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this command line. The resulting window will totally fill the screen with the selected page—no frame, no title bar, no menu, and no toolbar. If the page in question is a local HTML page with only local links, users can't click to navigate elsewhere.

Savvy users could still get around this limitation by controlling IE through the keyboard. By typing Ctrl-O or Ctrl-L they could invoke the *Open* dialog, which would allow them to open any Web site (effectively restoring the Address bar's functionality). Ctrl-N would open a new window that's not in Kiosk mode, and Shift-clicking a link would open that link in a non-Kiosk window. Finally, Alt-F4 or Ctrl-W would close the Kiosk-mode window.

You can lock down these subversive key combinations using restrictions in the Registry. Launch RegEdit from the *Start* menu's *Run* dialog; navigate to `HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft Internet Explorer\Restrictions`; and find or create each of the following DWORD values, setting its data to 1 to enable the restriction:

- `NoBrowserClose` (disables closing the browser window)
- `NoBrowserContextMenu` (disables right-click context menu)
- `NoFileOpen` (disables use of Ctrl-O or Ctrl-L to launch an arbitrary URL)
- `NoOpenInNewWnd` (disables opening a link in a new window via Ctrl-N or Shift-click)

A user who attempts one of these restricted actions will get a warning stating "This operation has been canceled due to restrictions in effect on this computer. Please contact your system administrator." You may need to restart the computer to make it recognize changes in these values. Of course users can still enter Ctrl-Alt-Del to bring up Task Manager and end the process.—*NJR*
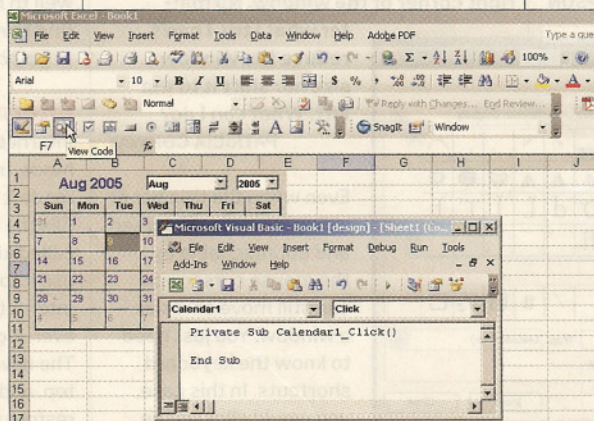
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Excel's Calendar Control Object

I don't know much about Visual Basic, but I realize that after I insert the "Calendar Control 11.0" object into an Excel worksheet I need to add a little code. What I want to be able to do is use the selected date on the calendar in a cell, but I don't know where to begin. Can you help me?
ROGER REININGER

CLICKING ON the *View Code* button lets you add the VB statements you need to access the calendar from your spreadsheet.

To add a calendar control to your spreadsheet, select *Insert | Object* and choose *Calendar Control 11.0.* Now right-click anywhere within Excel's toolbars and select the *Control Toolbox* toolbar, then click the *View Code* button. You'll see something like:

```
Private Sub Calendar1_Click()

End Sub
```

Just insert this line before the "End Sub": `Cells(1, 1) = Calendar1. Value.` The first number in the parentheses refers to the row and the second refers to the column, so `Cells (1, 1)` will place the value in cell A1. Entering `Cells(5, 2)` would place it in cell E2.

Select *File | Close* and return to Excel from the menu. Then click the *Exit Design Mode* icon on the *Control Toolbox.* Now, as you click different dates in the calendar, cell A1 will reflect the current selection.

You can also insert a calendar directly from the *Control Toolbox* toolbar. Click the *More tools* icon and select *Calendar Control 11.0.* Oddly, only this version of the calendar has a *View Code* option available on its right-click menus. The *Control Toolbox* calendar can also be resized more freely; the *Insert | Object* calendar resizes only proportionally. Also note that the "formula" for the toolbox-inserted calendar shows `=EMBED("MSCAL.Calendar.7","")`, while the formula for the one from the *Insert* menu version is `=EMBED("MSCAL.Calendar","")`.—*NJR*

Banding and How to Fix It

Sometimes you mention banding in printer reviews, in comments like "Graphics suffer from banding in default mode." Can you explain what you mean by that? Some printers I've tested create faint parallel lines spaced approximately a quarter-inch apart that run the entire width of the page. Is that banding? And is there any way you can get rid of it?
ELIZABETH

Banding refers to any repetitive pattern that divides the image into parallel bands or strips.

Assuming that the printers you're testing don't have any clogged nozzles and are aligned properly (you can check both nozzles and alignment using the appropriate utility in each printer's driver), the lines you're describing are most probably caused by successive sweeps of the printhead. You can often get rid of this kind of banding by choosing a higher quality mode.

You can change quality levels for a specific print job by loading the file you want to print, and then choosing *File | Print,* making sure the right printer is showing in the *Name* text box, and choosing the *Properties* button to open the driver and search through it for the settings. Depending on the printer, these quality modes may be named something like Fastest, Normal, and Best Quality, or perhaps Text, Mixed Text and Graphics, Photo, and Best Photo. Don't pay too much attention to the names; photo mode improves graphics too. Just experiment with the higher quality modes to see if there's one that makes the bands go away.—*M. David Stone*

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