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Download demo project with source - Things get even more complicated when you want to use serial communication in an MFC based program. The classes provided in the library try to make life a little easier. Its documentation is extensive, because I want to give you a good background. Serial communication is hard and good knowledge of its implementation saves you a lot of work, both now and in the future The classes provided in the library are not the only classes, which handle the serial communication. I tried to make these classes as efficient, reliable and robust as possible, without sacrificing ease of use too much. The library has been developed as a public domain library some time ago, but it has been used in several commercial applications. I think most bugs have been solved, but unfortunately I cannot guarantee that there are no bugs left. If you find one or correct a bug , please inform me so I can update the library. Why is serial communication that hard? Some problems are solved in this library, but some others cannot be solved by a library. Baudrates, parity, databits, handshaking, etc Serial communication uses different formats to transmit data on the wire. Unfortunately, no class can help you with these problems. The only way to cope with this is that you understand what these settings are all about. Handshaking is being used to control the amount of data that can be transmitted. This process of controlling the transmission of data is called handshaking and there are basically three forms of handshaking: No handshaking, so data is always send even if the receiver cannot handle the data anymore. This can lead to data loss, when the sender is able to transmit data faster then the receiver can handle. This mode requires that both ports and the cable support hardware handshaking. Hardware handshaking is the most reliable and efficient form of handshaking available, but is hardware dependant. Make sure you have a proper cable, which is fully wired. There are a lot of wrong cables around, so make sure you use the right one. A major drawback of this method is that these characters cannot be used for data anymore. This makes software handshaking pretty useless, when you want to send binary data. Problems with handshaking are pretty hard to find, because it will often only fail in cases where buffers overflow. These types of handshaking are rarely used, so it would probably only complicate the classes. If you do need these handshaking options, then you can use the Win32 API to do that and still use the classes provided by the library. Win32 provides asynchronous function calls also known as overlapped operations to circumvent these problems. Asynchronous programming is often an excellent way to increase performance, but it certainly increases complexity as well. This complexity is the reason that a lot of programs have bugs in their serial communication routines. The basic rule is simple All events are send using a windows message, so you need at least one window to receive the events. Most GUI applications are single-threaded which is often the best solution to avoid a lot of complexity and they use the following piece of code in the WinMain function to process all messages: It would be easier for GUI applications that the Win32 API posted a message to a window when a communication event occurred this is exactly what the bit implementation looked like. If you implement your own message-pump, you can use the `MsgWaitForMultipleObjects` to wait for a windows message or a windows object to become signaled. The following piece of code demonstrates how to do this it assumes that the event handle that is being used for asynchronous events is stored in the variable `hevCommEvent`: The message pump is normally in one of the main modules of your program. The handle is probably not even valid at all times, which can cause problems of its own. This solution is therefore not recommended. MFC and OWL programmers cannot implement this at all, because these frameworks already their own message pumps. You might be able to override that message pump, but it probably requires a lot of tricky code and undocumented tricks. How can we solve this problem for these types of applications? The answer is in the `CSerialWnd` class, which posts a message to a window both the message and window can be specified by the programmer whenever a serial event occurs. This makes using a serial port in GUI based

applications much easier. This library cannot perform magic, so how can it send messages without blocking the message pump? The answer is pretty simple. It uses a separate thread, which waits on communication events. If such an event occurs, it will notify the appropriate window. This is a very common approach, which is used by a lot of other serial libraries. Which class you should use in your code The current implementation contains four different classes, which all have their own purpose. The following three classes are available. It is a lot easier to use, because it combines all relevant calls in one single class. It allows the programmer to mix overlapped and non-overlapped calls, provides reasonable default settings, better readability, etc, etc. CSerialEx adds an additional thread to the serial class, which can be used to handle the serial events. This releases the main GUI thread from the serial burden. The main disadvantage of this class is that it introduces threading to your architecture, which might be hard for some people. CSerialWnd fits in the Windows event driven model. Whenever a communication event occurs a message is posted to the owner window, which can process the event. You can use blocking calls the easiest solution or one of the synchronization functions i. WaitForMultipleObjects to wait for communication events. The CSerialEx adds another thread to the serial object. This frees the main thread from blocking, when waiting for serial events. These events are received in the context of this worker thread, so the programmer needs to know the impact of multi-threading. If all processing can be done in this thread, then this is a pretty efficient solution. You need some kind of thread synchronization, when you need to communicate with the main GUI thread i. GUI applications, which want to use the event-driven programming model for serial communications should use CSerialWnd. It is a little less efficient, but the performance degradation is minimal if you read the port efficiently. Because it fits perfectly in the event-driven paradigm the slight performance degradation is a minimal sacrifice. As long as you know what the impact is of blocking the message pump, you can decide for yourself if it is acceptable in your case could be fine for testing. Because this wrapper is very thin you can also choose to use CSerialWnd directly. Using the serial classes in your program Using the serial classes can be divided into several parts. First you need to open the serial port, then you set the appropriate baudrate, databits, handshaking, etc This is pretty straightforward. The tricky part is actually transmitting and receiving the data, which will probably cause the most time to implement. The implementation is very straightforward and looks like this there is no error checking here for simplicity, it is there in the actual project: All classes depend on the Win32 API, so make sure that you have included them as well. So far about the header-files. The interesting part is inside the main routine. At the top we declare the serial variable, which represents exactly one COM port. Before you can use it, you need to open the port. Besides specifying the COM port, you can also specify the input and output buffer sizes. If you need larger buffers, then specify them yourself. Setting up the serial port is also pretty straightforward. Call Setup if these settings do not apply for your application. If you prefer to use integers instead of the enumerated types then just cast the integer to the required type. So the following two initializations are equivalent: EStop1 ; Setup CSerial:: EBaudrate , CSerial:: EDataBits 8 , CSerial:: So make sure that you specify the appropriate values. Once you know which type of handshaking you need, then just call SetupHandshaking with one of the appropriate handshaking. Writing data is also very easy. Just call the Write method and supply a string. The Write routine will detect how long the string is and send these bytes across the cable. If there is no other side, then you might block forever at this point. Finally, the port is closed and the program exits. The more interesting programs will be discussed later.

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Jack Reacher is the lead character and the protagonist in the series of books by British author Jim Grant who writes under the pseudonym of Lee Child. The books in the series follows Reacher as he goes through a number of exploits in his world. One of his early novels in fact the first that has gotten outstanding acclaim is the Killing Floor. In his debut Reacher novel, in , Child won the Barry award for the book of the year, and also the Anthony award for literary work. This book wowed readers and critics alike. Child is the author of 17 novels featuring the character of Reacher and goes on to detail his exploits in several books that detail the title character, drifter and assumed possible low life Reacher. The Jack Reacher books are well written, gripping, and allow individuals to identify with the title character. There are many ways to enjoy a good book and the action of Reacher allows you to do so. The books have continued to attract a certain segment of the population that enjoy mystery and adventure stories. These are quality books by a quality author. The Killing Floor details the story of a ex military policeman and a drifter by the name of Jack Reacher. Reacher is just passing through a town by the name of Margrave, Georgia to find out information about a musician by the name of Blind Blake, and finds himself arrested for murder in less than an hour. Reacher is quite aware he did not kill anybody. The detective finds the phone number of a man named Hubble in the shoe of the dead man. Both Reacher and the next defendant Hubble are arrested for murder, and sent to the state prison. While in prison Reacher meets Roscoe a female police officer who helps with the two individuals defense. As Reacher alone is not about to convince anyone in Margrave, Georgia of his innocence. The book details some of the exploits of Reacher as he tries to convince an unwilling populace that he is not guilty of the crime he is accused of committing. There are other characters that feature prominently in the novel as well. Some of the other characters of note that are part of the plot in the Killing Floor include Chief Morrison and his wife who also are murder victims. There is also a multi billion dollar counterfeiting ring that comes in play in the action of this award winning book. There are other sorts of interesting plot twists within this novel that many people will read. Use this story for a great summer read and enjoy the time to delve into this exciting and powerfully written novel. All of them have been well regarded and well read. This book is something that you can find and take advantage of when you are looking for classic mysteries. This is one great read, and the Jack Reacher story The Killing Floor is a real page turner as literary critics and readers both agree. The second Reacher novel to hit the scene was Die Trying. Although, the first novel the Killing Floor was widely acclaimed it did fall party to some critics who stated that the character of Jack Reacher was an unconvincing protagonist. Child attempted to address some of those concerns, in the second novel, lathough he largely paid no heed to the voices of the critics. The second novel may be one of the attempts to get the support of both readers and the voices of the critics. In the second novel the ex military policeman Reacher is walking by a Chicago dry cleaner when an FBI agent also attractive and young, by the name of Holly comes by carrying some large packages. Holly is also the daughter of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Only Reacher has the complex finely honed instincts to foil the kidnapping plot, and to see beyond the complex deadly plan of the Montana militia group that has kidnapped him and this young woman. The leader of the military group is a dangerous and charismatic leader who has some brutal action planned for both the kidnapped, and ruthless plans for the United States as a whole. This is a thrilling novel that has numerous plot twists to keep the reader entertained. This novel is one of the things that you can look forward to when you are looking to find novels that have great stories and the great action that you need to stay involved This novel is one that will thrill the individual. It is one that makes a great summer time read. Readers will be stunned by the action with Die Trying when they decide to read this novel. His military training comes in handy within these novels. Read both of these novels as an introduction to the Jack Reacher character, and you may find that you wish to read more. These are some of the amazing novels by Child and can really be interesting and easy to find. Jack Reacher is back!

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