

There are two types of scrollbars

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Remember that there are two types of scrollbars. One is the standalone scrollbar control. This one has its own window handle, and consequently can be given focus and all those other fun things you can do with window handles. To manipulate them, pass the handle to the scrollbar control to the appropriate scrollbar function (SetScrollInfo, for example) and pass `SB_CTL` as the *nBar* parameter to indicate that you have a scrollbar control. The other type is the horizontal or vertical scrollbar (or both) attached to a window by virtue of having the `WS_HSCROLL` and/or `WS_VSCROLL` style. These are nonclient scrollbars and are not controls. They are just decorations added to some other window. You can't give them focus since they aren't windows in their own right. To manipulate them, pass the handle to the containing window to the appropriate scrollbar function and pass `SB_HORZ` or `SB_VERT` as the *nBar* parameter to indicate that you want to manipulate the nonclient horizontal or vertical scrollbar.

I'm writing this down since some people seem to miss the distinction between these two cases.

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