

# Demo Script: DevCon 2024

Create repo: M:\Repos\NLS\DevCon2024\.hg\

Open twinBASIC > **Sample 4**




Save as: M:\Repos\NLS\DevCon2024\DevCon2024.twinproj (in repository folder)

Ignore \*.twinproj files in repository:

[.hgignore](#)

```
syntax: glob
*.twinproj
```

## Set Export Path for Version Control

1. Ensure a clean repository with initial commit of .hgignore
2. **Project > Project Settings...**
3. Search for "export"
4. Check box next to "☒ Project: Export Path"
5. Enter text: \${SourcePath}\Source
  - *This will save the twinBASIC source files to a subfolder named "Source" in the same folder as the .twinproj file itself*
6. Check box next to "☒ Project: Export After Save" and set value in dropdown to **Yes**
7. Click [Save Changes]
8. **File > Export Project...** to force an initial export
9. In TortoiseHg, commit with the following message: `initial export from twinBASIC IDE`
  - The commit will include over 1,000 files; this is expected
  - Most of the committed files come from referenced packages; that's ok
  -  **Remember**, "Anything that can lead to a bug in our software belongs in version control."

## Test Build From Source in Empty Folder

1. Create a new folder: %tmp%\DevConClone\
2. Clone the repository into this folder: `hg clone --verbose ssh://opal//home/gb/repos/devcon2024/ "C:\Users\Mike\AppData\Local\Temp\DevConClone"`
3. Open a new instance of twinBASIC
4. In the `_` New `_` tab, click [Import from folder...] then [Open]

5. Enter folder name: %tmp%\DevConClone\Source then [OK]
6. **File > Save Project As...** > %tmp%\DevConClone\DevCon2024.twinproj > [Save]
7. Make any small change to a project file
8. Save the project
9. Commit the change and push to Opalstack

## Test Build From Source for an Existing Project

The twinBASIC IDE appears to currently lack a "Build from Source" method that will overwrite the current .twinproj file with the contents of the "Project: Export Path" setting. As a result, we must use this multi-step workaround:

1. In the original repository (M:\Repos\NLS\DevCon2024), pull changes from Opalstack
2. Open a new twinBASIC instance OR go to **File > New Project...**
3. In the `_ | New |` tab, click [Import from folder...] then [Open]
4. For folder, enter M:\Repos\NLS\DevCon2024\Source then click [OK]
5. Go to **File > Save As...**
6. Save project as M:\Repos\NLS\DevCon2024\DevCon2024.twinproj
7. Click [Yes] when asked to replace the existing file
8. Confirm that the project successfully built from source:
  1. Go to **File > Export Project...** to force a full export of the source files
  2. Verify that new "Last Modified" dates have been created in  
M:\Repos\NLS\DevCon2024\Source\
    3. Verify that there are no pending changes in the repository

## Create the Tool Window Controls

1. Open myToolWindow.tbcontrol
2. Select all controls and delete them
3. Select form and set the following properties:
  - Height: 1700
  - Width: 2550
4. Create a text box and set the following properties:
  - Name: tbObjName
  - Anchors > Right: ☒ True
  - Height: 300
  - Left: 150
  - Text: {blank}
  - TextHint: Object Class Name
  - Top: 150
  - Width: 2250
5. Create a text box and set the following properties:
  - Name: tbCollName
  - Anchors > Right: ☒ True
  - Height: 300

- Left: 150
  - Text: *{blank}*
  - TextHint: Collection Class Name
  - Top: 600
  - Width: 2250
6. Create a button and set the following properties:
- Name: btnCreateClass
  - Anchors > Right: ☒ True
  - Caption: Create Collection Class
  - Height: 450
  - Left: 150
  - Top: 1050
  - Width: 2250

## Edit the Code in myToolWindow.twin

1. Delete the Timer1\_Timer() and HelloWorld\_Click() subroutines
2. Add a Click event handler for btnCreateClass using the code below

```
Private Sub btnCreateClass_Click()
    MsgBox "Object class name: " & Me.tbObjName.Text & vbNewLine & _
        "Collection class name: " & Me.tbCollName.Text, vbInformation,
    "Create Class"
End Sub
```

## Build and Test the Addin on Same Machine

The following instructions assume a machine with 32-bit Office (e.g., mjw20):

1. Ensure "**win32**" is selected in dropdown
2. **File > Build**
  - Creates and registers this file:  
M:\Repos\NLS\DevCon2024\Build\DevCon2024\_win32.dll
  - As part of registration, the following registry key and values are created:
    - HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\VBA\VBE\6.0\Addins\DevCon2024.myAddIn\
      - Description: "DevCon2024"
      - FriendlyName: "DevCon2024"
      - LoadBehavior: 3 (3 => [Loaded/Load at startup](#))
    - HKEY\_CLASSES\_ROOT\DevCon2024.myAddIn\CLSID
      - (Default): {9B80DA6E-8B20-4D53-AE54-430ACFAE987B} (this matches the [ClassID()] attribute value above the myAddIn class in myAddIn.twin)
    - HKEY\_CLASSES\_ROOT\DevCon2024.myToolWindow\CLSID
      - (Default): {D531346A-90B8-470D-AA33-FB009F19CEFD} (this matches the

*[ClassID()] attribute value above the myToolWindow class in myToolWindow.twin)*



- HKEY\_CLASSES\_ROOT\CLSID\{9B80DA6E-8B20-4D53-AE54-430ACFAE987B}
  - (Default): myAddIn
  - \InProcServer32
    - (Default):
 

M:\Repos\NLS\DevCon2024\Build\DevCon2024\_win64.dll (**NOTE:** The presence of win64.dll here is likely a result of running the win64 build as shown in the next section)
    - ThreadingModel: Both
  - \ProgID
    - (Default): DevCon2024.myAddIn



◦ DEBUG CONSOLE should show this:

- [LINKER] SUCCESS created output file  
'M:\Repos\NLS\DevCon2024\Build\DevCon2024\_win32.dll'
- [LINKER] → Open Folder (**NOTE:** this is a clickable link)
- [REGISTER] type-library registration completed. DllRegisterServer() returned OK

3. Open Excel or Access

4. Press [Alt] + [F11] to go to VBA IDE

5. Tool window will likely be floating; click and drag to dock it somewhere:



6. Enter Obj Name in the first text box, Coll Name in the second text box, then click [Create Collection Class]






## Build and Test the Addin on a Different Machine and Bitness

The following instructions assume you are building on a machine with 32-bit Office (mjw20), but installing on a machine with 64-bit Office (e.g., gbm18):

1. Ensure "**win64**" is selected in dropdown
2. **File > Build**
3. I copied M:\Repos\NLS\DevCon2024\Build\DevCon2024\_win64.dll to  
%fb%\12114\DevCon2024\_win64.dll (I will test registering it tomorrow on gbm18)
4. Open a non-admin cmd prompt
5. Run: regsvr32 DevCon2024\_win64.dll
  - Receive message: "DllRegisterServer in DevCon2024\_win64.dll succeeded."
6. Open Word (or Excel) - The add-in appears.

## Copy and Paste Working VBA Code into twinBASIC

1. Add a standard code module named "MyModule":
  1. Right-click Sources > **Add > Add Module (.TWIN supporting Unicode)**

2. Go to  [Strongly-Typed Collections: The Easy Way](#)
  1. Copy and paste the  [GetGuidBasedTempPath](#) code
  2. Copy and paste the  [FileWrite](#) code
3. Handle "Unrecognized datatype symbol 'Scripting'" error in DIAGNOSTICS pane:
  1. Go to **Project > References**
  2. Switch to "Available COM References" tab
  3. Search for "script" and then click the "Microsoft Scripting Runtime" reference
  4. Click [Save Changes]

## Add fafalone's WinDevLib Package for API Calls

1. **Project > References...**
2. Switch to "Available Packages" tab
3. Search for "windows"
4. Check box next to "☒ Windows Development Library for twinBASIC vX.Y.ZZZ"
  - The package will immediately begin downloading in the background
  - When the download finishes, the name will change to "☒ [IMPORTED] Windows Development Library for twinBASIC vX.Y.ZZZ"
  - NOTE: "[WinDevLib for Implements](#)" is a different package
5. Click [Save Changes]
6. Comment out (or delete) API `Declare` lines throughout the project
  - Be aware that if you used non-standard `Alias` names, you may need to adjust your API calls to match the standard versions used in WinDevLib
  - **myAddIn.twin:**
    - Delete Private Type RECT structure
    - Delete GetClientRect() function declare
  - **InterProcess.twin:**
    - Delete GetCurrentProcessId() function declare line...
    - ...through Type UUID structure
  - **MyModule.twin:**
    - Delete Sleep sub declare
    - Comment out CoCreateGuid function declare and highlight the failure to compile due to the stricter typing of id As UUID in WinDevLib versus id As Any in my code
    - Uncomment the CoCreateGuid function to show that explicit API declares override the WinDevLib versions
7. Pass Unicode strings directly to API declare functions
  - Most string-related API functions have ANSI and Unicode versions ("A" and "W" for "ANSI" and "Wide", respectively)
  - Lots of legacy VB6/VBA code use the ANSI version of API functions
  - WinDevLib [encourages the use of Unicode versions](#) by default
  - This means that code that passes input strings to API functions may require wrapping the string in `StrPtr()` (or removing `StrPtr()`) from your existing code
  - ☐ Remove StrPtr() from calls to FindWindowEx() in InterProcess.callerApplicationObject
  - ☐ Convert final argument from 0& to vbNullString for calls to FindWindowEx() in InterProcess.callerApplicationObject

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