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we can doc the api's we know the apps group (and other isv's) use. this is a good practice. though it's not as straghtforward as it appears, since some of the calls depend on context and an understanding of the source, which is explained in detail in mail i forwarded from david d'souza.

the biggest advantage our apps group has is access to the operating systems source. as long as this continues, the issue will never go away.

in fact, jimall has long been assuming that the apps group did not have source access. he has been telling isv's this, too. when i told him yesterday that this was not the case, he had that "oh shit" look on his face.

the apps group does not need access to the source. it's a matter that they have grown accustomed to it. the fact that other companies have been able to product world-class windows products (eg, Borland Quattro Pro, Paradox, Lotus Ami Pro 3.0, Freelance, etc) is proof.

s to (a) doc the api's we know apps group is using, and (b) give the apps group the same access to source we give to other isvs. [ie, in certain limited circumstances.] if we don't do (b), the issue will never die

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