

# Why can't I create my dialog box? Rookie mistake #2

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Another class of rookie mistake is less obvious from looking at the code.

```
#define DLG_SAMPLE 1
DLG_SAMPLE DIALOGEX 32, 32, 210, 200
...
BEGIN
...
CONTROL "", IDC_LISTVIEW, WC_LISTVIEW, LVS_REPORT |
    WS_TABSTOP | WS_BORDER,
    14, 92, 182, 80
...
END
DialogBox(hinst, MAKEINTRESOURCE(DLG_SAMPLE),
    hwnd, SampleDlgProc);
```

The problem with this code is that we forgot to call `InitCommonControlsEx` to register the listview class. More generally, the problem is that one of the controls on the dialog uses a window class that was not registered. (For example, maybe there's a rich edit control on the dialog, but nobody remembered to load the rich edit library.)

Next time, a sophomore version of this mistake.

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