instant Text.

Restore_Instant_Text;

Pascal Syntax: procedure Restore_Instant_Text;
C Syntax: void Restore_Instant_Text ();
VB Syntax: Sub Restore_Instant_Text ()

This procedure restores Instant Text.

This procedure has no effect if Instant Text is not currently running.

Set_IT_Lower_Layout

```
Pascal Syntax: procedure Set_IT_Lower_Layout;
C Syntax: void Set_IT_Lower_Layout ();
VB Syntax: Sub Set_IT_Lower_Layout ()
```

This procedure switches Instant Text to the lower layout. The effect is similar to that of the shortcut Alt/ when Instant Text is in full-screen layout.

This procedure has no effect if Instant Text is not currently running.

Set_IT_Full_Screen

```
Pascal Syntax: procedure Set_IT_Full_Screen;
C Syntax: void Set_IT_Full_Screen ();
VB Syntax: Sub Set_IT_Full_Screen ()
```

This procedure switches Instant Text to full-screen layout. The effect is similar to that of the shortcut Alt/ when Instant Text is in lower layout

This procedure has no effect if Instant Text is not currently running.

Instant_Text_Handle

Pascal Syntax: function Instant_Text_Handle: HWnd;
C Syntax: HWND Instant_Text_Handle ();

VB Syntax: Function Instant_Text_Handle () As Long

Returns the handle for Instant Text.

Returns the value zero if Instant Text is not currently running.

Get_IT_Rectangle

```
Pascal Syntax: procedure Get_IT_Rectangle (var Rect: TRect);
C Syntax: void Get_IT_Rectangle (TRect Rect);
```

This procedure returns the screen coordinates of Instant Text into the variable Rect.

Get_Advisory_Lines

Pascal Syntax: function Get_Advisory_Lines: Integer;

C Syntax: int Get_Advisory_Lines ();

VB Syntax: Function Get_Advisory_Lines () As Integer

Returns the current number of advisory lines.

Returns a default number of lines equal to 8 if Instant Text is not currently running.

Set_Advisory_Lines

Pascal Syntax: procedure Set_Advisory_Lines (Lines: Integer);

C Syntax: void Set_Advisory_Lines (int Lines);

VB Syntax: Sub Set_Advisory_Lines (ByVal Lines As Integer)

This procedure changes the number of advisory lines to the number specified by the Lines parameter.

The specified number must be in the range 1 to 15. If the value is lower than 1 or higher than 15, an error message is issued and the procedure has no other effect.

This procedure has no effect if Instant Text is not currently running.

Set Start state

Pascal Syntax: procedure Set_Start_State;
C Syntax: void Set_Start_State ();
VB Syntax: Sub Set_Start_State ()

This procedure is used to reset Instant Text's internal text as at the start of a paragraph.

The effect is to allow Instant Text to apply the corresponding spacing and capitalization rules.

This procedure has no effect if Instant Text is not currently running.

Close_Instant_Text

Pascal Syntax: procedure Close_Instant_Text;
C Syntax: void Close_Instant_Text ();
VB Syntax: Sub Close_Instant_Text ()

This procedure is used to close Instant Text.

Glossary Handling

The following functions and procedures allow:

- opening, reopening, closing, and activating glossaries
- inquiring about the current glossary
- saving the active glossary list
- viewing the current glossary and adding new entries to the current glossary.

Open_Named_Glossary

```
Pascal Syntax: procedure Open_Named_Glossary (Name: PChar);
C Syntax: void Open_Named_Glossary (LPSTR Name);
VB Syntax: Sub Open_Named_Glossary (ByVal Name As String)
```

The effect of this procedure is to open the glossary file specified by the parameter Name.

This parameter must be the full path name of a glossary file. The procedure has no effect if Name is not the name of a file or if the file does not contain a glossary.

This procedure has no effect if Instant Text is not currently running.

Reopen_Current_Glossary

```
Pascal Syntax: procedure Reopen_Current_Glossary;
C Syntax: void Reopen_Current_Glossary ();
VB Syntax: Sub Reopen_Current_Glossary ()
```

The effect of this procedure is to reopen the current glossary. The effect is the same as that of closing the current glossary and opening it again at the same place in the glossary list. In particular, andy included glossaries are also reopened.

This procedure has no effect if Instant Text is not currently running.

Close Current Glossary

```
Pascal Syntax: procedure Close_Current_Glossary;
C Syntax: void Close_Current_Glossary ();
VB Syntax: Sub Close_Current_Glossary ()
```

The effect of this procedure is to close the current glossary.

Activate_Glossary_Shortname

Pascal Syntax: procedure Activate_Glossary_Shortname (Name: Char);
C Syntax: void Activate_Glossary_Shortname (LPSTR Name);

VB Syntax: Sub Activate_Glossary_Shortname (ByVal Name As String)

The effect of this procedure is to make the glossary specified by Name active. Name must designate one of the glossaries of the Glossary List by its short name, for example, "Contract" for the glossary Contract.glo.

This procedure has no effect if Name is not the short name of a glossary of the Glossary List or if Instant Text is not currently running.

Activate Glossary Longname

Pascal Syntax: procedure Activate_Glossary_Longname (Name: PChar);

C Syntax: void Activate_Glossary_Longname (LPSTR Name);

VB Syntax: Sub Activate_Glossary_Longname (ByVal Name As String)

The effect of this procedure is to make the glossary specified by Name active. Name must designate the full path name of a glossary of the Glossary List.

This procedure has no effect if Name is not the full path name of a glossary of the Glossary List or if Instant Text is not currently running.

Activate_Glossary_Number

Pascal Syntax: procedure Activate_Glossary_Number (Number: Integer);

C Syntax: void Activate_Glossary_Number (int Number);

VB Syntax: Sub Activate_Glossary_Number (ByVal Number As Integer)

The effect of this procedure is to make the glossary specified by the Number active. The effect is similar to that of the shortcut Ctrl+Number where Number must be an integer position in the range 1 to 8.

This procedure has no effect if there is no open glossary associated with the Number position or if Instant Text is not currently running.

Current_Glossary_Shortname

Pascal Syntax: function Current_Glossary_Shortname: Pchar;

C Syntax: LPSTR Current_Glossary_Shortname();

Returns the short name of the current glossary in the Glossary List. The short name has up to eight letters and does not have an extension.

Returns an empty string if Instant Text is not currently running.

Current_Glossary_Longname

Pascal Syntax: function Current_Glossary_Longname: PChar;
C Syntax: LPSTR Current_Glossary_Longname ();

Returns the full path name of the current glossary in the Glossary List.

Returns an empty string if Instant Text is not currently running.

Current_Glossary_Number

Pascal Syntax: function Current_Glossary_Number: Integer;

C Syntax: int Current_Glossary_Number ();

VB Syntax: Function Current_Glossary_Number As Integer

Returns the position of the current glossary in the Glossary List. The position is a number in the range 1 to 15.

Returns the value zero if Instant Text is not currently running.

Save Active Glossary List

Pascal Syntax: procedure Save_Active_Glossary_List;
C Syntax: void Save_Active_Glossary_List ();
VB Syntax: Sub Save_Active_Glossary_List ()

The effect of this procedure is to save the current glossary list.

This procedure has no effect if Instant Text is not currently running.

View Current Glossary

Pascal Syntax: procedure View_Current_Glossary;
C Syntax: void View_Current_Glossary ();
VB Syntax: Sub View_Current_Glossary ()

The effect of this procedure is to open the Glossary Viewer for the current glossary.

This procedure has no effect if Instant Text is not currently running.

Add_Glossary_Entry

Pascal Syntax: procedure Add_Glossary_Entry (AnEntry: PChar);
C Syntax: void Add_Glossary_Entry (LPSTR AnEntry);

VB Syntax: Sub Add_Glossary_Entry (ByVal AnEntry As String)

The effect of this procedure is to open the Glossary Viewer and the glossary editor with the string AnEntry as the new entry to be added to the current glossary.

Procedures for Application and Editor Interaction

Several procedures are provided to allow Instant Text to interact with an application.

- Link_By_Name is the linking method to be used when linking Instant Text to one of the supported applications. A specialized version is provided for MS Word: Link_To_MS_Word
- 2. Link_Instant_Text is used to communicate to Instant Text the handle of the application that is not a supported application. When Link_Instant_Text is used, the following procedures are also needed:
- 3. Set_Insert_By_Message is used to communicate to Instant Text a message number, which is the message to be issued by Instant Text to insert text. Cancel_Insert_Message cancels the most recent message number.
- 4. Get_Expansion_Text is a function that returns the current expansion text. Get_Expansion_Text will be called by the message handler defined by Set_Insert_By_Message. Get_Expansion_Text is a function that returns the length if the current expansion text. Copy_Expansion_Text is a procedure that copies to the clipboard the current expansion text.
- **5. Set_Backspace_By_Message** is used to communicate to Instant Text a message number, which is the message to be issued by Instant Text to backspace.

Instant Text uses the two messages, the function Get_Expansion_Text, and the procedure Copy_Expansion_Text to send strings to the application.

Link_By_Name

```
Pascal Syntax: procedure Link_By_Name (Name: PChar);
C Syntax: void Link_By_Name (LPSTR Name);
VB Syntax: Sub Link_By_Name (ByVal Name As String)
```

The effect of this procedure is to link an application with Instant Text. The application is specified by a string that is either the title of its main window or the start of this title. If several windows match the given name, one of them is linked.

This procedure has no effect if no window matches the given name or if Instant Text is not currently running.

Link_To_MS_Word

```
Pascal Syntax: procedure Link_To_MS_Word;
C Syntax: void Link_To_MS_Word ();
VB Syntax: Sub Link_To_MS_word ()
```

The effect of this procedure is to link Microsoft Word with Instant Text

This procedure has no effect if Microsoft Word or Instant Text is not currently running.

Link_Instant_Text

Pascal Syntax: function Link_Instant_Text (AHandle: HWnd): Boolean;

C Syntax: BOOL Link_Instant_Text (HWND AHandle);

VB Syntax: Function Link_Instant_Text (ByVal AHandle As Long) As Boolean

The effect of this function is to link an application with Instant Text and communicate the application handle to Instant Text. The application is specified by its handle in the parameter AHandle.

This function returns false and has no other effect if AHandle is not a valid handle or if Instant Text is not currently running. The function returns true otherwise.

Set_Insert_By_Message

Pascal Syntax: procedure Set_Insert_By_Message (AMessage: Integer);

C Syntax: void Set_Insert_By_Message (int AMessage);

VB Syntax: Sub Set_Insert_By_Message (ByVal AMessage As Integer)

The effect of this procedure is to provide Instant Text with a message number to be used for sending text to the application.

This procedure has no effect if Instant Text is not currently running.

Set Backspace By Message

Pascal Syntax: procedure Set_Backspace_By_Message (AMessage: Integer);

C Syntax: void Set_Backspace_By_Message (int AMessage);

VB Syntax: Sub Set_Backspace_By_Message (ByVal AMessage As Integer)

The effect of this procedure is to provide Instant Text with a message number to be used for backspacing.

This procedure has no effect if Instant Text is not currently running.

Cancel Messages

Pascal Syntax: procedure Cancel_Messages;
C Syntax: void Cancel_Messages ();
VB Syntax: Sub Cancel_Messages ()

The effect of this procedure is to cancel insertion by messages.

Get_Expansion_Text

Pascal Syntax: function Get_Expansion_Text: PChar;

C Syntax: LPSTR Get_Expansion_Text();

Returns a string containing the expansion text produced by the last expansion.

This function is intended to be called in the message handler called for text expansion.

Get_Expansion_Length

Pascal Syntax: function Get_Expansion_Length: Integer;

C Syntax: int Get_Expansion_Length ();

VB Syntax: Function Get_Expansion_Length () As Long

Returns the length of the expansion text produced by the last expansion.

This function is intended to be called in the message handler called for text expansion.

Copy_Expansion_Text

Pascal Syntax: procedure Copy_Expansion_Text(AWindow: HWnd; AFormat: UINT);

C Syntax: void Copy_Expansion_Text (hWnd AWindow; UINT AFormat);

VB Syntax: Sub Copy_Expansion_Text (ByVal hWnd As Long, _

ByVal AFormat As Integer)

The effect of this procedure is to copy to the clipboard the expansion text produced by the last expansion.

This procedure is intended to be called in the message handler called for text expansion.

Interaction with MS Word - an example

The short example given below shows how to define macros to start and close Instant Text in Visual Basic for Applications. Then it becomes very simple to include call to these macros in auto macros or to have buttons in a toolbar calling these macros.

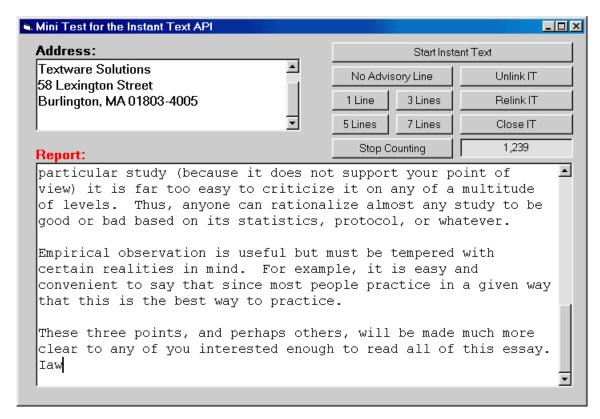
The functions and procedures of the API are first declared in Declare statements. (The path name for the dll should be adapted to the current installation.)

```
DECLARATIONS FOR THE IT API:
   Change the Library path name as needed:
Private Declare Sub Start_Instant_Text Lib "C:\Itxt25.exe\itapidll.dll" ()
Private Declare Sub Restore_Instant_Text Lib "C:\Itxt25.exe\itapidll.dll" ()
Private Declare Sub Link_To_MS_Word Lib "C:\Itxt25.exe\itapidll.dll" ()
Private Declare Function Instant_Text_Running _
            Lib "C:\Itxt25.exe\itapidll.dll" () As Boolean
Private Declare Sub Close_Instant_Text Lib "C:\Itxt25.exe\itapidll.dll" ()
StartInstantText either starts or restores Instant Text and then calls Link To MS Word:
      Macro: StartInstantText
Sub StartInstantText()
    On Error Resume Next
    If Instant_Text_Running Then
        Restore_Instant_Text
    Else
        Start_Instant_Text
    End If
    Link_To_MS_Word
End Sub
CloseInstantText closes Instant Text if it is currently running:
      Macro: CloseInstantText
Sub CloseInstantText()
    On Error Resume Next
    If Instant_Text_Running Then
        Close_Instant_Text
    End If
End Sub
```

Mini Test - A Simple Example of Use of the API - Visual Basic Version

The following example illustrates the use of the API to build a small application that interacts with Instant Text. Mini Test is able to drive Instant Text in several ways:

- Start or close Instant Text with the Start Instant Text and the Close IT buttons. Unlink or relink Mini Test and Instant Text with the Unlink IT and Relink IT buttons.
- As characters are typed in Mini Test, the Instant Text advisories are updated. Here
 after typing "Iaw" the candidate expansion "In accordance with" is proposed and will
 replace "Iaw" when the space bar (or some other marker) is typed.
- Pressing No Advisory Line minimizes Instant Text, while still linked. Pressing the buttons "1 Line" through "7 Lines" resizes the Instant Text advisory.
- The current Glossary is set by Mini Test depending on which editor has the focus. The Address glossary is automatically selected when the focus is on the Address text box, the Contract glossary for the Report text box.
- When the Start Counting button is pressed, the number of character produced is diplayed in the gray editor on the right as typing goes along. The caption of the button is changed to Stop Counting as shown below.





The Visual Basic implementation of Mini Test uses subclassing of the main window to allow the application to receive user-defined messages. This must be done in a separate module - the code cannot be in the form - and it is done here in a module called Minibase.bas

This module starts with the declaration of the Windows API functions CallWindowProc and SetWindowLong which are needed to implement subclassing. The module also contains the global variables Old_WindowProc, MainWindow_Handle, IT_Minimized, Counting, and Character_Count, and several global constants, in particular, the constant Insert_Message and Backspace_Message which define the messages used to communicate with Instant Text.

Attribute VB_Name = "Minibase"

```
WINDOWS FUNCTION DECLARATIONS:
Declare Function CallWindowProc Lib "user32" Alias "CallWindowProcA" _
        (ByVal lpPrevWndFunc As Long, _
         ByVal hWnd As Long, _
         ByVal Msg As Long, _
         ByVal wParam As Long, _
         ByVal lParam As Long) As Long
Declare Function SetWindowLong Lib "user32" Alias "SetWindowLongA" _
        (ByVal hWnd As Long, _
         ByVal nIndex As Long, _
         ByVal dwNewLong As Long) As Long
WINDOWS CONSTANT DECLARATIONS:
Global Const GWL_WNDPROC = -4
Global Const CF\_TEXT = 1
Global Const WM_CHAR = \&H102
Global Const VK_BACK = &H8
Global Const SMTO_BLOCK = &H1
Global Const SMTO ABORTIFHUNG = &H2
Global Const SMTO_ABORTIFHUNG_or_BLOCK = &H3
Global Old_WindowProc As Long
Global MainWindow_Handle As Long
Global Counting As Boolean
Global IT_Minimized As Boolean
Global Character_Count As Long
'WM_USER is &H400 and VB does not allow adding constants:
                                            ' WM_USER + &H100
Global Const Insert_Message = &H500
Global Const Backspace_Message = &H501
                                            ' WM USER + &H101
```

The code for subclassing then follows:

```
SUBCLASSING:
Public Sub Start_Subclassing(ByVal WindowHandle As Long)
    MainWindow_Handle = WindowHandle
    Old_WindowProc = SetWindowLong( _
                        MainWindow_Handle, _
                        GWL_WNDPROC, _
                        AddressOf WindowProc)
End Sub
Public Sub End_Subclassing()
    Dim DummyValue As Long
    DummyValue = SetWindowLong( _
                        MainWindow_Handle, _
                        GWL_WNDPROC, _
                        Old_WindowProc)
End Sub
Function WindowProc(ByVal hw As Long, _
                    ByVal uMsg As Long, _
                    ByVal wParam As Long, _
                    ByVal lParam As Long) As Long
    WindowProc = True
    Select Case uMsg
        Case Insert_Message
            Call MiniTest_form.DoInsert(wParam)
        Case Backspace_Message
            Call MiniTest_form.DoBackSpace(wParam, 1Param)
        Case Else
            WindowProc = _
                CallWindowProc( _
                    Old_WindowProc, _
                    hw, _
                    uMsg, _
                    wParam, _
                    1Param)
    End Select
End Function
END OF MODULE
```

Start_Subclassing establishes WindowProc as the new windows procedure for the application and stores the address of the former windows procedure in the global variable Old_WindowProc

End_Subclassing restores the original windows procedure.

WindowProc processes all messages for the application.

If the message is one of the messages sent by Instant Text the procedures DoInsert or DoBackSpace are called.

Otherwise, the message is passed to the normal windows procedure servicing the application.

The rest of the code is with the form Minitest.frm itself:

```
VERSION 5.00
Begin VB.Form MiniTest_form
  ... form coded omitted ...
End
     First, the declarations of the API functions and procedures
     that are called in the example:
 Private Declare Function SendMessageTimeout& Lib "user32" Alias "SendMessageTimeoutA" _
           (ByVal hWnd As Long, _
            ByVal Msg As Long, _
            ByVal wParam As Long, _
            ByVal lParam As Long, _
            ByVal fuFlags As Long, _
            ByVal uTimeout As Long, _
            ByVal lpdwResult As Long)
  STARTING, LINKING, and CLOSING:
Private Declare Function Instant_Text_Running _
               Lib "C:\InstText\Exe32\itapidll.dll" () As Boolean
Private Declare Sub Start_Instant_Text_Lower _
               Lib "C:\InstText\Exe32\itapidll.dll" (ByVal Lines As Integer)
Private Declare Function Link_Instant_Text _
               Lib "C:\InstText\Exe32\itapidll.dll" (ByVal AHandle As Long) As Boolean
Private Declare Sub Unlink_Instant_Text _
               Lib "C:\InstText\Exe32\itapidll.dll" ()
Private Declare Sub Close_Instant_Text _
               Lib "C:\InstText\Exe32\itapidll.dll" ()
  MINIMIZE and RESTORE:
Private Declare Sub Minimize_Instant_Text _
               Lib "C:\InstText\Exe32\itapidll.dll" ()
Private Declare Sub Restore_Instant_Text _
              Lib "C:\InstText\Exe32\itapidll.dll" ()
  ADVISORY LINES:
·-----
Private Declare Sub Set_Advisory_Lines _
              Lib "C:\InstText\Exe32\itapidll.dll" (ByVal Lines As Integer)
 GLOSSARY HANDLING:
Private Declare Sub Activate_Glossary_Number _
               Lib "C:\InstText\Exe32\itapidll.dll" (ByVal Number As Integer)
```

```
FOR APPLICATION AND EDITOR INTERACTION:
Private Declare Sub Set_Insert_By_Message _
                Lib "C:\InstText\Exe32\itapidll.dll" (ByVal AMessage As Integer)
Private Declare Sub Set_Backspace_By_Message .
                Lib "C:\InstText\Exe32\itapidll.dll" (ByVal AMessage As Integer)
Private Declare Function Get_Expansion_Length .
                 Lib "C:\InstText\Exe32\itapidll.dll" () As Long
Private Declare Sub Copy_Expansion_Text _
                Lib "C:\InstText\Exe32\itapidll.dll" _
                    (ByVal AWindow As Long, _
                     ByVal AFormat As Integer)
  UPON FORM LOAD AND UNLOAD:
Private Sub Form_Load()
    Call Start_Subclassing(hwnd)
                                                                            When the form is loaded,
                                                                            subclassing is established and other
    Counting = False
                                                                            initializations are done.
    Character\_Count = 0
    Count_editor.Text = FormatNumber(Character_Count, 0)
End Sub
Private Sub Form_Unload(Cancel As Integer)
                                                                            Subclassing must be undone at the
   Call End_Subclassing
                                                                            end to allow proper termination.
End Sub
  THE INSERTION PROCEDURES:
Public Sub DoInsert(ByVal wParam As Long)
                                                                            This is the procedure called by
    Call Copy_Expansion_Text(hWnd, CF_TEXT)
                                                                            message whenever Instant Text
                                                                            expands text. The first API call
                                                                            copies the text to the clipboard.
    If Counting Then
                                                                            The second API call, to
        Character_Count = Character_Count + Get_Expansion_Length()
                                                                            Get_Expansion_Length, is used to
        Count_editor.Text = FormatNumber(Character_Count, 0)
                                                                            update the character count.
    If wParam = Address_text.hwnd Then
        Address_text.SelText = Clipboard.GetText()
                                                                            Finally, the text is pasted into the
                                                                            proper editor.
        Report_text.SelText = Clipboard.GetText()
    End If
End Sub
```

```
Public Sub DoBackSpace(ByVal wParam As Long, ByVal lParam As Long)
```

```
Dim Index As Integer
   Dim Backspaces As Long
   Dim Status As Long
   Dim DummyValue As Long
   Backspaces = 1Param
   For Index = 1 To Backspaces
        DummyValue = SendMessageTimeout( _
                        wParam, _
                        WM_CHAR, _
                        VK_BACK, _
                        lParam, _
                        SMTO_ABORTIFHUNG_or_BLOCK, _
                        1000, _
                        Status)
   Next Index
End Sub
  WHEN EDITORS GET OR LOOSE FOCUS:
```

This is the procedure called by message by Instant Text to backspace the short code before doing the expansion.

Note the use of a message with a timeout of one second since this message goes from Mini Test to a different application (Instant Text).

Address:

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```
Private Sub Address_text_GotFocus()
   Address_label.ForeColor = RGB(255, 0, 0)
    If Instant_Text_Running Then
       Activate_Glossary_Number (1)
    End If
End Sub
Private Sub Address_text_LostFocus()
   Address_label.ForeColor = RGB(0, 0, 0)
End Sub
```

Report:

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```
Private Sub Report_text_GotFocus()
   Report_label.ForeColor = RGB(255, 0, 0)
   If Instant_Text_Running Then
      Activate_Glossary_Number (2)
   End If
End Sub
Private Sub Report_text_LostFocus()
   Report_label.ForeColor = RGB(0, 0, 0)
End Sub
```

When the editor gets the focus:

- (1) The Address label is painted red
- (2) The glossary Address is activated and is used while typing in the editor.

When losing focus, the label is colored black again

Similar actions are done for the Report text box.

```
FINALLY, FOR EACH BUTTON:
             Start Instant Text
Private Sub Start_IT_button_Click()
    If Instant_Text_Running Then
        Restore_Instant_Text
    Else
        Start_Instant_Text_Lower (3)
        IT_Minimized = False
    End If
    Link_Instant_Text (hwnd)
    Set_Insert_By_Message (Insert_Message)
    Set_Backspace_By_Message (Backspace_Message)
End Sub
     Close IT
Private Sub Close_button_Click()
    If Instant_Text_Running Then
        Close_Instant_Text
    End If
End Sub
     Unlink IT
Private Sub Unlink_button_Click()
    If Instant_Text_Running Then
        Unlink_Instant_Text
    End If
End Sub
     Relink IT
Private Sub Relink_button_Click()
    If Instant_Text_Running Then
        Link_Instant_Text (hWnd)
    End If
End Sub
    Start Counting
                        Stop Counting
Private Sub Count_button_Click()
    If Counting Then
        Counting = False
        Count_button.Caption = "Start Counting"
    Else
        Counting = True
        Count_button.Caption = "Stop Counting"
        Character\_Count = 0
```

If Instant Text is already running we restore it. Otherwise we start it with 3 advisory lines.

Then we link Mini Test and Instant Text and establish the messages numbers to be used when communicating.

This implement the "toggle" effect. The caption is either Start or Stop.

End If End Sub

Count_editor.Text = FormatNumber(Character_Count, 0)

No Advisory Line

```
Private Sub NoLine_button_Click(Index As Integer)
   If Instant_Text_Running Then
        Minimize_Instant_Text
        IT_Minimized = True
    End If
End Sub
  1 Line
           3 Lines
                     5 Lines
                               7 Lines
Private Sub Line_1_button_Click()
   If Instant_Text_Running Then
        Set_Advisory_Lines (1)
        If IT_Minimized Then
            IT_Minimized = False
            Restore_Instant_Text
        End If
   End If
End Sub
Private Sub Line_3_button_Click()
   If Instant_Text_Running Then
        Set_Advisory_Lines (3)
        If IT_Minimized Then
            IT_Minimized = False
            Restore_Instant_Text
        End If
   End If
End Sub
Private Sub Line_5_button_Click()
   If Instant_Text_Running Then
        Set_Advisory_Lines (5)
        If IT_Minimized Then
            IT_Minimized = False
            Restore_Instant_Text
        End If
   End If
End Sub
Private Sub Line_7_button_Click()
   If Instant_Text_Running Then
        Set_Advisory_Lines (7)
        If IT_Minimized Then
            IT_Minimized = False
            Restore_Instant_Text
        End If
   End If
```

When No Advisory Line is pressed this makes an API call to minimize Instant Text but does not unlink. So text expansion continues.

Each of these methods makes an API call to set the proper number of advisory lines.

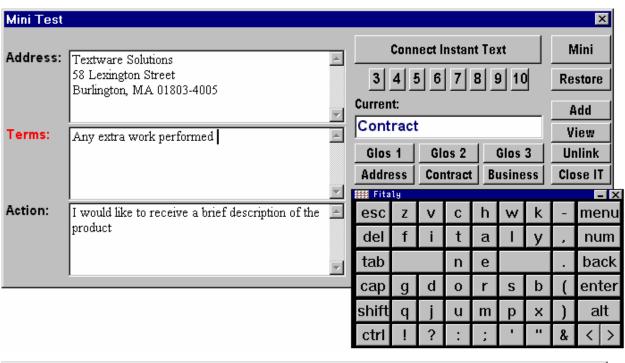
In addition, if Instant Text is minimized, a second API call is made to restore it.

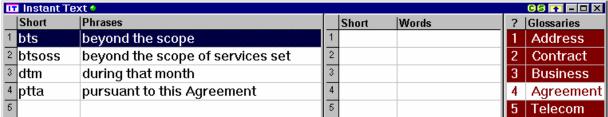
End Sub

Mini Test - A Simple Example of Use of the API - Delphi Version

The following example illustrates the use of the API to build a small Pen-based application that interacts with Instant Text and the Fitaly keyboard. The Fitaly keyboard is overlapped on the Mini Test application and is used to enter characters. Mini Test is able to drive Instant Text in several ways:

- The Connect Instant Text button starts Instant Text. The Mini and Restore buttons can be used to minimize or restore it. Top and Non Top decide whether or not Instant Text is a topmost application.
- The buttons labeled 3 to 10 are used to set the number of advisory lines
- The View button opens the Glossary Viewer and Add opens the glossary editor.
- The current Glossary can be selected by the buttons F2, F3, and F4, as well as the buttons Address, Contract, and Business..
- Tapping in one of the memos also establishes a corresponding glossary and requests that all input from Instant Text be directed to the memo. In the example below, the focus is on Terms and this establishes Contract as the current glossary. The Phrase Advisory shows possible continuations for the phrase "extra work performed". Any of these continuations can be selected with a single tap on the corresponding line.





Mini Test in Delphi

The example given below is programmed as a Delphi application. It includes calls to the functions and procedures of the IT_API dll. To simplify recognition of such calls they are indicated with the full dot notation. For example, IT_API.Restore_Instant_Text.

```
unit Testapi;
interface
usesSysUtils, WinTypes, WinProcs, Messages, Classes, Graphics, Controls,
         Forms, Dialogs, StdCtrls, IT_API;
const Insert_Message
                         = WM_User + $100;
const Backspace_Message = WM_User + $101;
type TAPI_Test = class(TForm)
   Address_label
                                      Terms_label : TLabel;
                                                                  Action_label
                      : TLabel;
                                                                                  : TLabel;
   Address_Edit
                                      Terms_Edit : TMemo;
                                                                  Action_Edit
                      : TMemo;
                                                                                   : TMemo;
   Address
                                                  : TButton;
                                                                  Business
                      : TButton;
                                      Contract
                                                                                   : TButton;
                                      Glos1, Glos2, Glos3 : TButton;
   Start IT
                      : TButton:
   Mini
                      : TButton;
                                      Restore
                                                  : TButton;
   View_Button
                      : TButton;
                                      Add_Button : TButton;
                      : TButton;
                                                  : TButton;
   Size3
                                      Size4
   Size5
                                      Size6
                      : TButton:
                                                  : TButton:
   Size7
                      : TButton;
                                      Size8
                                                  : TButton;
   Size9
                      : TButton;
                                      Size10
                                                  : TButton;
   Current Edit
                      : TEdit;
   procedure FormCreate
                            (Sender: TObject);
                                                      procedure FormDestroy(Sender: TObject);
   procedure Start_IT_click
                                (Sender: TObject);
                               (Sender: TObject);
   procedure View_Button_click
                               (Sender: TObject);
   procedure Add_Button_click
   procedure Address_Edit_click (Sender: TObject);
                               (Sender: TObject);
   procedure Terms_Edit_click
   procedure Action_Edit_click
                               (Sender: TObject);
   procedure Address_click
                                (Sender: TObject);
                                                         procedure Glos_1_Click(Sender: TObject);
   procedure Contract_click
                                                         procedure Glos_2_Click(Sender: TObject);
                               (Sender: TObject);
                               (Sender: TObject);
   procedure Business_click
                                                         procedure Glos_3_Click(Sender: TObject);
   procedure Mini_click
                            (Sender: TObject);
                                                      procedure Restore_click(Sender: TObject);
                                (Sender: TObject);
                                                                              (Sender: TObject);
   procedure Size3_click
                                                         procedure Size4_click
   procedure Size5_click
                               (Sender: TObject);
                                                         procedure Size6_click
                                                                               (Sender: TObject);
                               (Sender: TObject);
   procedure Size7_click
                                                         procedure Size8_click (Sender: Tobject);
   procedure Size9_click
                               (Sender: TObject);
                                                         procedure Size10_click (Sender: TObject);
   ITAPI_library_handle : THandle;
   procedure Link_to_Address;
   procedure Link_to_Terms;
   procedure Link_to_Action;
   procedure Connect_to_IT;
   function Client_Editor_of (AHandle: THandle): TMemo;
public
   procedure DoInsert
                         (var Msg: TMessage); message Insert_Message;
                         (var Msg: TMessage); message Backspace_Message;
   procedure DoBackSpace
end:
var API_Test
                   : TAPI_Test;
```

```
implementation
   uses Clipbrd;
{$R *.DFM}
function TAPI_Test.Client_Editor_of (AHandle: THandle): TMemo;
begin
           AHandle = Terms_Edit.Handle
                                             then
                       Client_Editor_of := Terms_Edit
   else if AHandle = Address_Edit.Handle then
                       Client_Editor_of := Address_Edit
   else
                       Client_Editor_of := Action_Edit;
end;
// The Insertion Procedure:
procedure TAPI_Test.DoInsert (var Msg: TMessage);
                    : PChar;
   var AString
   var Client
                     : TMemo;
begin
   AString := IT_API.Get_Expansion_Text;
   CLIPBRD.Clipboard.SetTextBuf(AString);
   Client := Client_Editor_of (THandle(Msg.WParam));
   Client.PasteFromClipboard;
end;
// The Backspace Procedure:
procedure TAPI_Test.DoBackSpace (var Msg: TMessage);
   var
        Index
                      : Integer;
   var
        Backspaces
                       : Integer;
   var
        Status
                       : DWord;
begin
  Backspaces := Integer(Msg.LParam);
 for Index := 1 to Backspaces do
      SendMessageTimeout(
         THandle(Msg.WParam),
                                             // Window
                                             // Message
         WM_Char,
         WPARAM(VK_Back),
                                             // WParam
                                             // LParam
         LPARAM(1),
                                             // Flags
         SMTO_ABORTIFHUNG or SMTO_BLOCK,
                                             // Timeout
         1000,
                                             // Result
         Status);
end;
// Create and Destroy:
procedure TAPI_Test.FormCreate(Sender: TObject);
   ITAPI_library_handle := LoadLibrary('itapidll.dll');
   if ITAPI_library_handle < 32 then</pre>
         ShowMessage('Loading Instant Text API Failed.');
   Address_Edit. ScrollBars := ssVertical;
   Terms_Edit.
                  ScrollBars := ssVertical:
   Action_Edit. ScrollBars := ssVertical;
   Height := Action_Edit.Height + Terms_Edit.Height
                  + Address_Edit.Height + 2*Start_IT.Height;
  Width := Address_label.width + Address_Edit.width +
              ((9*View_Button.Width) div 2);
end:
procedure TAPI_Test.FormDestroy(Sender: TObject);
begin
   FreeLibrary(ITAPI_library_handle);
end:
```

This is the procedure that will be called by messages issued by Instant Text for insertions.

The insertion procedure calls Client_Editor_of to find out which editor will receive the insertion.

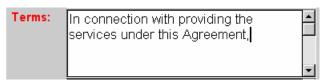
The insertion itself is done here using the clipboard.

This is the procedure that will be called by messages issued by Instant Text for backspaces.

Note the use of a message with timeout since this goes to another application.

```
Address: Textware Solutions
83 Cambridge Street
Burlington, MA 01803-4181
```

```
procedure TAPI_Test.Link_to_Address;
begin
  Address_label.  Font.Color := clRed;
  Terms_label.  Font.Color := clBlack;
  Action_label.  Font.Color := clBlack;
  IT_API.Activate_Glossary_ShortName('Address');
  Current_Edit.Text := IT_API.Current_Glossary_Shortname;
  IT_API.Set_Start_State;
  Address_Edit.SetFocus;
end:
```



```
procedure TAPI_Test.Link_to_Terms;
begin
  Address_label.    Font.Color := clBlack;
  Terms_label.    Font.Color := clRed;
  Action_label.    Font.Color := clBlack;
  IT_API.Activate_Glossary_ShortName('Contract');
  Current_Edit.Text := IT_API.Current_Glossary_Shortname;
  IT_API.Set_Start_State;
  Terms_Edit.SetFocus;
end:
```

When the pen taps on the address memo:

- (1) The Address label is painted red
- (2) The glossary Address is activated and this is reflected in the Current Editor
- (3) The address memo is established as the client editor for Instant Text

Similar actions are done for the Terms memo and the Action memo, with the corresponding glossaries: Contract for Terms and Business for Action.

```
Action:
          I would like to receive
procedure TAPI_Test.Link_to_Action;
begin
   Address_label.
                     Font.Color := clBlack;
   Terms_label.
                     Font.Color := clBlack;
   Action_label.
                     Font.Color := clRed;
   IT_API.Activate_Glossary_ShortName('Business');
   Current_Edit.Text := IT_API.Current_Glossary_Shortname;
   IT_API.Set_Start_State;
   Action_Edit.SetFocus;
end;
// The Click methods:
     Connect Instant Text
procedure TAPI_Test.Start_IT_click(Sender: TObject);
begin
   Connect_to_IT; Link_to_Address;
end:
           Glos 2
                    Glos 3
 Glos 1
procedure TAPI_Test.Glos_1_click(Sender: TObject);
begin
   IT_API.Activate_Glossary_Number(1);
   Current_Edit.Text := IT_API.Current_Glossary_Shortname;
procedure TAPI_Test.Glos_2_click(Sender: TObject);
begin
   IT_API.Activate_Glossary_Number(2);
   Current_Edit.Text := IT_API.Current_Glossary_Shortname;
end:
procedure TAPI_Test.Glos_3_click(Sender: TObject);
   IT_API.Activate_Glossary_Number(3);
   Current_Edit.Text := IT_API.Current_Glossary_Shortname;
end:
Address
         Contract Business
procedure TAPI_Test.Address_click(Sender: TObject);
begin
   IT_API.Activate_Glossary_Shortname('Address');
   Current_Edit.Text := IT_API.Current_Glossary_Shortname;
end:
procedure TAPI_Test.Contract_click(Sender: TObject);
   IT_API.Activate_Glossary_Shortname('Contract');
   Current_Edit.Text := IT_API.Current_Glossary_Shortname;
```

Establishing the current glossary by means of the procedure Activate_Glossary_Key

Then reflecting the change in the current glossary editor

Establishing the current glossary by means of the procedures Activate_Glossary_ShortName and Activate_Glossary_LongName.

Then reflecting the change in the current glossary editor.

end;

```
procedure TAPI_Test.Business_click(Sender: TObject);
begin
  IT_API.Activate_Glossary_Longname('c:\insttext\glossary\business.glo');
   Current_Edit.Text := IT_API.Current_Glossary_Shortname;
end;
// The Click method for the three memos:
procedure TAPI_Test.Address_Edit_click(Sender: TObject);
begin
   Connect_to_IT; Link_to_Address;
end;
procedure TAPI_Test.Terms_Edit_click(Sender: TObject);
begin
   Connect_to_IT; Link_to_Terms;
procedure TAPI_Test.Action_Edit_click(Sender: TObject);
    Connect_to_IT; Link_to_Action;
end:
  Mini
procedure TAPI_Test.Mini_click(Sender: TObject);
begin
   IT_API.Minimize_Instant_Text;
Restore
procedure TAPI_Test.Restore_click(Sender: TObject);
begin
  IT_API.Restore_Instant_Text;
3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
procedure TAPI_Test.Size3_click(Sender: TObject);
begin
   IT_API.Set_Advisory_Lines(3);
end;
procedure TAPI_Test.Size4_click(Sender: TObject);
begin
  IT_API.Set_Advisory_Lines(4);
end:
procedure TAPI_Test.Size5_click(Sender: TObject);
begin
   IT_API.Set_Advisory_Lines(5);
procedure TAPI_Test.Size6_click(Sender: TObject);
begin
  IT_API.Set_Advisory_Lines(6);
procedure TAPI_Test.Size7_click(Sender: TObject);
begin
  IT_API.Set_Advisory_Lines(7);
```

Clicking in any memo connects to Instant Text (if not already started) and links the corresponding memo.

Each of these methods establishes a corresponding number of lines for the Instant text advisories.

```
procedure TAPI_Test.Size8_click(Sender: TObject);
begin
   IT_API.Set_Advisory_Lines(8);
end;
procedure TAPI_Test.Size9_click(Sender: TObject);
begin
   IT_API.Set_Advisory_Lines(9);
end:
procedure TAPI_Test.Size10_click(Sender: TObject);
begin
   IT_API.Set_Advisory_Lines(10);
  View
procedure TAPI_Test.View_Button_click(Sender: TObject);
   IT_API.View_Current_Glossary;
end;
  Add
procedure TAPI_Test.Add_Button_click (Sender: TObject);
  var buffer : array [0..200] of Char;
begin
   StrCopy(buffer, 'Here is a new glossary entry');
   IT_API.Add_Glossary_Entry(buffer);
end;
 Unlink
procedure TAPI_Test.Unlink_Button_click (Sender: TObject);
begin
   IT_API.Unlink_Instant_Text;
Close IT
                                            (Sender: TObject);
procedure TAPI_Test.CloseIT_Button_click
   IT_API.Close_Instant_Text;
end:
end.
```

This method calls

Add_Glossary_Entry with a standard message, but your application can use a similar technique to insert a context-dependent string.

Visual Basic Listing of the API for Instant Text

The functions and procedures available in Visual Basic are listed below. A few functions that return a string have been left out..

```
DECLARATIONS FOR THE IT API:
      The Library path name is indicated here as "IT API dll"
      and should be changed into the actual path.
                                                 Lib "IT API dll" () As Boolean
Lib "IT API dll" ()
Declare Function Instant_Text Lib "IT API dll" ()
Declare Sub Start_Instant_Text Lib "IT API dll" ()
Declare Sub Start_Instant_Text Lib "IT API dll" (ByVal Lines As Integer)
Declare Function Link_Instant_Text Lib "IT API dll" (ByVal AHandle As Long) As Boolean
Lib "IT API dll" (ByVal Name As String)
Declare Function Instant_Text_Running
Declare Sub Unlink_Instant_Text
                                                    Lib "IT API dll" ()
Declare Sub Minimize_Instant_Text
                                                  Lib "IT API dll" ()
Declare Sub Restore_Instant_Text
Declare Sub Set_IT_Lower_Layout
Declare Sub Set_IT_Full_Screen
                                                  Lib "IT API dll" ()
Declare Sub Instant_Text_Top
                                                    Lib "IT API dll" ()
Declare Sub Instant_Text_Nontop
Declare Function Instant_Text_Handle
                                                    Lib "IT API dll" () As Long
Declare Function Get_Advisory_Lines

Lib "IT API dll" () As Integer

Declare Sub Set Advisory Lines
Declare Sub Set_Advisory_Lines
                                                    Lib "IT API dll" (ByVal Lines As Integer)
Declare Sub Set_Start_State
                                                     Lib "IT API dll" ()
Declare Sub Close_Instant_Text
                                                    Lib "IT API dll" ()
'_____
' GLOSSARY HANDLING:
Declare Sub Open_Named_Glossary

Declare Sub View_Current_Glossary

Declare Sub Activate_Glossary_Shortname
Declare Sub Activate_Glossary_Longname
Declare Sub Activate_Glossary_Number

Lib "IT API dll" (ByVal Name As String)

Lib "IT API dll" (ByVal Name As String)

Lib "IT API dll" (ByVal Name As String)

Lib "IT API dll" (ByVal Name As String)
Declare Function Current_Glossary_Number Lib "IT API dll" () As Integer
Declare Sub Save_Active_Glossary_List Lib "IT API dll" ()
' Adding to the Current Glossary:
Declare Sub Add_Glossary_Entry
                                                    Lib "IT API dll" (ByVal AnEntry As String)
' Closing and reopening the Current Glossary:
                                                    Lib "IT API dll" ()
Declare Sub Close_Current_Glossary
Declare Sub Reopen_Current_Glossary
                                                    Lib "IT API dll" ()
' For Application and Editor Interaction:
                                                    Lib "IT API dll" (ByVal AMessage As Integer)
Declare Sub Set_Insert_By_Message
                                                    Lib "IT API dll" ()
Declare Sub Cancel_Messages
                                                     Lib "IT API dll" (ByVal AMessage As Integer)
Declare Sub Set_Backspace_By_Message
                                                    Lib "IT API dll" () As Integer
Declare Function Get_Expansion_Length
Declare Sub Copy_Expansion_Text
                                                    Lib "IT API dll" (ByVal AWindow As Long, _
                                                                            ByVal AFormat As Integer)
```

Pascal Listing of the API

```
unit IT_API;
interface
uses WinTypes;
// Starting and Configuring:
function
            Instant_Text_Running
                                            : Boolean;
           Start_Instant_Text;
procedure
procedure
           Start_Instant_Text_Lower
                                            (Lines
                                                            : Integer);
            Link_Instant_Text
                                            (AHandle
                                                            : Integer): Boolean;
function
procedure
           Link_By_Name
                                            (Name
                                                            : PChar);
procedure
           Link_To_MS_Word;
            Set_Start_State;
procedure
procedure
            Unlink_Instant_Text;
procedure
            Close_Instant_Text;
            Minimize_Instant_Text;
procedure
            Restore_Instant_Text;
procedure
            Set_IT_Lower_Layout;
procedure
           Set_IT_Full_Screen;
procedure
function Instant_Text_Handle
                                            : HWnd;
           Get_IT_Rectangle
                                            (var Rect
                                                        :TRect);
procedure
function
            Get_Advisory_Lines
                                            : Integer;
procedure
           Set_Advisory_Lines
                                            (Lines
                                                            : Integer);
// Glossary Handling:
procedure
           Open_Named_Glossary
                                            (Name
                                                            : PChar);
procedure
           View_Current_Glossary;
procedure
           Activate_Glossary_Shortname
                                            (Name
                                                            : PChar);
procedure
           Activate_Glossary_Longname
                                            (Name
                                                            : PChar);
           Activate_Glossary_Number
procedure
                                            (Number
                                                            : Integer);
           Save_Active_Glossary_List;
procedure
function Current_Glossary_Shortname
                                            : PChar;
function Current_Glossary_Longname
                                            : PChar;
function Current_Glossary_Number
                                            : Integer;
// Adding to the Current Glossary:
           Add_Glossary_Entry
                                                (AnEntry
                                                                : PChar);
// Closing and Reopening the Current Glossary:
           Close_Current_Glossary;
procedure
procedure
           Reopen_Current_Glossary;
// For Application and Editor Interaction:
procedure
            Set_Insert_By_Message
                                                (AMessage
                                                           : Word);
procedure
            Cancel_Messages;
procedure
            Set_Backspace_By_Message
                                                (AMessage
                                                           : Word);
function
            Get_Expansion_Text
                                                : PChar;
procedure
           Copy_Expansion_Text
                                                (AWindow
                                                            : HWnd; AFormat: UINT);
function
            Get_Expansion_Length
                                            : Integer;
end.
```