

Why can't you drop directly onto a taskbar button?

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If you drag a object and drop it onto a taskbar button, you get an error message that says,

You cannot drop an item onto a button on the taskbar.

However, if you drag the item over a button without releasing the mouse button, the window will open after a moment, allowing you to drop the item inside the window.

Why doesn't the taskbar let you drop directly onto a taskbar button?

Ideally, if the taskbar receives a `IDropTarget::Drop`, it could do something like this:

```
// imaginary code
IDropTarget *pdt;
if (SUCCEEDED(GetDropTargetFromWindow(hwndButton, &pdt))) {
    pdt->Drop(...);
    pdt->Release();
}
```

(Warning: I said “something like” this. Forwarding a drop is actually more complicated than this.)

The reason why the taskbar doesn't do this is that there is no such function `GetDropTargetFromWindow` function. The taskbar can't forward the drop operation even if it wanted to.

Why is there no `GetDropTargetFromWindow` function? I have no idea. You'll have to ask the OLE folks. If I had to guess (and I know I have to because you folks will just keep badgering me until I come up with a guess), it's because that would create the problem of how to prevent somebody from screwing with a program by grabbing its drop target and never releasing it.

Now of course people will criticize my explanation, so I'm going to say it again: **I don't know the answer. I'm just guessing. My guess is probably wrong.**

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