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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