

Important window message numbers to memorize

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You probably know them already, but if you're new to Win32, here are some key window messages. I would normally suggest that you commit them to memory, but if you do enough debugging, you'll end up memorizing them anyway because you see them all the time.

0x000F	WM_PAINT
0x001A	WM_WININICHANGE / WM_SETTINGCHANGE
0x0046	WM_WINDOWPOSCHANGING
0x0047	WM_WINDOWPOSCHANGED
0x004E	WM_NOTIFY
0x010n	WM_KEYxxx
0x0111	WM_COMMAND
0x0112	WM_SYSCOMMAND
0x0113	WM_TIMER
0x0200	WM_MOUSEMOVE
0x020n	WM_MOUSExxx
0x0400	WM_USER
0x8000	WM_APP
0xCxxx	RegisterWindowMessage

I include `0x001A` in the list even though it is a low-traffic message because you do see it a lot when you are investigating hangs. The `WM_SETTINGCHANGE` (which also goes by the name `WM_WININICHANGE`) is a common culprit when investigating why your program has wedged: You're broadcasting a notification and there's a window in the system that isn't responding.

I know that Visual Studio has a shortcut for decoding error codes. I wonder if it has one for decoding message numbers.

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