

## Using the IGxDialog object

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Private Sub BtnAdd_Click(ByVal sender As System.Object, ByVal e _  
                        As System.EventArgs) Handles BtnAdd.Click  
  
    'Declare ArcObjects outside of Try/Catch so we can dispose of them in  
    Finally  
    Dim bObjectSelected As Boolean  
    Dim pGxDialog As IGxDialog = New GxDialog  
    'Only show shapefiles  
    Dim pFilter As IGxObjectFilter = New GxFilterShapefiles  
    'Collection of layers to be assigned here  
    Dim pGxObjects As IEnumGxObject = Nothing  
    Dim pGxDataset As IGxDataset  
    Dim pFLayer As IFeatureLayer  
  
    Try  
        'initialize and open mini browser  
        With pGxDialog  
            .AllowMultiSelect = False  
            .ButtonCaption = "Select"  
            .Title = "Select layer"  
            'using shapefile filter  
            .ObjectFilter = pFilter  
            'open dialog passing handle to Application from AddIn  
            bObjectSelected = .DoModalOpen(My.ArcMap.Application.hWnd,  
pGxObjects)  
        End With  
  
        'no file selected; exit  
        If bObjectSelected = Nothing Then Exit Sub  
  
        'get first dataset  
        pGxDataset = pGxObjects.Next  
        'no dataset has been selected  
        If pGxDataset Is Nothing Then Exit Sub  
  
        'iterate through remaining datasets  
        Do Until pGxDataset Is Nothing  
            pFLayer = New FeatureLayer  
            'assign dataset to featureLayer  
            pFLayer.FeatureClass = pGxDataset.Dataset  
            'assign dataset name to featureLayer  
            pFLayer.Name = pGxDataset.Dataset.Name  
            ' Do something with the featureLayer  
            ' Your code here  
            ' Go to next dataset  
            pGxDataset = pGxObjects.Next  
        Loop  
    End Try  
End Sub
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Catch ex As Exception
    MessageBox.Show("BtnAdd_Click Exception: " & ex.Message)
Finally
    ' Release ArcObjects objects
    pGxObjects = Nothing
    pFilter = Nothing
    pGxDialog = Nothing
    pGxDataset = Nothing
    pFilter = Nothing
    pFLayer = Nothing
    ' Call garbage collection
    GC.Collect()
    GC.WaitForPendingFinalizers()
End Try

End Sub
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## Accessing the map document

This is an enhanced version of the sample code from the ArcGIS Resource Center.

[http://help.arcgis.com/en/sdk/10.0/arcobjects\\_net/conceptualhelp/index.html#/How\\_to\\_access\\_maps\\_and\\_layers\\_via\\_the\\_MapDocument/0001000001n3000000/](http://help.arcgis.com/en/sdk/10.0/arcobjects_net/conceptualhelp/index.html#/How_to_access_maps_and_layers_via_the_MapDocument/0001000001n3000000/)

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'Dim ArcObjects objects outside of Try/Catch
Dim pMxDocument As IMxDocument
Dim pMaps As IMaps
Dim pMap As IMap

Try
    ' Access to current Document from addIn
    pMxDocument = My.ArcMap.Document
    ' Maps collection from current Document
    pMaps = pMxDocument.Maps
    ' Initialize the counter
    Dim i As Integer
    ' Loop through each map in the document
    For i = 0 To pMaps.Count - 1 Step i + 1
        pMap = pMaps.Item(i)
        ' Write map name to log
        Debug.WriteLine(pMap.Name)
        ' Layers collection from current map
        Dim pEnumLayer As IEnumLayer = pMap.Layers(Nothing, True)
        ' Move to beginning of layers collection
        pEnumLayer.Reset()
        ' Retrieve first layer
        Dim pLayer As ILayer = pEnumLayer.Next()
        While Not pLayer Is Nothing
            MsgBox(pLayer.Name)
            ' Move to next layer
            pLayer = pEnumLayer.Next()
        End While
    Next
Catch ex As Exception
    MsgBox("onClick() Exception: " + ex.Message)
Finally
    ' Release ArcObjects resources
    pMap = Nothing
    pMaps = Nothing
    pMxDocument = Nothing
    ' Call garbage collection
    GC.Collect()
    GC.WaitForPendingFinalizers()
End Try`
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