OpenEnterprise Web View Reference Guide (V2.83)
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1 Web View Overview

The Web View is an OpenEnterprise ActiveX control that allows web pages (.HTM/HTML files) to be viewed within the OpenEnterprise Desktop environment. Other files viewable through Internet Explorer, known as Active Documents, such as Acrobat Portable Document files (.PDF), Microsoft Excel workbooks (.XLS), Word documents (.DOC), Extensible Markup Language files (.XML) and text files (.TXT) can also be viewed in the Web Viewer.

The Web Viewer provides the same basic functionality as the other OpenEnterprise Views (e.g. Trend Client, Notes Client Alarm Client etc) in that it can be launched by OEMenus and supports OESecurity and Aliases.

1.1 Web View Functionality

The Web View component behaves in much the same way as all the other OpenEnterprise Views in that it:

1. Loads into the OEDesktop or its own container.
2. Has Runtime and Configuration modes.
3. Can be a target for OEMenus
4. Is subject to OpenEnterprise Security

1.2 Web View Environment

The Web View component, like all OpenEnterprise Views can be opened in two environments:-

1. Within the OpenEnterprise Desktop.
2. Within its own container.

1.2.1 The OEDesktop

The Web View component can be opened within the OEDesktop as a new file or as a previously configured and saved file.

1. Loading as a new file.
2. Loading as a configured file.

1.2.1.1 New File in OEDesktop

To open a New Web file within the OEDesktop do the following:-

1. Select **OEDesktop>Open** from the menu bar at the top of the OEDesktop.

You can also open a new file within the OEDesktop by selecting **File>New** if the **File** menu has been enabled, or by clicking on the **New Window Icon** on the OEDesktop toolbar, shown here:-

2. Select **OE Web View** from the list of file types and click the **OK** button.
1.2.1.1 Default Files

OEDesktop supports the notion of ‘Default Files’. These are files that are loaded when the user selects OEDesktop>New, thus allowing project specific configuration to be loaded by default. It is possible to specify a .wbv file that OEDesktop will load when the user creates a new Web View window in OEDesktop. As this file can be set to point a URL, it is possible to load a specific file or web page into the Web View when creating new Web View instances in OEDesktop.

1.2.1.2 Saved File in OEDesktop

A saved Web View file is given a .wbv extension. The following sections explain how to handle Web View files within the OEDesktop environment.

1.2.1.2.1 Saving Web View Files

To save a Web File from the OEDesktop do the following with the window containing the Web View component selected.

1. After making changes to the file in Configure mode, select File>Save or File>Save As... from the OEDesktop menu bar.

2. Accept the name provided or change it, then click the OK button.

Web View files can be configured so that when changes are made to configuration, the user is always presented with a Save As dialog.

1.2.1.2.2 Loading Web View Files

To load a saved Web File into the OEDesktop do the following:-

1. Select OEDesktop>Open from the menu bar at the top of the OEDesktop.

2. Select the OE Web Views file type from the drop-down list on the Open dialog as shown here:-
2. Click the **Browse ([…])** button to the right of the **File Name** field, highlighted in this example:-

![Image of Open dialog with Browse button highlighted]

3. Browse to the file you want to load and click the **Open** button, as shown in the example below.

![Image of Open dialog with file selected and Open button highlighted]

4. Now click the **OK** button on the original **Open** dialog to load the file into the OEDesktop. You can optionally specify a window name as shown in this example:-

![Image of Open dialog with window name highlighted]
1.2.2 The Web View Container

A new or a saved Web View file can be run within its own container rather than opened straight into the OEDesktop. The Web View container is opened by selecting Start>Program Files>OpenEnterprise>Views>Web.

1.3 Web View Modes

Like all the other OpenEnterprise Views, the Web View runs in one of two 'modes':-

1. Runtime mode
2. Configuration mode

1.3.1 Web View Runtime Mode

When the Web View is initially loaded into the OEDesktop or its own container, it appears in Runtime mode. A new file will be blank, because it has no Home Page configured, unless a Default File has been specified. When configured, it can display a web page or any file that can be displayed by a web browser. This file is known as the Home Page. If the Home Page is a web page, when the user right clicks on the page, a context menu is displayed.
1.3.1.1 The Homepage

The Home Page can be any valid URL supported by Internet Explorer (i.e. http, file, ftp etc.).

Since the Web View has no Address Bar, once the Home Page is loaded the user will only be able to navigate to different pages via hyperlinks, or by using the Go Home, Forward and Back options on the Web View's context menu. However, if the user switches to configure mode and back to runtime after this navigation, or if the Home Page is altered in runtime, they will be taken back to the Home Page.

1.3.1.1.1 Opening New Windows

Note that links that open the browser in a new page will not do so when selected from a Web View window. New windows cannot be opened in the OEDesktop from hyperlinks in the Web View window. The new web page will appear in the same Web View window. Within the OEDesktop environment new windows can only be opened by OEDesktop itself, from the OEDesktop/File>New and OEDesktop/File>Open menus or from configured Custom OEDesktop menus.

1.3.1.1.2 The Home Page and Context Menus

If the Home Page is a web page, when the user clicks the right mouse button, the OpenEnterprise Web View Context Menu will be displayed. However, if the URL is an Active Document page the display of context menus will be handled by the Active Document process (i.e. Acrobat, Word, Excel etc) and not by Web View. Therefore Web View will have no control over these menus and they cannot be altered.
This means that when Web View is displaying an Active Document it will not be possible to do any of the activities available on the OpenEnterprise Runtime Context Menu (bring up the properties page, go back etc).

1.3.1.2 The Context Menu

The Web View context menu is available if the Home Page is a web page. If the Home Page is an Active Document, it is not available.

1.3.1.2.1 Go Home

Reloads the Home Page. The URL history remains available so that the user can go back to the page that was displayed before the Go Home menu option was selected.

1.3.1.2.2 Forward

Navigates to the next page in the page history list.

1.3.1.2.3 Back

Navigates to the previous page in the page history list.

1.3.1.2.4 Refresh

Reloads the current page.

1.3.1.2.5 Set as Home Page

Sets the current page as the current home page. A prompt will ask the user for confirmation before this is done (subject to security permissions). Once it is done the Home Page value will be altered and will be saved to the file the next time a file save is performed.

1.3.1.2.6 Properties

Launches the properties page if configured to allow runtime configuration.
1.3.1.3 Web View Status

When the Web View window is the active window, the OpenEnterprise Desktop Status Bar will display the current browser location, followed by the download progress, the logged in user and the current time. The download progress will be displayed as a textual percentage when the page is loading e.g. '50% complete'. When the Web page has fully loaded, the progress pane will say 'Done'.

The browser location indicator will continue to be displayed while the Web View window has the focus.

1.3.2 Web View Configuration Mode

The Web View can be placed into Configuration mode when it is the active window by selecting File>Mode>Configure from the OEDesktop menu bar, or pressing Ctrl and M together on the keyboard. The page will then be blank and the words Web Client - Configure Mode will appear in the centre of the window.

Right click in the window and select the Properties context menu to display the Web View Property pages. There are two pages available when in Configure mode:-

1. General Page
2. Aliases Page

1.3.2.1 Web View General Page

The main purpose of this page is to allow configuration of the Home Page via a text box.

1.3.2.1.1 Home Page

URLs can be typed into this box. When the Web View file loads, it will first check the logged in user's security setting, and then if those security settings allow it, will navigate to the URL specified here.
The URL may contain aliases. If the URL contains aliases, it is recommended to give the aliases a
default value. When loading the page from a Custom OEMenu, the aliases will be resolved as the
page is loaded.

1.3.2.1.2 File Browse Button

Selecting this button will open a file browse window that allows you to select a file as your Home
Page. The path of any file chosen will be set as the home page and have the file:// prefix added.

1.3.2.1.3 Allow Runtime Configuration

Specifies whether the properties dialog can be shown in runtime. By default this will be unchecked.

1.3.2.1.4 Force Save As

Sets whether the Force Save As functionality is enabled. By default this will be unchecked. When it is
checked and saved the file will be made read-only and the user will be presented with a Save As...
dialog box when they try to save.

1.3.2.2 Web View Aliases Page

The Aliases page is similar to the Aliases pages in the other OpenEnterprise View components.

1.3.2.2.1 Permanently Resolve Aliases

A checkbox allowing aliases to be permanently resolved when the file is saved.

1.3.2.2.2 Configured Aliases

Grid showing all of the Aliases that are currently defined in the Home Page string on the General
page. Provides the ability to assign initial values to these by typing the value into the Default Value
field. Default alias values will be overridden by parameters passed from Custom OEMenus.

1.4 Web View and OEMenus

Web View, like other OpenEnterprise View controls can be a target of OEMenus. This means that a
Web View file (extension .WBV) can be loaded into a window within the OEDesktop from an
OpenEnterprise Custom Menu.
OpenEnterprise Custom Menus can be configured either as part of a context menu on another View component, or as a Custom menu added to the OEDesktop menu bar.

As with other OpenEnterprise Views, Web View files can be loaded from an OpenEnterprise Custom Menu, and can also receive Alias values passed from the source View.

For further information on how to add a Custom Menu to View files that are able to be an OEMenus Source, or to the OEDesktop menu bar, please refer to the OEMenus and OEDesktop documentation.

### 1.4.1 Web View and Aliases

Web View supports the ability to resolve aliases in the Home Page URL. The aliases can be a part or parts of the URL or the entire URL. This gives it the ability to be set up for a generic URL and then to have this URL resolved when the aliases are resolved. Thus a single configuration file can be used to browse to different websites, or to different pages on a single website.

For example the Home Page could be set up to the following URL:-

```
http://www.streetmap.co.uk/streetmap.dll?grid2map?X<<XREF>>&Y<<YREF>>&arrow=y&zoom=4
```

The `<<XREF>>` and `<<YREF>>` aliases in this URL could then be resolved at Runtime to specific X and Y OS Grid Ref numbers recognised by the StreetMap website. This would result in a map being displayed for those co-ordinates. In this way a single Web View configuration file can be used to display different maps at Runtime.

Web View and OEMenus

### 1.5 Web View and Security

It is possible to permit and deny navigation to certain URLs via the use of OpenEnterprise Custom Tokens. When the Web View is about to navigate it checks whether the requested URL is allowed under the current user’s Custom Token configuration.

Wildcards are allowed in any part of a custom token. Like Application, OPC and File tokens, Custom tokens can be included or excluded for a user or a group. Including a token provides access and excluding a token revokes access. This combined with the wildcards provides a very flexible system for controlling what websites users have access to.

If the requested URL is not permitted then a page will be displayed indicating a security violation (instead of the requested page). For further information regarding OpenEnterprise Security Tokens please refer to the Security Configuration Tool documentation.

### 1.5.1 Web View and Custom Tokens

The following example shows how including and excluding Custom Tokens can control web site access:

User ‘A’ has the following custom tokens INCLUDED:

- `http://www.bristol-babcock.com*`
- `http://www.somesite.com/subfolderA*`

User ‘A’ has the following custom token EXCLUDED:

- `http://www.bristol-babcock.com/securefolder*`

With these tokens included and excluded the following table shows how certain URLs would be evaluated:
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>URL</th>
<th>Allowed</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><a href="http://www.bristol-babcock.com">http://www.bristol-babcock.com</a></td>
<td>YES</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="http://www.bristol-babcock.com/openenterprise/default.htm">http://www.bristol-babcock.com/openenterprise/default.htm</a></td>
<td>YES</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="http://www.somesite.com/subfolderA/index.htm">http://www.somesite.com/subfolderA/index.htm</a></td>
<td>YES</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="http://www.bristol-babcock.com/securefolder">http://www.bristol-babcock.com/securefolder</a></td>
<td>YES</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
As can be seen whole websites can be enabled and then certain areas revoked. Alternatively only specific URLs from a web site can be enabled. If required, everything could be enabled.

### 1.5.2 Web View Application Tokens

A new set of application tokens will be defined that will permit/restrict access to various aspects of the control’s functionality.

The tokens will be added as part of the default load and will be new Application Tokens. The following table defines the tokens:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Modify Home Page</td>
<td>OE Web Client</td>
<td>Ability to manually change the home page. This will enable/disable the Home Page edit box.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Go Home</td>
<td>OE Web Client</td>
<td>This will enable/disable the ‘Go Home’ context menu.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Go Forward</td>
<td>OE Web Client</td>
<td>This will enable/disable the ‘Forward’ context menu.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Go Back</td>
<td>OE Web Client</td>
<td>This will enable/disable the ‘Back’ context menu.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Refresh Current Page</td>
<td>OE Web Client</td>
<td>This will enable/disable the ‘Back’ context menu.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Set as Home Page</td>
<td>OE Web Client</td>
<td>This will enable/disable the ‘Set as Home Page’ context menu.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Create OE Web Client</td>
<td>OE Desktop</td>
<td>Ability to create an OEWebClient instance.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Open OE Web Client</td>
<td>OE Desktop</td>
<td>Ability to open an OEWebClient instance.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Save OE Web Client</td>
<td>OE Desktop</td>
<td>Ability to save an OEWebClient instance.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

There will also be a new TokenGroup defined called ‘OE Web Client’. This will include all the Web View tokens.

The Security Configuration Tool will be modified to display the new OEWebClient Application tokens. This will include displaying the OEWebClient icon next to each one.

### 1.5.3 Web View File Tokens

It is possible to prevent access to individual Web View configuration files through the use of file tokens. When a file cannot be accessed a page will be displayed indicating a security violation (instead of the requested page).

### 1.6 Examples

Here are a few concrete examples of how to set up the Web Viewer within the OEDesktop environment.

1. Creating a Home Page using an Alias
2. Setting the Home Page as the Default File
3. Using Aliases with Custom Menus

1.6.1 Create a Home Page Using an Alias

This is how to create a Web View with a Home Page. The whole URL of the home page is an Alias which has been given an initial definition. This means that whenever the file is opened, it will automatically display the Web page defined by the Alias within the saved Web View file, but the URL can be overridden by parameters sent from an OpenEnterprise Custom menu. Here are the steps for doing this:-

1. Open a new Web View File in the OEDesktop
2. Put the file into configuration mode
3. Select the Properties context menu
4. Set the URL to be an Alias
5. Define the Alias
6. Save the Web View file
7. Load the new file into the OEDesktop

1.6.1.1 Open a new Web View File in the OEDesktop

This is how to open a new Web View file within the OEDesktop:-

1. Select the Desktop>New menu option from the OEDesktop
2. Select the Web View File type, then select the OK button. Note that we have set the new window name to Web View.
3. The Web View file is loaded into a window within the OEDesktop. It is blank at this stage because no Home Page has been set.

1.6.1.2 Put the file into configuration mode

We cannot configure the new file whilst it is in Runtime mode. So we must put it into Configure mode.

1. The fastest way to put any window in OEDesktop into Configuration mode is to first make sure it is the active window by clicking on it, then press Ctrl and M at the same time on the computer keyboard.

2. You can tell that the new window is in configure mode when you see Web Client - Configure Mode in the centre of the window as shown in the example below.
1.6.1.3 Select the Properties context menu

Now right click on the window and select the Properties context menu:

1.6.1.4 Set the URL to be an Alias

Type the Alias <<URL>> into the Home Page field. The << and >> symbols mark this as an Alias for use with OEMenus.
1.6.1.5 Define the Alias

Select the Aliases tab, then type the intended default home page (here it is set to the Google home page) into the Default Value field. Now, whenever this Web View file is opened in the OEDesktop, unless it is supplied with a Parameter from OEMenus as it loads, it will display this default home page.

1.6.1.6 Save the Web View file

To save the Web View file, select File > Save As... from the OEDesktop menu bar and save the file to the directory of your choice.
1.6.1.7 Load the new file into the OEDesktop

1. Select OEDesktop>Open from the OEDesktop menu bar.

2. Select the Web View file type from the File Type drop-down list.

3. Now click the browse button (…) which is highlighted in the image below.

4. Navigate to and select the file just saved in the OEDesktop. Then select the Open button.
5. The file name will be entered into the **File Name** field. In the example below we have named the window **Google** for easier recognition within the OEDesktop.

6. The Web View file is loaded with Google as the home page.
1.6.2 Setting the Home Page as the Default File

Setting a Default File for a particular OpenEnterprise file type means that when you next load a new file of that type into the OEDesktop, OpenEnterprise will use the Default File rather than a completely new un-configured file. This is how to set a Default File for the Web View component.

1. Select OEDesktop>Default Files from the OEDesktop menu bar.
2. On the **Default Files** dialog select the OEWeb View type from the list, then click the browse (…) button to the right of the **Default File** field at the bottom of the dialog (shown highlighted in the image below).

![Default Files dialog](image)

3. Using the directory browser, find the file that you want to use as the default file and then click the **Open** button.

![Open dialog](image)

4. The file name will be placed in the **Default File** field on the original dialog. Click **OK** to close the dialog and set this as the default Web View file. Next time you open a new Web View file within the OEDesktop, this is the file that will be loaded.
1.6.3 Using Aliases with Custom Menus

The Alias that was created on the Create a Home Page Using an Alias page can now be used with OEMenus to create provide quick access to useful street maps. The Street Maps web site is very handy if you need a map of a place. Normally, when you want to view a street map of a place, you have to navigate to the Street Map site, type in the name of the city or the post code then click the search button. Then after a while, the map is shown.

You can use the Web View component with OEMenus to provide instant links to street maps of different cities or locations, using the Street Maps web site. New links can be added to as you have need. To start the Street Map custom menu follow the steps below.

1. Creating the Streetmap Home Page
2. Creating a Menu for a Specific Map

1.6.3.1 Creating the Streetmap Home Page

The Custom Menus we will create in this example will be based on providing Streetmaps to users. The custom menu hierarchy will include first the Street Map home page, then a street map of the Bristol Babcock office location in the UK. The menu could then include other maps as and when they are required.

1. Create a new OEDesktop menu
2. Configure the Street Map Home Page menu item
3. Using the Street Map Home Page Menu

1.6.3.1.1 Create a new OEDesktop menu

1. From the OEDesktop menu bar, select OEDesktop>Customize. This opens the OEDesktop Properties with the Menu page open.
2. On the Desktop Properties dialog, and the Menu tab, select the New... button.

2. On the New Menu Item dialog, type the new OEDesktop menu name (Street Maps) into the name field and click the Configure... button.
2. Add a new Menu Command.

2. Name the new menu command *Streetmap Home Page*. Set the **Target** to **OE Web View** and the **Action** to **Load File with Parameters**. Make sure the **Direct Invoke** check box is unchecked. Then click the **Configure...** button.
1.6.3.1.2 Configure the Street Map Home Page Menu

When you click the **Configure...** button on the Menu Editor dialog with an Action of **Load File with Parameters**, the **Load file with parameters** dialog is displayed.

1. Firstly, click the browse button next the the **File name** field at the top of the dialog. This has been highlighted in the image below. Then select the Default Web View file, as shown in the example.

2. Now type **URL** into the **Target column or alias to resolve** field. Then type the Street Map home page URL into the **Parameter Value** field. Finally, click the **Add** button, shown highlighted in red in the image below. This will add the Target Alias name and definition to the **Parameters** list. You can then click the **OK** button.
1.6.3.1.3 Using the Street Map Home Page Menu

1. Now when you are in the OEDesktop, you can access the Street Map Home Page menu, as shown below.

2. The Web View will then be opened at the Street Map Home Page, even though our Default Web View file is set to open at the Google Home Page.
There is no little configuration needed for each specific map that we wish to provide to our users. First, we need to use the Street Map site to search for the specific map. Then we have to copy the URL and paste it into the Parameter Value for each new custom menu we create. We always only need to use the URL alias as the Target Alias within our Default Web View file. The Parameter Value that we send from each new custom menu item will override the value we gave it in the actual Default Web View file. Here are the steps required in more detail:

1. Do the Street Map Navigation
2. Copy the URL from the map page
3. Add a New Item to the Street Map Menu
4. Configure the New Menu
5. Using the Specific Map Menu

1.6.3.2.1 Do the Street Map Navigation

This is an example of how to provide a link to a street map of a place for which you have the post code. This particular example provides a close-up view, but once you have found the map you can select other scales also.

In Internet Explorer, navigate to the Street Map web site, and put in the Post Code for the required place. Here we have entered the post code for Bristol Babcock's UK offices. Then click the Search button. After a while the map will be displayed within the browser.
1.6.3.2.2 Copy the URL from the map page

When the map appears in the browser window, select the whole string in the Address bar, right click on Internet Explorer, then select *Copy*. This will place the URL string into the computer’s clipboard. We are now going to use this as the *Parameter Value* with our new custom menu item.
1.6.3.2.3 Add a New Item to the Street Map Menu

1. From the OEDesktop menu bar, select OEDesktop>Customize... again, as shown below.
2. Select the Street Maps menu which we configured before from the Menu list, and then select the Edit button, shown highlighted in red in the image below.

3. Add a new command after the Street Map Home Page command called Bristol Babcock Map. Then click the Configure... button.
1.6.3.2.4 Configure the New Menu

After clicking the **Configure...** button on the Menu Editor, the **Load file with parameters** dialog opens.

1. Firstly, click the browse button, highlighted in the image below, and select the Default Web View file, as shown in the example.

2. Now type **URL** into the **Target column or alias to resolve** field, and paste the Bristol Babcock URL, previously copied from the browser address bar into the **Parameter Value** field.
3. Now click the **Add** button (highlighted in red in the image below) to add the Target Alias name and definition to the Parameters list. Then close the **Load file with parameters** dialog and the Menu Editor, and save the ODESKTOP.
1.6.3.2.5 Using the Specific Map Menu

1. Now from the OEDesktop, select the **Bristol Babcock Map** custom menu item, as shown below.

2. The Bristol Babcock Map page is opened in a Web View window.
2 Glossary

Application Tokens: Pre-defined strings that can be used to enable/disable aspects of an application for security purposes.

Configure Mode: Within the OEDesktop environment all OpenEnterprise View files have Runtime and Configuration modes. Before a View can display data it must be configured by accessing its Property pages in Configure mode. A View can be placed into either mode by selecting the File>Mode menu from the OEDesktop menu bar or can be toggled into either mode by pressing the Ctrl and M keys together on the computer keyboard.

Custom Tokens: Custom Tokens are strings which can be used to control a logged in user's access to functionality within the OEDesktop environment. The string could represent a Custom Menu or in the case of the Web View component, the whole or part of a URL.

HTTP: HTTP (Hypertext Transfer Protocol) is the set of rules for transferring files (text, graphic images, sound, video, and other multimedia files) on the World Wide Web. As soon as a Web user opens their Web browser, the user is indirectly making use of HTTP. HTTP is an application protocol that runs on top of the TCP/IP suite of protocols (the foundation protocols for the Internet).

IE: Microsoft's Web browser, Internet Explorer. V6.0 or greater is assumed.

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Runtime mode: Within the OEDesktop environment all OpenEnterprise View files have a Runtime mode and a Configuration mode. In Runtime mode, the Views display actual data from the OpenEnterprise database. A View can be placed into either mode by selecting the File>Mode menu from the OEDesktop menu bar or can be toggled into either mode by pressing the Ctrl and M keys together on the computer keyboard.

URL: Uniform Resource Locator. A string of characters conforming to a standardized format, which refers to a resource which can be displayed by a WebBrowser control.


WebBrowser Control: ActiveX control that provides Internet Explorer web browsing functionality, i.e. displaying web pages from the World Wide Web, or local files that can be displayed in a Web browser.

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