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NavPanel for ASP.NET AJAX

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ComponentOne NavPanel for ASP.NET AJAX Overview

Create a Microsoft Outlook-style navigation pane to display items such as contacts, mail, tasks, or any other information you choose using **ComponentOne NavPanel for ASP.NET AJAX**. **NavPanel for ASP.NET AJAX** provides one control, **C1NavPanel**, which allows you to add multiple panes for displaying your information one pane at a time. **C1NavPanel** is similar to the **C1Accordion** control in **ComponentOne Studio for ASP.NET AJAX**, only it contains a navigation pane with buttons that, when clicked, hide the corresponding **C1NavPanelPane** and show its content area with the information you specify.

With **C1NavPanel**, you can choose from a variety of animation effects, such as bounce or elastic, or customize the look of **C1NavPanel** with visual styles to provide a rich interactive user experience. Users simply select a pane to expand it and view the specified information while the other panes are collapsed, automatically organizing your user interface and optimizing the screen real estate.



Getting Started

To get started, review the following topics:

- [Key Features](#) (page 16)
- [Quick Start](#) (page 19)
- [Samples](#) (page 41)

What's New in NavPanel for ASP.NET AJAX

There were no new features added to **ComponentOne NavPanel for ASP.NET AJAX**.



Tip: A version history containing a list of new features, improvements, fixes, and changes for each product is available in HelpCentral at <http://helpcentral.componentone.com/VersionHistory.aspx>.

Installing Studio for ASP.NET AJAX

The following sections provide helpful information on installing **ComponentOne Studio for ASP.NET AJAX**:

Studio for ASP.NET AJAX Setup Files

The ComponentOne Studio for ASP.NET AJAX installation program will create the following directory: C:\Program Files\ComponentOne\Studio for ASP.NET AJAX. This directory contains the following subdirectories:

Bin	Contains copies of all binaries (DLLs, Exes) in the ComponentOne Visual Studio ASP.NET AJAX package.
H2Help	Contains documentation for Studio for ASP.NET AJAX components.

C1WebUi Contains files (at least a readme.txt) related to the product.

C1WebUi\VisualStyles Contains all external file themes.

Samples

Samples for the product are installed in the **ComponentOne Samples** folder by default. The path of the **ComponentOne Samples** directory is slightly different on Windows XP and Windows 7/Vista machines:

Windows XP path: C:\Documents and Settings\\My Documents\ComponentOne Samples

Windows 7/Vista path: C:\Users\\Documents\ComponentOne Samples

The **ComponentOne Samples** folder contains the following subdirectories:

Common Contains support and data files that are used by many of the demo programs.

Studio for ASP.NET\C1WebUi Contains a readme.txt file and the folders that make up the Control Explorer and other samples.

Samples can be accessed from the **ComponentOne Sample Explorer**. To view samples, on your desktop, click the **Start** button and then click **All Programs | ComponentOne | Studio for ASP.NET | Control Explorer**.

System Requirements

System requirements for **ComponentOne Studio for ASP.NET AJAX** components include the following:

Operating Systems: Windows® 2000

Windows Server® 2003

Windows Server 2008

Windows XP SP2

Windows Vista™

Windows 7

Web Server: Microsoft Internet Information Services (IIS) 5.0 or later

Environments: .NET Framework 2.0 or later

Visual Studio 2005 or later

Internet Explorer 6.0 or later

Firefox® 2.0 or later

Safari® 2.0 or later

Disc Drive: CD or DVD-ROM drive if installing from CD

Uninstalling Studio for ASP.NET AJAX

To uninstall **Studio for ASP.NET AJAX**:

1. Open the **Control Panel** and select the **Add or Remove Programs (Programs and Features in Windows 7/Vista)**.
2. Select **ComponentOne Studio for ASP.NET AJAX** and click the **Remove** button.
3. Click **Yes** to remove the program.

Deploying your Application in a Medium Trust Environment

Depending on your hosting choice, you may need to deploy your Web site or application in a medium trust environment. Often in a shared hosting environment, medium trust is required. In a medium trust environment several permissions are unavailable or limited, including OleDbPermission, ReflectionPermission, and FileIOPermission. You can configure your Web.config file to enable these permissions.

Note: ComponentOne controls will not work in an environment where reflection is not allowed.

ComponentOne ASP.NET AJAX controls include the AllowPartiallyTrustedCallers() assembly attribute and will work under the medium trust level with some changes to the Web.config file. Since this requires some control over the Web.config file, please check with your particular host to determine if they can provide the rights to override these security settings.

Modifying or Editing the Config File

In order to add permissions, you can edit the existing web_mediumtrust.config file or create a custom policy file based on the medium trust policy. If you modify the existing web_mediumtrust.config file, all Web applications will have the same permissions with the permissions you have added. If you want applications to have different permissions, you can instead create a custom policy based on medium trust.

Edit the Config File

In order to add permissions, you can edit the existing web_mediumtrust.config file. To edit the existing web_mediumtrust.config file, complete the following steps:

1. Locate the medium trust policy file web_mediumtrust.config located by default in the %windir%\Microsoft.NET\Framework\{Version}\CONFIG directory.
2. Open the web_mediumtrust.config file.
3. Add the permissions that you want to grant. For examples, see [Adding Permissions](#) (page 4).

Create a Custom Policy Based on Medium Trust

In order to add permissions, you can create a custom policy file based on the medium trust policy. To create a custom policy file, complete the following steps:

1. Locate the medium trust policy file web_mediumtrust.config located by default in the %windir%\Microsoft.NET\Framework\{Version}\CONFIG directory.
2. Copy the web_mediumtrust.config file and create a new policy file in the same directory.
Give the new a name that indicates that it is your variation of medium trust; for example, AllowReflection_Web_MediumTrust.config.
3. Add the permissions that you want to grant. For examples, see [Adding Permissions](#) (page 4).
4. Enable the custom policy file on your application by modifying the following lines in your web.config file under the <system.web> node:

```
<system.web>  
<trust level="CustomMedium" originUrl="" />  
  
<securityPolicy>
```

```

        <trustLevel name="CustomMedium"
policyFile="AllowReflection_Web_MediumTrust.config"/>
        </securityPolicy>
        ...
</system.web>

```

Note: Your host may not allow trust level overrides. Please check with your host to see if you have these rights.

Allowing Deserialization

To allow the deserialization of the license added to App_Licenses.dll by the Microsoft IDE, you should add the `SerializationFormatter` flag to security permission to the Web.config file. Complete the steps in the [Modifying or Editing the Config File](#) (page 3) topic to create or modify a policy file before completing the following.

Add the `SerializationFormatter` flag to the `<IPermission class="SecurityPermission">` tag so that it appears similar to the following:

```

<NamedPermissionSets>
  <PermissionSet
    class="NamedPermissionSet"
    version="1"
    Name="ASP.Net">
    <IPermission
      class="SecurityPermission"
      version="1"
      Flags="Assertion, Execution, ControlThread,
ControlPrincipal, RemotingConfiguration, SerializationFormatter"/>
    ...
  </PermissionSet>
</NamedPermissionSets>

```

Adding Permissions

You can add permission, including `ReflectionPermission`, `OleDbPermission`, and `FileIOPermission`, to the web.config file. Note that `ComponentOne` controls will not work in an environment where reflection is not allowed. Complete the steps in the [Modifying or Editing the Config File](#) (page 3) topic to create or modify a policy file before completing the following.

ReflectionPermission

By default `ReflectionPermission` is not available in a medium trust environment. `ComponentOne` ASP.NET AJAX controls require reflection permission because `LicenseManager.Validate()` causes a link demand for full trust.

To add reflection permission, complete the following:

1. Open the `web_mediumtrust.config` file or a file created based on the `web_mediumtrust.config` file.
2. Add the following `<SecurityClass>` tag after the `<SecurityClasses>` tag so that it appears similar to the following:

```

<SecurityClasses>
  <SecurityClass Name="ReflectionPermission"
Description="System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermission,
mscorlib, Version=2.0.0.0, Culture=neutral,
PublicKeyToken=b77a5c561934e089"/>
  ...
</SecurityClasses>

```

3. Add the following `<IPermission>` tag after the `<NamedPermissionSets>` tag so it appears similar to the following:

```
<NamedPermissionSets>
  <PermissionSet class="NamedPermissionSet" version="1"
Name="ASP.Net">
  <IPermission
    class="ReflectionPermission"
    version="1"
    Flags="ReflectionEmit,MemberAccess" />
  ...
</PermissionSet>
</NamedPermissionSets>
```

4. Save and close the `web_mediumtrust.config` file.

OleDbPermission

By default `OleDbPermission` is not available in a medium trust environment. This means you cannot use the ADO.NET managed OLE DB data provider to access databases. If you wish to use the ADO.NET managed OLE DB data provider to access databases, you must modify the `web_mediumtrust.config` file.

To add `OleDbPermission`, complete the following steps:

1. Open the `web_mediumtrust.config` file or a file created based on the `web_mediumtrust.config` file.
2. Add the following `<SecurityClass>` tag after the `<SecurityClasses>` tag so that it appears similar to the following:

```
<SecurityClasses>
  <SecurityClass Name="OleDbPermission"
Description="System.Data.OleDb.OleDbPermission, System.Data,
Version=2.0.0.0, Culture=neutral, PublicKeyToken=b77a5c561934e089"/>
  ...
</SecurityClasses>
```

3. Add the following `<IPermission>` tag after the `<NamedPermissionSets>` tag so it appears similar to the following:

```
<NamedPermissionSets>
  <PermissionSet class="NamedPermissionSet" version="1"
Name="ASP.Net">
  <IPermission class="OleDbPermission" version="1"
Unrestricted="true"/>
  ...
</PermissionSet>
</NamedPermissionSets>
```

4. Save and close the `web_mediumtrust.config` file.

FileIOPermission

By default, `FileIOPermission` is not available in a medium trust environment. This means no file access is permitted outside of the application's virtual directory hierarchy. If you wish to allow additional file permissions, you must modify the `web_mediumtrust.config` file.

To modify `FileIOPermission` to allow read access to a specific directory outside of the application's virtual directory hierarchy, complete the following steps:

1. Open the `web_mediumtrust.config` file or a file created based on the `web_mediumtrust.config` file.
2. Add the following `<SecurityClass>` tag after the `<SecurityClasses>` tag so that it appears similar to the following:

```
<SecurityClasses>
```

```
<SecurityClass Name="FileIOPermission"
Description="System.Security.Permissions.FileIOPermission, mscorlib,
Version=2.0.0.0, Culture=neutral, PublicKeyToken=b77a5c561934e089"/>
...
</SecurityClasses>
```

3. Add the following `<IPermission>` tag after the `<NamedPermissionSets>` tag so it appears similar to the following:

```
<NamedPermissionSets>
  <PermissionSet class="NamedPermissionSet" version="1"
Name="ASP.Net">
  ...
  <IPermission class="FileIOPermission" version="1"
Read="C:\SomeDir;$AppDir$" Write="$AppDir$" Append="$AppDir$"
PathDiscovery="$AppDir$" />
  ...
</PermissionSet>
</NamedPermissionSets>
```

4. Save and close the `web_mediumtrust.config` file.

End-User License Agreement

All of the ComponentOne licensing information, including the ComponentOne end-user license agreements, frequently asked licensing questions, and the ComponentOne licensing model, is available online at <http://www.componentone.com/SuperPages/Licensing/>.

Licensing FAQs

This section describes the main technical aspects of licensing. It may help the user to understand and resolve licensing problems he may experience when using ComponentOne .NET and ASP.NET AJAX products.

What is Licensing?

Licensing is a mechanism used to protect intellectual property by ensuring that users are authorized to use software products.

Licensing is not only used to prevent illegal distribution of software products. Many software vendors, including ComponentOne, use licensing to allow potential users to test products before they decide to purchase them.

Without licensing, this type of distribution would not be practical for the vendor or convenient for the user. Vendors would either have to distribute evaluation software with limited functionality, or shift the burden of managing software licenses to customers, who could easily forget that the software being used is an evaluation version and has not been purchased.

How does Licensing Work?

ComponentOne uses a licensing model based on the standard set by Microsoft, which works with all types of components.

Note: The **Compact Framework** components use a slightly different mechanism for run-time licensing than the other ComponentOne components due to platform differences.

When a user decides to purchase a product, he receives an installation program and a Serial Number. During the installation process, the user is prompted for the serial number that is saved on the system. (Users can also

enter the serial number by clicking the **License** button on the **About Box** of any ComponentOne product, if available, or by rerunning the installation and entering the serial number in the licensing dialog box.)

When a licensed component is added to a form or Web page, Visual Studio obtains version and licensing information from the newly created component. When queried by Visual Studio, the component looks for licensing information stored in the system and generates a run-time license and version information, which Visual Studio saves in the following two files:

- An assembly resource file which contains the actual run-time license
- A "licenses.licx" file that contains the licensed component strong name and version information

These files are automatically added to the project.

In WinForms and ASP.NET 1.x applications, the run-time license is stored as an embedded resource in the assembly hosting the component or control by Visual Studio. In ASP.NET 2.x applications, the run-time license may also be stored as an embedded resource in the App_Licenses.dll assembly, which is used to store all run-time licenses for all components directly hosted by WebForms in the application. Thus, the App_licenses.dll must always be deployed with the application.

The licenses.licx file is a simple text file that contains strong names and version information for each of the licensed components used in the application. Whenever Visual Studio is called upon to rebuild the application resources, this file is read and used as a list of components to query for run-time licenses to be embedded in the appropriate assembly resource. Note that editing or adding an appropriate line to this file can force Visual Studio to add run-time licenses of other controls as well.

Note that the licenses.licx file is usually not shown in the Solution Explorer; it appears if you press the **Show All Files** button in the Solution Explorer's Toolbox, or from Visual Studio's main menu, select **Show All Files** on the **Project** menu.

Later, when the component is created at run time, it obtains the run-time license from the appropriate assembly resource that was created at design time and can decide whether to simply accept the run-time license, to throw an exception and fail altogether, or to display some information reminding the user that the software has not been licensed.

All ComponentOne products are designed to display licensing information if the product is not licensed. None will throw licensing exceptions and prevent applications from running.

Common Scenarios

The following topics describe some of the licensing scenarios you may encounter.

Creating components at design time

This is the most common scenario and also the simplest: the user adds one or more controls to the form, the licensing information is stored in the licenses.licx file, and the component works.

Note that the mechanism is exactly the same for Windows Forms and Web Forms (ASP.NET) projects.

Creating components at run time

This is also a fairly common scenario. You do not need an instance of the component on the form, but would like to create one or more instances at run time.

In this case, the project will not contain a licenses.licx file (or the file will not contain an appropriate run-time license for the component) and therefore licensing will fail.

To fix this problem, add an instance of the component to a form in the project. This will create the licenses.licx file and things will then work as expected. (The component can be removed from the form after the licenses.licx file has been created).

Adding an instance of the component to a form, then removing that component, is just a simple way of adding a line with the component strong name to the licenses.licx file. If desired, you can do this manually using

notepad or Visual Studio itself by opening the file and adding the text. When Visual Studio recreates the application resources, the component will be queried and its run-time license added to the appropriate assembly resource.

Inheriting from licensed components

If a component that inherits from a licensed component is created, the licensing information to be stored in the form is still needed. This can be done in two ways:

- Add a LicenseProvider attribute to the component.

This will mark the derived component class as licensed. When the component is added to a form, Visual Studio will create and manage the licenses.licx file, and the base class will handle the licensing process as usual. No additional work is needed. For example:

```
[LicenseProvider(typeof(LicenseProvider))]  
class MyGrid: C1.Win.C1FlexGrid.C1FlexGrid  
{  
    // ...  
}
```

- Add an instance of the base component to the form.

This will embed the licensing information into the licenses.licx file as in the previous scenario, and the base component will find it and use it. As before, the extra instance can be deleted after the licenses.licx file has been created.

Please note, that C1 licensing will not accept a run-time license for a derived control if the run-time license is embedded in the same assembly as the derived class definition, and the assembly is a DLL. This restriction is necessary to prevent a derived control class assembly from being used in other applications without a design-time license. If you create such an assembly, you will need to take one of the actions previously described create a component at run time.

Using licensed components in console applications

When building console applications, there are no forms to add components to, and therefore Visual Studio won't create a licenses.licx file.

In these cases, create a temporary Windows Forms application and add all the desired licensed components to a form. Then close the Windows Forms application and copy the licenses.licx file into the console application project.

Make sure the licenses.licx file is configured as an embedded resource. To do this, right-click the licenses.licx file in the Solution Explorer window and select **Properties**. In the Properties window, set the **Build Action** property to **Embedded Resource**.

Using licensed components in Visual C++ applications

There is an issue in VC++ 2003 where the licenses.licx is ignored during the build process; therefore, the licensing information is not included in VC++ applications.

To fix this problem, extra steps must be taken to compile the licensing resources and link them to the project. Note the following:

1. Build the C++ project as usual. This should create an .exe file and also a licenses.licx file with licensing information in it.
2. Copy the licenses.licx file from the app directory to the target folder (Debug or Release).
3. Copy the C1Lc.exe utility and the licensed dlls to the target folder. (Don't use the standard lc.exe, it has bugs.)
4. Use C1Lc.exe to compile the licenses.licx file. The command line should look like this:

```
c1lc /target:MyApp.exe /complist:licenses.licx
/i:C1.Win.C1FlexGrid.dll
```

5. Link the licenses into the project. To do this, go back to Visual Studio, right-click the project, select properties, and go to the Linker/Command Line option. Enter the following:
`/ASSEMBLYRESOURCE:Debug\MyApp.exe.licenses`
6. Rebuild the executable to include the licensing information in the application.

Using licensed components with automated testing products

Automated testing products that load assemblies dynamically may cause them to display license dialog boxes. This is the expected behavior since the test application typically does not contain the necessary licensing information, and there is no easy way to add it.

This can be avoided by adding the string "C1CheckForDesignLicenseAtRuntime" to the AssemblyConfiguration attribute of the assembly that contains or derives from ComponentOne controls. This attribute value directs the ComponentOne controls to use design-time licenses at run time.

For example:

```
#if AUTOMATED_TESTING
    [AssemblyConfiguration("C1CheckForDesignLicenseAtRuntime")]
#endif
public class MyDerivedControl : C1LicensedControl
{
    // ...
}
```

Note that the AssemblyConfiguration string may contain additional text before or after the given string, so the AssemblyConfiguration attribute can be used for other purposes as well. For example:

```
[AssemblyConfiguration("C1CheckForDesignLicenseAtRuntime,BetaVersion")] ]
```

THIS METHOD SHOULD ONLY BE USED UNDER THE SCENARIO DESCRIBED. It requires a design-time license to be installed on the testing machine. Distributing or installing the license on other computers is a violation of the EULA.

Troubleshooting

We try very hard to make the licensing mechanism as unobtrusive as possible, but problems may occur for a number of reasons.

Below is a description of the most common problems and their solutions.

I have a licensed version of a ComponentOne product but I still get the splash screen when I run my project.

If this happens, there may be a problem with the licenses.licx file in the project. It either doesn't exist, contains wrong information, or is not configured correctly.

First, try a full rebuild (**Rebuild All** from the Visual Studio **Build** menu). This will usually rebuild the correct licensing resources.

If that fails follow these steps:

1. Open the project and go to the Solution Explorer window.
2. Click the **Show All Files** button on the top of the window.
3. Find the licenses.licx file and open it. If prompted, continue to open the file.
4. Change the version number of each component to the appropriate value. If the component does not appear in the file, obtain the appropriate data from another licenses.licx file or follow the alternate procedure following.

5. Save the file, then close the licenses.licx tab.
6. Rebuild the project using the **Rebuild All** option (not just **Rebuild**).

Alternatively, follow these steps:

1. Open the project and go to the Solution Explorer window.
2. Click the **Show All Files** button on the top of the window.
3. Find the licenses.licx file and delete it.
4. Close the project and reopen it.
5. Open the main form and add an instance of each licensed control.
6. Check the Solution Explorer window, there should be a licenses.licx file there.
7. Rebuild the project using the **Rebuild All** option (not just **Rebuild**).

For ASP.NET 2.x applications, follow these steps:

1. Open the project and go to the Solution Explorer window.
2. Find the licenses.licx file and right-click it.
3. Select the Rebuild Licenses option (this will rebuild the App_Licenses.licx file).
4. Rebuild the project using the **Rebuild All** option (not just **Rebuild**).

I have a licensed version of a ComponentOne product on my Web server but the components still behave as unlicensed.

There is no need to install any licenses on machines used as servers and not used for development.

The components must be licensed on the development machine, therefore the licensing information will be saved into the executable (.exe or .dll) when the project is built. After that, the application can be deployed on any machine, including Web servers.

For ASP.NET 2.x applications, be sure that the App_Licenses.dll assembly created during development of the application is deployed to the bin application bin directory on the Web server.

If your ASP.NET application uses WinForms user controls with constituent licensed controls, the run-time license is embedded in the WinForms user control assembly. In this case, you must be sure to rebuild and update the user control whenever the licensed embedded controls are updated.

I downloaded a new build of a component that I have purchased, and now I'm getting the splash screen when I build my projects.

Make sure that the serial number is still valid. If you licensed the component over a year ago, your subscription may have expired. In this case, you have two options:

Option 1 – Renew your subscription to get a new serial number.

If you choose this option, you will receive a new serial number that you can use to license the new components (from the installation utility or directly from the **About Box**).

The new subscription will entitle you to a full year of upgrades and to download the latest maintenance builds directly from <http://prerelease.componentone.com/>.

Option 2 – Continue to use the components you have.

Subscriptions expire, products do not. You can continue to use the components you received or downloaded while your subscription was valid.

Technical Support

ComponentOne offers various support options. For a complete list and a description of each, visit the ComponentOne Web site at <http://www.componentone.com/Support>.

Some methods for obtaining technical support include:

- Online Support via [HelpCentral](#)
ComponentOne HelpCentral provides customers with a comprehensive set of technical resources in the form of [FAQs](#), [samples](#), [Version Release History](#), [Articles](#), searchable [Knowledge Base](#), searchable [Online Help](#) and more. We recommend this as the first place to look for answers to your technical questions.
- Online Support via our Incident Submission Form
This online support service provides you with direct access to our Technical Support staff via an online incident submission form. When you submit an incident, you'll immediately receive a response via e-mail confirming that you've successfully created an incident. This email will provide you with an Issue Reference ID and will provide you with a set of possible answers to your question from our Knowledgebase. You will receive a response from one of the ComponentOne staff members via e-mail in 2 business days or less.
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Note: You must create a ComponentOne Account and register your product with a valid serial number to obtain support using some of the above methods.

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- C1.Web.UI.Controls.2.dll
- C1.Web.UI.3.dll
- C1.Web.UI.Controls.3.dll

- C1.Web.UI.4.dll
- C1.Web.UI.Controls.4.dll

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Namespaces

Namespaces organize the objects defined in an assembly. Assemblies can contain multiple namespaces, which can in turn contain other namespaces. Namespaces prevent ambiguity and simplify references when using large groups of objects such as class libraries.

The general namespace for ComponentOne Web products is **C1.Web**. The following code fragment shows how to declare a **C1NavPanel** using the fully qualified name for this class:

- Visual Basic

```
Dim NavPanel As C1.Web.UI.Controls.C1NavPanel
```

- C#

```
C1.Web.UI.Controls.C1NavPanel NavPanel;
```

Namespaces address a problem sometimes known as *namespace pollution*, in which the developer of a class library is hampered by the use of similar names in another library. These conflicts with existing components are sometimes called *name collisions*.

Fully qualified names are object references that are prefixed with the name of the namespace where the object is defined. You can use objects defined in other projects if you create a reference to the class (by choosing Add Reference from the Project menu) and then use the fully qualified name for the object in your code.

Fully qualified names prevent naming conflicts because the compiler can always determine which object is being used. However, the names themselves can get long and cumbersome. To get around this, you can use

the **Imports** statement (**using** in C#) to define an alias — an abbreviated name you can use in place of a fully qualified name. For example, the following code snippet creates aliases for two fully qualified names, and uses these aliases to define two objects:

- Visual Basic

```
Imports C1NavPanel = C1.Web.UI.Controls.C1NavPanel
Imports MyNavPanel = MyProject.Objects.C1NavPanel

Dim wm1 As C1NavPanel
Dim wm2 As MyNavPanel
```

- C#

```
using C1NavPanel = C1.Web.UI.Controls.C1NavPanel;
using MyNavPanel = MyProject.Objects.C1NavPanel;

C1NavPanel wm1;
MyNavPanel wm2;
```

If you use the **Imports** statement without an alias, you can use all the names in that namespace without qualification provided they are unique to the project.

Creating an AJAX-Enabled ASP.NET Project

ComponentOne NavPanel for ASP.NET AJAX requires you to create an ASP.NET AJAX-Enabled project so that Microsoft ASP.NET AJAX Extensions and a **ScriptManager** control are included in your project before the controls are placed on the page. This allows you to take advantage of ASP.NET AJAX and certain features such as partial-page rendering and client-script functionality of the Microsoft AJAX Library.

When creating AJAX-Enabled ASP.NET projects, Visual Studio gives you the option of creating a Web site project or a Web application project. [MSDN](#) provides detailed information on why you would choose one option over the other.

If you are using Visual Studio 2008 with .NET Framework 2.0 or .NET Framework 3.0 or if you are using Visual Studio 2005, you must install the ASP.NET AJAX Extensions 1.0, which can be found at <http://www.asp.net/ajax/downloads/archive/>. Additionally for Visual Studio 2005 users, creating a Web application project requires installation of a Visual Studio 2005 update and add-in, which can be found at <http://msdn.microsoft.com/>; however, if you have Visual Studio 2005 SP1, Web application project support is included and a separate download is not required.

If you are using Visual Studio 2008 and .NET Framework 3.5, you can easily create an AJAX-enabled ASP.NET project without installing separate add-ins because the framework has a built-in AJAX library and controls.

Note: If you are using Visual Studio 2010, see <http://www.asp.net/ajax/> for more information on creating an AJAX-Enabled ASP.NET Project.

The following table summarizes the installations needed:

Visual Studio Version	Additional Installation Requirements
Visual Studio 2008, .NET Framework 3.5	None
Visual Studio 2008 and .NET Framework 2.0 or 3.0	ASP.NET AJAX Extensions 1.0
Visual Studio 2005 Service Pack 1	

Visual Studio 2005	ASP.NET AJAX Extensions 1.0 Visual Studio update and add-in (2 installs for Web application project support)
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The following topics explain how to create both types of projects in Visual Studio 2008 and 2005.

- **Creating an AJAX-Enabled Web Site Project in Visual Studio 2008** 

To create a Web site project in Visual Studio 2008, complete the following steps:

1. From the **File** menu, select **New | Web Site**. The New Web Site dialog box opens.
2. Select .NET Framework 3.5 or the desired framework in the upper right corner. Note that if you choose .NET Framework 2.0 or 3.0, you must install the [extensions](#) first.
3. In the list of templates, select **AJAX 1.0-Enabled ASP.NET 2.0 Web Site**.
4. Click **Browse** to specify a location and then click **OK**.

Note: The Web server must have IIS version 6 or later and the .NET Framework installed on it. If you have IIS on your computer, you can specify `http://localhost` for the server.

A new AJAX-Enabled Web Site is created at the root of the Web server you specified. In addition, a new Web Forms page called `Default.aspx` is displayed and a **ScriptManager** control is placed on the form. The **ScriptManger** is needed to enable certain features of ASP.NET AJAX such as partial-page rendering, client-script functionality of the Microsoft AJAX Library, and Web-service calls.

- **Creating an AJAX-Enabled Web Application Project in Visual Studio 2008** 

To create a new Web application project in Visual Studio 2008, complete the following steps.

1. From the **File** menu, select **New | Project**. The New Project dialog box opens.
2. Select .NET Framework 3.5 or the desired framework in the upper right corner. Note that if you choose .NET Framework 2.0 or 3.0, you must install the [extensions](#) first.
3. Under **Project Types**, choose either **Visual Basic** or **Visual C#** and then select **Web**. Note that one of these options may be located under **Other Languages**.
4. Select **AJAX 1.0-Enabled ASP.NET 2.0 Web Application** from the list of **Templates** in the right pane.
5. Enter a URL for your application in the **Location** field and click **OK**.

Note: The Web server must have IIS version 6 or later and the .NET Framework installed on it. If you have IIS on your computer, you can specify `http://localhost` for the server.

A new Web project is created at the root of the Web server you specified. In addition, a new Web Forms page called `Default.aspx` is displayed and a **ScriptManager** control is placed on the form. The **ScriptManger** is needed to enable certain features of ASP.NET AJAX such as partial-page rendering, client-script functionality of the Microsoft AJAX Library, and Web-service calls.

- **Creating an AJAX-Enabled Web Site Project in Visual Studio 2005** 

To create a Web site project in Visual Studio 2005, complete the following steps:

1. From the **File** menu in Microsoft Visual Studio .NET, select **New Web Site**. The **New Web Site** dialog box opens.

2. Select **ASP.NET AJAX-Enabled Web Site** from the list of Templates.
3. Enter a URL for your site in the **Location** field and click **OK**.

Note: The Web server must have IIS version 6 or later and the .NET Framework installed on it. If you have IIS on your computer, you can specify `http://localhost` for the server.

A new Web Forms project is created at the root of the Web server you specified. In addition, a new Web Forms page called `Default.aspx` is displayed and a **ScriptManager** control is placed on the form. The **ScriptManger** is needed to enable certain features of ASP.NET AJAX such as partial-page rendering, client-script functionality of the Microsoft AJAX Library, and Web-service calls.

- **Creating an AJAX-Enabled Web Application Project in Visual Studio 2005** 

To create a new Web application project in Visual Studio 2005, complete the following steps.

1. From the **File** menu in Microsoft Visual Studio 2005, select **New Project**. The **New Project** dialog box opens.
2. Under **Project Types**, choose either **Visual Basic Projects** or **Visual C# Projects**. Note that one of these options may be located under **Other Languages**.
3. Select **ASP.NET AJAX-Enabled Web Application** from the list of **Templates** in the right pane.
4. Enter a URL for your application in the **Location** field and click **OK**.

Note: The Web server must have IIS version 6 or later and the .NET Framework installed on it. If you have IIS on your computer, you can specify `http://localhost` for the server.

5. A new Web Forms project is created at the root of the Web server you specified. In addition, a new Web Forms page called `Default.aspx` is displayed and a **ScriptManager** control is placed on the form. The **ScriptManger** is needed to enable certain features of ASP.NET AJAX such as partial-page rendering, client-script functionality of the Microsoft AJAX Library, and Web-service calls.

Adding the C1NavPanel Component to a Project

When you install **ComponentOne Studio for ASP.NET AJAX**, the **Create a ComponentOne Visual Studio Toolbox Tab** check box is checked, by default, in the installation wizard. When you open Visual Studio, you will notice a **ComponentOne Studio for ASP.NET Projects** tab containing the ComponentOne controls that have automatically been added to the Toolbox.

If you decide to uncheck the **Create a ComponentOne Visual Studio Toolbox Tab** check box during installation, you can manually add ComponentOne controls to the Toolbox at a later time.

Manually Adding the Studio for ASP.NET AJAX controls to the Toolbox

When you install **ComponentOne Studio for ASP.NET AJAX**, the C1NavPanel component will appear in the Visual Studio Toolbox customization dialog box. To manually add the **Studio for ASP.NET AJAX** controls to the Visual Studio Toolbox:

1. Open the Visual Studio IDE (Microsoft Development Environment). Make sure the Toolbox is visible (select **Toolbox** in the **View** menu if necessary) and right-click it to open the context menu.
2. To make the **Studio for ASP.NET AJAX** components appear on their own tab in the Toolbox, select **Add Tab** from the context menu and type in the tab name, **Studio for ASP.NET AJAX**, for example.
3. Right-click the tab where the component is to appear and select **Choose Items** from the context menu. The **Choose Toolbox Items** dialog box opens.

- In the dialog box, select the **.NET Framework Components** tab. Sort the list by Namespace (click the **Namespace** column header) and check the check boxes for all components belonging to namespace C1.Web.UI.Controls.2.dll. Note that there may be more than one component for each namespace.
- Click **OK** to close the dialog box. The controls are added to the Visual Studio Toolbox.

Adding Studio for ASP.NET AJAX Controls to the Form

To add **Studio for ASP.NET AJAX** controls to a form:

- Add them to the Visual Studio toolbox.
- Double-click each control or drag it onto your form.

Adding a Reference to the Assembly

To add a reference to the C1.Web.UI.Controls.2 assembly:

- Select the **Add Reference** option from the **Website** menu of your Web Site project or from the Project menu of your Web Application project.
- Select the most recent version of the **ComponentOne Studio for ASP.NET AJAX** assembly from the list on the **NET** tab or browse to find the C1.Web.UI.Controls.2.dll file and click **OK**.
- Select the **Form1.vb** tab or go to **View | Code** to open the Code Editor. At the top of the file, add the following **Imports** directive (**using** in C#):

```
Imports C1.Web.UI.Controls
```

Note: This makes the objects defined in the **C1.Web.UI.Controls.2** assembly visible to the project. See [Namespaces](#) (page 12) for more information.

Key Features

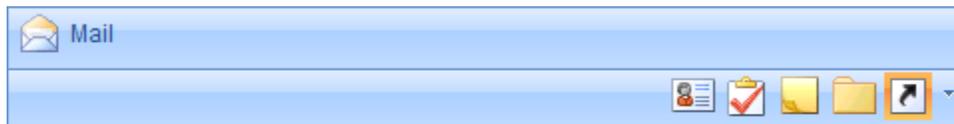
The following are some of the main features of C1NavPanel that you may find useful:

- **Use navigation buttons to access C1NavPanelPane information**

C1NavPanel allows you to provide navigation buttons that, when clicked, hide the corresponding **C1NavPanelPane** while showing its content area. See [Adding Navigation Pane Buttons](#) (page 41) for more information.

- **Create an Outlook-style user interface**

C1NavPanel provides OutlookUI settings allowing you to create a Microsoft Outlook-style navigation pane. See [Creating an Outlook-style Navigation Pane](#) (page 45) for more information.



Microsoft Outlook-Style Navigation Pane

- **Choose from thirty-one built-in animation effects**

C1NavPanel includes thirty-one different built-in animations that can be set when the **C1NavPanelPanes** are expanded or collapsed. Easily change animation effects by setting the **ExpandEasing** and **CollapseEasing** properties. For more information, see the [Setting the Animation Effects for C1NavPanel](#) (page 42).

- **Built-in visual styles**

Choose from five built-in visual styles to quickly change the C1NavPanel control's appearance. Visual styles include: ArcticFox, Office2007Black, Office2007Blue, Office2007Silver, and Vista. See [Using Built-in Visual Styles](#) (page 44) for additional information.

- **Customize the C1NavPanel control with visual styles**

Easily customize the C1NavPanel control by pointing to your own visual styles using the **C1NavPanelVisualStyle** property.

NavPanel for ASP.NET AJAX also includes CSS-supported styling so that you can use cascading style sheets to easily style the C1NavPanel control to match the design of your current Web site.

See [Adding Custom Visual Styles](#) (page 42) for more information.

- **Keyboard accessibility support**

Add keyboard accessibility support to give the C1NavPanel control focus with a specified key combination. At run time, users can use the keyboard arrow keys to navigate through the **C1NavPanelPanels**. For more information, see [Adding Keyboard Accessibility Support to C1NavPanel](#) (page 42).

- **Use automatic posts back to the server**

Set the **C1NavPanelAutoPostBack** property to **True** if you want automatic posts back to the server each time a user interacts with the C1NavPanel. See [Using Automatic Posts Back to the Server](#) (page 44) for more information.

- **Display external content**

You can show external content, including content of another Web page in your project or even content of a Web site outside of your project, in the **C1NavPanelPane** content area. Simply set the **ContentUrl** property. See [Displaying External Content](#) (page 45) for more information.

NavPanel for ASP.NET AJAX Quick Start

The C1NavPanel Quick Start describes how to get started with the ASP.NET AJAX control, **C1NavPanel**. In this quick start, you will create an ASP.NET AJAX-Enabled Web Site containing one **C1NavPanel** control and two **C1NavPanelPanes**. The first accordion pane will allow users to access a Web site while the second will allow them to access a task list.

Step 1 of 5: Adding C1NavPanel to the Page

In this topic you will add a C1NavPanel control to the page.

1. Begin by . Note that if using Visual Studio 2008, you must add a **ScriptManager** control to the form. If using Visual Studio 2005, the **ScriptManager** control is automatically added to the form.
2. While in Design view, navigate to the Visual Studio Toolbox and double-click the C1NavPanel control to add it to your form.



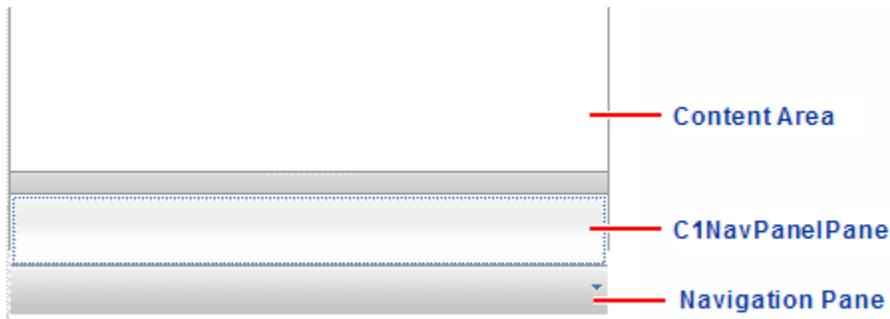
Note: If the control is not appearing correctly, make sure you have a reference to the C1.Web.UI.Design.2.dll installed with the product in your project.

Step 2 of 5: Customizing the C1NavPanel Control

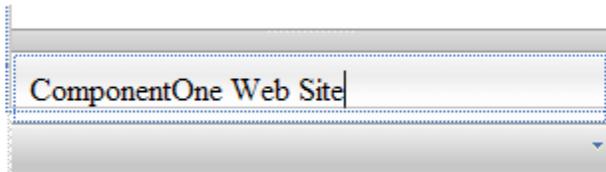
In this topic you will add a **C1NavPanelPane** to the C1NavPanel control and set some of its properties.

1. Click "**C1NavPanel is Empty. Click here to add new pane**". The **C1NavPanel** now contains a content area and one **C1NavPanelPane**. At run time, when a button is added to the navigation pane, the corresponding **C1NavPanelPane** is hidden, and the user can click the button to view information in the

content area. This navigation pane is what makes the **C1NavPanel** control unique from the **C1Accordion** control.



2. Click the new pane and enter **ComponentOne Web Site**.



3. Click the **C1NavPanel** smart tag to access the **C1NavPanel Tasks** menu where you can set frequently-used properties and tasks.

Note: Notice that **OutlookUI** is selected by default. This will give the **C1NavPanel** the Microsoft Outlook navigation bar style.

- a. Enter **600px** for the **Width** and **400px** for the **Height** to adjust the size of the **C1NavPanel**.
- b. Set the **AutoSize** property to **Fill**. This stretches the **C1NavPanel**, allowing for a larger content area at run time. The content area can include anything you want, such as text, links, graphics, and so on. You can use HTML and cascading style sheets to format the area as well.
- c. Select **Add new pane** to add a second **C1NavPanelPane**. The second **C1NavPanelPane** is added below the current pane.

Step 3 of 5: Adding Content to the C1NavPanel Control

In this topic you will add HTML that will be used as content for one of the **C1NavPanelPanes**. Additionally you will add images to be used for the buttons in the navigation pane.

1. Click the new pane's header and enter **Tasks**. The **Tasks** box will be defined by an **.htm** file, which you will need to add to the project.
2. Next we will create an **.htm** file to add to the Task pane's content.
 - a. In the Visual Studio Solution Explorer, right-click on the name of your project and select **Add New Item**. The **Add New Item** dialog box appears.
 - b. Select **HTML Page**, name the file **Tasks.htm** in the **Name** text box, and click **Add**.

- c. Click the **Source** button on your form to switch to Source view, and add the following markup in the **Tasks.htm** file:

```
<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"
"http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">

<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
<head>
  <title>Untitled Page</title>
  <style type="text/css">
    #TextArea1
    {
      height: 111px;
      width: 368px;
    }
  </style>
</head>
<body>

  <table style="width: 52%; height: 197px;">
    <tr>
      <td>
        &nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;</td>
      <td style="text-align: center">
        <b>TASKS</b></td>
      <td>
        &nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;</td>
    </tr>
    <tr>
      <td>
        &nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;</td>
      <td>
        <textarea id="TextArea1" name="S1">Task
text</textarea></td>
      <td>
        &nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;</td>
    </tr>
    <tr>
      <td colspan="3">
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      </td>
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      <td>
        &nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;</td>
    </tr>
  </table>

</body>
</html>
```

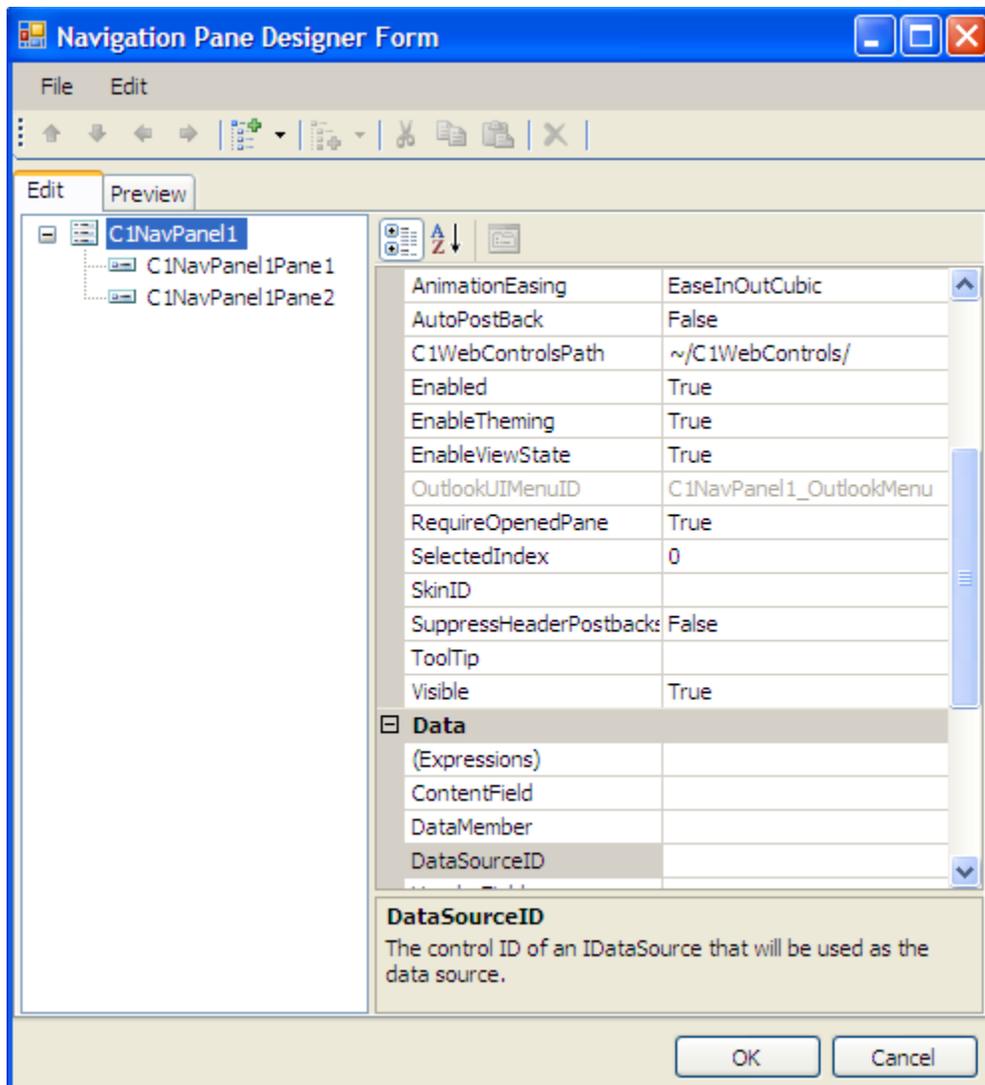
3. Let's also add some graphics for the buttons in the navigation pane.
- Create or use two existing graphic files and place them in your project folder.

- b. In the Visual Studio Solution Explorer, right-click the project name and select **Add Existing Item**.
- c. Select the .gif files and click **Add**. These files will be used later in this quick start.
4. Double-click the **Default.aspx** page in the Solution Explorer to open it again.
5. With the **Tasks** pane selected, click the C1NavPanel smart tag to access the **C1NavPanel Tasks** menu again.
6. Under **Selected pane properties**, enter **Tasks** for the **ButtonName** property.

Step 4 of 5: Working with the Navigation Pane Designer Form

In the following steps, you will use the **Navigation Pane Designer Form** to add images to the navigation pane and to add content to the **C1NavPanelPanes**.

1. In the **Navigation Pane Designer Form**, select **Edit Panes**. The **Navigation Pane Designer Form** appears.

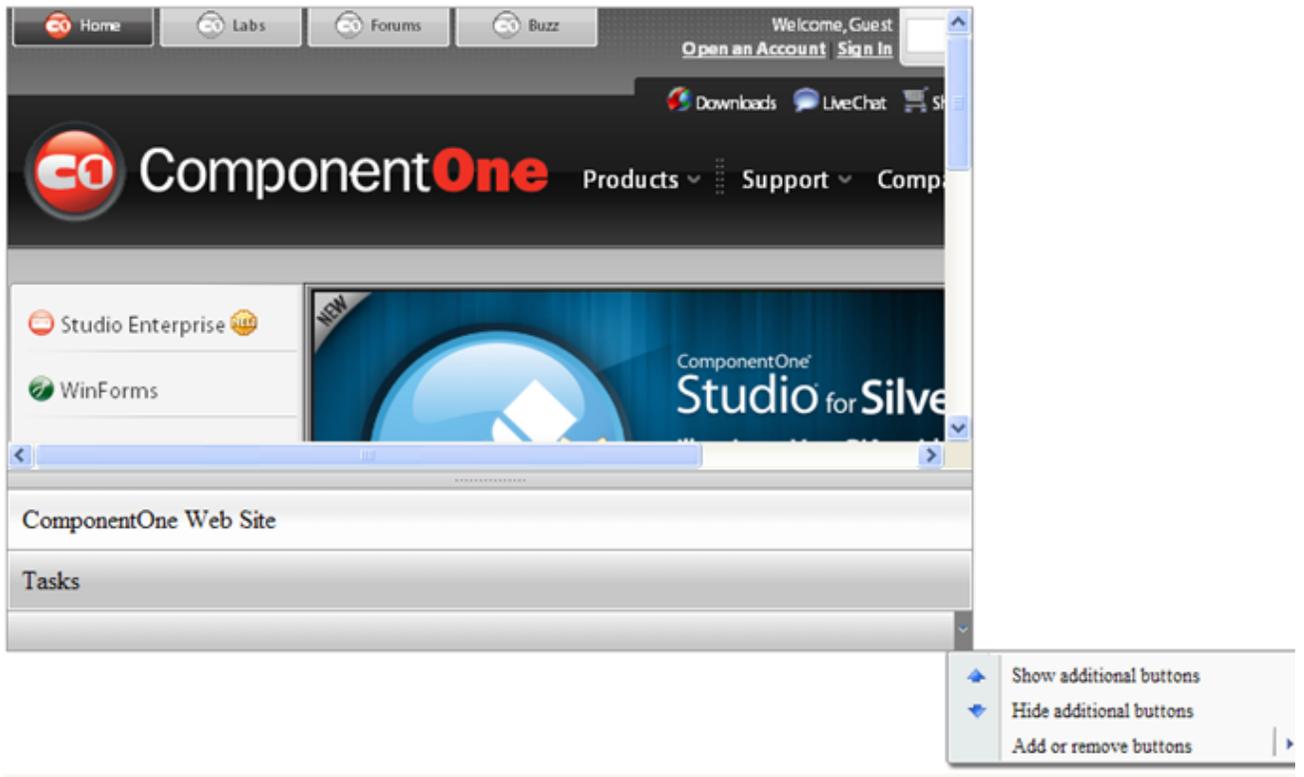


2. Select **C1NavPanel1Pane1**.
 - a. In the **Behavior** category, enter **ComponentOne Web Site** next to the **ButtonName** property.
 - b. In the **Misc** category, enter **http://www.componentone.com** next to the **ContentUrl** property.
 - c. In the **Appearance** category, click the **ellipsis** button next to the **ButtonImageUrl** property, select your first .gif (we are using the ComponentOne logo for this example), and click **OK**.
3. Select **C1NavPanel1Pane2**.
 - a. In the **Misc** category, enter **Tasks.htm** next to the **ContentUrl** property.
 - b. In the **Appearance** category, click the **ellipsis** button next to the **ButtonImageUrl** property, select your second .gif (we are using the Microsoft Outlook tasks image for this example), and click **OK**.
4. Click **OK** to close the **Navigation Pane Designer Form**.
5. Since you edited the **Tasks** pane last, it is still selected. Select the **ComponentOne Web Site** pane so that its contents will appear first in the content area of the C1NavPanel when the project runs.

Step 5 of 5: Running the Project

Press **F5** to run the project and view the following:

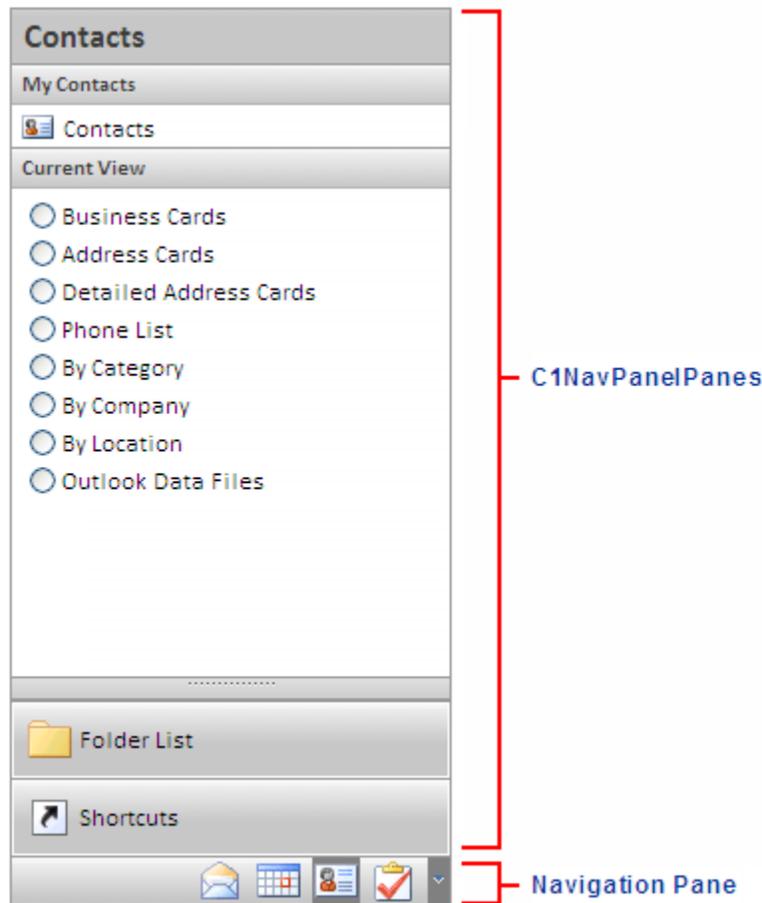
- Since the **ComponentOne Web Site** pane is selected, the ComponentOne Web page appears in the content area of the C1NavPanel by default.
- Click the **Tasks** pane, and the **Tasks** box defined in the **Tasks.htm** file appears in the content area.
- Click the drop-down arrow in the navigation pane and hover over **Add or remove buttons**. The buttons appear in the list. Selecting a button makes it visible in the navigation pane, allowing users to click it rather than the corresponding **C1NavPanelPane**, which becomes hidden, to view the information in the content area.



Congratulations! You have successfully completed the **NavPanel for ASP.NET AJAX Quick Start**.

C1NavPanel Elements

The C1NavPanel control is made up of multiple **C1NavPanelPanes** and a navigation pane.



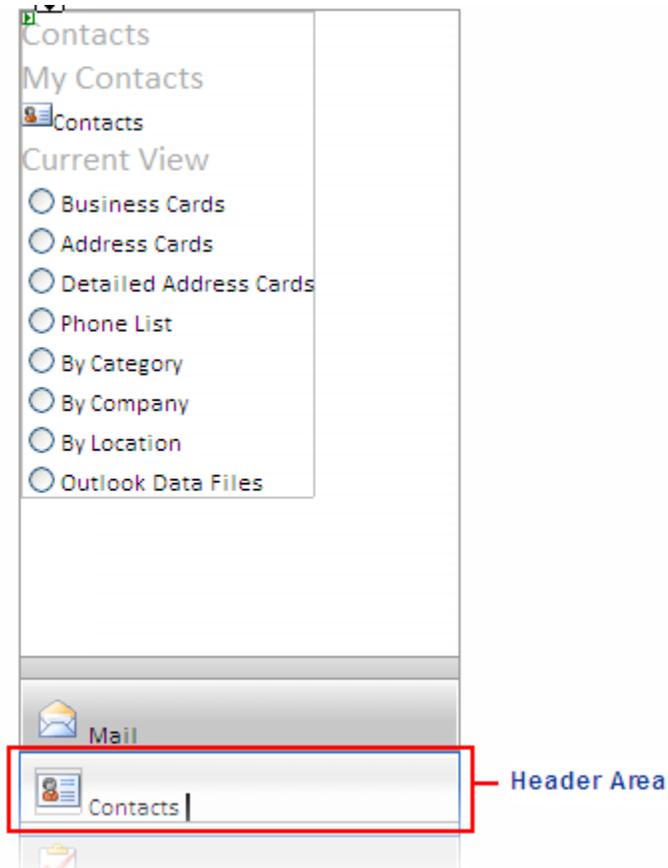
The following topics provide more information on each of the C1NavPanel elements.

C1NavPanelPane

Each **C1NavPanelPane** is made up of two distinct elements, the header area and the content area.

Header Area

The **C1NavPanelPane's** header area appears at the top of the control and initially displays "C1NavPanel is Empty. Click here to add new pane." You can add content, including text, HTML content, images, and other controls, to the header area of the **C1NavPanelPane**. Elements in the header area can be added and moved there through a simple drag-and-drop operation.



You can add content to the header area of the **C1NavPanelPane** at design time. Simply click the header area and begin typing.

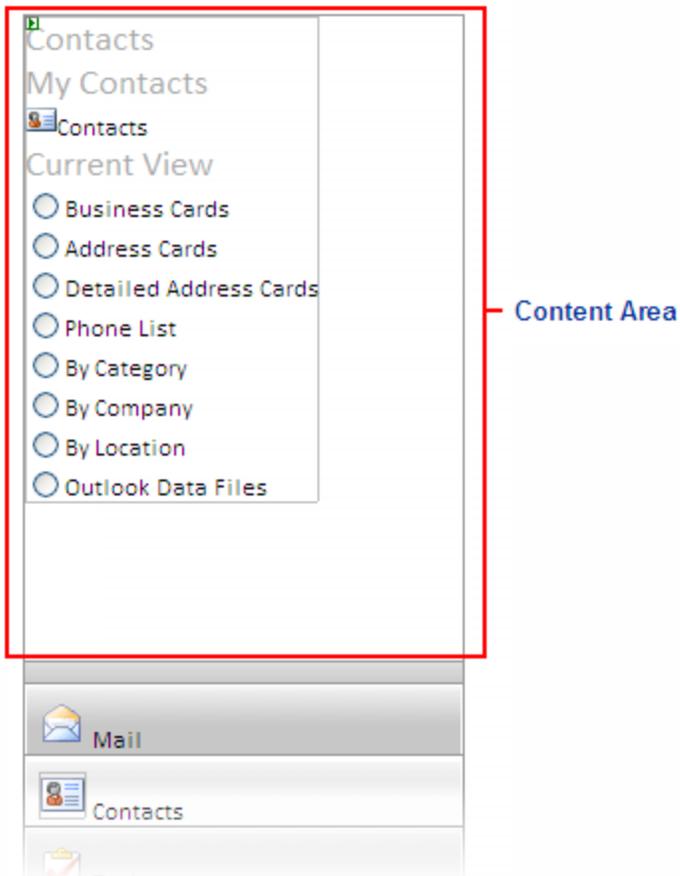
When you add content to the header and switch to Source view, you will notice that the header appears inside `<Header>` tags inside the `<cc1:C1NavPanelPane>` tags:

```
<cc1:C1NavPanel ID="C1NavPanel1" runat="server" Height="300px"
Width="300px">
  <Panes>
    <cc1:C1NavPanelPane ID="C1NavPanel1Pane1" runat="server"
Expanded="True">
      <Content>
        content
      </Content>
      <Header>
        Header
      </Header>
    </cc1:C1NavPanelPane>
  </Panes>
</cc1:C1NavPanel>
```

Content Area

The **C1NavPanelPane's** content area is initially empty. You can add images, rich text through custom HTML content, URL links through the **ContentUrl** property, and arbitrary controls, such as buttons and labels. Elements in the content area of the control can be added and moved there through a simple drag-and-drop operation.

You can add content to the control area of the **C1NavPanelPane** at design time. Simply click the content area and begin typing, or add images or other elements as you would normally.



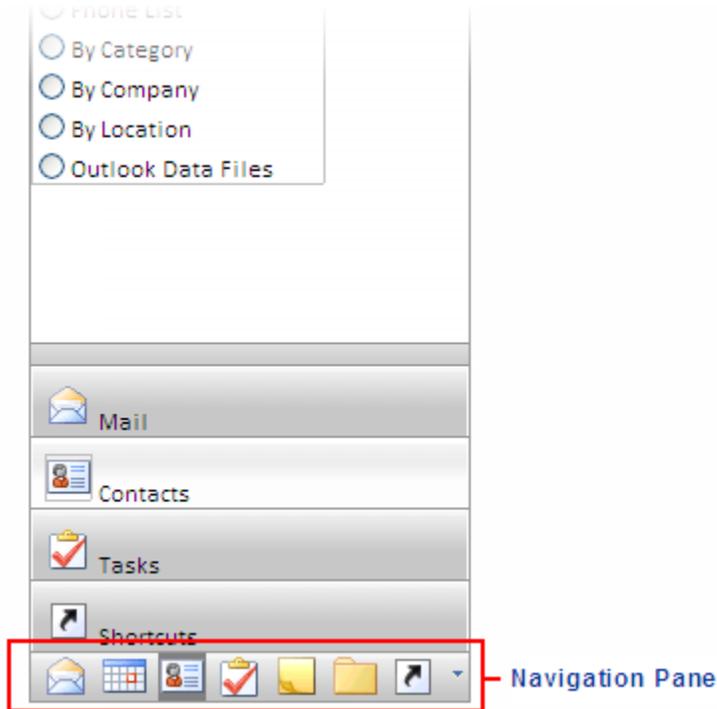
When you add content to the content area and switch to Source view, you will notice that the content appears inside `<Content>` tabs inside the `<cc1:C1NavPanelPane>` tags:

```
<cc1:C1NavPanel ID="C1NavPanel1" runat="server" Height="300px"
Width="300px">
  <Panes>
    <cc1:C1NavPanelPane ID="C1NavPanel1Panel1" runat="server"
Expanded="True">
      <Content>
        content
      </Content>
      <Header>
        Header
      </Header>
    </cc1:C1NavPanelPane>
  </Panes>
</cc1:C1NavPanel>
```

You can also use the **ContentUrl** property to set external content to appear within the content area of the **C1NavPanelPane**. For more information, see [Displaying External Content](#) (page 45).

Navigation Pane

The **C1NavPanel** control is similar to the **C1Accordion** control, only it contains a navigation pane with buttons that, when clicked, hide the corresponding **C1NavPanelPane** and show its content area.



The navigation pane can be customized to look like the navigation pane in Microsoft Outlook. For more information, see [Creating an Outlook-style Navigation Pane](#) (page 45).

C1NavPanel Design-Time Support

The following sections describe how to use **C1NavPanel's** design-time environment to configure the **C1NavPanel** control.

C1NavPanel Smart Tag

The **C1NavPanel** control includes a smart tag () in Visual Studio. A smart tag represents a short-cut tasks menu that provides the most commonly used properties in **C1NavPanel**.

The **C1NavPanel** control provides quick and easy access to the **Navigation Pane Designer Form** and common properties through its smart tag.

To access the **C1NavPanel Tasks** menu, click the smart tag in the upper-right corner of the **C1NavPanel** control.

The **C1NavPanel Tasks** menu operates as follows:

- **Choose Data Source**

Clicking the drop-down arrow in the **Choose Data Source** box opens a list of available data sources and allows you to add a new data source. To add a new data source to the project, click **<New data source>** to open the **Data Source Configuration Wizard**.

- **Edit Panes**

Clicking **Edit Panes** opens the **Navigation Pane Designer Form**, where panes can be added, removed, and reordered. You can preview the **C1NavPanel** here, as well as set a variety of properties defining the appearance, behavior, and more for each **C1NavPanelPane**.

- **AutoSize**

The **AutoSize** property determines the width and height of the content area of the **C1NavPanelPanes**. If set to **None** (default), then the content area will increase as necessary to fit the pane's contents. If set to **Fill**, then the content area size will always be equal to its height and width for horizontal orientation.

- **DefaultHeaderSize**

This property determines the size of the **C1NavPanelPane**.

- **Width**

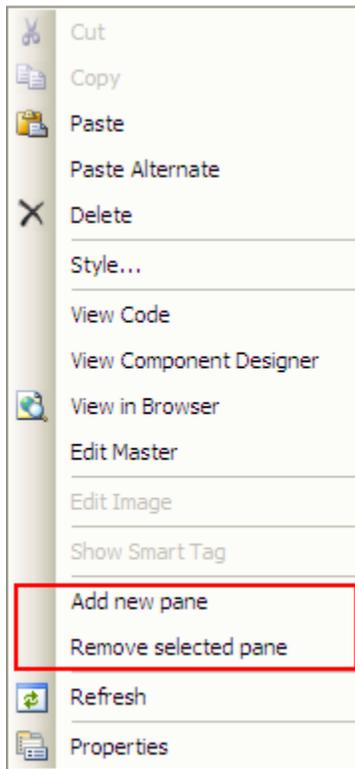
Set this property to determine the width of the **C1NavPanel** control.

- **Height**
Set this property to determine the height of the **C1NavPanel** control.
- **Add new pane**
Clicking **Add new pane** simply adds an additional **C1NavPanelPane** to the **C1NavPanel** control.
- **Remove selected pane**
Clicking **Remove selected pane** deletes the currently selected **C1NavPanelPane** in the **C1NavPanel** control.
- **SelectedIndex**
Set this property to determine the **C1NavPanelPane** to be initially displayed.
- **ButtonName**
Set this property to determine the name for the selected **C1NavPanelPane**.
- **ContentUrl**
Set this property to the URL of the Web site you wish to display or provide your own .htm file to display formatted content, links, images, and so on.
- **DisplayVisible**
Unchecking the **DisplayVisible** checkbox hides the currently selected **C1NavPanelPane**.
- **VisualStylePath**
The **VisualStylePath** property specifies the location of the visual styles used for the control. The default value for **VisualStylePath** property is `~/C1WebControls/VisualStyles`. If you create a custom style, add it to this location `~/VisualStyles/StyleName/C1NavPanel/styles.css`, set the **VisualStylePath** property to `~/VisualStyles`, and set the **VisualStyle** property to **StyleName** (assuming that **StyleName** is the name used to define the style in the style.css file). Uncheck the **UseEmbeddedVisualStyles** property.
- **UseEmbeddedVisualStyles**
This checkbox is checked by default so that the visual styles embedded in `C1.Web.UI.Controls.2.dll`, such as **ArcticFox** and **Vista**, can be used. If you want to use your own custom styles, uncheck this checkbox and specify the location of your visual styles using the **VisualStylePath** property.
- **VisualStyle**
Clicking the **VisualStyle** drop-down arrow allows you to select from various built-in visual styles. See [Using Built-in Visual Styles](#) (page 44) for more information.
- **About**
Displays the **About ComponentOne NavPanel** dialog box, which is helpful in finding the version number of the product and online resources such as how to purchase a license, how to contact ComponentOne, or view ComponentOne product forums.

C1NavPanel Context Menu

C1NavPanel has additional commands available on the context menu that Visual Studio provides for all .NET and ASP.NET controls.

Right-click anywhere on the C1NavPanel control to display the context menu:



The context menu commands operate as follows:

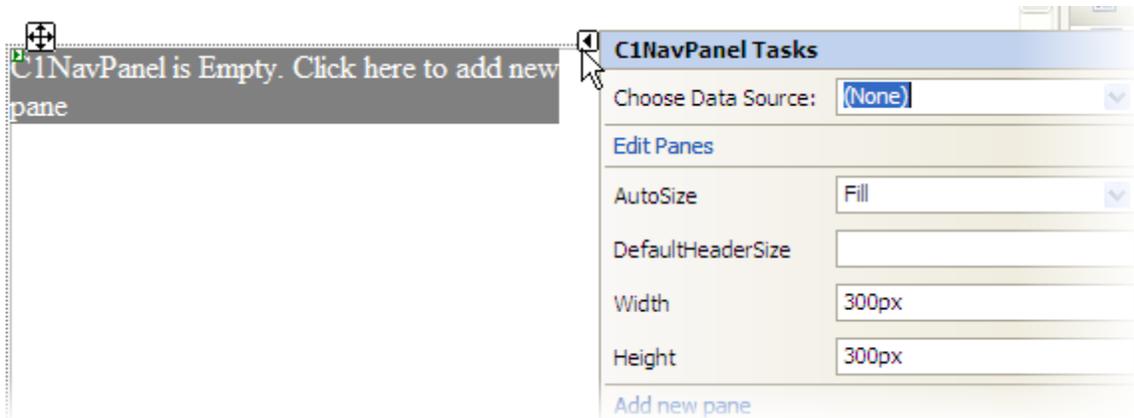
- **Add new pane**
Clicking **Add new pane** simply adds an additional **C1NavPanelPane** to the **C1NavPanel** control.
- **Remove selected pane**
Clicking **Remove selected pane** deletes the currently selected **C1NavPanelPane** in the **C1NavPanel** control.

Navigation Pane Designer Form for C1NavPanel

The **Navigation Pane Designer Form** is **C1NavPanel's** designer for editing its properties, as well as the **C1NavPanelPane** properties. The **Navigation Pane Designer Form** is similar to the Properties window as it allows programmers to modify the control visually. However, it allows you to select a **C1NavPanelPane**, set its properties, manipulate the panes, and then preview the appearance of the **C1NavPanel** control, all within the form.

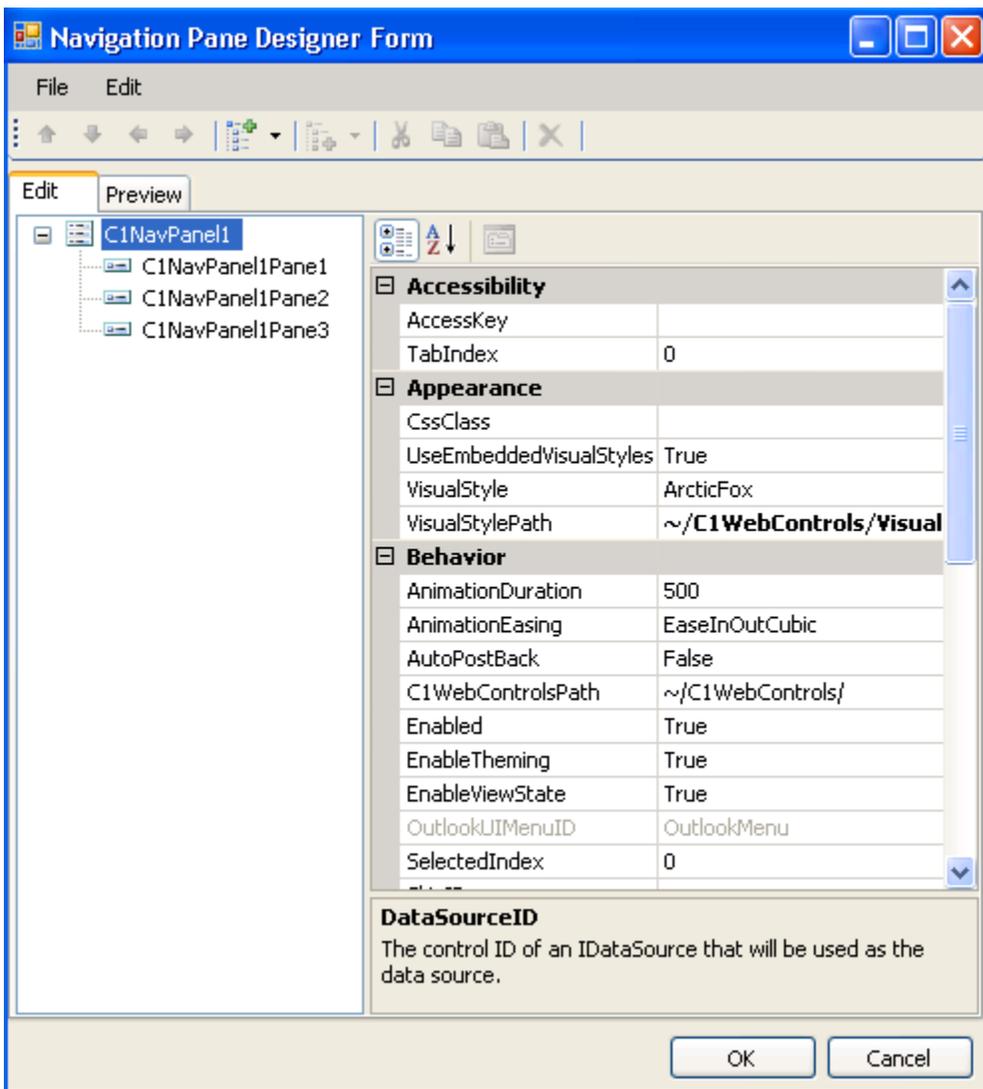
In this topic you will become familiar with the **Navigation Pane Designer Form's** design interface so you can use the commands within it to edit **C1NavPanel** with minimal effort and time.

To open the **Navigation Pane Designer Form**, click the **C1NavPanel** smart tag and select the **Edit Panes** link from the **C1NavPanel Tasks** menu:



Exploring the Navigation Pane Designer Form for C1NavPanel

The Navigation Pane Designer Form contains a menu, toolbar, **Edit** tab, **Preview** tab, and properties pane.



- **Navigation Pane Designer Form Menu**

The **Navigation Pane Designer Form** menu contains the following menu items and subitems:

Menu Item	Submenu Item	Description
File	Load from XML	Load the formatting for a C1NavPanel control from an .xml file.
	Save as XML	Save the current formatting of the C1NavPanel control to an .xml file.
	Exit	Closes the Navigation Pane Designer Form .
Edit	Insert Item	Inserts a new C1NavPanelPane at the specified place in the list of panes.
	Add Child	Adds a new C1NavPanelPane as a child of the C1NavPanel .
	Cut	Cuts the selected C1NavPanelPane to be moved in the list of panes.
	Copy	Copies the selected C1NavPanelPane .
	Paste	Pastes a C1NavPanelPane at the specified location in the list of panes.
	Delete	Removes the selected C1NavPanelPane .
	Rename	Allows you to change the name of the C1NavPanelPane .
	About	Provides information on the C1NavPanel control.

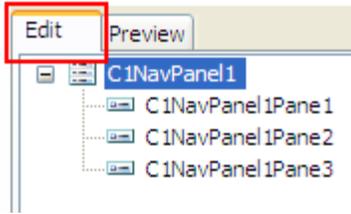
- **Navigation Pane Designer Form Toolbar**



The table below describes each button in the toolbar:

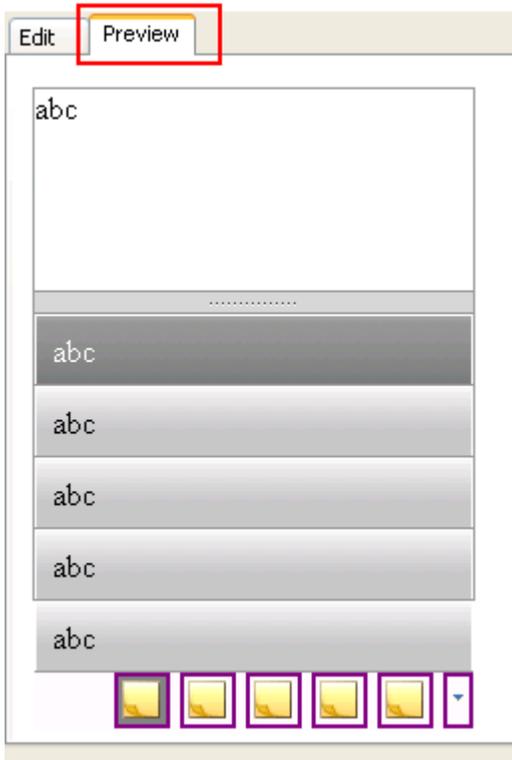
Button	Name	Description
	Move Item Up	Moves the selected C1NavPanelPane up the list of panes.
	Move Item Down	Moves the selected C1NavPanelPane down the list panes.
	Move Item Left	Moves the selected C1NavPanelPane to the left in the hierarchy.
	Move Item Right	Moves the selected C1NavPanelPane to the right in the hierarchy.
	Add Child Item	Inserts a C1NavPanelPane as a child of the C1NavPanel control.
	Insert Item	Inserts a C1NavPanelPane at the specified location in the list of panes.
	Cut	Cuts the selected C1NavPanelPane to be moved in the list of panes.
	Copy	Copies the selected C1NavPanelPane .
	Paste	Pastes a C1NavPanelPane at the specified location in the list of panes.
	Delete	Removes the selected C1NavPanelPane .

- **Edit Tab**



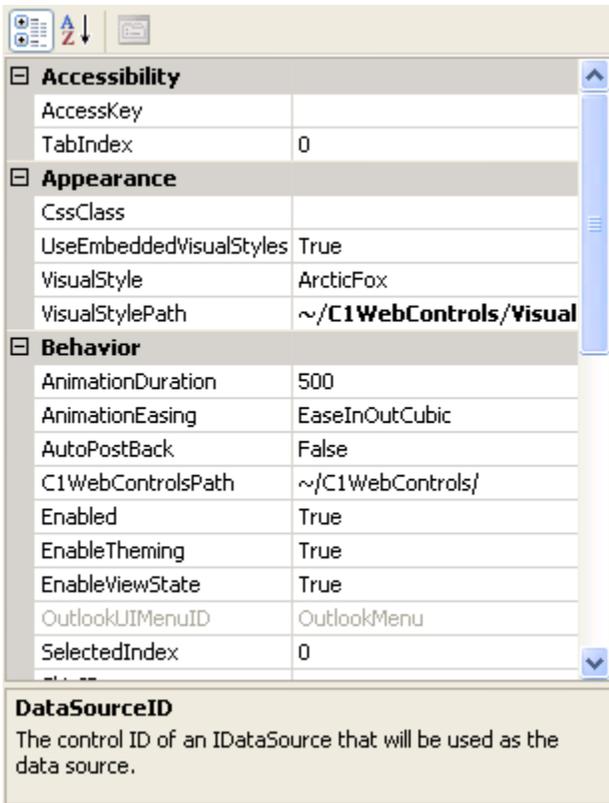
Click the **Edit** tab and select the C1NavPanel control or the desired **C1NavPanelPane** for which you would like to manipulate or adjust the properties.

- **Preview Tab**



Click the **Preview** tab for a preview of what the C1NavPanel control will look like.

- **Properties Pane**



The **Navigation Pane Designer Form** properties pane is almost identical to the Visual Studio Properties window. Simply select a **C1NavPanelPane** or the **C1NavPanel** control and set the desired properties here.

- **Command Buttons**

The command buttons are summarized in the following table:

Button	Description
OK	Clicking OK applies the new settings to the C1NavPanel control.
Cancel	Clicking Cancel closes the Navigation Pane Designer Form , cancelling the new settings and applying the default settings to the C1NavPanel control.

NavPanel for ASP.NET AJAX

Appearance

The following sections describe how to change the appearance of **C1NavPanel** using built-in visual styles as well as how to use your own custom styles.

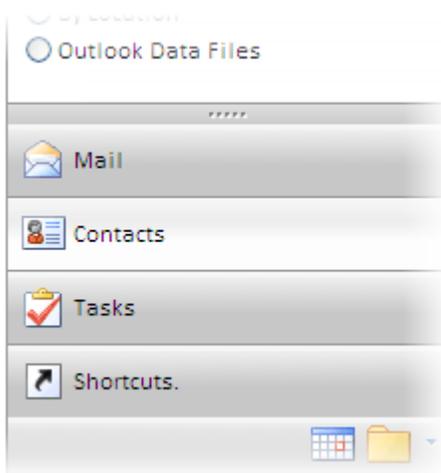
C1NavPanel Visual Styles

ComponentOne NavPanel for ASP.NET AJAX provides five built-in visual styles, allowing you to automatically format the **C1NavPanel** control. The visual styles include the following: **ArcticFox**,

Office2007Black, Office2007Blue, Office2007Silver, and Vista. For more information, see [Using Built-in Visual Styles](#) (page 44).

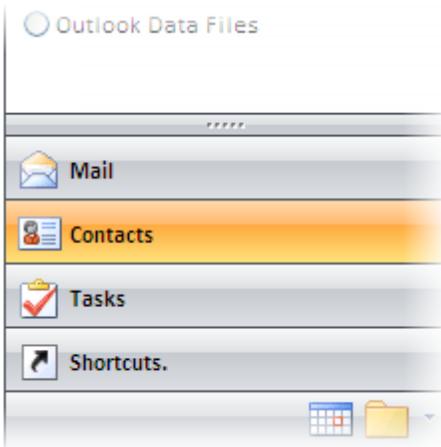
ArcticFox Style

The following image displays the **ArcticFox** style. This is the default format of the C1NavPanel control:



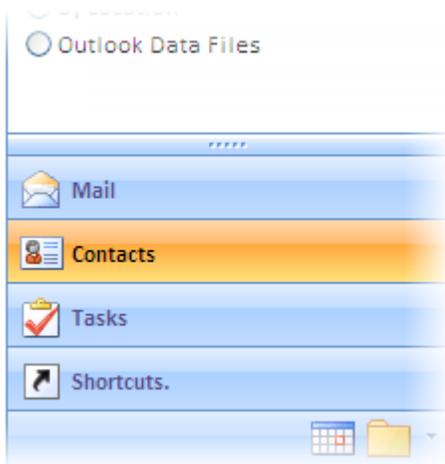
Office2007Black Style

The following image displays the **Office2007Black** style:



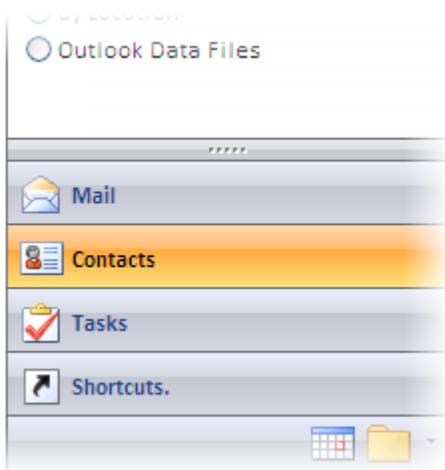
Office2007Blue Style

The following image displays the **Office2007Blue** style:



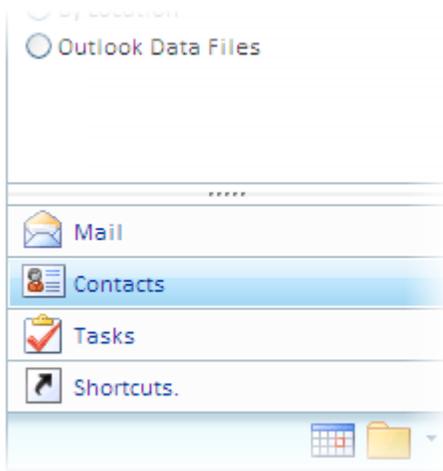
Office2007Silver Style

The following image displays the **Office2007Silver** style:



Vista Style

The following image displays the **Vista** style:



Note: Additional styles are installed with the product, but they must be added as custom visual styles at this time. These styles include: **BureauBlack**, **Evergreen**, **ExpressionDark**, and **Windows7**. See [Adding Custom Visual Styles](#) (page 42) for more information.

Custom Visual Styles

While **NavPanel for ASP.NET AJAX** comes with five built-in styles, we recognize that there are instances where you might want to customize your controls. To customize the **NavPanel for ASP.NET AJAX** controls, you will create a custom CSS style sheet and add it to your project as a visual style. The custom CSS stylesheet must always be named "styles.css".

Tip: The easiest way to create a custom visual styles is by modifying one of the control's pre-existing visual styles. You can find the .css sheets and images for the **NavPanel for ASP.NET AJAX** visual styles within the installation directory at C:\Program Files\ComponentOne\Studio for ASP.NET\C1WebUI\VisualStyles. If you use one of the existing .css sheets, you must change any instances of the default file name, for example **_ArcticFox** to your new style name, for example **_CustomStyle**, in order for your custom style to work.

Before adding your .css file and images, you will have to create a hierarchy of folders, the last of which will hold your files. On the top-level of your project, create a folder named "VisualStyles". Underneath the **VisualStyles** folder, create a sub-folder bearing the theme name (such as "CustomStyle"), and then, beneath that, create a sub-folder named "C1NavPanel". The image folder and .css file should be placed underneath the **C1NavPanel** folder. The result will resemble the following:



This structure of these folders is very important; **NavPanel for ASP.NET AJAX** will always look for the `~/VisualStyles/StyleName/C1NavPanel/styles.css` path, as it is the default visual style path for the control.

Once the .css file and images are in place, set the **VisualStylePath** property to the path of the first folder (~/VisualStyles), set the **UseEmbeddedVisualStyles** property to **False**, and then set the **VisualStyle** property to the custom theme name.

For more information on customizing the appearance of **NavPanel for ASP.NET AJAX** controls, see [Adding Custom Visual Styles](#) (page 42).

C1NavPanel Animation Effects

C1NavPanel includes thirty-one different built-in animation options that allow you to customize how animation effects are transitioned in the C1NavPanel control. You can change how the control expands and collapses by setting the **ExpandEasing** and **CollapseEasing** properties. By default, the **ExpandEasing** and **CollapseEasing** properties are set to **EaseLinear**, and the control expands and collapses with a smooth linear transition effect.

The [Setting the Animation Effects for C1NavPanel](#) (page 42) topic shows you how to set the **ExpandEasing** property.

The following table describes each transition effect choice:

Name	Description
EaseLinear (default)	Linear easing. Moves smoothly without acceleration or deceleration.
EaseOutElastic	Elastic easing out. Starts quickly and then decelerates.
EaseInElastic	Elastic easing in. Starts slowly and then accelerates.
EaseInOutElastic	Elastic easing in and out. Starts slowly, accelerates, and then decelerates.
EaseOutBounce	Bouncing easing out. Starts quickly and then decelerates.
EaseInBounce	Bouncing easing in. Starts slowly and then accelerates.
EaseInOutBounce	Bouncing easing in and out. Starts slowly, accelerates, and then decelerates.
EaseOutExpo	Exponential easing out. Starts quickly and then decelerates.
EaseInExpo	Exponential easing in. Starts slowly and then accelerates.
EaseInOutExpo	Exponential easing in and out. Starts slowly, accelerates, and then decelerates.
EaseOutQuad	Quadratic easing out. Starts quickly and then decelerates.
EaseInQuad	Quadratic easing in. Starts slowly and then accelerates.
EaseInOutQuad	Quadratic easing in and out. Starts slowly, accelerates, and then decelerates.
EaseOutSine	Sinusoidal easing out. Starts quickly and then decelerates.
EaseInSine	Sinusoidal easing in. Starts slowly and then accelerates.
EaseInOutSine	Sinusoidal easing in and out. Starts slowly, accelerates, and then decelerates.
EaseOutCirc	Circular easing out. Starts quickly and then decelerates.
EaseInCirc	Circular easing in. Starts slowly and then accelerates.
EaseInOutCirc	Circular easing in and out. Starts slowly, accelerates, and then decelerates.
EaseOutCubic	Cubic easing out. Starts quickly and then decelerates.

EaseInCubic	Cubic easing in. Starts slowly and then accelerates.
EaseInOutCubic	Cubic easing in and out. Starts slowly, accelerates, and then decelerates.
EaseOutQuint	Quintic easing out. Starts quickly and then decelerates.
EaseInQuint	Quintic easing in. Starts slowly and then accelerates.
EaseInOutQuint	Quintic easing in and out. Starts slowly, accelerates, and then decelerates.
EaseOutBack	Back easing out. Starts quickly and then decelerates.
EaseInBack	Back easing in. Starts slowly and then accelerates.
EaseInOutBack	Back easing in and out. Starts slowly, accelerates, and then decelerates.
EaseOutQuart	Quartic easing out. Starts quickly and then decelerates.
EaseInQuart	Quartic easing in. Starts slowly and then accelerates.
EaseInOutQuart	Quartic easing in and out. Starts slowly, accelerates, and then decelerates.

Client-Side Functionality

C1NavPanel includes a robust client-side object model, where a majority of server-side properties can be set on the client side.

When a C1NavPanel control is added to a Web project, an instance of the client-side control will be created automatically. You can then access properties and methods of the C1NavPanel control without having to postback to the server, increasing the efficiency of your Web site and providing a better user experience.

Suppose a C1NavPanel control with the name **C1NavPanel1** is added to a Web page. When the page is rendered, a corresponding **C1NavPanel** object will be created. Use the following syntax to get the client object:

```
$get("C1NavPanel1").control
```

The following conventions are used when accessing the client object properties:

- Server properties on the client are implemented as a pair of Get- and Set- methods.
- Method names must start with "get_" (Get-method) and "set_" (Set-method) followed with the server property name. The first letter of the server property name must be lowercase (camel case).

For more information about the client-side properties and methods, see the C1NavPanel client-side reference section of this documentation.

NavPanel for ASP.NET AJAX Samples

Please be advised that this ComponentOne software tool is accompanied by various sample projects and/or demos which may make use of other development tools included with the ComponentOne Studios.

Samples can be accessed from the **ComponentOne Sample Explorer**. To view samples, on your desktop, click the **Start** button and then click **All Programs | ComponentOne | Studio for ASP.NET | Control Explorer**.

The following pages within the ControlExplorer sample installed with **ComponentOne Studio for ASP.NET AJAX** detail the C1NavPanel control's functionality:

C# Sample

Sample	Description
VisualStyles	Displays the built-in C1NavPanel control Visual Styles including: ArticFox, Office2007Black, Office2007Blue, Office2007Silver, and Vista.

NavPanel for ASP.NET AJAX Task-Based Help

The task-based help assumes that you are familiar with programming in Visual Studio .NET. By following the steps outlined in the Help, you will be able to create projects demonstrating a variety of **NavPanel for ASP.NET AJAX** features and get a good sense of what **NavPanel for ASP.NET AJAX** can do.

Each task-based help topic also assumes that you have created a new AJAX-enabled ASP.NET project. For additional information on this topic, see [Creating an AJAX-Enabled ASP.NET Project](#) (page 13).

Adding Navigation Pane Buttons

In this topic you will learn how to add an image for a button in the navigation pane.

1. Place your images in your project folder.
2. In the Visual Studio Solution Explorer, right-click the project name and select **Add Existing Item**.
3. Select your images and click **Add**.
4. Click the C1NavPanel smart tag to open the **C1NavPanel Tasks** menu.
5. Select **Edit Panes** and choose the **C1NavPanelPane** that you would like to associate your image with.
6. Click the **ellipsis** button next to the ButtonImageUrl property. The **Select Image** dialog box appears.
7. Select your image from the **Contents of folder** window and click **OK**.
8. Click **OK** to close the **Navigation Pane Designer Form**. When you run the project, select **Add or remove buttons** from the drop-down list in the navigation pane and choose your button. The button will become visible in the navigation pane, allowing users to click it rather than the corresponding **C1NavPanelPane**, which becomes hidden, to view the information in the content area.

Adding Keyboard Accessibility Support to C1NavPanel

You can make C1NavPanel and each of its **C1NavPanelPanes** accessible through the keyboard by setting the **AccessKey** property.

To set the access key using the Navigation Pane Designer Form:

1. Click the C1NavPanel smart tag to open the **C1NavPanel Tasks** menu.
2. Select **Edit Panes** and choose **C1NavPanel1**. Note that you can also add keyboard access to each of the **C1NavPanelPanes**.
3. Enter the desired letter next to the **AccessKey** property.
4. Click **OK** to close the **Navigation Pane Designer Form**. When you run the project and click Alt and the letter entered in the previous step, **C1NavPanel1** gets the focus.

To set the access key programmatically:

Add the following code to your form:

- Visual Basic

```
Protected Sub Page_Load(ByVal sender As Object, ByVal e As
System.EventArgs) Handles Me.Load
    C1NavPanel1.AccessKey = "M"
End Sub
```

- C#

```
protected void Page_Load(object sender, EventArgs e)
{
    C1NavPanel1.AccessKey = "M";
}
```

Setting the Animation Effects for C1NavPanel

You can add animation effects to the C1NavPanel control and each of its **C1NavPanelPanes** by setting any of the animation properties: **CollapseEasing**, **ExpandEasing**, and **AnimationDuration**.

1. Click the C1NavPanel smart tag to open the **C1NavPanel Tasks** menu.
2. Select **Edit Panes** and choose **C1NavPanel1Panel1**, or your first **C1NavPanelPane**.
3. Set the **AnimationDuration** property to "1500". This will make the duration of the **C1NavPanelPane** collapse a little slower so you can see the animation effect.
4. Set the **ExpandEasing** property to **EaseInBounce**, for example, or one of the other options.
5. Click **OK** to close the **Accordion Form Designer**. When you run your project and click the first **C1NavPanelPane**, notice how it bounces when expanded.

Adding Custom Visual Styles

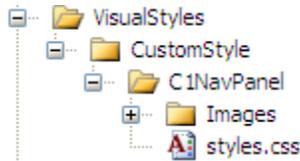
You can use the **VisualStyle**, **VisualStylePath**, and **UseEmbeddedVisualStyles** properties to create a custom visual style for your C1NavPanel. This topic assumes you have already added a C1NavPanel control to your page. For more information on custom visual styles, see [Custom Visual Styles](#) (page 38).

To add a custom visual style, best practice is to copy one of the existing visual styles and customize it. In this example we will use the **C1NavPanel ArcticFox** style.

Adding Custom Visual Styles in Design View

To add a custom visual style, complete the following steps:

1. Copy the theme folder C:\Program Files\ComponentOne\Studio for ASP.NET\C1WebUI\VisualStyles\ArcticFox\C1NavPanel to a new folder in your Visual Studio project so the folder structure is: ~\VisualStyles\CustomStyle\C1NavPanel.



2. Open the styles.css file in the ~/VisualStyles/CustomStyle/C1NavPanel folder and replace any instance of "ArcticFox" with "CustomStyle". You can modify the CSS definition to customize the appearance.
3. Locate the second instance of **.C1NavPanel_CustomStyle** and change the border attribute so it looks like the following:

```
.C1NavPanel_CustomStyle .C1HeaderPanel
{
    cursor: pointer;
}
.C1NavPanel_CustomStyle-C1Top, .C1NavPanel_CustomStyle-C1Bottom
{
    background: #fff;
    display: block;
    float: none;
    clear: both;
    width: 100%;
    margin: 0;
    padding: 0;
    border: solid 5px #ff3;
}
```

4. Save and close the styles.css file.
5. Select the C1NavPanel control on your form and click the smart tag to open the **C1NavPanel Tasks** menu.
 - a. Uncheck the **UseEmbeddedVisualStyles** property to set it to **False**.
 - b. Make sure the **VisualStylePath** property is set to ~/VisualStyles.
 - c. Select **CustomVisualStyle (external)** from the **VisualStyle** property drop-down list.
6. Press F5 to run your project and notice the C1NavPanel control has a yellow border.

Adding Custom Visual Styles in Source View

To add a custom visual style in Source view, complete the following steps:

1. Complete steps 1 through 4 under **Adding Custom Visual Styles in Design View**.
2. Click the **Source** tab to open the Source view and enter `VisualStyle="CustomStyle"`, `VisualStylePath="~/VisualStyles"`, and `UseEmbeddedVisualStyles="False"` into the `<cc1:C1NavPanel>` tag. Your XHTML will resemble the following:

```
<cc1:C1NavPanel ID="C1NavPanel1" runat="server" Height="22px"
VisualStyle="CustomStyle" VisualStylePath="~/VisualStyles"
UseEmbeddedVisualStyles="False" Width="155px" />
```

Adding Custom Visual Styles in Code

To add a custom visual style, complete the following steps:

1. Complete steps 1 through 4 under **Adding Custom Visual Styles in Design View**.
2. Double-click the Web project to place a **Page_Load** event in the code editor.
3. Set the **UseEmbeddedVisualStyles** property to **False** by adding the following code to the **Page_Load** event:
 - Visual Basic

```
C1NavPanel1.UseEmbeddedVisualStyles = False
```
 - C#

```
C1NavPanel1.UseEmbeddedVisualStyles = false;
```
4. Change the **VisualStylePath** property:
 - Visual Basic

```
C1NavPanel1.VisualStylePath = "~/VisualStyles"
```
 - C#

```
C1NavPanel1.VisualStylePath = "~/VisualStyles";
```
5. Select the custom visual style:
 - Visual Basic

```
C1NavPanel1.VisualStyle = "CustomStyle"
```
 - C#

```
C1NavPanel1.VisualStyle = "CustomStyle";
```

Run the program and observe that the C1NavPanel control has adopted your custom visual style.

Using Built-in Visual Styles

You can format C1NavPanel with one of five built-in visual styles. Note that you can also use your own style; see [Adding Custom Visual Styles](#) (page 42) for more information.

Changing the Visual Style Using the Smart Tag

You can change the style of C1NavPanel at design time using the **C1NavPanel Tasks** menu.

1. Click the [C1NavPanel smart tag](#) (page 28) to open the **C1NavPanel Tasks** menu.
2. Click drop-down arrow next to **VisualStyle**.
3. Select one of the built-in styles listed. The style is applied to the C1NavPanel control.

Changing the Visual Style Programmatically

To change the style of C1NavPanel programmatically, use the following code. In this example, "Vista" is used, but you can replace it with any of the built-in styles (**ArcticFox**, **Office2007Black**, **Office2007Blue**, **Office2007Silver**, or **Vista**) or use your own style.

- Visual Basic

```
C1NavPanel1.VisualStyle = "Vista"
```
- C#

```
C1NavPanel1.VisualStyle = "Vista";
```

Using Automatic Posts Back to the Server

You can have C1NavPanel perform automatic posts back to the server each time a user interacts with the C1NavPanel control. To do this, set the **C1NavPanel.AutoPostBack** property.

To set the AutoPostBack property using the C1NavPanel Tasks menu:

1. Click the C1NavPanel smart tag to open the **C1NavPanel Tasks** menu.
2. Select **Edit Panes**. The **Navigation Pane Designer Form** appears.
3. Select **C1NavPanel1** on the **Edit** tab.
4. Set the **C1NavPanel.AutoPostBack** property to **True** in the properties pane. If the properties are categorized, you will find it under the **Behavior** category.

To set the AutoPostBack property programmatically:

Add the following code to your form:

- Visual Basic

```
Protected Sub Page_Load(ByVal sender As Object, ByVal e As
System.EventArgs) Handles Me.Load
    C1NavPanel1.AutoPostBack = True
End Sub
```

- C#

```
protected void Page_Load(object sender, EventArgs e)
{
    C1NavPanel1.AutoPostBack = "True";
}
```

Displaying External Content

You can show external content, including content of another Web page in your project or even content of a Web site outside of your project, in the **C1NavPanelPane** content area.

To display external content in a C1NavPanelPane's content area using the C1NavPanel Tasks menu:

1. Click the C1NavPanel smart tag to open the **C1NavPanel Tasks** menu.
2. Enter a URL next to the **ContentUrl** property.

To display external content in a C1NavPanelPane programmatically:

Add the following code to your form:

- Visual Basic

```
Protected Sub Page_Load(ByVal sender As Object, ByVal e As
System.EventArgs) Handles Me.Load
    C1NavPanel1Panel1.ContentUrl = "http://www.componentone.com"
End Sub
```

- C#

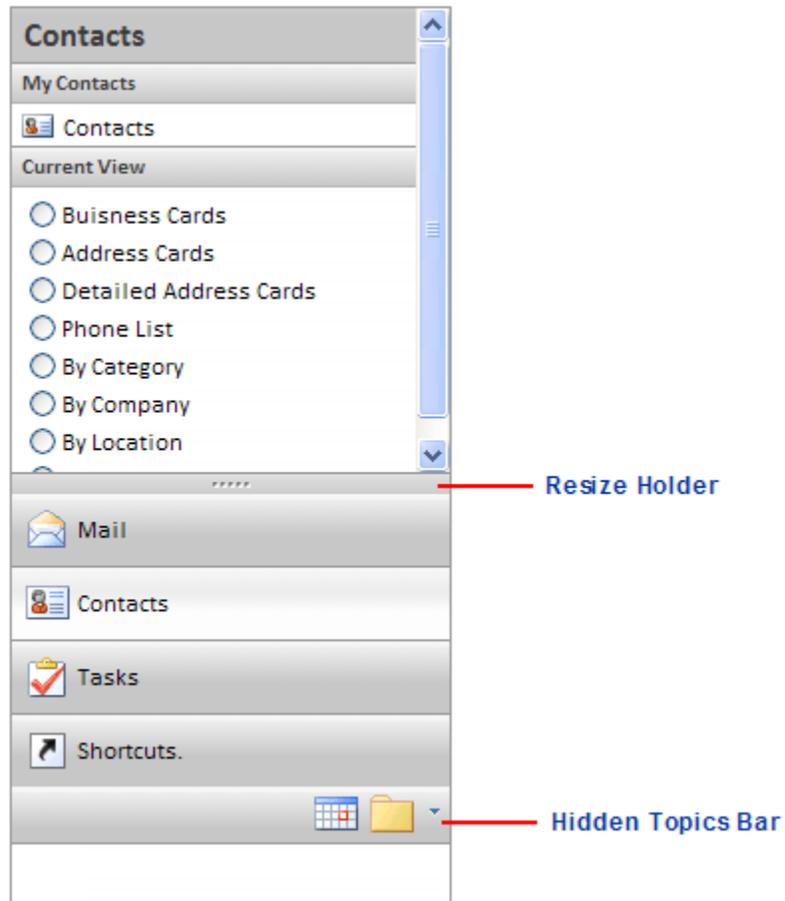
```
protected void Page_Load(object sender, EventArgs e)
{
    C1NavPanel1Panel1.ContentUrl = "http://www.componentone.com";
}
```

Creating an Outlook-style Navigation Pane

C1NavPanel includes the OutlookUISettings properties, allowing you to create a navigation pane like the one in Microsoft Outlook. These properties are described in the following table.

Property	Description
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DisplayHiddenTopicsBar	Sets or retrieves a value that indicates whether the hidden topics bar will be visible.
DisplayResizeHolder	Sets or retrieves a value that indicates whether the resize holder will be visible.
HiddenTopicsBarSize	Sets the hidden topics bar size in pixels.
ResizeHolderSize	Sets the resize holder size in pixels.



To set the OutlookUISettings properties:

1. Click the [CINavPanel smart tag](#) (page 28) to open the **CINavPanel Tasks** menu.
2. Select **CINavPanel1** on the **Edit** tab.
3. Expand the **OutlookUISettings** node under **OutlookUI**.
4. Set each property as desired. By default, the panel is set to mimic Outlook.