



# Creating a Separate Process via Windows API

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#include <stdio.h>
#include <windows.h>

int main(VOID)
{
STARTUPINFO si;
PROCESS_INFORMATION pi;

/* allocate memory */
ZeroMemory(&si, sizeof(si));
si.cb = sizeof(si);
ZeroMemory(&pi, sizeof(pi));

/* create child process */
if (!CreateProcess(NULL, /* use command line */
"C:\\\\WINDOWS\\\\system32\\\\mspaint.exe", /* command */
NULL, /* don't inherit process handle */
NULL, /* don't inherit thread handle */
FALSE, /* disable handle inheritance */
0, /* no creation flags */
NULL, /* use parent's environment block */
NULL, /* use parent's existing directory */
&si,
&pi))
{
    fprintf(stderr, "Create Process Failed");
    return -1;
}
/* parent will wait for the child to complete */
WaitForSingleObject(pi.hProcess, INFINITE);
printf("Child Complete");

/* close handles */
CloseHandle(pi.hProcess);
CloseHandle(pi.hThread);
}
```

