Visual Basic - How can I allow only one instance of my application to run at a time?

You can read the **PrevInstance** property of the **App** object, if the value of this is **True** then another *instance* of the application is already running. If your program starts with **Sub Main**, you can use this code to exit the program if another copy is already running:

VB Code:

1. *'in sub main...*
2. *If App.PrevInstance = True Then*
3. *MsgBox "Already running...."*
4. *Exit Sub*
5. *End If*

For forms you need an extra piece of code to also close the *form*, the following code should be placed in **Form_load**:

VB Code:

1. *'in form_load...*
2. *If App.PrevInstance = True Then*
3. *MsgBox "Already running...."*
4. *Unload Me*
5. *Exit Sub*
6. *End If*

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