

# HOW TO DEVELOP WINDOWS SERVICES

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## 1. Introduction

There are many application that running in background and perform some actions, e.g. dial-up host, SMS server, data replicator, web server, etc. Such application does not need any user control, it need just execute. A console application is the most suitable in old *Windows 95/98/ME* system. Good example of such application is port of *Apache* web server for Windows. The Apache is common exe file running in console window. It doesn't need any user input (except `Ctrl+C` to kill) and all the configuration is controlled via command line or configuration file.

The console application is supported also in *Windows NT*, of course. But what is the main difference – multi-user environment. If a machine is dedicated as server where is permanently logged a user, console application is acceptable. If is required better security and transparent behavior, *NT service* is the best solution. Why not, but it requires two different application and two development processes, double debugging, double debugging? No, let's demonstrate how to group console application and *NT service* in one executable.

### 1.1. *NT service*

- cannot write anything to standard output (*Write* function), otherwise raises exception
- service is installed into *Service Manager*
- it's impossible obtain application status (except running, paused, stopped) via Service Manager
- Service manager can start, stop, pause and continue service manually or automatically
- service is running under "*LocalSystem*" account unless is explicitly specified other account
- service is running even no user is logged to desktop
- debugging in IDE is difficult

### 1.2. *Console application*

- all user output is targeted to console (*OEM* code page, not GUI *ANSI* one)
- only one "resident" instance of application is acceptable
- user can control service via second non-resident instance
- console output is possible
- application appears at taskbar
- help is welcome

### 1.3. *Windows 9x/ME*

- *NT service* is not supported

### 1.4. *Windows NT/2000/XP*

- there is strong security control

Note that "service" is called application supporting dual interface and "*NT service*" is native *Windows NT/2000/XP* service.

### 1.5. Delphi

Delphi compiler support developing the *NT services* using *TServiceApplication* and *TService* classes. But *Delphi* approach does not support dual interface and brings very much of overhead. I show how to write lightweight dual interface service application using *Windows API* function. Even example application is written in *Delphi* it is very easy to port to another compiler since only native *API* functions are used.

## 2. Dual service

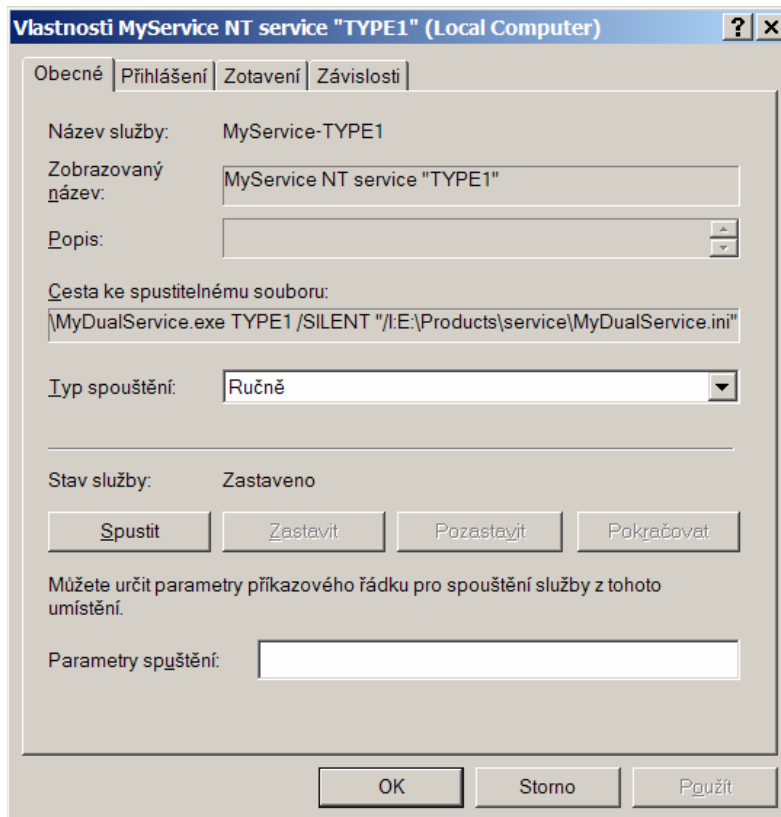
### 2.1. Installation

The *NT service* must be installed to NT service list managed by the *Service Manager*. Application supports self installation using `/INSTALL` and uninstallation using `/UNINSTALL` switch. If the *NT service* should be executed automatically it necessary change kind of execution in service properties dialog from *Manually* to *Automatically*.

```
mydualservice TYPE1 /INSTALL
```

Název	Popis	Stav	Typ spouštění	Účet pro přihlášení
MS Software Shadow Copy Provider	Spra...		Ručně	Local System
MSSQLServer			Ručně	Local System
MyService NT service "TYPE1"			Ručně	Local System
MySql		Spušt...	Automaticky	Local System

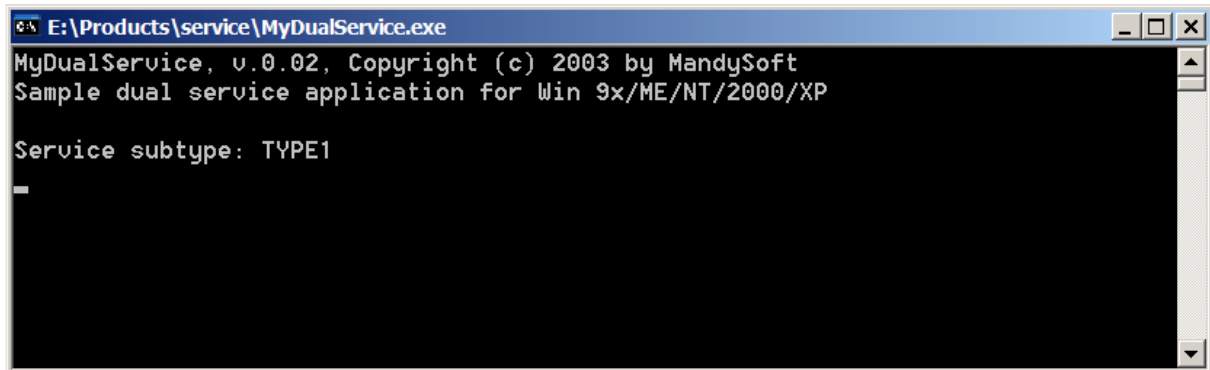
Properties dialog of *MyService NTservice "TYPE1"*. Note that `/SILENT` and `/I:config` switches were automatically added to path.



## 2.2. Execution

The service application should be running as invisibly as possible without user interaction. It does not support any direct user input and output is redirected to log file (or to console). User can control some behavior using either using the Service Manager or using a published *file mapping* structure. The file mapping is Windows inter-process communication standard supported on all Windows platforms using API functions.

Service running as command line application (`mydualservice TYPE1`). Note that `Ctrl+C` will terminate the service.



```
E:\Products\service\MyDualService.exe
MyDualService, v.0.02, Copyright (c) 2003 by MandySoft
Sample dual service application for Win 9x/ME/NT/2000/XP

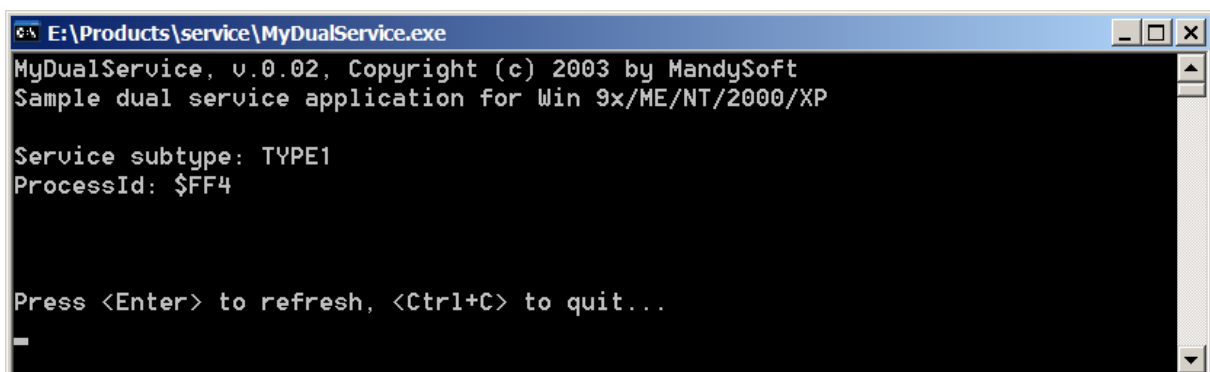
Service subtype: TYPE1
-
```

## 2.3. Status

Using the Service Manager unified interface user can only start, stop, pause or continue a NT service. The file mapping provides in addition also process id, state, custom statistics, etc. The file mapping method can be used from user level via second instance of command line application. The second instance attaches to file mapping record created by running service application (does not matter if running as NT service or command line application) and control its behavior – it can start, stop, pause or continue service similar way as in service manager, it can also display custom statistics. The file mapping record may be mapped to real file using parameter `/F`. This function does work in *Windows 98* but in *Windows XP* it's not possible open such file probably due to insufficient rights or exclusive access.

Such instance can even control service running as NT service. Service state changed using command line application will take effect in service manager (after refreshing using `F5` key).

Second instance asks for service status (`mydualservice TYPE1 /STATUS`). Note there is no custom statistics implemented in demo application.



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Sample dual service application for Win 9x/ME/NT/2000/XP

Service subtype: TYPE1
ProcessId: $FF4

Press <Enter> to refresh, <Ctrl+C> to quit...
-
```

Note that Windows security info may be banned by security manager hence `/SECURITY` switch may not work properly (Win32 Error: Code: 5).

### 2.4. SubType

One service executable can implement more services, each service is identified by *SubType* and can be installed only once to the Service Manager NT service list. So if for example is to be developed service for controlling five GSM modems connected to 5 serial port it's necessary write either a service that in one instance will open 5 serial ports or a service that will as a *SubType* will take port identifier and will be installed 5 times in the Service Manager list.

```
mydualservice COM1 /INSTALL
...
mydualservice COM5 /INSTALL
```

Název ▲	Popis	Stav	Typ spouštění	Účet pro přihlášení
MSSQLServer			Ručně	Local System
MyService NT service "COM1"			Ručně	Local System
MyService NT service "COM2"			Ručně	Local System
MyService NT service "COM3"			Ručně	Local System
MyService NT service "COM4"			Ručně	Local System
MyService NT service "COM5"			Ručně	Local System
MySql		Spušt...	Automaticky	Local System

## 3. Source code

Complete application source can be found at <http://www.2p.cz/download/>. Source code is commented thoroughly.

### 3.1. MyDualService.dpr

```
program MyDualService;
{$APPTYPE CONSOLE} // it says to Delphi that it's console application (no GUI)
uses
  ComObj,
  Classes,
  SysUtils,
  AuxProj, // helper for common tasks (INI file, ...)
  CmdLine, // helper for command line
  Windows,
  { AclApi, { there are errors in Borland's AclApi.H header translation,
    due to static linking to ACLAPI.DLL the DLL is required in system.
    But ACLAPI.DLL is not presented in Windows 9x/ME systems.
    To use ACLAPI.DLL use LoadLibrary function and own function headers }
  AccCtrl,
  Messages,
  SvcMgr,
  WinSvc,
  Math,
  dm_Service in 'dm_Service.pas' {ServiceDM: TDataModule}; // to this module is
encapsulated all service functionality

const
  ServiceName = 'MyService'; // unique service name used for unique objects - file
mapping, service identifier etc. }
```

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```
type
{ structure for interprocess communication }
  TMappingRecord = record
    Terminate: Boolean; // service to be terminated
    Pause: Boolean; // service to be paused
    Reset: Byte; // to be reset statistics
    ProcessId: DWORD; // id of "resident" application
    Status: array[0..1024] of Char; // human readable service status
  end;

var
  MappingRecord: TMappingRecord;
  FileMapping: THandle; // handle of shared file mapping
  ServiceStatus: TServiceStatus; // current service status (paused, running, etc.)
  ServiceStatusHandle: SERVICE_STATUS_HANDLE;
  SvcMachine: PChar;

// if a Windows API returns a error code, RaiseLastWin32Error translates it to an
exception
procedure _RaiseLastWin32Error(aFunc: string);
begin
  try
    RaiseLastWin32Error; // RaiseLastOSError;
  except
    on E: Exception do
      begin
        E.Message:= aFunc+' : '+E.Message;
        raise;
      end;
    end;
end;

// ANSI to OEM conversion, console application uses OEM code page
function CP(const S: string): string;
var
  Buff: array[1..2048] of Char;
begin
  FillChar(Buff, SizeOf(Buff), 0);
  CharToOEMBuff(PChar(S), @Buff, Min(SizeOf(Buff)-1, Length(S)));
  Result:= StrPas(@Buff);
end;

// write message to terminal unless running as service that has mandatory /SILENT
command line switch
procedure Write2(const S: string);
var
  D: DWORD;
  S2: string;
  H: THandle;
begin
  if not IsThereCmd('SILENT', clUppcase) then
    Write(CP(S));
  S2:= '';
  if GetCmdString('O:', clUppcase or clValueCase, S2) then
    begin
      if S2<>' ' then
        begin
          H:= CreateFile(PChar(S2), GENERIC_READ or GENERIC_WRITE, FILE_SHARE_READ or
FILE_SHARE_WRITE {or FILE_SHARE_DELETE...NTOnly}, nil, OPEN_ALWAYS,
FILE_ATTRIBUTE_NORMAL, 0);
```

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```
    try
      if H <> INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE then
        begin
          SetFilePointer(H, 0, nil, FILE_END);
          WriteFile(H, S[1], Length(S), D, nil);
        end;
      finally
        CloseHandle(H);
      end;
    end;
  end;
end;

procedure WriteLn2(const S: string);
begin
  Write2(S+#13#10);
end;

// install/uninstall service to/from list of available services
procedure InstallService(aInstall: Boolean);
var
  SvcMgr, Svc: Integer;
  Path, S1, S2: string;
  P1, P2: PChar;

  function AddPar(aPar: string): string;
  begin
    Result:= '';
    GetCmdString(aPar+':', clUppercase or clValueCase, Result);
    if Result <> '' then
      Result:= ' /'+aPar+':'+Result+'';
    end;
  end;
resourcestring
  sServiceDisplayName = ServiceName+' NT service "%s"';
begin
  SvcMgr := OpenSCManager(SvcMachine, nil, SC_MANAGER_ALL_ACCESS);
  if SvcMgr = 0 then
    _RaiseLastWin32Error('OpenSCManager');
  try
    if aInstall then
      begin
        // add service entry to service list
        // build path that uses Service Manager to launch service
        Path := ParamStr(0);
        if SvcMachine <> nil then
          Path:= ExpandUNCFileName(Path);

          Path:= Path+' '+SubType+' /SILENT "/I:'+Ini.FileName+'"' + AddPar('F') +
AddPar('O');

          { pass other mandatory/optional parameter here to service using AddPar() ör
append to Path }

          S1:= '';
          GetCmdString('U:', clUppercase or clValueCase, S1);
          if S1 = '' then
            P1:= nil
          else
            P1:= PChar(S1);
          S2:= '';
          GetCmdString('P:', clUppercase or clValueCase, S2);
```



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```
    if S2 = '' then
        P2:= nil
    else
        P2:= PChar(S2);
        Svc := CreateService(SvcMgr, PChar(SvcName),
PChar(Format(sServiceDisplayName, [SubType])),
        SERVICE_ALL_ACCESS, SERVICE_WIN32_OWN_PROCESS, SERVICE_DEMAND_START,
SERVICE_ERROR_NORMAL,
        PChar(Path), nil, nil, nil, P1, P2);
        if Svc = 0 then
            _RaiseLastWin32Error('CreateService');
        try
        finally
            CloseServiceHandle(Svc);
        end;
    end
else
    begin
        // delete service entry from service list
        Svc := OpenService(SvcMgr, PChar(SvcName), SERVICE_ALL_ACCESS);
        if Svc = 0 then
            _RaiseLastWin32Error('OpenService');
        try
            if not DeleteService(Svc) then
                _RaiseLastWin32Error('DeleteService');
            finally
                CloseServiceHandle(Svc);
            end;
        end;
    finally
        CloseServiceHandle(SvcMgr);
    end;
end;
```

```
{ test if is running as service (returns True), it's tested by comparing of
current user and service user that is defined for service name }
```

```
function StartService: Boolean;
```

```
var
```

```
    Mgr, Svc: Integer;
    UserName, ServiceStartName: string;
    Config: Pointer;
    Size: DWord;
```

```
begin
```

```
    Result := False;
```

```
    Mgr := OpenSCManager(SvcMachine, nil, SC_MANAGER_ALL_ACCESS);
```

```
    if Mgr <> 0 then
```

```
        begin
```

```
            Svc := OpenService(Mgr, PChar(SvcName), SERVICE_ALL_ACCESS);
```

```
            Result := Svc <> 0;
```

```
            if Result then
```

```
                begin
```

```
                    QueryServiceConfig(Svc, nil, 0, Size);
```

```
                    Config := AllocMem(Size);
```

```
                    try
```

```
                        QueryServiceConfig(Svc, Config, Size, Size);
```

```
                        ServiceStartName := PQueryServiceConfig(Config)^.lpServiceStartName;
```

```
                        if CompareText(ServiceStartName, 'LocalSystem') = 0 then
```

```
                            ServiceStartName := 'SYSTEM';
```

```
                    finally
```

```
                        Dispose(Config);
```

```
                end;
```

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```
    CloseServiceHandle(Svc);
end;
CloseServiceHandle(Mgr);
end;
if Result then
begin
    SetLength(Username, Size);
    GetUserNames(PChar(Username), Size);
    Size := 256;
    SetLength(Username, StrLen(PChar(Username)));
    Result := CompareText(Username, ServiceStartName) = 0;
end;
end;

{ main service loop for both service and command line application }
procedure DoService;
var
    Msg: TMsg;
    MappingPtr: ^TMappingRecord;
resourcestring
    sStarted = 'Started "%s"';
    sStopped = 'Stopped by remote';
    sTerminating = 'Terminated by itself';
begin
    if InitProc <> nil then
        TProcedure(InitProc); // not called in Console?, InitComObj of ComObj must be
        called!!!

        ServiceDM:= TServiceDM.Create(nil);
        try
            try
                ServiceDM.Log(Format(sStarted, [SubType]));
                MappingPtr:= MapViewOfFile(FileMapping, FILE_MAP_WRITE, 0, 0,
                SizeOf(TMappingRecord));
                if MappingPtr = nil then
                    _RaiseLastWin32Error('MapViewOfFile');
                try
                    MappingPtr^:= MappingRecord;
                finally
                    UnmapViewOfFile(MappingPtr);
                end;

                repeat
                    // write status and processid as soon as possible, ServiceDM initialization
                    (e.g. database opening) may take a lot of time
                    StrLCopy(@MappingRecord.Status, PChar(ServiceDM.Status),
                    SizeOf(MappingRecord.Status));
                    MappingPtr:= MapViewOfFile(FileMapping, FILE_MAP_WRITE, 0, 0,
                    SizeOf(TMappingRecord));
                    if MappingPtr = nil then
                        _RaiseLastWin32Error('MapViewOfFile');
                    try
                        MappingPtr^.Status:= MappingRecord.Status;
                    finally
                        UnmapViewOfFile(MappingPtr);
                    end;

                    Sleep(100);
                    MappingPtr:= MapViewOfFile(FileMapping, FILE_MAP_READ, 0, 0,
                    SizeOf(TMappingRecord));
                    if MappingPtr = nil then
```

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```
        _RaiseLastWin32Error('MapViewOfFile');
    try
        MappingRecord.Terminate:= MappingPtr^.Terminate;
        { adjust current state if a controlling application changed PAUSE/CONTINUE
state }
        if ServiceDM.Pause <> MappingPtr^.Pause then
            begin
                ServiceDM.Pause:= MappingPtr^.Pause;
                if ServiceDM.Pause then
                    ServiceStatus.dwCurrentState:= SERVICE_PAUSED
                else
                    ServiceStatus.dwCurrentState:= SERVICE_RUNNING;
            end;
        { adjust current state if service manager forces state change, using
ServiceCtrlHandler }
        if MappingPtr^.Pause and (ServiceStatus.dwCurrentState =
SERVICE_PAUSE_PENDING) then
            ServiceStatus.dwCurrentState:= SERVICE_PAUSED
        else if not MappingPtr^.Pause and (ServiceStatus.dwCurrentState =
SERVICE_CONTINUE_PENDING) then
            ServiceStatus.dwCurrentState:= SERVICE_RUNNING;
        SetServiceStatus (ServiceStatusHandle, ServiceStatus);

        if MappingPtr^.Reset <> MappingRecord.Reset then
            begin
                MappingRecord.Reset:= MappingPtr^.Reset;
                ServiceDM.ResetStatus;
            end;
    finally
        UnmapViewOfFile(MappingPtr);
    end;

    { process message queue }
    if PeekMessage(Msg, 0, 0, 0, PM_REMOVE) then
        begin
            MappingRecord.Terminate:= MappingRecord.Terminate or (Msg.Message =
WM_QUIT);
            if not MappingRecord.Terminate then
                begin
                    TranslateMessage(Msg);
                    DispatchMessage(Msg);
                end;
        end;
    until MappingRecord.Terminate or ServiceDM.Terminate;
    try
        // close all connected instances here (databases, ports, etc.)
        // e.g.ServiceDM.Database.Close;
        ServiceDM.LogServiceStatus;
    except
    end;
    if ServiceDM.Terminate then
        ServiceDM.Log(sTerminating)
    else
        ServiceDM.Log(sStopped);
except
    on E: Exception do
        begin
            ServiceDM.Log(E.Message);
            ExitCode:= 1;
        end;
end;
end;
```

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```
finally
    ServiceDM.Free;
end;
end;

{ called by Service Manager to inform running service that state is changed, e.g. user
manually
change state in service configuration dialog }
procedure ServiceCtrlHandler(CtrlCode: DWord); stdcall;
var
    MappingPtr: ^TMappingRecord;
begin
    MappingPtr:= MapViewOfFile(FileMapping, FILE_MAP_WRITE, 0, 0,
SizeOf(TMappingRecord));
    if MappingPtr = nil then
        _RaiseLastWin32Error('MapViewOfFile');
    try
        case CtrlCode of
            SERVICE_CONTROL_PAUSE:
                begin
                    MappingPtr^.Pause:= True;
                    ServiceStatus.dwCurrentState:= SERVICE_PAUSE_PENDING;
                end;
            SERVICE_CONTROL_CONTINUE:
                begin
                    MappingPtr^.Pause:= False;
                    ServiceStatus.dwCurrentState:= SERVICE_CONTINUE_PENDING;
                end;
            SERVICE_CONTROL_STOP:
                begin
                    ServiceStatus.dwWin32ExitCode:= 0;
                    ServiceStatus.dwCurrentState:= SERVICE_STOP_PENDING;
                    MappingPtr^.Terminate:= True;
                end;
            SERVICE_CONTROL_INTERROGATE:
                begin // just return service status
                end;
            else
                end;
        SetServiceStatus (ServiceStatusHandle, ServiceStatus); // do not call
_RaiseLastWin32Error because is called also from console
    finally
        UnmapViewOfFile(MappingPtr);
    end;
end;

{ main procedure executed by service manager, installed by StartServiceCtrlDispatcher
}
procedure ServiceMain(Argc: DWord; Argv: PLPSTR); stdcall;
begin
    FillChar(ServiceStatus, SizeOf(ServiceStatus), 0);
    ServiceStatus.dwServiceType:= SERVICE_WIN32;
    ServiceStatus.dwCurrentState:= SERVICE_START_PENDING;
    ServiceStatus.dwControlsAccepted:= SERVICE_ACCEPT_STOP or
SERVICE_ACCEPT_PAUSE_CONTINUE;

    ServiceStatusHandle:= RegisterServiceCtrlHandler(PChar(SvcName),
@ServiceCtrlHandler);

    if ServiceStatusHandle = 0 then
        _RaiseLastWin32Error('RegisterServiceCtrlHandler');
```

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```
// initialization
// Initialization complete - report running status.
ServiceStatus.dwCurrentState:= SERVICE_RUNNING;
ServiceStatus.dwCheckPoint:= 0;
ServiceStatus.dwWaitHint:= 0;

if not SetServiceStatus (ServiceStatusHandle, ServiceStatus) then
  _RaiseLastWin32Error('SetServiceStatus');

DoService;
ServiceStatus.dwCurrentState:= SERVICE_STOPPED;
SetServiceStatus (ServiceStatusHandle, ServiceStatus);
end;

procedure WriteSIDInfo(aSID: PSID);
var
  Buff1, Buff2: array[1..512] of Char;
  N1, N2: DWORD;
  Use: SID_NAME_USE;
const
  UseStr: array[sidTypeUser..sidTypeUnknown] of string = ('User', 'Group', 'Domain',
'Alias', 'WellKnownGroup', 'DeletedAccount', 'Invalid', 'Unknown');
resourcestring
  sSid = 'Sid: %s Owner:"%s" Group:"%s"';
begin
  if not LookupAccountSid(SvcMachine, aSid, @Buff1, N1, @Buff2, N2, Use) then
    _RaiseLastWin32Error('LookupAccountSid');
  Writeln2(Format(sSid, [UseStr[Use], @Buff1, @Buff2]));
end;

type
  PPSID = ^PSID;
  PPSECURITY_DESCRIPTOR = ^PSECURITY_DESCRIPTOR;

  SetEntriesInAclProc = function(cCountOfExplicitEntries: ULONG;
pListOfExplicitEntries: PEXPLICIT_ACCESS_;
  OldAcl: PACL; var NewAcl: ACL): DWORD; stdcall;
  GetNamedSecurityInfoProc = function (pObjectName: PAnsiChar; ObjectType:
SE_OBJECT_TYPE;
  SecurityInfo: SECURITY_INFORMATION; ppsidOwner, ppsidGroup: PPSID; ppDacl,
ppSacl: PACL;
  var ppSecurityDescriptor: PSECURITY_DESCRIPTOR): DWORD; stdcall;
  GetSecurityInfoProc = function (handle: THandle; ObjectType: SE_OBJECT_TYPE;
  SecurityInfo: SECURITY_INFORMATION; ppsidOwner, ppsidGroup: PPSID; ppDacl,
ppSacl: PACL;
  var ppSecurityDescriptor: PPSECURITY_DESCRIPTOR): DWORD; stdcall;

var
  S: string;
  H, FileH, LibH: THandle;
  ServiceTableEntry: array[0..1] of TServiceTableEntry;
  MappingPtr: ^TMappingRecord;
  ScurityAttr: TSecurityAttributes;
  SecurityDescriptor: TSecurityDescriptor;
  SecurityDescriptorPtr: PSecurityDescriptor;
// Access: EXPLICIT_ACCESS;
  Dacl, Sacl: ACL;
  SidOwner, SidGroup: PSID;
  P: Pointer;
  RepeatFlag: Boolean;
```

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```
resourcestring
  sAbout1 = 'MyDualService, v.0.02, Copyright (c) 2003 by MandySoft';
  sAbout2 = 'Sample dual service application for Win 9x/ME/NT/2000/XP';
  sHelp1 = 'Usage: MyDualService <type> [/STATUS] [/PAUSE] [/CONTINUE] [/STOP]
[/KILL] [/RESET] [/I:<inifile>] [/H] [/?] [/N:<machine>] [/INSTALL] [/U:<user>]
[/P:<psw>] [/F:<file>] [/UNINSTALL] [/SILENT] [/SECURITY] [/O:<stdout>]';
{ list of available options, such list is not perfect but resource string has limited
length 1024 characters and
Delphi is unable define resource string array in more handy form }
  sHelp10 = 'Description: ';
  sHelp11= ' <type>      connection type';
  sHelp18= ' /PAUSE      pause processing';
  sHelp19= ' /CONTINUE   continue processing';
  sHelp20= ' /STOP       stop process';
  sHelp21= ' /KILL       kill process';
  sHelp22= ' /STATUS     get status';
  sHelp23= ' /RESET      reset status';
  sHelp24= ' /INSTALL    install NT service';
  sHelp25= ' <user>     service account "DomainName\Username", default:
"LocalSystem" ';
  sHelp26= ' <psw>      service account password';
  sHelp27= ' <machine>  NT service machine name';
  sHelp28= ' <file>     shared status file';
  sHelp29= ' /UNINSTALL uninstall NT service';
  sHelp30= ' <inifile> configuration file, default is <name>.INI in program
directory';
  sHelp31= ' /SILENT    no stdout output';
  sHelp32= ' <stdout>   stdout file';
  sHelp33= ' /SECURITY  print security info';
  sHelp34= ' /B         no user input in STATUS';
  sHelp60= 'WARNING: ';
  sHelp61= 'Long names containing spaces put as quoted parameter';

  sHelp70= 'Example: ';
  sHelp71= ' MyDualService aTYPE';
  sHelp72= ' MyDualService aTYPE /STOP';
  sHelp73= ' MyDualService aTYPE /STATUS';
  sHelp74= ' MyDualService aTYPE /INSTALL /O:stdout.txt /F:aTYPE.1.pid';

  sSubTypeNotSpecified = 'Service subtype not specified or is bad';
  sMasterNotRunning = 'Program not running';
  sErrorCreatingMapping = 'Error creating mapping';
  sProcessId = 'ProcessId: $%x';
  sAlreadyRunning = 'Cannot start, instance already running';
  sInstalling = 'Installing service "%s"';
  sUninstalling = 'Uninstalling service "%s"';
  sPaused = 'PAUSED';
  sSubType = 'Service subtype: %s';
  sCannotLoadLibrary = 'Cannot load library "%s"';
  sPressAnyKey = 'Press <Enter> to quit';
  sPressAnyKey2 = 'Press <Enter> to refresh, <Ctrl+C> to quit...';
begin
  UpdateIni:= False;
  WriteLn2(sAbout1);
  WriteLn2(sAbout2);
  WriteLn2('');
  if IsThereCmd('H', clUppcase) or IsThereCmd('?', clUppcase) then
  begin
    Writeln2(sHelp1);
    WriteLn2('');
    Writeln2(sHelp10);
```

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Writeln2(sHelp11);
Writeln2(sHelp18);
Writeln2(sHelp19);
Writeln2(sHelp20);
Writeln2(sHelp21);
Writeln2(sHelp22);
Writeln2(sHelp23);
Writeln2(sHelp24);
Writeln2(sHelp25);
Writeln2(sHelp26);
Writeln2(sHelp27);
Writeln2(sHelp28);
Writeln2(sHelp29);
Writeln2(sHelp30);
Writeln2(sHelp31);
Writeln2(sHelp32);
Writeln2(sHelp33);
Writeln2(sHelp34);
WriteLn2('');
Writeln2(sHelp60);
Writeln2(sHelp61);
WriteLn2('');
Writeln2(sHelp70);
Writeln2(sHelp71);
Writeln2(sHelp72);
Writeln2(sHelp73);
Writeln2(sHelp74);
Exit;
end;

repeat
  RepeatFlag:= False;
  try
    S:= '';
    GetCmdString('', 0, S);

    if S = '' then // check if mandatory type parameter is correct
      raise Exception.Create(sSubTypeNotSpecified);
    { SubType enables implementing more kinds of services in one executable }
    SubType:= S;
    WriteLn2(Format(sSubType, [SubType]));

    S:= '';
    GetCmdString('N:', clUppcase, S);
    if S = '' then
      SvcMachine:= nil
    else
      SvcMachine:= PChar(S);
      SvcName:= ServiceName+'-'+SubType;

      FillChar(MappingRecord, SizeOf(MappingRecord), 0);
      FileH:= INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE; // = $FFFFFFFF
      FileMapping:= OpenFileMapping(FILE_MAP_WRITE, False,
PChar(ServiceName+'_'+UpperCase(SubType)));
      if (FileMapping = 0) and not (GetLastError() in [ERROR_FILE_NOT_FOUND,
ERROR_INVALID_NAME]) then
        _RaiseLastWin32Error('OpenFileMapping');
      try
        if FileMapping <> 0 then
          begin
            { a service instance already running }
```

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```
CloseHandle(FileMapping); // open handle have security problem accessing
master's filemapping, MapViewOfFile returns nil
FileMapping:= CreateFileMapping(INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE, nil,
PAGE_READWRITE, 0, SizeOf(MappingRecord), PChar(ServiceName+'_'+UpperCase(SubType)));
if IsThereCmd('STATUS', clUpCase) then
begin
    MappingPtr:= MapViewOfFile(FileMapping, FILE_MAP_READ, 0, 0,
SizeOf(TMMappingRecord));
    if MappingPtr = nil then
        _RaiseLastWin32Error('MapViewOfFile');
    try
        Writeln2(Format(sProcessId, [MappingPtr^.ProcessId]));
        Writeln2(MappingPtr^.Status);
        if MappingPtr^.Pause then
            Writeln2(sPaused);
    finally
        UnmapViewOfFile(MappingPtr);
    end;
end
else if IsThereCmd('STOP', clUpCase) then
begin
    ServiceCtrlHandler(SERVICE_CONTROL_STOP);
end
else if IsThereCmd('PAUSE', clUpCase) then
begin
    ServiceCtrlHandler(SERVICE_CONTROL_PAUSE);
end
else if IsThereCmd('CONTINUE', clUpCase) then
begin
    ServiceCtrlHandler(SERVICE_CONTROL_CONTINUE);
end
else if IsThereCmd('RESET', clUpCase) then
begin
    MappingPtr:= MapViewOfFile(FileMapping, FILE_MAP_WRITE, 0, 0,
SizeOf(TMMappingRecord));
    if MappingPtr = nil then
        _RaiseLastWin32Error('MapViewOfFile');
    try
        Inc(MappingPtr^.Reset);
    finally
        UnmapViewOfFile(MappingPtr);
    end;
end
else if IsThereCmd('SECURITY', clUpCase) then
begin
    LibH:= LoadLibrary('ADVAPI32.DLL');
    if LibH = 0 then
        _RaiseLastWin32Error('LoadLibrary');
    try
        P:= GetProcAddress(LibH, 'GetSecurityInfo');
        if GetSecurityInfoProc(P)(
            FileMapping, //PChar(ServiceName+'_'+UpperCase(SubType)),
            SE_KERNEL_OBJECT {SE_SERVICE },
            DACL_SECURITY_INFORMATION or GROUP_SECURITY_INFORMATION or
OWNER_SECURITY_INFORMATION or SACL_SECURITY_INFORMATION,
            @SidOwner, @SidGroup, @Dacl, @Sacl,
PPSECURITY_DESCRIPTOR(SecurityDescriptorPtr) { it's crazy pointer to pointer as var
param ? }
        ) <> ERROR_SUCCESS then
            _RaiseLastWin32Error('GetSecurityInfoProc');
    try
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        WriteSIDInfo(SidOwner);
        WriteSIDInfo(SidGroup);
    finally
        // LocalFree(SecurityDescriptorPtr); // M according msdn nut
LocalFree need handle
    end;
    finally
        FreeLibrary(LibH);
    end;
end
else if IsThereCmd('KILL', clUpcase) then
begin
    MappingPtr:= MapViewOfFile(FileMapping, FILE_MAP_READ, 0, 0,
SizeOf(TMappingRecord));
    if MappingPtr = nil then
        _RaiseLastWin32Error('MapViewOfFile');
    try
        H:= OpenProcess(PROCESS_ALL_ACCESS, True, MappingPtr^.ProcessId);
        try
            if not TerminateProcess(H, 0) then
                _RaiseLastWin32Error('OpenProcess');
            finally
                CloseHandle(H);
            end;
        finally
            UnmapViewOfFile(MappingPtr);
        end;
    end
else
    raise Exception.Create(sAlreadyRunning);
end
else
begin
    { no running service instance }
    if IsThereCmd('STATUS', clUpcase) or IsThereCmd('STOP', clUpcase) or
IsThereCmd('KILL', clUpcase) or IsThereCmd('RESET', clUpcase) or IsThereCmd('PAUSE',
clUpcase) or IsThereCmd('CONTINUE', clUpcase) or IsThereCmd('SECURITY', clUpcase)
then
        begin
            raise Exception.Create(sMasterNotRunning);
        end;
MappingRecord.ProcessId:= GetCurrentProcessId();

    if IsThereCmd('INSTALL', clUpcase) then
        begin
            Writeln2(Format(sInstalling, [SvcName]));
            InstallService(True);
        end
    else if IsThereCmd('UNINSTALL', clUpcase) then
        begin
            Writeln2(Format(sUninstalling, [SvcName]));
            InstallService(False)
        end
    else
        begin
            ScurityAttr.nLength:= SizeOf(ScurityAttr);
            ScurityAttr.bInheritHandle:= True;
            ScurityAttr.lpSecurityDescriptor:= @SecurityDescriptor;
            InitializeSecurityDescriptor(ScurityAttr.lpSecurityDescriptor,
SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR_REVISION);
            (*
```

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        SetSecurityDescriptorControl(SecurityAttr.lpSecurityDescriptor,
SE_DACL_AUTO_INHERIT_REQ or SE_SACL_AUTO_INHERIT_REQ, SE_DACL_AUTO_INHERIT_REQ or
SE_SACL_AUTO_INHERIT_REQ);
        InitializeAcl(Dacl, SizeOf(Dacl), 1{ACL_REVISION});

        Access.grfAccessPermissions:= SECTION_ALL_ACCESS;
        Access.grfAccessMode:= GRANT_ACCESS;
        Access.grfInheritance:= NO_INHERITANCE;
        Access.Trustee.MultipleTrusteeOperation:= NO_MULTIPLE_TRUSTEE;
        // change these informations to grant access to a group or other user
        Access.Trustee.TrusteeForm:= TRUSTEE_IS_NAME;
        Access.Trustee.TrusteeType:= TRUSTEE_IS_USER;
        Access.Trustee.ptstrName:= 'CURRENT_USER'; // 'CREATOR OWNER'

        LibH:= LoadLibrary('ADVAPI32.DLL');
        if LibH = 0 then
            _RaiseLastWin32Error('LoadLibrary');
        try
            P:= GetProcAddress(LibH, 'SetEntriesInAclA');
            if P <> nil then
                SetEntriesInAclProc(P)(1, @Access, nil, Dacl);
        finally
            FreeLibrary(LibH);
        end;
    *)

    SetSecurityDescriptorDacl(SecurityAttr.lpSecurityDescriptor, True,
nil {@Dacl{ nil = all access }, False);

    S:= '';
    GetCmdString('F:', clUppcase or clValueCase, S);
    if S <> '' then
        begin
            FileH:= CreateFile(PChar(S), GENERIC_WRITE or GENERIC_READ,
FILE_SHARE_READ or FILE_SHARE_WRITE{?}, @SecurityAttr, CREATE_ALWAYS,
FILE_ATTRIBUTE_TEMPORARY or FILE_FLAG_DELETE_ON_CLOSE, 0);
            { file is inaccessible in WinXP, not enough rights, even after
mapping is closed, probably created file is impossible to share }
            if FileH = INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE then
                _RaiseLastWin32Error('CreateFile');
            end;
            FileMapping:= CreateFileMapping(FileH, @SecurityAttr, PAGE_READWRITE,
0, SizeOf(MappingRecord), PChar(ServiceName+'_'+UpperCase(SubType)));
            if FileMapping = 0 then
                _RaiseLastWin32Error('CreateFileMapping');
            if StartService then
                begin
                    { called by service manager to start service }
                    FillChar(ServiceTableEntry, SizeOf(ServiceTableEntry), 0);
                    ServiceTableEntry[0].lpServiceName:= PChar(SvcName);
                    ServiceTableEntry[0].lpServiceProc:= @ServiceMain;
                    if not StartServiceCtrlDispatcher(ServiceTableEntry[0]) then
                        _RaiseLastWin32Error('StartServiceCtrlDispatcher');
                    end
                else { called from command line }
                DoService;
            end;
        end;
    finally
        if FileMapping <> 0 then
            CloseHandle(FileMapping);
        if FileH <> INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE then
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        CloseHandle(FileH);
    end;
    ExitCode:= 0;
except
    on E: Exception do
    begin
        Writeln2(E.Message);
        ExitCode:= 1;
        if not IsThereCmd('SILENT', clUpcase) and not IsThereCmd('B', clUpcase) and
not IsThereCmd('STATUS', clUpcase) then
        begin
            { stop output listing not to disappear if executed from GUI }
            WriteLn2('');
            WriteLn2(sPressAnyKey);
            ReadLn;
        end;
    end;
end;
if not IsThereCmd('SILENT', clUpcase) and not IsThereCmd('B', clUpcase) then
begin
    { stop output listing not to disappear if executed from GUI and enable STATUS
refresh without reexecution }
    WriteLn2('');
    if IsThereCmd('STATUS', clUpcase) then
    begin
        WriteLn2(sPressAnyKey2);
        RepeatFlag:= True;
        ReadLn;
    end
end;
until not RepeatFlag;
end.
```

### 3.2. *dm\_Service.pas*

```
unit dm_Service;

interface

uses
    Windows, Messages, SysUtils, Classes, Controls, Forms, Connect;

type
    TServiceDM = class(TDataModule)
        Logger: TFileLogger;
        procedure DataModuleCreate(Sender: TObject);
    private
    public
        Terminate: Boolean;
        Pause: Boolean;
        procedure Log(S: string);
        function Status: string;
        procedure ResetStatus;
        procedure LogServiceStatus;
    end;

var
    ServiceDM: TServiceDM;

    SubType: string;
```

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```
    SvcName: string;

implementation
uses
    AuxProj;

{$R *.DFM}

procedure TServiceDM.DataModuleCreate(Sender: TObject);
begin
    // Logger.LogFile:= Ini.ReadString('Global', 'LogFile', 'NUL'); // assign a log
    file to logger
end;

procedure TServiceDM.Log(S: string);
begin
    try
        Logger.Log('', lchNull, S);
    except
    end;
end;

function TServiceDM.Status: string;
begin
    Result:= '';
    // write status, custom statistics etc., e.g. number of running time, received
    messages, procesed records, ...
    Result:= Result+#13#10;
end;

procedure TServiceDM.ResetStatus;
begin
    // reset custom statistics, e.g. number of received messages, processed records, ...
end;

procedure TServiceDM.LogServiceStatus;
begin
    // if necessary log service status for external application (watch dog, etc.)
end;

end.
```