
Excel Automation Error while generating Table and Graph

On few systems user may get an application error while generating table and graph in DevInfo. User may receive error message stating "**Old format or invalid type library**"

Symptoms

This error occur while DevInfo 5.0 application tries to automate Microsoft Excel and makes a call to certain methods of Microsoft Excel application.

Cause

User receive this error when DevInfo 5.0 application calls an Excel method that requires an LCID (locale identifier) and user is running an English version of Excel but the regional settings for the computer are configured for a non-English language. If the client computer runs the English version of Microsoft Excel and the locale for the current user is configured for a language other than English, Excel will try to locate the language pack for the configured language. If the language pack is not found, the error is reported.

Workaround

Change the regional settings to English

OR

Install "Microsoft Office Language Pack"

Status

In future versions of DevInfo this error shall be automatically handled through code and user need not to make changes to regional settings.

References

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/320369>