Getting Up To Speed with WX (v18)

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GETTING UP TO SPEED WITH
CORE FEATURES OF
WINDEV (WX PRODUCTS)

LENGTH: 4 or 5 days (longer if needed by arrangement)

PURPOSE: Discovering WinDev or WebDev by using Utilities, Analysis, Importing Existing Tables, Window or Page Editor, Code Editor, Query Editor, Report Editor, WLanguage, Functions, Procedures, and Data Access.

REQUIREMENTS: Previous experience with a programming language. Each person is to have an installed copy of the product and having gone through the Tutorial. (It is imperative that you have a good ‘feel’ for the environment.) A projector or large screen to demonstrate the course content, and internet connection.

VERSION: 17 or 18

Training Options:
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Comprehensive Course Examples:

The comprehensive training course covers the following major areas as displayed from the project tree of the included examples.
Purpose: Discuss table control design and retrieving a record set, row display, automatic procedures, passing parameters to procedures/functions, groups, and more.
WinDev is such a great tool, both graphically and code wise for returning data that we cover it at great lengths in the course. The first step in retrieving data is to create a simple window with a table control.

From the Project Tree open the B_People_Table

Which brings up the next window:

![Table Control Interface]

Before we get to any code let’s discuss the table control. In design mode, select the table control by double clicking on it. Doing so brings up the familiar Tabbed interface:
Whether we use HFilters, Queries, SQL statements, or Stored Procedures we usually put the filtering code in the table initialization. I’ve found this to be a convenient place for the code as we usually only have to write code in one place to achieve the filter. The
HFilter

Purpose: Extend the functionality of the BuildBrowseTable by using an HFilter and letting the user enter a SQL statement to return the record set.
As you select different columns in the list you will see the table control and SQL Select update.

Take a look at the table initialization code. Nothing new there, we pretty much did that in the previous example. What’s new though, is the code in the combo initialization.

Bringing up the code displays:

A few new topics are introduced:
QBE – Query by Example

Purpose: Discuss the use of a global QBE as opposed to creating a QBE for each window that can use HFilter or SQL statements and can re-use the stored queries at a later time.

The beauty of this QBE is it can be re-used on any window and it will interrogate the table control and build selection criteria based upon the columns in the control. The queries can also be saved for later use.
And when run would look like:

And the returned filter would be created as:

\[
( \ ( \text{People.L\_NAME} = 'Rathke' \ OR \text{People.L\_NAME} = 'Stapleton' \ ) \ \AND \ ( \text{People.F\_NAME LIKE 'G%' OR People.F\_NAME LIKE 'J%' } \ ) \ \AND \ ( \text{People.OCCUPATION LIKE '%SLP%'} \ )
\]

Well, this example does just that.

Features of the QBE:

1. Can automatically interrogate a table control and use the columns that have a link back to the Analysis and present those as query choices to the user.
2. Can automatically interrogate an Analysis table and use all columns and present those as query choices to the user.
3. Can create an HFilter
4. Can create a SQL statement
5. Can save the query to re-use later as shown in the next window.
6. Can honor a user by user display of saved queries.
Let’s quickly run the example by opening and running the following window:

When running you will see:
If the column is visible and has a file link to the Analysis, the 2 values are added to the QBE table that displays the field names. However, only the Caption is displayed as that is what the user sees in the table control column heading on the ‘parent’ window.

FULL NAME does not appear in the QBE because it does not have a link back to the Analysis, but rather it is ‘calculated’ on the fly of the row display for the ‘parent’ table.

The contents of the comb box:

is defined in the table control on the General tab as shown next:
Purpose: Graphically create business rules for later dynamic compilation at runtime.
Select any record and then select the ‘Edit’ button as displayed below:

Once selected we will see a maintenance form as shown next:

Notice that the L NAME and F NAME fields have a different color background. We’ve implemented this visual effect as an ‘Eye Magnet’, as it draws the user’s attention to those controls. Immediately they know something is different about them.
Once displayed we see:

The display of the tables in the Table combo box, and the listing of fields in the fields list box has already been covered in the QBE where we covered HListFile and HListItem.

The validation of the ‘Ok’ button where we handle the HAdd, HModify and dynamic compilation have previously been covered too. The only new topic here is the color picker used for the Font Color and Brush Color buttons shown next:
The function loops through all the controls on the form, as we had done when displaying the eye magnets but this time is only returning the business rule.

We then dynamically compile the rule and execute the process. If a returned value is present we then display that as a message using Info.
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