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Mapping the Office Binder Object Library: OfficeBinder 1.0

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Abstract

This article consists primarily of a graphic map of the Microsoft® Binder Object Library (OfficeBinder) showing its properties, methods, and child object. This object allows different documents to be bound together in a binder. Any Visual Basic®-based language (Access Basic, Visual Basic, and Visual Basic for Applications) and Visual C can access the OfficeBinder object.

The OfficeBinder Object

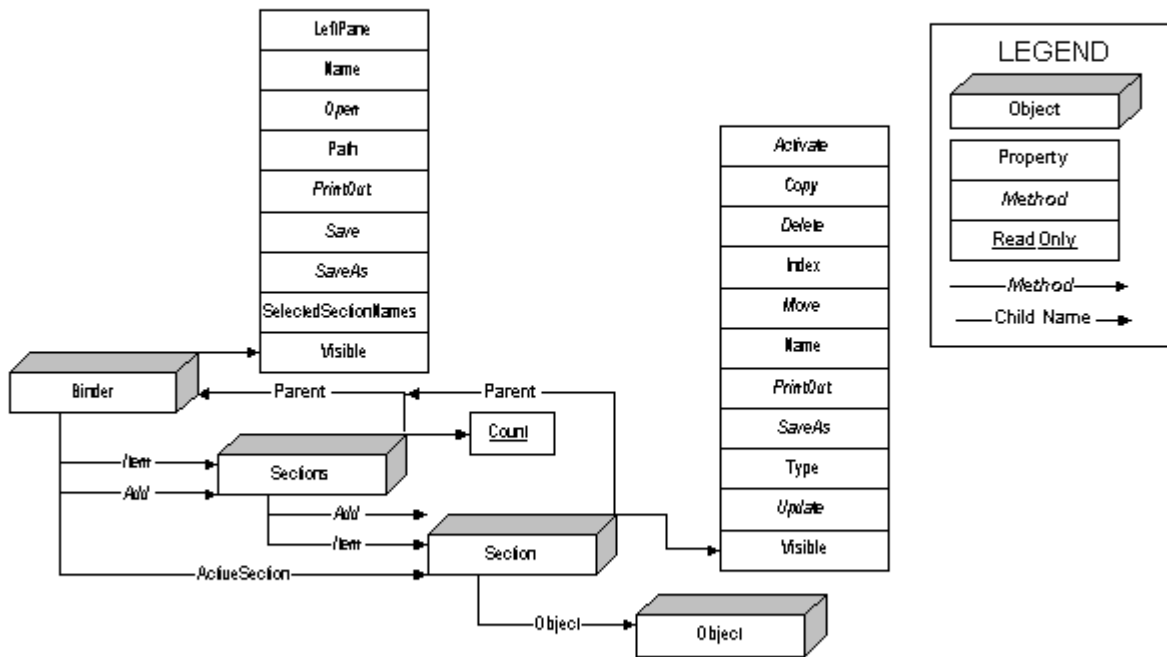
The Microsoft® Binder Object Library enables the developer to manipulate the binder, which is a container for multiple documents. The binder is part of Microsoft Office 95.

The Office Binder object (OfficeBinder) is accessible from Visual C and from many Visual Basic for Application-based products. These include Microsoft Excel version 5.0 and higher, Microsoft Access 95, Visual Basic® version 4.0, Microsoft Project, and Visual C++™ version 4.0. For further information on using this object, see the Microsoft Office product documentation and search the Development Library CD. A good starting point is my article "Using Microsoft OLE Automation Servers to Develop Solutions."

Figure 1 (below) shows the relationship between objects as described by the Object Browser built into Visual Basic for Applications and online Help files for Microsoft Office. A map is a good learning aid and a quick reference when developing an application. After producing a map, I found that it was easy to work with the object: I just post the appropriate map on my wall for quick reference, which is a lot faster than clicking objects in a Help file one by one to discover their properties and methods.

I have included the two most common graphics formats—encapsulated PostScript™ (.EPS) and Windows® metafile (.WMF)—as well as a copy of my original Shapeware® Visio™ version 4.0 file (.VSD). The first two formats can be printed across multiple pages using any of the commercial graphics applications—such as Adobe™ PageMaker™, Corel® Draw, or Microsoft Publisher—or using Microsoft Excel. The original Visio file is included for those who have a copy of Visio and wish to modify the diagram easily.

Office Binder Object Library - Extended View OfficeBinder



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Figure 1. OfficeBinder, the Office Binder Object

Object Definitions

The objects and collections in Figure 1 are defined in Table 1. The objects are listed in the same sequence as they appear in the map.

Table 1. Object and Collection Definitions

Object or Collection	Definition
Binder object	This object represents a Microsoft Office binder, a file containing different documents.
Sections collection	This collection contains all the sections in the binder.
Section object	This object represents a part of a single document and represents a section in a binder.

Bibliography

Lassenen, Ken. "Using Microsoft OLE Automation Servers to Develop Solutions." (MSDN Library, Technical Articles, Visual Basic Articles)

"Microsoft Office Binder Visual Basic Reference" (VBA_BIN.HLP) is installed with Microsoft Office 95.

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